Summer Celebration Lawn and Garden Show

Hosted by UT AgResearch and Education Center

July 12, 2012

West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center

Lawn and Garden Show

10 a.m.
Room A
Hydrangea Hodgepodge, Linda Lanier

Room 150
Wimp’s & Winners. Mark Windham

Room 162
Taste of Honey, UT Kitchen Divas

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour (10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
Glorious Vines. Carol Reese

Tent 2
Rethink Pruning. Jason Reeves

Tent 3
Best of Both Worlds. James Newburn

Tent 4
The Dirt on Organic Gardening. David Butler

11 a.m.

Room A
Match Made in Heaven. Troy Marden

Room 150
Lore of a Tennessee Tara. Jamie Evans

Room 162
Taste of Honey, UT Kitchen Divas

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour (11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
No More Sgt. Shrub. Andy Pulte

Tent 2
Bee-dazzled. John Skinner

Tent 3
Turf Nation. Brosnan & Samples

Tent 4
Buy Local Ray Tyler

12 p.m.

Room A
Luscious Landscape Edibles, Carol Reese

Room 150
Funky Fungi & Indescribable Insects. Windham & Hale

Room 162
Taste of Honey. UT Kitchen Divas

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour (12 p.m. & 12:30 p.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
Lick of the Iris. Linda Browning

Tent 2
Tour de Hydrangea. Jason Reeves

Tent 3
Best of Both Worlds. James Newburn

Tent 4
Grow Your Own Pumpkins. Blake Brown

1 p.m.

Room A
Hydrangea Hodgepodge. Linda Lanier

Room 150
Wimp’s & Winners. Mark Windham

Room 162
Taste of Honey. UT Kitchen Divas

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour (1 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
No More Sgt. Shrub. Andy Pulte

Tent 2
Bee-dazzled. John Skinner

Tent 3
Turf Nation. Brosnan & Samples

Tent 4
The Dirt on Organic Gardening. David Butler

2 p.m.

Room A
A Match Made in Heaven. Troy Marden

Room 150
Lore of a Tennessee Tara. Jamie Evans

Room 162
Taste of Honey. UT Kitchen Divas

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour (2 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
Lick of the Iris. Linda Browning

Tent 2
Tour de Hydrangea. Jason Reeves

Tent 3
Best of Both Worlds. James Newburn

Tent 4
Buy Local Ray Tyler

3 p.m.

Room A
Luscious Landscape Edibles. Carol Reese

Room 150
Funky Fungi & Indescribable Insects. Windham & Hale

Room 162
Taste of Honey. UT Kitchen Divas

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour. (3 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
No More Sgt. Shrub. Andy Pulte

Tent 2
Bee-dazzled. John Skinner

Tent 3
Turf Nation. Brosnan & Samples

Tent 4
Grow Your Own Pumpkins. Blake Brown

4 p.m.

Room A
Match Made in Heaven. Troy Marden

Room 150
Wimp’s & Winners. Mark Windham

Room 162
Taste of Honey. UT Kitchen Divas

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour. (4 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
Lick of the Iris. Linda Browning

Tent 2
Rethink Pruning. Jason Reeves

Tent 3
Best of Both Worlds. James Newburn

Tent 4
The Dirt on Organic Gardening. David Butler

5 p.m.

Room A
A Hydrangea Hodgepodge. Linda Lanier

Wagon
AgResearch Wagon Tour. (5 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.) UT Scientists

Tent 1
Glorious Vines. Carol Reese
**Indoor Talks**

- **Hydrangea Hodgepodge. 10 a.m., 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. – Room A.** If you need help sorting out the many different species of hydrangeas, their cultural requirements and varied fertilizing needs, then definitely attend this presentation by Linda Lanier, president and co-founder of the Mid-South Hydrangea Society. She’ll set you straight on all those pesky particulars that can trip up even a hydrangea veteran.

- **A Match Made in Heaven. 11 a.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. – Room A.** Some things are just meant to go together: peanut butter and jelly, bacon and eggs, and, believe it or not, hydrangeas and a host of other perennials and shrubs. The trick is finding the right combination. Troy Marden, a well-known garden designer, author, lecturer and television host, will share his picks for plants that combine nicely with hydrangeas.

- **Luscious Landscape Edibles. 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. – Room A.** Some fruiting plants are lovely enough to add to your yard’s ornamental character. Some may be very pretty but are so susceptible to problems that they are more vexing than rewarding. Let Carol Reese recommend the ones that can dependably provide a feast for the eye and for the table with the least sweat equity.

- **Wimps and Winners. 10 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. – Room 150.** When it comes to hydrangeas, some varieties are prone to disease and lacking in vigor. Dr. Mark Windham will help you pick the studs from the duds and find the real winners for your home.

- **Lore of a Tennessee Tara. 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. – Room 150.** Hobart Ames (heir to the Ames Shovel fortune) amassed one of the largest land holdings in the South in the early 20th century. But the history of the Ames Plantation does not begin nor end with its namesake. You’ll be spellbound as cultural resource manager Jamie Evans discloses the triumphs and tragedies of this epic homeplace, from an early settlement to its current function as a UT AgResearch and Education Center.

- **Funky Fungi & Indescribable Insects. 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. – Room 150.** Now here’s a presentation that might make you go “eww.” Dr. Alan Windham and Dr. Frank Hale will share some pretty amazing fungus and insects. You won’t be able to look away! But follow their tips to rid your home garden of these pests, and soon your “eww” will turn to “ooh-la-la.”

**Outdoor Features**

- **AgResearch Wagon Tour. 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Wagon leaves every hour and half hour. Need a break? Take a relaxing ride on the tractor-pulled wagon. As you ride through areas of the farm not generally open to the public, UT scientists will enlighten you on the cutting-edge research that takes place here and contributes to the success of Tennessee farmers.**

- **Diagnostic Center. 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Bring unhealthy plants to the experts from UT’s Plant Sciences and Entomology and Plant Pathology departments. They’ll diagnose your problem and tell you how to treat it.** The good doctors also can help you identify insects and weeds, so bring them along, too. And if that’s not enough, they’re also offering free testing of soil pH levels.

- **Master Gardeners’ Plant Sale. Summer Celebration is known for its plant sale and this year is no exception. We have a large selection of new and hard-to-find hydrangeas plus an extensive collection of trees, shrubs and perennials. Proceeds from the sale benefit Master Gardener projects that beautify our city and also help support our grounds, which serve as your public garden.**

**Tent 1**

- **Glorious Vines. 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.** The right vine can add grace and maturity to even a young landscape, but some are overly boisterous. Some have lovely foliage, others colorful flowers, and some generously contribute both. Carol Reese will steer you to the ones that improve your yard instead of taking over your world.

- **No More Sgt. Shrub. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.** Many people treat shrubs like a new recruit in the army. They give them a flat top and expect them to fall in line. But there’s more to shrubs than green uniformity. On this walking tour, UT’s Andy Pulte will show you selections with such an astonishing array of colors and textures you’ll want to discharge Sgt. Shrub and find room for some free spirits in your landscape.

- **Luck of the Iris, 12 p.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.** With its show-stealing splendor, the iris is a favorite of many gardeners. Linda Browning, Master Gardener extraordinaire, will introduce you to the best of the iris and show you how to keep them blooming for years to come. She’ll also talk daylilies.

**Tent 2**

- **Rethink Pruning. 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.** At UT Gardens, Jackson, Curator Jason Reeves can attest, there’s a right way and a wrong way to prune. In fact there’s a special way to prune each hydrangea species! Come to this talk and learn the correct methods from Jason before you snip, snip!

- **Bee-dazzled. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.** If you ever had a question about bees, Dr. John Skinner, UT Extension specialist, is the man to know. He’s devoted years to researching honey bee populations, both in the wild and in beekeepers’ hives. You truly will be dazzled by the amazing accomplishments of our state agricultural insect, the honeybee.

**Tent 3**

- **Best of Both Worlds. 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.** On one hand you have the fun and versatility of annuals, while on the other hand there’s the dependability and ease of perennials. It’s hard to pick a favorite... so choose both! Let James Newburn of the UT Gardens show you the best and brightest annuals and perennials.

- **Turf Nation. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.** What good is a lovely landscape design without a lush lawn to go with it? Let Drs. Jim Brooman and Tom Samples answer your questions and diagnose your lawn issues. Plus, you can get a glimpse of several different turf varieties at our world-famous (sort of) turf wheel.

**Tent 4**

- **The Dirt on Organic Gardening. 10 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.** It’s trendy now, but organic gardening has been around since ancient times. Get tips from organic guru Dr. David Butler on how to successfully work with nature to produce a healthy and productive garden.

- **Buy Local! 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.** Ray Tyler and his wife Ashley run Rose Creek Village Farms in McNairy County where they raise organic produce and fresh pork. They’re regulars at the West Tennessee Farmers Market and are experts on what locally grown products are available to West Tennessee shoppers. You’ll be enthralled by Ray’s tales of farm life and his arguments for buying local.

- **Grow Your Own Pumpkins. 12 p.m. & 3 p.m.** Each year Dr. Blake Brown grows a plethora of pumpkins, gourds and winter squash that are often used to supplement the annual Pumpkin Harvest Display here on the grounds. This mastermind of pumpkin production will share tips on the care and cultivation of this fall fruit.