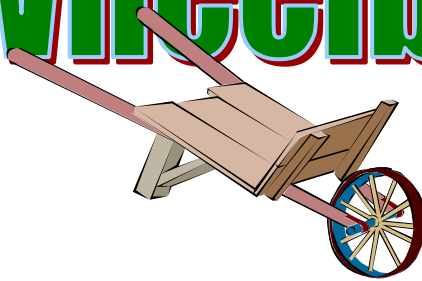


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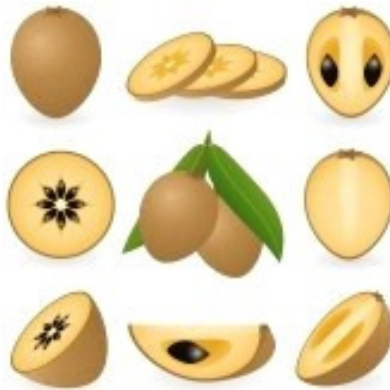
## *Eat Your Yard!*

**Speaker: Nan K. Chase**  
*Journalist and Author*

Thursday, May 17, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Jonesborough Visitor Center  
117 Boone Street  
Jonesborough, TN

*Learn new ways to use your garden more efficiently. In her PowerPoint program, Nan*



*Chase will discuss fruit trees, shrubs, vines, herbs and flowers that provide beautiful blossoms, foliage, and structure, while also offering fruits, nuts, herbs, seeds and tuberous roots that you can eat fresh or pre-*

*serve for year-round enjoyment. Her book also includes recipes that demonstrate infinite culinary possibilities from your yard.*

## May Events:

**Sunday, May 6 — 2:00 p.m.**

### **“Seeing the Native Trees”**

#### **Jonesborough Arboretum**

Professor Jamey Donaldson is an expert on the flora (wildflowers and other plants, trees and shrubs) of the Appalachian mountains. He will lead a walk in the Ardinna Woods Arboretum to show and explain characteristics of our trees. Ardinna Woods is located at



the entrance to Jonesborough’s Pliny Fisk Environmental Services Site, Highway 81 South and Britt Drive. It is a state certified, Level 2 Arboretum containing more than 60 different species of trees native to our region. **FREE** and open to the public.

**Saturday, May 5 — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

A household hazardous waste collection day for Sullivan County. Location: Sullivan Central High School, 131 Shipley Ferry Road, Blountville. For more information, contact Buck Johnson 423/279-2879. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items visit: <http://state.tn.us/environment/swm/hhw/hhwproducts.shtml>.



**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 4, 5, and 6**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Asheville Herb Festival**

WNC Farmer’s Market, Asheville, NC

Friday and Saturday—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday—10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Features traditional and familiar herbs such as basil, tarragon, parsley, sage, thyme, rosemary, and lavender, as well as new varieties cross-bred for flavor, size, and pest resistance. Also herbal soaps, lotions, and medicinal products, gardening books, herb-friendly pots and containers, and rain barrels to conserve water. **FREE admission and parking.** For more info: Call 828-301-868 or visit [ashevilleherbfestival.com](http://ashevilleherbfestival.com).

### **9th Annual Plant Swap Mize Farm & Garden**

929 W. Watauga Ave.

Johnson City, TN

Saturday, May 5 — 11:00 a.m.

**Trade plants, seeds, cuttings and bulbs that you have too many of for something you don’t have. No exchange of money — just plants.**

**Event will be held the first Saturday of EACH MONTH through November.**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 11 &**

**12— 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### **Cut Flower Exhibit — FREE**

Sponsored by the Shady Oak Garden Club, Gray Fossil Site, 1212 Suncrest Dr., Gray, TN.



### **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Cook’s Greenhouses**  
3660 West Pines Road, Greeneville, TN

Herbs and over 80 varieties of  
Heirloom Tomatoes  
**FREE** Workshops Demonstrations /  
Door prizes

Show your SAPS Membership Card for  
a **FREE Tomato Plant with purchase!**

(Exit 44 off I-81, across from the I-81  
Motorsports Complex, next to the  
West Pines Elementary School)

### **Master Gardener Association**

### **BIG SPRING PLANT AND HEIRLOOMS SALE**

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>— 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Tusculum Park, 70 West St., Greeneville, TN

Master Gardeners available to answer questions!

Show your SAPS Membership Card for a  
**FREE Tomato Plant with purchase.**

Special drawings every hour on the hour!

**Monday, May 14 — 6:00 p.m.**  
**SAPS Board Meeting**  
Netherland Inn, Kingsport, TN

**CREATING NEW PLANTS  
FOR FUN AND PROFIT  
A Beautiful Gardens® Workshop**

**Friday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Southwest Virginia  
Higher Education Center  
One Partnership Circle**

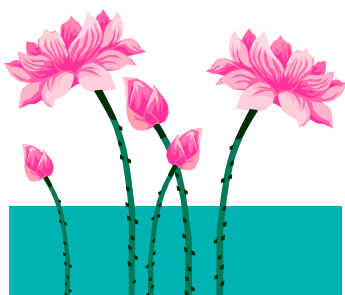
Learn the fundamentals of plant breeding from Virginia Tech Horticulture Professor, Dr. Alex Niemiera, in association with Virginia's popular plant introduction program, Beautiful Gardens®. You'll learn the importance of plant selection and reproduction, heredity, general breeding techniques and objectives, as well as evaluation of new plants.

Pre-registration is required. The workshop is limited to the first 20 registrants. Fee is \$50, which includes lunch, great reference materials, and plants to take home. To register, please contact Lisa Lipsey at 540-231-6961 or [llipsey@vt.edu](mailto:llipsey@vt.edu).

**Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**10th Annual Blooms Days Festival  
and Marketplace**

UT Gardens, Knoxville



Specialty plants, unique garden goods, live musical performances, garden workshops, children's activities and more make the UT Gardens' Blooms Days a great destination for more than just gardeners.

Tickets at the gate will be \$6 for one day and \$10 for two days. Friends of the UT Gardens can purchase discounted tickets - \$5 for one day or \$8 for two days. Children 12 and under are admitted free. All proceeds will benefit the UT Gardens. For more info, visit: <http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/>.

***No Herb Saplings meeting in May.  
Please take advantage of all the wonderful  
garden events in our area.***

**Jonesborough Garden Gala  
Saturday, May 26**

Sponsored by  
*Tuesday Garden and Schubert Clubs*  
of Jonesborough.

Features local gardens of private homes. The event also features morning workshops and seminars dedicated towards the continued traditions and methods used in gardening. Self-guided garden tours are also available.

Seminars begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center. And, there's MUCH MORE! Admission is \$13.30 in advance or \$16.30 on the day of the event. All proceeds from the Gala remain in Jonesborough to assist with local charities and organizations.

Reservations can be made by calling  
423-753-1010 or visiting  
[www.jonesboroughtn.org](http://www.jonesboroughtn.org)

**June Events:**

**Saturday, June 2**

**Eastern Region Tennessee Master Gardener Day**

UT Agricultural Campus—Knoxville

Plant Science Building

Coordinated by the Sevier County Master Gardeners  
Exciting new programs! Plant Swap! Start saving plants to bring! Silent Auction! Workshops! Good food! Super networking! Earn up to 4 CEU's! Details coming soon.  
Check website: [www.scamga.org](http://www.scamga.org).

**Saturday, June 23—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday in the Gardens**

The popular fundraiser presented by **Keep Kingsport Beautiful** returns with a tour of five of Kingsport's most beautiful gardens. Sponsored by Eastman Chemical Company.

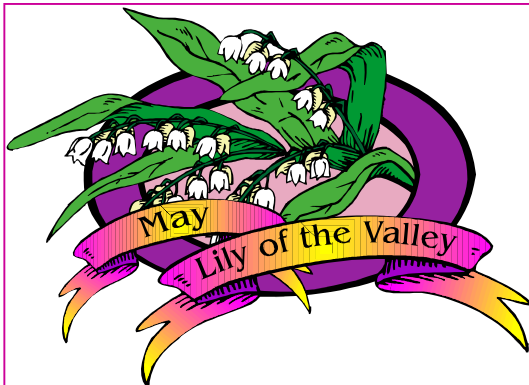
Tickets are \$20. Children 12 and under admitted free. Tickets will be available at the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce, 400 Clinchfield Street, Suite 100, in early May. For more information, contact **Keep Kingsport Beautiful** at (423) 392-8814 or at [rcleary@kingsportchamber.org](mailto:rcleary@kingsportchamber.org).



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## The Fun of a Southern Appalachian Plant Society Field Trip an excerpt from Jeanne Cope (visit SAPS website for full story)

What could be more fun than traveling with a group of gardeners to visit a plant research station to observe blooms being pollinated, enjoying the Atlanta Botanical Garden in full bloom, with garden art and plant-covered walkways?

We toured the historic home of the Fuller E. Callaway family and the beautiful Ferrell Gardens. At Callaway Gardens we enjoyed seeing azaleas in bloom, walked the butterfly house containing tropical trees and plants, saw butterfly larvae, pupae, and just hatched butterflies drying their wings. Whew! Now this is exciting.

My camera nearly overheated taking dozens of photos. A great benefit traveling with SAPS is asking names of plants and learning about them. I never met a plant I didn't like.

If one person doesn't have the answer, someone on the trip will know or find out. Camaraderie is the key to a traveler's congeniality. Find new friends, meet old friends again and become one united group. Change seats; meet another person, hear about them and their garden. Have fun.

The gardens were begun in 1841 by Sarah Ferrell who expanded a small garden begun in 1832 by her mother, Nancy Ferrell. Between 1841 and 1903 Sarah developed "Ferrell Gardens". In 1908 Sarah's husband died and the property was sold to Fuller E. Callaway Sr. and his wife, Ida Cason. Ida restored the gardens making additions of fountains and statuary. Ida expressed her love of plants which was continued by later ladies in the family. The plan to plant small trees to grow huge in a lifetime as a China fir, ginkgo, and Italian Cypress was a stroke of genius and understanding.

Strolling through the gardens I visualize ghosts of the many Ferrell and Calloway ladies, wearing clothing of their time, strolling beside me. While strolling, I listen carefully as these invisible ladies silently and painstakingly explain the reasoning and planning that created the bones of the beautiful gardens. The ghostly ladies speak of additions they made to continue the garden into the future by restoring, maintaining and improving the original design of the first lady to walk her gardens.

This is the story of our most recent SAPS field trip, planned, designed and led by Marsh and Leonard Passmore, dedicated tour planners. Why not sign up for a future trip, bring your notebook, camera, conversation, humor and knowledge to exchange with others. You will have a fabulously good time of learning, camaraderie, and friendship with fellow travelers. Leave all your troubles at home and find there is always Peace in the Garden.