Three big events in April

**Donation Drive**

To help Chattanooga Goodwill Industries and Sequatchie County 4-H
Saturday, April 14 10AM to 2PM CDST
Dunlap, Walmart, 16773 Rankin Ave
Accepting: Clothing, shoes, housewares, sporting goods, toys, electronics, books, other items
Contact the UT Extension Sequatchie County office for more information

**The Basics of Estate Planning: An Overview**
April 19, 2018 6:00 PM CDST
Mountain Valley Bank Summit Room, Dunlap
Presented by Angelia M. Nystrom, JD, LLM
Director of Specialty Programs
UT Institute of Agriculture
Visit our website for more info sequatchie.tennessee.edu
This Event is Free Reservations Requested
Topics:
- Inheritance tax issues
- Basic Estate Planning documents
- Charitable gift planning
Leaving a Legacy:
Creative Ways to Fulfill Your Philanthropic Goals While Taking Care of Your Families

April 19, 2018 12:00 NOON CDST
Light lunch please RSVP for Lunch
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This Event is Free
Reservations Requested

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Description: Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to show your support and appreciation for a charitable organization and its mission while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs. Just as important, you will know that you have made a meaningful contribution to those organizations that you support. The seminar will discuss ways to give, what to give, and how to make gifts that accomplish your personal and philanthropic objectives in a tax-wise manner.

Dates for 2018
- **2018 Spring Flower and Garden Show Cumberland County Master Gardeners** April 27-28, 2018
  Crossville, TN "Creative Containers ... Thinking Outside of the Box" [http://www.ccmga.org/FGS_2018.html](http://www.ccmga.org/FGS_2018.html)
- **SVMG Quarterly Meeting** April 28, 2018, 9:00 AM, Pikeville moved to avoid Valley Fest
- **Valley Fest** May 5-6, 2018, Dunlap TN
- **Sequatchie County Fair** August 6-11, 2018
- **Steak and Potatoes Field Day** – August 7, 2018, 8:00AM Crossville
- **SVMG Quarterly Meeting and Tomato Tasting** August 11, 2018, 9:00 AM – meeting 10:00 AM, Tasting Pikeville (moved to avoid Yard Sale)
- **10th Annual Fall Gardeners’ Festival** August 28th, 2018 UT Gardens Crossville, Plateau Research & Education Center
- **SVMG Quarterly Meeting** November 3, 2018, 9:00 AM Dunlap

2018 All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series
- **May 4, 2018** Title *Everything You Must Know About Fleas* Presented by TBA
- **June 1, 2018** Title *Attracting Pollinators to Our Yards* Presented by Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- **August 3, 2018** Title *Bees, Wasps, and Hornets, Oh My!* Presented by TBA
- **September 7, 2018** Title *Winterizing Your Home to Keep Out Pests* Presented by Janet Hurley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- **October 5, 2018** Title *Structural Misidentified Pests* Presented by Molly Keck, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- **November 2, 2018** Title *Lice, Scabies, and Mites* Presented by Dr. Nancy Hinkle, University of Georgia
- **December 1, 2018** Title *Pantry Pests* Presented by Dr. Dan Suiter, Extension Entomologist, UGA Extension

Publications
May Garden Tips

May is the month for when landscapers and homeowners are rewarded for their spring efforts with lush beauty and the promise of a glorious summer. Jason Reeves, curator of the University of Tennessee Gardens, Jackson, took some time from working in the Gardens to offer these tips for keeping your landscape and gardens beautiful and productive:

- Plant butterfly weed (Asclepias), parsley, dill, rue and pipevine to encourage butterflies in your garden. The foliage of these plants provides food for the caterpillars. Aristolochia fimbriata is a lovely ground-cover-type of pipevine that is covered each year by the pipevine swallowtail caterpillar at the UT Gardens, Jackson. It may be a little hard to find for sale, but it is worth seeking out.
- Early May is a good time to cut back bushy woody perennials, like rosemary, rue, lavender, Santolina and Artemisia.
- If you haven’t done so already, prune spring-flowering shrubs (azaleas, flowering quince, Forsythia and Loropetalum), but only if they need it.
- Remove the flowering stalks on yucca as they begin to form if you dislike the look of the bloom. Cut them off down in the foliage at the source, and you won’t even know they were there.
- Old flower stems can be removed from lungwort so not to distract from the lovely foliage.
- Caladiums and vinca need warm soil. Caladium tubers will rot in cool soil, and vinca will be disease-prone, or exhibit stunted growth. Night temperatures should regularly be above 60 degrees F before planting them.
- You can still direct seed easy-to-grow flowering annuals and vegetables. Some easy flowers to grow from seed include marigold, zinnia, sunflowers and cosmos. Beans, peas, corn and okra are some easy direct sow vegetables, while dill, basil and cilantro are some easy direct-sow herbs. If you prefer to get your garden green quickly, gardening shops have plenty of young plants available for sale. Before shopping for annuals, you may want to consult the UT Gardens Annual Herbaceous Plant Trial Program data to see which cultivars of your favorite plant performed the best. Results for the garden in Knoxville and Jackson can be found at utgardens.tennessee.edu/annual_trials.html.

Here are some suggested planting dates for the vegetable garden:

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April 2018 Plant of the Month

**Koreanspice viburnum A Fragrant Spring Shrub Not To Be Missed**

Submitted by Sue Hamilton, director, UT Gardens, Knoxville

The cherries have bloomed and so have the magnolias and redbuds. Next we’ll see the spring displays of dogwoods, azaleas, and another very special group of plants that I love: the viburnums. Many are not familiar with viburnums, but I can’t imagine any landscape not having at least one. They have so many outstanding qualities. Viburnums comprise a huge group of plants that includes more than 150 species and oodles of named cultivars. They include deciduous and evergreen shrubs and even small trees. Most are native to North America or Asia.

If I had to select just one viburnum to have in my spring landscape, it would be the Koreanspice viburnum. Known botanically as *Viburnum carlesii*, this viburnum is one of the most fragrant spring-flowering shrubs you can have in the landscape. As the common name implies, it is native to Korea and has spicy, clove-scented blooms. Beautiful pink to red buds lead to showy half-inch white flowers that form 2- to 3-inch snowball-like clusters.

In Tennessee, flowering usually starts around late March lasting into mid-April. The plant species grows up to 8-feet tall and wide, with a dense, rounded habit. This deciduous shrub has foliage that usually turns dull red in fall but may sometimes display attractive shades of wine-red to burgundy. It prefers full sun to part shade in well-drained soil. Red turning to black, small, drupe fruit mature in late summer. Because of numerous varieties on the market, this shrub lends itself well for multiple uses in the landscape.

Depending upon selection, cultivars range 3- to 8-feet tall and 3- to 8-feet wide. Use in mass or mix with other plantings. Viburnum species make nice shrub borders, hedges or foundation plants. Small selections can be grown in decorative containers.

Following are the most popular selections of Koreanspice viburnum on the market that I recommend; all grow well in our region of the country.

- ’Cayuga’ - This hybrid selection was introduced by the U.S. National Arboretum and is considered a superior plant. It is a large, dense grower that reaches 5-feet tall and 7-feet wide. Striking pink buds lead to pink fading to white blooms.
- ’Aurora’ is known for having a superior floral display. The clusters are larger with pink-white blooms that open from deep pink buds. The fragrance is very strong. This cultivar grows 6- to 8-feet high and wide. Its prolific deep pink-red buds open to pinkish-white flowers.
- ’Compactum’ is a dwarf form reaching 3- to 4-feet high. It was originally introduced by a Rhode Island nursery in 1953.
- Spice Bouquet™ grows 4- to 5-feet high and 5- to 6-feet wide. Dark rose-pink buds open to soft pink flowers.
- Spice Island™ grows 3- to 5-feet high and wide. It sports red-pink buds and white flowers. It also features dark green leaves and a red color in the autumn.
- Sugar N’ Spice™ grows 4- to 5-feet high and wide. It has dark green leaves and a maroon color in autumn.
- Spice Baby™ is compact growing 3- to 5-feet tall and just as wide.

You can find Cayuga, Compactum, and Spice Baby on display in the UT Gardens, Knoxville.
The Extension Master Gardener Program is a programs of the University of Tennessee Extension
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Useful links
Tennessee Extension Master Gardening Program
https://extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener

Reporting hours On-line
mastergardener.tennessee.edu/tmg_resources

TMG Volunteer Handbook
https://extension.tennessee.edu/MasterGardener/ Documents/W099-%20Volunteer.%20November.pdf

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