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Appalachian Arts Announces April Events

The Appalachian Arts Craft Center in Norris, TN is holding a Community Arts Festival fundraiser on Sunday, April 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Admission is free to the public and there will be live music by local musicians, book signing by local author Kathy Fearing, children's crafts, artist demonstrations. an art show highlighting artwork by students from area schools, and group activities. Bring the family for barbecue, hot dogs, nachos, and silent auction. Handmade crafts by regional artists will be available for purchase.

All proceeds will be used to support the Center's mission to promote the Appalachian artists through education and sales. Join the fun, take a tour of the Center, and learn the many ways the Center promotes arts in our community.

Appalachian Arts Craft Center is participating in the Dogwood Art DeTour on Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Center. The DeTour is an event where local artists welcome the public into their studio space to experience the working

creative process as the artist demonstrates the making of a work of art. Several artists will be at the Center demonstrating mixed media, painting, pottery, and more. In addition, there will be craft activities for kids. The event is free for all

April Classes

Mosaic Stepping Stone, with Jessica Kortz, on Saturday, April 2, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. In this afternoon workshop, students will create a reverse method mosaic stepping stone suitable

for an outdoor walkway or garden. Students will learn hands-on techniques appropriate for outdoor mosaics while exploring different materials including ceramic tiles, stained glass, broken dishes and other found objects. Materials are included, but feel free to bring your own flat mosaic supplies and personal objects to add to your mosaic. Note: The stepping stones must cure after the workshop and will be available for pickup the following weekend. This class is suitable for all levels. Earlybird Cost: \$45 members,

\$55 nonmembers. After March 19, Cost: \$55/\$65. Materials Fee: \$15 to be paid to teacher the day of class. Registration deadline: March 26.

Handbuilding With Clay, with Janet McCracken, Mondays, April 4, 11, & 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class will be suitable for those who have never taken a class in clay and also for those with some experience who would like to continue to explore the many facets of working with clay. Registration deadline: One Week Prior to Class Start. Earlybird

Cost: Register and pay by 2 weeks before class start and the cost is \$40 for Craft Center members, \$50 for nonmembers. Within 2 weeks of class start, Cost: \$50 for Craft Center members: \$60 for nonmembers. All students must also pay a \$30 studio fee to the Pottery Department on the first day for clay, glaze and firing.

The Appalachian Arts Craft Center is located at one mile east of I-75, exit 122. For additional information, call 865-494-9854 or visit www. appalachianarts.net.

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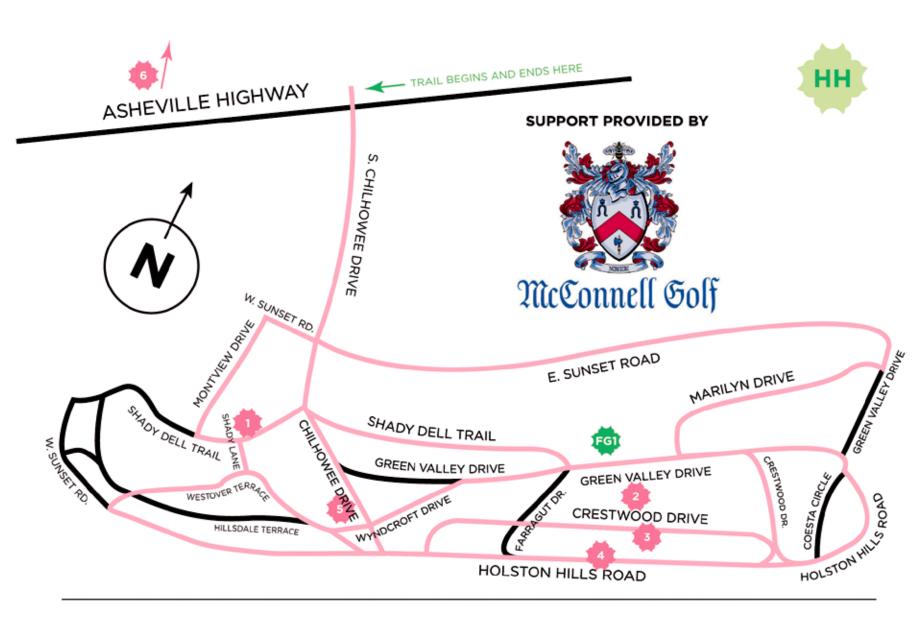
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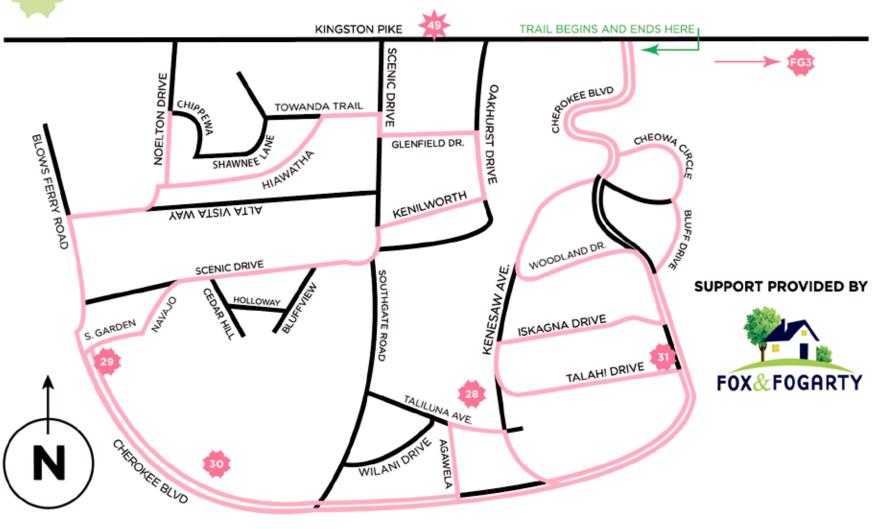
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UT Arboretum Society Holding Spring Plant Sale

Mark Your Calendar for April 15 and 16

The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society's 50th annual Spring Plant Sale will gather the best of four local nurseries in one location. Beaver Creek and Riverdale Nurseries Knoxville, from Sunlight Gardens from Andersonville and East Fork Nursery from Sevierville will be offering a large and varied selection of shrubs, trees, wildflowers, perennials, annuals and edibles. Brad Greenwood Designs will have unique botanically themed copper garden ornaments and steel features for the home and yard. Dano's Hot Dogs, with an expanded menu, will again be at this event.

Back by popular demand, the Society will be offering 'The Rising Sun™ Redbud. This new Redbud displays brilliant, golden tangerine and lime-colored, heartshaped foliage all summer and was a quick sell-out plant last year. The Society will also be offering a limited supply of another new redbud tree: 'Alley Cat'. 'Alley Cat' was literally discovered in an alley in Kentucky and has beautiful green and

white variegated foliage which is stable and scorch resistant.

Retired UT horticulture professor Will Witte, the "Answer Man", will be on hand to answer your plant questions and will be selling books from his personal horticulture library.

The sale will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UT Arboretum at 901 S. Illinois Ave. (Hwy 62) in Oak Ridge. The "Members Only" sale will be on Friday evening, April 15th from 5-7 p.m. Memberships may be purchased at that time for this "early bird" shopping opportunity. Checks and credit cards

will be accepted.

The University of Tennessee Arboretum Society has existed for 51 years as a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the objectives and programs of the University of Tennessee's 250-acre Arboretum in Oak Ridge. Proceeds from this sale and other Society fund-raising events go toward the operating expenses and endowment fund for the UT Arboretum. To learn more about the Arboretum Society, and the UT Arboretum Endowment Fund, visit the website utarboretumsociety.org





REGIONAL FINE ART EXHIBITION BEGINS FRIDAY

Fine art encompassing all styles and genres from both emerging and established artists will be showcased in the Dogwood Arts Fine Art Exhibition. Their work will be on display in both the upper and lower galleries of the beautifully restored Emporium Center at 100 Gay Street. The exhibition will be on display April 1-April 29, 2016.

An independent juror with significant ties to local, regional and national creative culture will review each applications, select the participants and finally award monies totaling \$3,500 to exceptional artists at the opening celebration. For the 2016 season, applicants must permanently live within 500 miles of the Dogwood Arts office.

Join us for the opening reception on April 1,

2016 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided, and you will be able to mix and mingle with our 2016 artists. We can't wait to see you at the exhibition!

Where: The Emporium

When: April 1-29

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There are three free, public events scheduled in Knoxville:

Monday, April 18, from 1-2 p.m. at Davis Family YMCA, 12133 S Northshore Dr.

Tuesday, April 19, from 11 a.m. - noon at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street

Thursday, April 28, from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. at the Humana Guidance Center, 4438 Western Avenue.

Plantin' and Pickin': A Summer Guide

Join Master Gardener Marsha Lehman for a hands-on class on how to direct sow summer vegetable seeds and properly transplant your purchased plants. Learn tips on harvesting and maintaining your summer garden.

This free public event is scheduled on Saturday, April 23, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at CAC Beardsley Community Farm, 1719 Reynolds St, Knoxville, TN 37921, phone 865-546-8446 or web www.beardsleyfarm. org

Drip Irrigation: Putting it Together

Join the Extension Master Gardener team to get hands-on experience of putting together the pieces and parts for drip irrigation in raised beds and containers at the Charity Garden at All Saints. Please bring your garden gloves (and knee pads if you wish). This is an out of doors event, so check www.knoxcountymastergardener.org in the event of stormy weather.

This free public event is scheduled on Saturday, April 2, (Rain Date April 9) from 10:30-noon at the Demonstration Garden at All Saints Catholic Church, 620 N. Cedar Bluff Rd, Knoxville TN 37923, phone UT Extension at 865-215-2340.

Ivan Racheff House and Gardens Spring Plant Sale

The Historic Ivan Racheff House and Gardens, state headquarters of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, will have its annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Located at 1943 Tennessee Avenue in Knoxville near the Gerdau Ameristeel plant in the Lonsdale community, the historic house and gardens was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. Dozens of varieties of plants will be available for sale including herbs, succulents, native plants, annuals, perennials and wild flowers. Azaleas, camellias, and other shrubs will be offered, as well as specialty items such as garden books,

birdhouses and feeders, garden tools, and handcrafted hypertufa planters.

Lunch may be purchased from The Spring Plant Sale Café from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the maintenance of the gardens, which are open to the public at no charge from February 15 – December 15. During the Dogwood Arts Festival, the garden will be open Monday through Sunday for viewing the spring blooming plants and landscaping.

Growers will be on hand to assist with selection of plants suitable for various landscapes as well as proper planting and care.

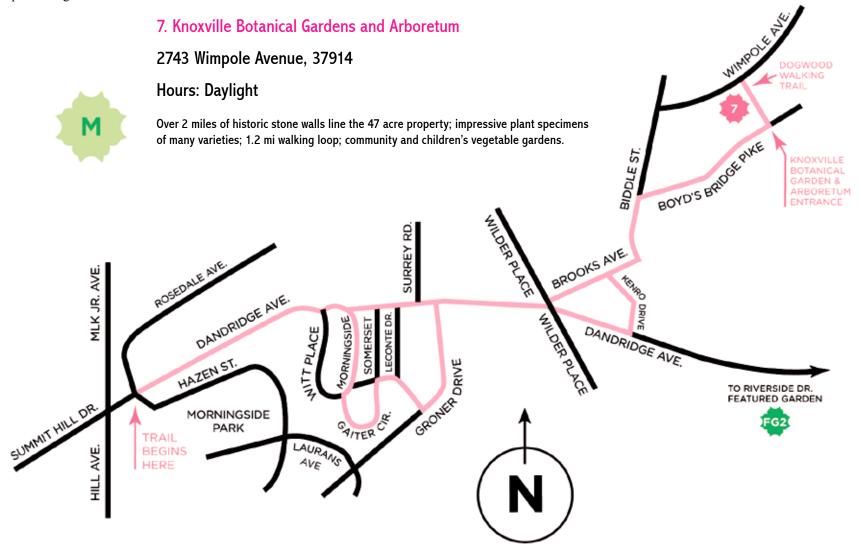
UT Arboretum Society to hold Spring Wildflower Walk

The UT Arboretum Society will hold a spring wildflower walk on Saturday, April 2nd at 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Haw Ridge Park on Edgemoor Road in Oak Ridge. The parking lot is at the west end of the park. The walk is free and open to the public. Kris Light, an expert naturalist, educator and photographer will lead this fun, educational and easy walk.

Participants may want to bring a camera to take pictures of the many wildflowers on the grounds. If participants have a wildflower book, Kris suggests bringing that as well.

To learn more about this event or the UT Arboretum Society, go to www. utarboretumsociety.org. For more information on the walk, call 483-3571.

Celebrating 51 years in 2016, this walk is one of many lectures and activities that will be offered this year by the UT Arboretum Society. The program is cosponsored by the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center.



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We enjoy all of this and hope you will, too, as you visit our gardens.



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