



# The Wheelbarrow

The Southern Appalachian Plant Society  
www.saps.us September 2011

## *Annual Gathering in the Garden Lecture*

September 15th at 7 pm

Kingsport Renaissance Center

Internationally known plant breeder and horticulturist, Buddy Lee, will deliver this year's special **Gathering in the Garden** lecture:

## **"Encore® Azaleas and Other New Exciting Plants for Your Landscape"**

In this informative program Lee will offer helpful care and planting tips for Encore® Azaleas, share the newest releases from the Southern Living Plant Collection®, and discuss new plant development and the steps that must happen before a plant is ready for the market. Please bring your questions; as always in Buddy's talks, questions and comments are welcome. Join us on a tour of backyard plant breeding techniques with one of the most respected plant breeders and horticulturists in North America.

Robert "Buddy" Lee is the creator of Encore® Azalea, the only azalea to bloom spring, summer and fall. Currently serving as Director of Plant Innovations for PDSI, the new plant innovation company that manages the Southern Living Plant Collection®, Buddy has over 30 years of experience in nursery management, breeding, propagation, and new plant development. He is active in numerous organizations, including the Azalea Society of America, the International Plant Propagators Society, and the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association. In 2000, the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association recognized his significant contribution to the industry by presenting him with a Professional Achievement Award; and in 2007, the Azalea Society of America awarded him the Society's Distinguished Service Award. Lee is a much sought after horticulture speaker in the areas of plant breeding, propagation and consumer oriented topics.

We invite you to bring guests to this special event.

## September Events:



**Thursday the 8th: Herb Saplings Meeting:** 7 pm at Exchange Place. **Barbara Desso**, a transplanted New England organic Master Gardener, will speak of her experiences growing garlic in various zones and share techniques & tips for harvesting, culinary, and medicinal uses.

There will even be an opportunity to taste one of Barbara's signature recipes! Bring an herbal snack (something garlicky, perhaps?) if you can.

*(Note later than usual meeting date due to Labor Day weekend.)*

**Friday-Sunday the 9th-11th: Fall Naturalist Rally at Roan Mountain State Park:** See the website for a long list of activities, including special programs with well-known author Fred Alsop and the Gray Fossil Site geologist.  
[www.friendsofroanmtn.org](http://www.friendsofroanmtn.org)

**Monday the 12th: SAPS Board Meeting** at the Netherlands Inn, 6 pm. Please call Jenny Clemmer if you cannot

attend. 423.288.7615

**Thursday the 15th: SAPS Annual September in the Garden Lecture: "Encore Azaleas and Adventures in New Plant Development"**

with **Buddy Lee**, developer of the famous re-blooming azaleas. Invite a friend to this special meeting. Mr. Lee is bringing door prizes!

**Friday and Saturday the 16th and 17th: Heritage Harvest Festival on the West Lawn of Monticello:** America's "First Foodie", Thomas Jefferson will be there in spirit.



**Saturday-Sunday the 24th-25th: Exchange Place Fall Folk Arts Festival:** Sat: 10-5, Sun: Noon-5

**A tradition for 39 years!** The Harvest Market will offer plants, autumn produce, and seasonal crafts. Picture harvest time on an 1850s farm with an emphasis on old timey foods, music, children's activities and living history reenactments. Artisans will be selling

an array of traditional folk arts. Master Gardeners are sought to staff a MG booth and help with grapevine crafts. To volunteer please call Joy Moore at 423.348.6572 or email her at [jnjmoore@embarqmail.com](mailto:jnjmoore@embarqmail.com) Admission \$1/ \$.50 children.

## October Events:

**Saturday the 1st: SAPS Annual Plant & Seed Swap** Please start gathering your seeds and identifying plants you'd like to divide and share.

The Swap will be held rain or shine at Rotary Park in Johnson City, 11 until 1.

**Saturday-Sunday the 8th-9th: Carolina Bonsai Expo:** at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. This year, the featured artist is **Walter Pall** of Austria, a leading figure in the western world of bonsai. Admission is free, however there is a car parking charge.

**Saturday-Sunday the 15th-16th: NC Chrysanthemum Society Annual Show:** at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. This popular judged show attracts hundreds of bloom entries, with a great variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. Educational talks are also featured. Free, but car charge. [www.ncarboretum.org](http://www.ncarboretum.org)



## The Recap

*"I want to thank everyone that had a place in the biggest Tomato Fest yet. It was as if the flood-gates opened at 8 and the crowd stayed until 11. I had a wonderful time and I hope everyone else did as well. Another plus this year: we did not have to buy any tomatoes thanks to everyone's generosity!"*

Dennis Marshall,  
Fest Chairman

## 2011 Winners



### Best Tasting Red or Pink:

1<sup>st</sup> Place (2 way tie)  
• Wins All  
Celia Cox  
Dennis Marshall  
• German Johnson-  
Bobby Britton  
Howard German  
Nancy Scott

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (2 way tie)  
• Big Mama  
Church Hill Senior Center  
• Mountain Fresh  
Carol Faye Tunnell

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (6 way tie)  
• Empire  
Luther Kite  
• German Pink  
Jerry Burrell  
Jim LaFollette  
Carol Faye Tunnell  
• Big Boy  
Bobby Britton  
• Beefsteak  
Lorah/Tim Dragovich  
• Celebrity  
Jerry Burrell  
Celia Cox  
Church Hill Senior Center  
• Brandywine  
Donnie Foulk

### Best Tasting Yellow or Orange:

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
• Dolly Parton  
Jerry Burell

2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
• Big Rainbow  
Lorah/Tim Dragovich  
Luther Kite

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
• Carolina Gold  
Joey Baldasano  
Luther Kite

### Best Tasting Multi-colored:

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
• Golden Girl  
Nancy Scott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
• Mr. Stripey  
Bobby Britton  
Celia Cox

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
• Tye Dye  
Karen Lewis

### Best Tasting Other Types:

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
• Lemon Boy  
Karen Lewis

2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
• Cherokee Purple  
Jerry Burrell  
Celia Cox  
Church Hill Senior Center  
Luther Kite  
Jim LaFollette  
Bobby Britton

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
• Pineapple  
Nancy Scott

### Biggest Tomato

1<sup>st</sup> Place -  
Dennis Marshall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Luther Kite  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Donnie Faulk

### Prettiest Tomato

1<sup>st</sup> Place -  
Joey Baldasano  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Bobby Britton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Luther Kite

### Ugliest Tomato

1<sup>st</sup> Place -  
Joey Baldasano  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ann Moore  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Bobby Britton

### Most Bizarre Tomato

1<sup>st</sup> Place -  
Blanche Patterson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place -  
Thomas West  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place -  
Carroll + Faye Tunnell

### Best Dressed Tomato

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Lulu Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place -  
Joey Baldasano  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place -  
Marley Copeland

### Salsa

1<sup>st</sup> Place - John Scott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place -  
Lorna Henard  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - David Falin

## Great News

We're both happy and relieved to announce that we have a new *Wheelbarrow* editor waiting in the wings for next year. Mary Zamiska of Johnson City has agreed to take up the challenge. We know you will all welcome her and help her in any-way possible.

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*A few spaces are still available in the 2011 Master Gardener class now forming. Please call Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County Extension Agent, at 423.279.2713 for an application and further information. The \$165 fee includes 9 weeks of classes, an 800+ page reference manual, graduation ceremony dinner, a MG name badge, soil sampling kit, hand lens, notepad, carrying bag, and other related costs not listed in last month's write up. Don't delay, classes begin 9/13.*

*Unicoi County is seeking feedback on the idea of constructing a Community Farmer's Kitchen for gardeners. If interested, why not fill out their questionnaire? Space doesn't permit including it here, but you can contact*

*Brenda Warner at zblw14@ goldmail.etsu.edu to receive one via email.*

*SAPS President Jenny Clemmer writes: "We had a marvelous group for Wine and Weed August 7th at Netherland Inn, with quite a few new faces joining the usual loyal crew. Thank you everyone for your support."*

*Recently seen on the A.Word.A.Day website:*

***Corolla: (noun) the petals of a flower taken as a group***

*Etymology: from Latin, corolla, little garland  
Usage: "Some plants shelter their pollen grains through a change in flower orientation or closing their corolla on rainy days"*