

2020 State Extension Master Gardener Conference- June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13th (Blountville, TN)

Hosted by NETMGA

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>-Pre-conference workshop, opening dinner and awards ceremony at Bays Mountain Park**

**Pre-conference fishing activity** – hosted by Trout Unlimited at the South Holston Dam from 1 to 3 pm. Included in Thursday’s fee for attendees.

**Pre-Conference Herb Workshop**-Hosted and led by Big Springs Master Gardeners. 12:00-3:00-Growing and using herbs in Appalachia-Held in the upper and lower floors of the Farmstead at Bays Mountain Park (lunch not provided).

Four 40 minute sessions will be held concurrently and presented four times to attendees in four groups. Workshop will be limited to 48 participants and will be included in Thursday’s workshop fee for attendees.

Topic 1-	Topic 2-	Topic 3-	Topic 4-
Plants for Dye (hands-on)	Appalachian Herbal Traditions	Woodland Natives	Basic Butters & Vibrant Vinegars

**Conference Opening Afternoon and Evening Events at Bays Mountain Park** (Park entrance fee included in conference fee)

Feel free to enjoy a range of optional activities including hiking, ziplining (fees not covered), the nature center and other animal feature exhibits.			
4:00-4:50 pm	Barge ride (limit 45)	Reptile educational session	Planetarium show
5:00-5:30 pm	Wolf show and howling-Wolf habitat		
5:30-6:45 pm	Dinner in Farmstead		
7:00-8:00 pm	Conference opening session and Search for Excellence awards-Amphitheater		

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>-Conference Schedule at Ron Ramsey Ag Center

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session/Topic</b>	<b>Speaker/Room</b>
8:00-9:30	Registration and breakfast	Foyer area or porch
9:30-9:45	Opening and welcome	Dr. Natalie Bumgarner (main room)
9:45-10:40	Opening Keynote-How New Plants Come to Market	Dr. Holly Skoggins - AmericanHort
<b>10:40-11:00</b>	<b>Morning break</b>	
11:00-12:00	Session 1-Fruit for the southeast	Home fruit and vegetable workgroup
	Session 2-Agroforestry of woodland crops	Katie Commender
	Workshop 1-Historical use of herbs in Appalachia	Michelle Bouton
	Workshop 2- Food gardening through the year	Earl Hockin
<b>12:00-1:00</b>	<b>Lunch (pasta bar catered by Main St. Pizza) Jason Reeves</b>	
1:00-2:00	Project Share Session- Your Passport to great EMG service and outreach across TN	Cultivating Connections Team- Arena
2:15-3:15	Session 3-Perennials for our area	Dr. Holly Skoggins
	Session 4-An heirloom vegetable tour of Appalachia	Natalie/Melody
	Workshop 1- Supporting bees in your garden	Jennifer Tsurada
	Workshop 2-Trees and turfgrass	Samples and Tankersley
3:15-3:30	Afternoon break	
3:30-4:15	Closing general session	Miles Berdine
<b>6:30-8:30</b>	<b>Farm to Fork dinner</b>	<b>Main room</b>
	Entertainment- David Teague bluegrass music	
	Evening Social	Fire pit at Meadowview

## Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Conference Schedule- IN-DEPTH Day

These in-depth sessions will be a combination of workshop and tour to provide diverse content and interest as well as deeper content for participants. Each and all tours and sessions will leave from Meadowview on Saturday morning and will have box lunches provided as a part of the event.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session/Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Speaker/Point Person(s)</b>
8:00-9:00	Breakfast and regional planning meeting	Meadowview	Natalie and MG workgroup
9:00-9:30	Gathering and loading of vans	Meadowview	
9:30-1:00	In Depth Content Tours and Workshops		
Tour 1	Adventures in ornamentals – workshop and tour of Halls daylily garden	Conference room at Meadowview and tour	Lucas Holman and Jason Reeves
Tour 2	All about vines- home grape production workshop and tour	Conference room at Meadowview and tour	Dr. Lockwood, Bumgarner and Chris Ramsey
Tour 3	Trees and native plants of east TN	Steele Creek Park	Steele Creek Park Educator- Jeremy Stout
Tour 4	History and herbs in east TN – Presentations and tours at Rocky Mount (herb session will be repeat of Michelle Bouton herb session on Friday, so select your sessions accordingly)	Rocky Mount	Maureen Mulroy, Michelle Bouton
Tour 5	Keep Kingsport Beautiful Garden tours	Self-driving	Dennis Marshall
<b>12:30-1:00</b>	<b>Lunch – delivered to each group on site</b>		
1:00-5:00	East TN mountain ecology	Roan Mountain- need vans	Melody Rose and Roan Mountain Personnel