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June Meeting Info Monday, June 17, 2024 6:00 PM



BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR LANDSCAPE
— & WHY IT MATTERS —
Jaimie Matzko, Biodiversity Program Specialist



Speaker: Jamie Matzko
Discover Life in America

Jaimie has been a naturalist and educator in the Smoky Mountains for over 20 years. She is a University of TN graduate with a degree in Environmental Studies, with a focus on Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Her hobbies include gardening, nature photography, birdwatching and hiking. She has been working to replace ornamental and invasive plants with native species on her property in Cosby, TN and loves creating habitat for beneficial insects, birds and other wildlife.

Jaimie currently works for Discover Life in America and is passionate about sharing their mission to connect communities and scientists in discovering, understanding, and conserving the natural world.

Discover Life in America (DLiA) was formed in 1998, as a nonprofit organization, to manage the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory, a project developed with GSMNP, to discover, understand and conserve biodiversity in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Biological diversity is the foundation of a healthy ecosystem, and not just in national parks, but in your yard! Join DLiA's Biodiversity Program Specialist to hear about ways to effectively diversify your landscape with native plants and trees to attract more wildlife, as well as tools and resources to identify life in your yard and contribute to community science!

looking ahead

July Monthly Meeting will be a picnic. See info on page 3.

Sevier County Fair: August 27th thru September 2nd.

Christmas Party: Monday, December 2nd.

opportunities

volunteer

My People Senior Activity Center
Garden Work Days Wednesday, June
19th, Saturday, July 6th, Wednesday
July 16th, 9:00 AM.

Demo Garden Work Day, Tuesday, June
18th, 9:00 am and Saturday, June 22nd
at 9:00 AM.

Pollinator Palooza MG Booth, Friday,
June 21st, 9 AM to 12 PM. June 21st,
King Library.

JMG Summer Day Camp, Monday thru
Friday, June 24-28.

meetings & events

Monthly Meeting, Monday, June 17th
6:00 PM

Board Meeting, July 9th 3:00 PM

Monthly Meeting, Monday, July 15th 6:00
PM - Picnic Time

SAVE THE DATE! TEMG State Confer-
ence, October 9th through 11th, hosted by
Davidson and Williamson Counties.

educational

Melody's Monday Musings (Greene
County). <https://sites.google.com/utk.edu/mondaymusings/2023-schedule?authuser=0>

Buncombe County (NC) Master
Gardener Video Series, <https://www.buncombemastergardener.org/gardening-videos/>

TEMG First Friday Office Hours in
Horticulture Webinars: June 7th, July
12th, August 2nd, and September 6th.
10:00 AM.

Garden Talks in the Demo Garden
Friday June 21st, 10 AM See Matt for
details.

Fruits of the Backyard Field Day, Spring
Hill, TN, Tuesday, June 11th

Fall Gardener's Festival, Crossville,
August 27th.

TEMG 2024 Welcome Home Series,
October 1, 8, 25, 22, 6:30 PM.



Picnic Time

Calling all Master Gardeners. July is just around the corner and you know what that means. Picnic time! We would like to host another picnic at my family's pavilion on the river at 3530 Sam Ellis Way, Sevierville 37876. Last year was our first and we had such a wonderful time, enjoying fellowship while picnicking. This is a thank you picnic for all my fellow master gardeners who helped me with the Tomato Seed Project. However, all master gardeners and their spouses are invited. We will have the picnic on July 15 at 6:00, in lieu of our July meeting that would normally be held at the extension office. My husband and I will provide the meat (hamburgers and hot dogs), buns, and chips. Everyone else can bring a side or dessert. I should have a sign up sheet at our June meeting. I will definitely need a head count by July 1st, and remember to bring your spouse. Also, you might need to bring a lawn chair. We have picnic tables but a lawn chair might be a bit more comfortable.

DIRECTIONS:

If you are using your GPS, you may enter 3530 Sam Ellis Way, Sevierville, 37876. This is not the pavilion address, but our rental cabin. The GPS will bring you to a concrete bridge on your left (Sam Ellis Way) where I will also have a sign placed. Once you cross the bridge, you will go up a small hill and turn RIGHT (where I will have another sign) and that will bring you down to the pavilion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 865-850-9644.

letter from the president

Being a good gardener involves a blend of practical skills, knowledge, and personal attributes. Here are ten qualities that define a good gardener:

Patience: Gardening is a process that requires time. Plants take time to grow, and issues like pests or diseases can take a while to resolve. A good gardener understands the need for patience and doesn't rush the process.

Attention to Detail: Successful gardening involves paying attention to the small details, such as the health of the plants, the condition of the soil, and the presence of pests or diseases. Noticing these details early can prevent larger problems.

Knowledgeable: A good gardener has a solid understanding of horticulture. This includes knowing about different plant species, soil types, watering needs, pest control, and the appropriate use of fertilizers and other garden products.

Adaptability: Gardening conditions can change due to weather, pests, or other environmental factors. A good gardener can adapt to these changes and make necessary adjustments to their gardening practices.

Physical Stamina: Gardening often involves physically demanding tasks such as digging, planting, weeding, and pruning. Good physical stamina is important to handle these tasks efficiently.

Passion for Nature: A genuine love for plants and nature is crucial. This passion drives gardeners to spend time caring for their plants and continuously learning about



gardening.

Problem-Solving Skills: Challenges are a part of gardening. Whether it's dealing with pests, plant diseases, or poor soil conditions, a good gardener can think critically and find effective solutions.

Creativity: Gardening is not just a science but also an art. Creativity helps in designing beautiful garden layouts, combining different plants harmoniously, and making the best use of available space.

Persistence: Gardening can sometimes be frustrating, especially when plants don't thrive as expected. A good gardener remains persistent, learning from failures and continuing to strive for a successful garden.

Environmental Awareness: Good gardeners understand the importance of sustainable practices. They use eco-friendly methods, conserve water, and promote biodiversity to create a garden that is in harmony with the environment.

These qualities help gardeners create and maintain healthy, beautiful gardens while enjoying the process and continuously improving their skills.

Diane McCullen
SCAMGA President

demo garden news

The Garden's are looking amazing! With the rain and the warmer weather the plugs and seeds that we planted are taking off. I'm hoping by August the new pollinator garden will be full of flowers and insects.

We are in need of a few plants for the gardens. If you have any wildflowers growing in your yard that you would consider transplanting to our little meadow area please let me know. We are trying to get a small sampling of wildflowers in our area for people to see the benefits of these plants in our yards and gardens.

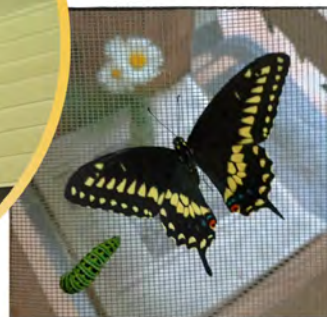
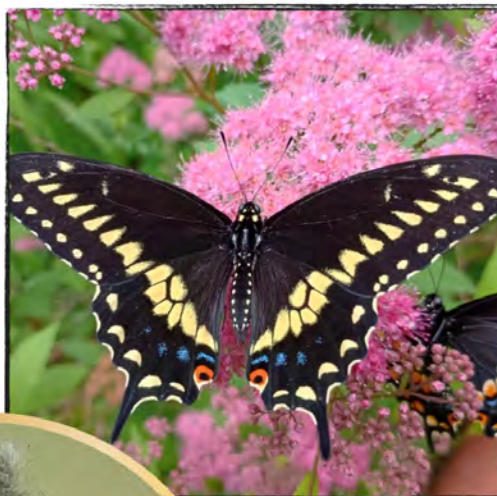
We also need someone to "adopt" the front area by the fire hydrant. The pots need to be replanted. If you have any succulents that could be used in these pots please consider donating them. The pots get full sun and rainwater only.

Thanks for supporting our gardens,

Diane



lois worthington swallowtail butterflies





SEVIER COUNTY AREA MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

meeting minutes

MAY 20, 2024

PROGRAM

Micro Garden presented an informative program that included air plants, succulents, and terrariums. Care of the plants and type of plants were included in the presentation.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Diane McCullen at 7:15 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the April meeting was published in the last newsletter. There were no additions or corrections, and the minutes will stand as printed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Andrew Hennigh reported that June's program will be presented by Jamie Matzko, Program Specialist for "Discover Life in America".

TREASURER'S REPORT

The March financial report was published in the last newsletter. The report will stand as printed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEMO GARDEN

Diane McCullen stated that there is no scheduled workday in May.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenna Julian stated that the two sales at the Senior Center were successful. She thanked the volunteers and the customers. Leo stated that he explained what QR codes were to customers at the sale and that several individuals were interested in becoming Master Gardeners.

PLANT SALE

John Oakberg stated that the proceeds from the plant sale was approximately \$2,700. A fall sale is being considered.

GREENHOUSE

Shauna Bayless passed out a survey to elicit feedback about both plant sales. The goal is to obtain feedback to help improve the future sales. It was reported that customers seemed to like the smaller sale.

NEWSLETTER

Please have all articles and information to Mandy by June 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANT SALE VENDOR LIST

Dixie Seaton requested that all members assist with gathering information about potential vendors for upcoming sales. She requested that this includes contact information with email address and phone numbers.

LIBRARY EVENT

Dixie Seaton stated that there will be a Pollinator Palooza at the King Library from 9 a.m. till 12 noon on June 21st. She stated that Glenna and Lois will be presenting and asked for more presenters. Please contact her at seviervillegardenclub.com if you have any questions.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Andy Bush reported that he will be conducting tours of the garden for the fair in August.

Discussion was held about possibly having a "Looking Ahead" section added to the newsletter. Creation of club calendar on the webpage was also discussed. Finally, a suggestion was made to send the newsletter to all past members of the group even if they are not paid members at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Scaccianoce, Secretary

junior master gardener discovering the beginning

After learning about the diverse ecosystems of the Smoky Mountains during the fall and winter, Junior Master Gardeners visited the Cradle of Forestry near Brevard, North Carolina to discover the birthplace of forestry and forest conservation in America. It was here in 1898 that the Biltmore School of Forestry under the direction of George Vanderbilt and his chief forester Carl Schenck began.

Through tour guide Josh Rood, from Go Find Outdoors, JMgers went on a journey through the past as they learned about the school, its significance to forestry and how students lived “in the field” far away from civilization. They also got to “ride” a fire fighting helicopter simulator over a forest fire, then crawl underground and see the animals that live beneath the forest floor which were among many exhibits in the Discovery Center. Many JMgers remarked that they are interested in learning more about forestry and how it impacts us in the Smoky Mountains. The trip was segway into our Fall 2024 program on forestry.



The Speakers Bureau Needs You!

Do you have a wealth of knowledge just waiting to be shared? Are you eager to make a positive impact in your community? Now is your chance to shine!

We're updating our Speakers & Topics list and we want YOU to be a part of it. Whatever your gardening specialty, your insights are valuable and can inspire others. Imagine the satisfaction of stepping up to the podium and enlightening eager minds with your wisdom. Your unique perspective could spark new ideas, ignite passions, and foster connections within our community.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your expertise and contribute to the enrichment of others. Simply email Linda Douglas at Linda-Douglas@comcast.net or text 865-803-3807 with the topics you're willing to present to local clubs or groups.



april financials

Sevier County Area Master Gardener Association April 2024 Financial Report								
Item	Month Account Summary			Year Summary as of Month End				
	Income	Expense	Balance	Budgeted Income	Expense	Actual Income	Expense	Funds Remaining*
Beginning amount	as of 03/31/24		3947.12					
Added approved items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
December meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Demo garden	0.00	357.66	(357.66)	0.00	1000.00	0.00	432.66	567.34
Dues	300.00	0.00	300.00	900.00	0.00	925.00	0.00	925.00
Greenhouse, butterfly	0.00	85.91	(85.91)	0.00	1000.00	19.44	540.82	459.18
Plant sale	3622.75	426.65	3196.10	3800.00	1500.00	3742.75	1037.95	462.05
Senior Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storage unit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	65.00
Tomato seed project	0.00	228.43	(228.43)	0.00	750.00	0.00	461.31	288.69
Virtual meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
Wilderness Wildlife	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4H Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
Totals as of 04/30/24	3922.75	1098.65	6771.22	4700.00	5290.00	4687.19	3072.74	3142.26

* Budgeted expense minus actual expense; for Dues, actual income

jr. master gardener march financials

Junior Master Gardeners Financial Report May 2024

		Totals Remaining 4/30/24	Expenditures May	
Knoxville Funds		1129.35		
Sevierville Funds		1120.62		
Total		2249.97		
Education				
Leaf and Vine: CS	Consumables	82.32		
Curriculum supplies	Lesson supplements	56.74		
Outside the Classroom	Field Trips	150.		
	Beyond the Classroom	100		
Summer Programs	Day Camp	250		
	MG	200		
	Summer showcase	100		
Outreach programs	Supplies	202.80		
Orientation				
Fall Kickoff	Supplies	50		
Garden				
Demo Garden Bed	Supplies	217.12		
Plant Sale	Supplies	53.91		
Snacks				
Leaf and Vine	Meeting snacks	189.02		
Community Service Project	Supplies	112.04		
Other Expenses		478.51		
Budget TOTAL:		2242.46		
Funds Not Budgeted		1387.51		
Deposit		620.		
Deposits Budgeted		*(2000.		
TOTAL Budgeted Funds		4249.97		
TOTAL FUNDS Available		2249.97		

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**POLLINATOR
PALOOZA**

Friday, June 21
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
King Family Library
Community Garden
(By the Gazebo)
408 High Street, Sevierville

**Explore the wonders of flowers, bees, butterflies,
honey and more. Crafts for the kids and giveaways!!!**

**Smoky Mountain Lash Bees - 4H Sevier County
Sevier County Area Master Gardeners
Sevierville Garden Club - Jason's Chocobananos
FREE POLLINATOR PLANTS & SEEDS**

For more information please contact, info@keepsevierbeautiful.org.

