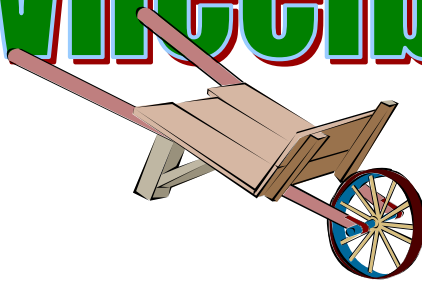


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## March SAPS Program: “Butterflies of Tennessee”

Rita Venable  
Kingsport Renaissance Center  
1200 E. Center Street, Kingsport  
Thursday March 20 7 p.m.

Rita will showcase the 124 species of butterflies that occur in Tennessee, teach us to identify butterflies by family, and discuss butterfly conservation. The life cycle and body structure of the butterfly will be covered briefly.

Rita Venable is a writer, photographer, and speaker whose much-loved subject is nature, especially butterflies. She is the author of a new book: “Butterflies of Tennessee” (to be published in 2014).

She has a bachelor’s degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and has completed coursework at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro in both Entomology and Magazine Writing and Editing.

Rita has published numerous articles and photographs in literary publications, newspapers, and magazines. She was an artist-in-residence in creative writing with the Tennessee Arts Commission for five years.

She was an assistant biologist with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation conducting biological surveys in state parks and natural areas with the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory program. She developed butterfly checklists for individual parks, led field trips, conducted training sessions for seasonal naturalists, and spoke at wildflower festivals and other state park events.

She is the former editor of *Butterfly Gardener*, a publication of the North American Butterfly Association, and founded the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association in 1999. She most enjoys connecting people with the butterflies that live around them.

Visit her website [www.ritavenable.com](http://www.ritavenable.com)



## March Events:

**March 6** - Herb Saplings Meeting. 7 pm at Exchange Place. Artemisia 2014 Herb of the Year with Community Herbalist and Master Gardener Sandee Cook. Come learn about the many varieties of *Artemisia* and what their special uses are for our gardens, in our homes, and in our landscape! Bring an herb snack to share if you can.

**March 8** - A Celebration of Trees symposium. Dr. Michael Dirr keynote speaker. *For more info see page 3.*

**March 13-15** Washington County Beekeepers Association Free Beginning Beekeeping School—Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building 1. For more info, go to [www.wcbeekeepers.org](http://www.wcbeekeepers.org).

**March 20** Rita Venable **Butterflies of TN**

**March 22** - Rain Barrel Workshop with Carol Doss, Upper TN River Roundtable. 10am -12, Exchange Place. To participate or to order a rain barrel contact [shyvalley@aol.com](mailto:shyvalley@aol.com) or [423-348-6570](tel:423-348-6570).

**March 28**—Garden and Things. 10 am-2:30pm. Johnson City Senior's Center at Memorial Park Community Center, 510 Bert St., Johnson City. Speakers on gardening topics, vendors. Free admission.

### Cancellation

Mize in Johnson City closed on February 28 and the March 22 Class on Fruit Trees and Honey Bees scheduled there has been cancelled.

## April Events:

**April 12** - Plant Sale for Soil Conservation District Scholarship Fundraiser across from Bristol Raceway on Hwy 11-E from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**April 24** Ellen Reynolds "Herbs 101 and Beyond- from the Basics to the Unusual" owner of Beagle Ridge Herb Farm, Wytheville, VA

**Saturday and Sunday April 26-27** - Exchange Place Spring Garden Fair

## Looking Ahead:

**June 7** - One-day bus trip to Asheville Gardens and Garden Centers for SAPS members. Watch for details.

## The New Redbuds



Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) is a small spring flowering tree very common along the roads and highways across the Southern Appalachian region (USDA hardiness zones 4-9). The introduction of many new and different cultivars has led to its resurgence in popularity. There is now a redbud for almost any landscape site. Today's redbuds vary from less than 10 to more than 25 feet in height.

Redbud thrives in average well-drained soil and in full to partial sunlight (6- hour minimum). Disease and pest problems are few if the tree is properly sited. Redbuds are short-lived trees. *Botryosphaeria* crown canker and *Verticillium* wilt are often blamed for the decline of many redbud trees after 20 years.

There is a redbud guaranteed to catch your attention and purse. There are dwarf types, cultivars with colorful spring/summer foliage (other than green), and weeping forms. Availability in the marketplace is limited for new cultivars. Evergreen Garden Centers in the Tri-Cities are a great place to shop for redbuds.

Some favorite cultivars:

*Hearts of Gold*® – new golden foliage maturing to green by late summer

*'Forest Pansy'* - deep burgundy foliage following its gorgeous pinkish purple flowers

*Ruby Falls*® - a weeping *'Forest Pansy'*

*'Pauline Lily'* – white flowers with light pink blush

*'Silver Cloud'* –old cultivar with white speckled foliage and lavender-purple flowers

*'Traveller'* – weeping form on sturdy roots (rarely needs staking) with dark rose pink flowers

*Submitted by Hugh Conlon*

**Volunteers needed to oust the invasives and plant natives on the Tweetsie Trail**

You may have heard of the project to make a public trail out of the old railroad bed that runs from Johnson City to Elizabethton. Invasives presently dominate the trail head on Alabama St. and beyond. The Trail committee supports the idea of volunteers ridding the area of these and turning it into a native plant sanctuary. Hopefully individuals, garden clubs, nurserymen, master gardener candidates or those needing hours to keep their certification, etc. will adopt areas to plant. It's a great opportunity to design and create with natives. Anyone who's interested should contact Bob Keiter, 202-2524.

## Green and Growing Seminars

Green and Growing, a series of lunchtime gardening seminars, will be presented from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on the first three Thursdays in March at the Kingsport Public Library Mead Auditorium. These free sessions, designed for both beginners and experts alike, are sponsored by Keep Kingsport Beautiful, Kingsport Public Library, and SAPS. The seminar topics are:

**March 6** – “The ABC’s of Container Gardening,” presented by Master Gardner Phil Ramey. From a pot with a few herbs to a full-on container farm, growing your garden in pots can be easy and fun!

**March 13** – “Plant a Garden with Bouquets in Mind.” Linda Doan of Aunt Willie’s Wildflowers will tell you all you need to know about starting a cutting garden and arranging your blooms in gorgeous bouquets.

**March 20** – “Growing Conifers,” presented by noted horticulturist and speaker Hugh Conlon, will help even novice gardeners learn how to choose and grow these wonderful plants successfully. Hugh spent 33 years as the University Extension Area Horticulturist in east Tennessee and in southwest Iowa. His blog What Grows There is a treasure trove of information for gardeners.

For more information call Keep Kingsport Beautiful at 423-392-8814.

## *New SAPS 2014 Vendor Discount Participants*

**New:** Dreamweaver Healing Arts, Barbara Dray LMT, 423-930-0475. 2831 E. Oakland Ave., Johnson City, TN. 37601, DreamweaverHA.com , Email: Dreamwvr999@yahoo.com Massage, Reflexology, Reiki, Raindrop Therapy, CranioSacral Therapy, Myofascial Release, Young Living Essential Oils

**New:** Carolina Native Nursery, 828-682-1471, 1127 Prices Creek Rd., Burnsville, NC, Take Burnsville, NC Exit 9, turn left and go almost 11 miles east on US 19 toward Burnsville. US 19 recently upgraded to 4 lanes. Prices Creek Rd. Exit is clearly marked Open year round, 8:00am- to 5:00pm Mon.-Sat.

**New:** Martins Greenhouse: 301 Dodge Dr. Rogersville, TN 37857, 423-272-6300, Fax: 423-272-8613, Hours of Operation: 8:00am- 4:00pm and Sat. 8:00am-3:00pm and hours are seasonal.  
10% on annuals and perennials only.

**New:** Couch’s Greenhouse, 421 Stanley Valley Rd., Rogersville, Tn. 37857, phone: 423-272-8131, Hours of

Saturday, March 8, 2014

## **Grow 2014: A Celebration of Trees presented by Lexington Horticultural Symposiums at the VMI Lexington, Virginia**

Dr. Michael Dirr will be the keynote speaker for a new horticultural symposium, *Grow 2014: A Celebration of Trees*. Every horticulturist, landscape architect, landscape designer, reputable plant nursery, and serious tree geek has a copy of Michael Dirr’s *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants*, considered the standard handbook for trees and shrubs. He is the author of numerous other books and was a revered horticulture professor at the University of Georgia for many years.

Dr. Dirr will be joined by Vince Dooley, retired coach of the University of Georgia Bulldogs and an avid gardener (and friend of Dr. Dirr), who will talk about the horticultural journey of a football coach and Nancy Ross Hugo, co-author of the *Remarkable Trees of Virginia* who will discuss the rewards of looking closely at ten common trees of North America as featured in her recent book, *Seeing Trees: Discover the Extraordinary Secrets of Trees*.

Seating is limited, so sign up now via the symposium’s website, [www.grow-2014.com](http://www.grow-2014.com). Continuing education hours will be offered for the day, in addition to book signings and book sales. The \$75 fee includes lunch. Visitors arriving on Friday have the opportunity of a free tour of historic Lexington with a trained guide.

Operation: Mon.-Sat. 8am-6pm, Sun. 1pm-5pm. Hours are seasonal. 10% discount on total purchase, IT’S THE LITTLE THINGS.

**New:** Reems Creek Valley Nursery, Inc., 70 Monticello Road, Weaverville, NC, 28787 Phone: 828-645-3937, Email: [www.reemscreek.com](http://www.reemscreek.com), Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri. 8-5pm, Sat. 9-4pm and Sun. 10-4pm. Plant material only. Directions: Take I-26E, Exit 18 (Weaverville), Merge onto State Rd. 1733/US 23 Bus., S/Clarks Chapel Road. - Turn rt. Onto US 19 and Nursery on the left.

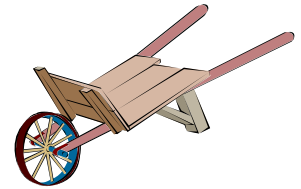
**New:** Blue Ridge Day Lilies: 872 Lower Flat Creek Road, Alexander, NC, 28701, Phone: 828-658-3970. Then, 828-778-3970, when available. Owner: Bob Selman, Daylilies are seasonal and are blooming the end of June and thru mid-July.

**Complete list is on page 4 and on the website.**



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Evergreen of Johnson City	423-282-3431
Forget-Me-Not Floral	423-323-7200
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Ingrid Lane	423-239-5897
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Martin's Greenhouse	423-272-6300
Mize Farm and Garden (Gray)	423-467-2300
Mountain View Nursery	423-768-3226
Onks Greenhouses & Garden Center	423-467-0007
Planters & Designers	276-669-7747
Reems Creek Valley Nursery	828-645-3937
Shy Valley Native Habitat Nursery and Herbarry	423-348-6570
Snavey's Nursery & Plant Farm	423-323-5728
Soughan Hollow Plant Farm	423-967-3060
Thomas Hollow Nursery, Inc,	276-466-1057
Ward's Feed Store, Inc.	423-246-4341

***PLEASE REMEMBER!! 10% DISCOUNT CARD ACCEPTED AT THE NURSERY LOCATIONS ONLY  
 NOT AT GARDEN SHOWS/EVENTS! Thank you!***