

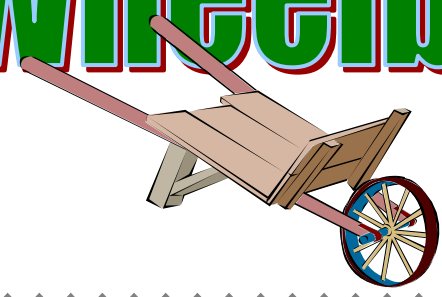


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2015 Garden Trends - edited by Hugh Conlon

What's trending in 2015 landscapes? The garden, now more than ever, is an extension of an individual. "Gardening reflects your personality and a healthy lifestyle" says Suzi McCoy, editor, Garden Media Group, Inc. Today's tillers of the soil demand products that are not only reliable, but also have a positive impact on the planet. Brands that help consumers make positive environmental, personal and community impacts will pull ahead. Consumers need to feel guilt-free about their consumption.

Organic and local food remains the basis for a sustainable, healthy lifestyle, people are changing the system to allow for everything from front yard food gardens to goats in cities and suburbs. Drying your laundry on a clothesline is making a comeback.

The buyer mix at garden centers is changing. Millennials (comprised of people ages 18 to 35), Hispanics and young men are now gardening more. Here are the some trends identified as driving major shifts in purchasing.

Consumers: Millennial generation makes up 25% of the population in the U.S. This group is bigger than the Baby Boomer generation and continues to grow. In particular, young men are spending \$100 more per year on plants and garden products than the average consumer. Hispanics, the fastest growing segment of the U.S., have a cultural tradition of growing food for their

family and sharing with friends.

Wellbeing: Consumers want to make the world a better place, and they want brands to help them do it. Products that are environmentally friendly and safe for pets and children reign supreme.

Outdoor Living: People are spending more on outdoor decor in 2015. They will use their outdoor spaces as an extension of their homes to entertain.

Container Gardening: Small container gardens will pack a lot of punch in 2015. Core group is inner city folks who grow on small spaces.

Inner City Farmers: Neighborhood residents are rebelling against and campaigning for the reversal of ordinances. They will work to transform the neighborhood to the agri-hood, complete with urban chickens, beekeepers and lawn-less landscapes.

Fashion Color: Within the color palette, vintage to muted rustic to teal hues will be hot in 2015. Container colors will match the current motif.

Portable Gardening: The rise of "NOwners," those who prefer renting or sharing over homeownership. They want their gardens to travel with them. Adaptable and flexible planters with wheels, handles or other movable parts or lightweight durable products fit their lifestyles.

Recyclable: eco-friendly containers, less plastics, will be in demand.

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January SAPS Meeting

Peering Into The Toolbox
Discussing some accessory vegetable production practices
Natalie Bumgarner
 UT Residential and Consumer Horticulture Extension Specialist
 and Tennessee Master Gardener Coordinator
 January 15, 2015
 Farm Bureau Office Auditorium
 1103 Boones Creek Rd. (Hwy 354), Jonesborough
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.*

This presentation will include two new innovative practices that should increase productivity for vegetable growers. This includes tools for extending seasons and how you may apply these practices for your own vegetables on a small scale. Second, Natalie will demonstrate how grafting is becoming more important to veggie gardeners. She will also discuss the advantages and disadvantages of mulching.

Natalie Bumgarner, a WV native with a background in agriculture, received a horticulture BS from West Virginia University with experience in ornamental greenhouse production. Her MS, also from WVU, focused on small scale organic vegetable production practices. She completed a Ph.D. in Horticulture and Crop Science from Ohio State University with research on environment impacts on yield and crop composition in leafy vegetables. Prior to joining the UT Department of Plant Sciences, Natalie carried out postdoctoral work at Ohio State and was the Horticulturist and Research Director for CropKing, Inc. in Lodi, OH.

* Note the earlier meeting time.
 This schedule change is for January
 and February programs only.

January Events:

Saturday, January 10, 2015

SAPS Board meeting - Annual Planning Session - 9 am at the Washington County Library, Gray.

SAPS needs interested people to serve in several positions on the 2015 SAPS Board.
If you're interested, please contact any of the current Board members listed on the front page.

Saturday, January 17, 2015

26th Annual Winter Garden Seminar at 10 am at Warriors' Path State Park. Ian Caton of Enchanters Garden Nursery will present "Super Tough Wildflowers". Hear expert advice on how to plant native species that can tolerate poor soils, drought, flooding, hungry deer and damage from enthusiastic pets and children! Free, but pre-registration required: 423-239-8531 or Marty.Silver@state.tn.us.

January 24 - 31, 2015

25th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week. Pigeon Forge, TN. This award-winning winter event offers visitors the unique opportunity to learn from hundreds of experts and participate in hikes, workshops, lectures and performances that highlight and celebrate the biologically and culturally rich landscape of the Smokies. Free. <http://www.mypigeonforge.com/events/wilderness-wildlife-week/>

Mize School of Gardening at Mize Farm and Garden in Gray

All classes 10-11:30 am. Free but please register at 423-467-2300.

Jan 17 - Composting with Ben Hunter.

Jan 25 - Raised Beds with Marty Litz

Happy New Year

Let your New Year resolution be to renew your SAPS membership.

An application form is provided below to assist you in fulfilling your resolution.

Southern Appalachian Plant Society 2015 Membership

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Mark X in boxes that apply:

- I am paying \$20 for my annual membership (member & spouse). _____
- I am further supporting SAPS programs and activities with an additional tax-deductible donation of \$_____. _____
- I am providing a \$20 gift membership to the person(s) whose membership data is attached to this form. _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Please send your check (payable to SAPS) for the total of your membership, donation, and gifts, along with this form to:

Jim Hill
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What I love about gardening in the dead of winter

By Earl Hockin



As much as I enjoy both the benefits of exercise and fresh air during the spring to fall gardening season, I do enjoy a respite from gardening during the colder months. However, by the time Christmas is approaching I do become antsy and want to get my fingers in the dirt again. So, this is the time I look over the seeds I have stored to determine which ones need replacing. If I have quite a few of some variety I will do a germination test. I take 10 seeds and put them in damp paper towel in a plastic bag in which I have punched a few holes. I then let them sit in the kitchen and watch to see how many germinate within the normal germination period. If fewer than 7 germinate, I order replacement seed.

Then I start browsing seed catalogues. While doing this I also start looking for new varieties of flowers and vegetables to try in my garden. Each year I try some new varieties of some of my favorite vegetables and flowers.

Some of my favorite catalogs include, but are not limited to, Johnny's Seeds, Atlee Burpee, Park Seeds, Territorial Seeds, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, Seed Savers Exchange, and Edible Landscaping.

For Bulbs I find Brent and Becky's Bulbs to be great. Most importantly, if when ordering you let them know that you are a member of SAPS then they give SAPS a refund of 25% of the sales.

HOW IT WORKS:

Go to www.bloominbucks.com (with no 'g') and from the pull down menu of all of the organizations registered, select Southern Appalachian Plant Society.

2) Hit "Go".

3) You will go to a special REMINDER page. Read it and click YES to continue.

4) You will be taken to the Brent and Becky's Bulbs website where a portion of every dollar you spend goes to support SAPS.



The Laurie Feit Heirloom Daffodil Garden

By Joy Moore

On a chilly November afternoon twelve SAPS members and friends gathered at Exchange Place Living History Farm to plant heirloom bulbs in memory of our longtime newsletter editor, Laurie Feit. We researched bulbs to find those that were available in the mid 19th century and thus appropriate for the historic site. We chose mostly heirloom daffodils, because daffodils are great perennial plants with few pest problems and have long been beloved plants in southern gardens. Many of them are fragrant as well and many multiply readily.

Since that day we have added more bulbs to the garden. Becky Fox Matthews of the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society tracked down some Orange Phoenix (Eggs and Bacon) bulbs we were looking for and sent them to us as a gift. Then in December we received a very generous donation of heirloom bulbs (valued at over \$650) from Brent and Becky's Bulbs which will fill out the garden.

Plans are to add a few more daffodil varieties as they become available.

We hope you will visit Laurie's Garden and learn about these charming old garden treasures, some dating back as far as 1200. With the diverse varieties, we will have daffodils blooming in the garden from early to late spring. Perhaps you'll discover some heirloom daffodils that you want to add to your own garden. Maybe you'll be enchanted by silver bells, seventeen sisters, butter and eggs, or pheasant eyes. We think this garden will be a lovely display and a fitting way to honor Laurie, who loved gardening and cared so much for her community.

A special "Thank You" to the city of Kingsport for donating 3 truckloads of leaf compost for the garden and to Christy and Philip Shivell for picking up and unloading the compost and preparing the bed.