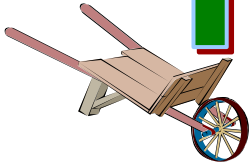


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October SAPS Program

SAPS Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction

Saturday, October 12, 11:00am - 1:30pm

[Kingsport Civic Auditorium](#),

1550 Fort Henry Dr, Kingsport, TN 37664

Join us for one of our favorite events of the year. Bring your plants (herbs, perennials, trees, shrubs and house plants), seeds, and even garden art, books, containers, etc. to swap. Bring gardening magazines and catalogs you have finished for someone else to read. You can expect to find a wide array of plants, including some hard to find natives and heirlooms not widely offered in the nursery trade along with some of the newest introductions.

Got an extra special plant to share? Bring it for the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction offers a chance to bid on some rarer plants and other special garden themed items. Proceeds from the auction help us bring in great speakers. Make some new gardening friends and reconnect with old ones at our delicious Pot-Luck Luncheon, one of the highlights of the event. Please bring a dish to share along with a serving utensil. SAPS will supply paper ware, utensils and drinks. Luncheon/Swap Set-Up - 11:00 AM, Pot-Luck Luncheon - 11:30 AM, Seed/Plant Swap and Silent Auction - 12:30-1:30 PM. Come and join the fun!

Meeting host: Earl Hockin 423- 817-5473

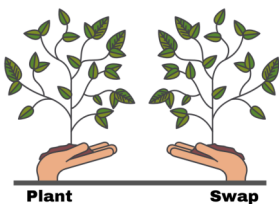
(Note new location; previous site was not available.) At the Kingsport Civic Auditorium we will be using the same room as is used for polling during elections. This room is accessible by parking in the North Side Parking lot and entering from door on the North Side. Please remember that you are responsible for taking any of your donations that are not claimed by others by the end of the swap.

The Plant and Seed Swap is a SAPS members only event.

(Non members may join at the Swap and have membership for the rest of 2019 and all of 2020.)

Appalachian Regional RC & D Field School

The Field School is a beginning farmer training program that provides students with an overview of small-scale farming in East Tennessee. It is taught by 20+ farmers and agricultural professionals and is hosted by the Appalachian RC&D Council, Green Earth Connection, and many area partners with major support from USDA and Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Pre-Registration is required. If you have any questions please email Lexy Close, Farmer Services Coordinator at alexis@arcd.org or 423-979-2581. For a detailed description about the Field School and the calendar of workshops see: <https://arcd.org/field-school/>



Native Plants for Tennessee

<https://tynnativeplants.wordpress.com/>

Hairy Sunflower, Rough Sunflower, Stiff-hair Sunflower, Bristly Sunflower, Whiskered Sunflower

Helianthus hirsutus

Easy-to-grow sunflower with individual flowerheads 2 ½ to 3 inches across. Leaves are covered in dense, rough hairs on both top and bottom, hence its common names. Long-lasting flower display. This species can hybridize with other sunflowers, often making visual identification difficult. A strong competitor in the garden and can become weedy. Occurs naturally on open land and in open forests, generally on drier soils, including rocky or dry open woods, savannas, prairies and along roadsides. Flow-

ers attract a wide range of insects, including bees and butterflies. Larval food for a number of butterfly species including the Painted Lady butterfly. A wide variety of birds feed on the seed as well as some mammals including squirrels.

Full to part sun; medium to moderately dry moisture level; clay loam, loamy, rocky or sandy soils; acidic to neutral pH. 2 ½ – 5 feet height, with size being quite variable and up to 7 feet height; blooms summer into fall; yellow flowers; spreads by underground rhizomes and sometimes forms dense colonies.



Upcoming Events:

September 28

Greene County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. 9am -1pm Hal Henard Elementary School, 425 E Vann Road in Greeneville. (423) 638-4111.

September 28-29

Fall Folk Arts Festival at Exchange Place, 4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport. Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 12 - 5 pm. Artisans will demonstrate and sell a wide array of traditional folk arts. Vendors will offer plants for fall planting, autumn produce and seasonal crafts. Sorghum making and cider making. Ol timey foods, music, and children's activities. 423-288-6071; www.exchangeplace.info.

September 28-29

Smoky Mountain Orchid Society Show. Stanley's Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Road, Knoxville, TN. 9-5 Saturday, 11-5 Sunday. Local growers will display their best rare and exotic orchids to be judged by certified American Orchid Society judges. View the prize-winning orchids and purchase rare orchids, orchid pots, and garden art from visiting vendors during this special show and sale. Free and open to the public. For more info, please contact Rich Gettings at 989-213-8362 or Stanley's at 865-573-9591. <http://www.stanleysgreenhouse.com/events/2019/9/28/smoky-mountain-orchid-societys-2019-show-and-sale>

October 2

"The Insect Apocalypse is Here: What Does It Mean for the Rest of Life on Earth?" will be discussed by award winning journalist Brook Jarvis, author of a New York Times Magazine article on the topic. 7 pm Brown Hall Auditorium ETSU, 173 Sherrod Dr, Johnson City, (across the street from Burleson Hall). More info: Dr. Scott Honeycutt, 423-439-4339, honeycut@etsu.edu

October 5

Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. 9am-1pm. Sullivan Central High School parking lot. 423-323-6439 <https://www.tn.gov/environment/sw-mm-household-hazardous-waste-program/sw-mm-household-hazardous-waste-acceptable-unacceptable-items.html>

October 12

SAPS Annual Plant and Seed Swap and Silent Auction. 11 am - 1:30 pm. Kingsport Civic Auditorium.

October 12

Carter County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. 9am -1pm, Carter County Recycling Center, 411 Cherokee Park Drive in Elizabethton. 423-543-6626

October 12-13

Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. Juried exhibits by bonsai enthusiasts from a seven-state region, a renowned bonsai marketplace, free demonstrations and more. The premier annual bonsai event of the Southeast. 828-665-2492. <https://www.ncarboretum.org/event/carolina-bonsai-expo/2019-10-12/>

October 15

Picken' the Right Tree, Price Public Community Center, 203 W Spring St, Rogersville, TN 6:30-7:30 PM. The Hawkins County Master Gardeners will host a guest speaker: Lewis

A. Bausell, a Kingsport Landscape Specialist in Landscaping, Arboriculture, Mowing, and Parks Maintenance, who will present: Picken' the Right Tree. Factors to consider before buying/planting a tree, Successful Trees to Consider, and City of Kingsport Tree Programs. Contact Denise for more information (423) 272-3416. Free to the public, all are welcome.

October 19

Winterizing your Garden-Getting Ready for Spring with Ben Hunter. 9am-12pm. Sycamore Shoals State Park. 423-543-5808, https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/sycamore-shoals/#/?event=winterize-gardening-seminar-19

October 19

Unicoi County Household Hazardous Waste Collection. 8-12, Unicoi County Highway Garage, 125 N. Industrial Drive in Erwin. 423-743-9391

October 26

Native Conifers of Western North Carolina with Jason Rodrique, a forester with the US Forest Service and a silviculturist for the National Forests in NC. 1-4 pm Asheville Botanical Garden. The unique characteristics, ecosystem niches, stressors, and current status of the native conifer trees in Western North Carolina will be discussed. A short indoor presentation will be followed by a tour of the conifers in the Gardens which will be identified and discussed during the walk. Please be prepared for whatever weather that we may encounter while outside. Participants must pre-register/pre-pay for classes: 828-252-5190. \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

October 27

Sweet Success with Perennial Berries. 1:30 - 4:30 pm UT Gardens, Knoxville. Learn the basics to successfully grow blueberries, blackberries, strawberries, elderberries, gumi, goji, bush cherries, aronia and arctic kiwi berries with UT Kitchen Garden manager, Holly Jones, including pest protection strategies, fertilization and pruning. Students will receive a berry plant to take home. Pre-registration required. <https://ag.tennessee.edu/utg/Lists/Calendar%20of%20Events/DispForm.aspx?ID=180>

November 7

Herb Saplings Meeting. 7 pm at Exchange Place. "Herbs and Spices in Baking" with Maren Close, the owner and baker of Lazy Lady Baking Co., a small batch artisan bakeshop based in Johnson City. Maren attended AB Tech in Asheville and spent several years baking in San Francisco. She moved back to Johnson City to start Lazy Lady. She uses fresh and dried herbs and spices to create unique flavor combinations for her farmers market booth and local coffee shops.

November 21

SAPS Meeting. The New Perennial Movement & Why It Matters with Paul Westervelt, Annual & Perennial Production Manager at Saunders Brothers. 7 pm at Kingsport Center for Higher Education.

Remember to use your discount vendor card when buying your fall plants!

Across the President's Desk

I recently saw a post on the Tennessee Master Gardener Page on Facebook that had a link to an article written by a Master Gardener from Peterborough Canada. The title was "Weeding through Garden Websites". The author pointed out that when searching garden websites often the same sites showed up at the top of the search results. It was explained that these are known as "content farms or content mills". Though they will sometimes contain good content the quality is variable and the intent is to generate revenue by showing ads and linking to commercial sites.

When doing a google search be specific, using as many key terms as possible as the content farm sites will typically

have just general information. I find much of my information by going to the websites of university extension departments and prefer using those of universities in our area including Clemson University Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension Department, North Carolina State Extension and of course Tennessee Extension. I go to these websites and do a search for the topic of interest.

Other reliable sources that I find useful are Fine Gardening Magazine website, www.finegardening.com The Old Farmer's Almanac Website, www.almanac.com and the Gardenguides.com website www.gardenguides.com