

Registration Form

The symposium fee, including lunch, is \$40.00 if you register before March 1 and \$45.00 if you pay at the door. Checks should be made payable to: UT Extension/Native Symposium. Mail check and registration form to: UT Extension/Chattanooga Natives

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The Chattanooga Native Plant and Wildflower Group presents the first annual native plant symposium. This event is designed for local gardeners and anyone interested in "doing the right thing" in their garden. You don't need to be an expert gardener to attend. In fact, the symposium was created with both casual and experienced gardeners in mind. You will learn about the many benefits of including native plants in your landscape, and you can find out how to attract butterflies and other desirable wildlife to your garden. Importantly, after this symposium, you will know how to put what you've learned into practice. You will leave with practical tips and suggestions on plant selection. We hope that you will be inspired to make your own garden a natural paradise. Please join us on March 10.

The Chattanooga Native Plant and Wildflower Group, a special interest group of the Master Gardeners of Hamilton County, is open to the general public.

Each month, we present a program about a topic related to local native plants, wildflowers and sustainable gardening practices. We also offer field trips and special events throughout the year.

We encourage and support the use of native plants in our landscaping. Native plants are crucial to biodiversity and help maintain the natural heritage of this area. Using native plants is a key to supporting and improving the local ecosystem.

The Chattanooga Native Plant and Wildflower Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Monday of each month at: green|spaces
63 E. Main Street
Chattanooga, TN,

Visit www.chattanooganatives.blogspot.com for more information about meetings and events.

A Native Plant Symposium

"Chattanooga's Native Beauty: Gardening with Native Plants"

March 10, 2012
8:00 - 3:00



Jack-in-the-Pulpit

Presented by

**Chattanooga Native Plant &
Wildflower Group**

Chattanooga State Technical College
4501 Amnicola Highway
Humanities Theater

Schedule

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. Welcome

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Exotic and Native Plants in the Landscape: An Ecological Perspective

Richard Clements, Ph.D.

Chattanooga State Community College

Why use native plants in our gardens? Dr. Clements will give us an easy-to-understand overview of basic ecological principles and how they pertain to the use of native and exotic plants in the landscape. This basic knowledge about the benefits of native plants will help us learn to be responsible gardeners.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Southeastern Butterflies and Their Host Plants: Glimpses Beyond the Ordinary

Sara Bright and Paulette Haywood Ogard
Co-authors of ***Butterflies of Alabama***

Butterflies are full of surprises. From possum-playing escape artists to Trojan horse aphid-eaters, their adaptive survival strategies never cease to amaze. After sharing some surprising looks at basic butterfly biology, we will focus on very common as well as rare species and the native plants on which they rely. Learn

which butterfly magnets may already be growing on your property, as well as some trees, shrubs, ferns and grasses that might make valuable additions. Join us as we take a peek into the everyday lives of southeastern butterflies, the often overlooked plants that sustain them, and the implications these have for the landscape.

11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Doorprizes

11:20 - 12:15 p.m.

Growing Native Plants

Margie Hunter

Author of ***Gardening with the Native Plants of Tennessee***

Native plants do grow unaided in the wild, but in a garden they benefit from the same care given to other ornamental plants. Learn about native plant choices that offer low maintenance, flower and foliage integrity, profuse blooming, and insect and disease resistance so that you can create your own native plant paradise.

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Doorprizes

1:05 - 2:00 p.m.

Restoring Harmony: Using Native Woody Plants in Your Home Habitat

Avi Askey

Overhill Gardens - Native Plant Nursery -
Vonore, TN

Native trees and shrubs can be the backbone of your garden. Avi will share recommendations for native plants that can thrive in our area.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Landscape Design Considerations with Native Plants

Sam Rogers, ASLA, Associate Professor
Department of Ornamental Horticulture
and Landscape Design, UT Knoxville

How do you put all of this together? Sam will share practical information about how to improve and sustain the environmental quality of your home landscape.

3:00 p.m.

Doorprizes

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