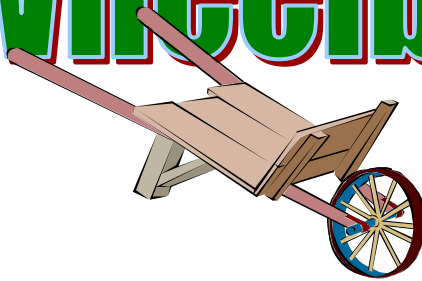


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## HOMEGROWN TOMATO FEST IX

August 10, 2013

8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **Homegrown Tomato Fest** will take place Saturday, August 10, from 8:00—11:00 a.m. at the Kingsport Farmers' Market, Center Street & Clinchfield Street in Kingsport.



This celebration of the juicy red fruit features tomato contests, free tomato tastings (including many heirloom varieties), free tomato refreshments, tomato-growing advice, and fun for the whole family. There will be also be activities for kids and culinary demonstrations.

Tomato lovers are invited to enter the Best Salsa Contest and to bring tomatoes to compete in the following categories: **Best Tasting, Biggest, Prettiest, Ugliest, Most Bizarre, and Best Dressed**. Admission is free and there are no entry fees. Entry forms may be downloaded from the SAPS website, [www.saps.us](http://www.saps.us) or picked up at Downtown Kingsport Association (DKA) or Ward's Feed Store. Entries will be accepted from 8:00—9:00 a.m. for all contests. Winners will be announced at 10:00 a.m.

Can you help out? Many hands make light work! Please contact Dennis Marshall at 288-3675 or [dmarshall@charternet.net](mailto:dmarshall@charternet.net). SAPS members are encouraged to bring tomatoes for judging and tasting and basil for tomato refreshments, and to volunteer to help with this fun event. (Master Gardeners can earn service hours.) Volunteers are also requested to bring knives for slicing tomatoes and spreading mayo, and cutting boards and trays for serving tomato sandwiches.

Homegrown Tomato Fest is sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Plant Society and the Downtown Kingsport Association

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Tomato Fest IX

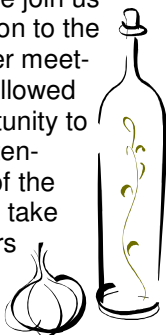
## August Events:

**Thursday, August 1—7:00 p.m.**

**Herb Saplings Meeting—Exchange Place  
Making Herb Vinegars**

**Hosts: Reeda Tate and Liz Blakely**

Vinegar sampling and more! Please join us for a fun and informative introduction to the vast world of vinegar! This summer meeting will start with a presentation, followed by a mini-workshop and the opportunity to taste several types of vinegars. Attendees may wish to bring any or all of the following, if they can: a clean jar to take their creation home in (plenty of jars will be available), a bouquet of fresh herbs to share (chives, tarragon, basil, etc), and an herbal snack to share.



**Friday & Saturday, August 23 and 24  
“Speaking of Gardening Symposium”**

**The North Carolina Arboretum—Asheville**

The annual symposium is a popular event for horticulture professionals and enthusiasts, providing an unparalleled experience for participants. Featured speakers:

- Rick Darke, author, photographer, lecturer and consultant, who focuses on regional landscape design, planning, conservation and enhancement, and has studied North American plants in situ for over 30 years
- Tony Avent, owner, Plant Delights Nursery, Inc. and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens, Raleigh, NC.

Book signings and live and silent plant auctions showcasing rare and unusual plants are also scheduled. \$160 for Arboretum members and \$185 for non-members. Fee includes lectures, book signings, lunches and snacks for both days. <http://www.ncarboretum.org/education/speaking-of-gardening-symposium>

**Friday, August 30—8:30 p.m.**

**Moth Watching Night** with Larry McDaniel

**Saturday, August 31—10:00 a.m.**

**Butterfly Watching** with Don Holt

Both events at Ardinna Woods Arboretum and Butterfly Garden in Jonesborough, TN

## September Events:

**Saturday & Sunday, September 6 and 7  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Harvest Festival  
Monticello—Charlottesville, VA.**

Celebrate the harvest and the legacy of revolutionary gardener Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson, America’s “First Foodie,” championed vegetable cuisine, plant experimentation and sustainable agriculture. Taste heirloom fruits and vegetables and learn about organic gardening and seed-saving at this fun, family-friendly festival held on the breathtaking West Lawn of Jefferson’s Monticello. Workshops, hands-on demonstrations, and a variety of tours and exhibits. <http://heritageharvestfestival.com>

**Thursday, September 19—7:00 p.m.**

**SAPS Meeting—Renaissance Center in Kingsport.  
“12 Common Landscape Mistakes and How to Avoid Them”**

Presented by Garry Mendez, associate professor at UT and a Registered Landscape Architect.

**Keep Kingsport Beautiful** will hold a “Saturday in the Gardens” Garden Tour in June of 2014. We are currently seeking garden nominations from within the Kingsport city limits or in close proximity. Please submit photographs and a brief description of nominated gardens to [rclarey@kingsportchamber.org](mailto:rclarey@kingsportchamber.org).

Please contact Robin Cleary, Director of Keep Kingsport Beautiful, for more information or with questions. 423-392-8814, [rclarey@kingsportchamber.org](mailto:rclarey@kingsportchamber.org)

## Rozanne Geranium Selected Plant of The Century at Chelsea Flower Show

Since 1990 members of the Perennial Plant Association (PPA) have chosen a **Perennial Plant of the Year™**. To date 24 great plants have been named. In parallel, the Chelsea Flower Show in England has designated a plant in each of its 100 years. Each decade the Flower Show selects the best plant, which has included many trees, shrubs, and annual plants.

Each decade’s winner was then placed on a ballot to pick the “**Plant of the Centenary.**” *Geranium Rozanne* (‘Gerwat’), selected PPA Perennial Plant of the Year in 2008, was designated.

Among the ten contestants in the Chelsea list was another PPA favorite Palace Purple coralbells (*Heuchera* ‘Palace Purple’), the 1991 Perennial Plant of the Year™. Palace Purple is still a popular heuchera in garden centers. ‘Palace Purple’ was tapped by Chelsea to represent the decade from 1983-1992.



Submitted by Hubert P. Conlon  
UT Extension Area Specialist, retired

**NEW BUS TRIP IN THE  
WORKS FOR SEPTMEBER.  
PLEASE CHECK STATUS ON  
SAPS WEBSITE:**

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**BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

The Arboretum in Jonesborough is in need of volunteers to maintain the **Butterfly** Garden section.



The garden is comprised of all native plants and is established.

Anyone interested in volunteering in this garden, please contact Frances Lamberts at 753-5288 or Sandra Hayes at 901-233-1457.



**2013 MASTER GARDENER  
CLASSES**

Plans are being made for the 2013 Master Gardener Classes. This year the classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Sullivan County Extension Office Meeting Room in Blountville. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 24, and end on Tuesday, November 19. Anyone interested should contact Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County Extension Agent, at 423-279-2723 or at or [cwramsey@utk.edu](mailto:cwramsey@utk.edu). Deadline for registration is August 31.

Moderators are needed for the 2013 classes, as well as Buds to assist new MG's this year. So if any MG's out there would be willing to help out, contact Jane Mullins at 423-737-7915 or [jane-mullins2013@gmail.com](mailto:jane-mullins2013@gmail.com)

**TROPICAL PLANTS**

One of our readers who lives in Blountville, TN near the Tri-Cities Regional Airport is in the process of moving. He has a 16 X 30 hobby greenhouse and wants to sell or give away tropical plants. He has orchids, ferns, a jade tree, various unknown plants, and about 50+ amaryllis. He does not want them to end up in the compost pile, so is making this offer to any interested gardeners. Please contact Victor/Vic at [vdingus@gmail.com](mailto:vdingus@gmail.com) or call 423-612-3116.

**Program Chair Wanted for 2014**



SAPS Program Chair, Nina Hedrick, is looking for "a new face to fill her shoes" in selecting programs for future SAPS meetings. Won't you please help??? Nina will gladly teach the new volunteer the necessary "steps." Please call Nina at 423-239-9604 or email her at [hedrick@chartertn.net](mailto:hedrick@chartertn.net).

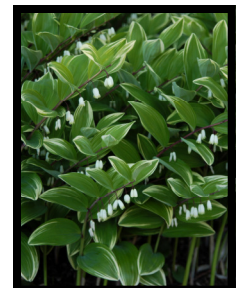
**2013 Perennial Plant of the Year™**

***Polygonatum odoratum* 'Variegatum'**

**Common Names**

Variegated Solomon's Seal  
Striped Solomon's Seal  
Fragrant Solomon's Seal  
Variegated Fragrant Solomon's Seal

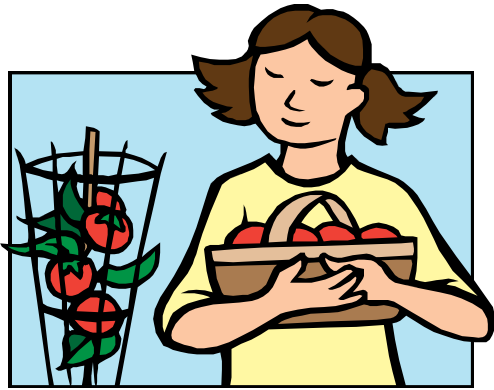
For a complete list of Perennial Plants of the Year winners, check: <http://www.perennialplant.org/education/plant-of-the-year>





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## Homegrown Tomato Fest IX August 10<sup>th</sup>

### SAPS Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction Saturday, October 12, 2013

Start planning now for the annual Plant Swap and Silent Auction to be held Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Park in Johnson City. Our event features many choices of seeds, herbs, perennials, shrubs and trees and even garden art, books, containers, etc. that members bring to share, and is highlighted by a delicious pot luck lunch. The silent auction offers a chance to bid on some of the rarer or more spectacular plants which other members have shared.

Start getting ready now by splitting and potting some of those perennials that are overtaking the garden, or take cuttings from plants and start them rooting in pots. Bring these to the swap to get something different in exchange. Also give some thought to unusual plants or garden-related items you can donate for the silent auction.



Examples of some of the plants that have been shared in the past are: Chinese Flame Tree, Viburnums, Weigela, American Fringe Tree, chives, sage and other herbs, yellow primrose, Jacob's Ladder, Pine Knot strain of hellebores, and many other perennials.

If you have hesitated to attend this event because you felt that you do not have anything to share, please let this be the year to come to our annual event. We ask that you bring at least one item to share (plants, seeds, yard art, potting supplies ... even garden implements are all "sharable"). So mark your calendar and plan to join in the fun!



Besides a chance to share some of your plants or get some new ones, you get to share lunch with fellow gardeners. Before swapping plants we sit down to a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share, bring it in a crock pot, make a garden salad, make your favorite side dish or dessert. Bring along a serving utensil. SAPS provides drinks, ice, coffee, cutlery and dishware.