

Summer Celebration Lawn and Garden



**July 11, 2013
West Tennessee
AgResearch and
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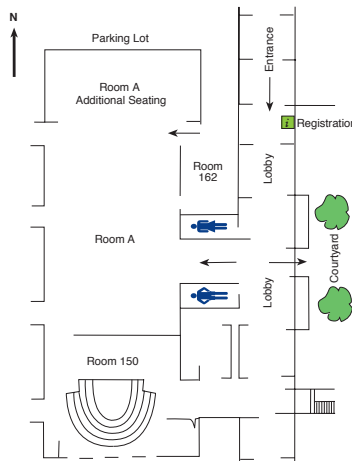
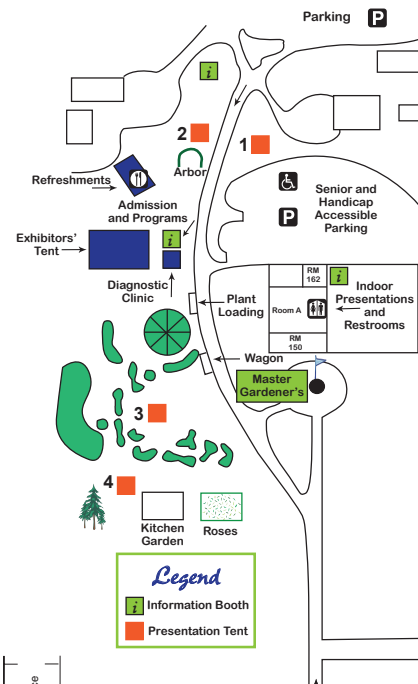
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Destinations



Summer Celebration Lawn and Garden Show



10 a.m.	
Room A	Jason's Journeys: A Foray to Middle-earth. <i>Jason Reeves</i>
Room 150	Tennessee Wildlife ... Then and Now. <i>Allan Houston</i>
Room 162	Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. <i>UT Extension Kitchen Divas</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>
Tent 1	Conifersity. <i>Sue Hamilton</i>
Tent 2	If You Build It, They Will Come. <i>Polly Rooker</i>
Tent 3	Best Butterfly Plants. <i>Carol Reese</i>
Tent 4	What Thyme Is It? <i>Jeanne Guidi</i>

11 a.m.	
Room A	Birds of a Feather. <i>David Pitts</i>
Room 150	Tennessee's Superlative Predators. <i>Eric Pelren</i>
Room 162	Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. <i>UT Extension Kitchen Divas</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>
Tent 1	Isn't It Good ... Tennessee Wood. <i>Adam Taylor and David Mercker</i>
Tent 2	Raptor Rapture. <i>James Huggins</i>
Tent 3	Reptile Rally
Tent 4	Gardening on My Mind. <i>John and Anni Winings</i>

Noon	
Room A	Butterfly RSVP. <i>Rita Venable</i>
Room 150	Tennessee Wildlife ... Then and Now. <i>Allan Houston</i>
Room 162	Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. <i>UT Extension Kitchen Divas</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (noon and 12:30 p.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>
Tent 1	Hometown Heroes. <i>Jason Reeves</i>
Tent 2	If You Build It, They Will Come. <i>Polly Rooker</i>

Tent 3	Flower Power. <i>Sue Hamilton</i>
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1 p.m.	
Room A	Birds of a Feather. <i>David Pitts</i>
Room 150	The Adventures of Frog and Toad. <i>Tom Blanchard</i>
Room 162	Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. <i>UT Extension Kitchen Divas</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>
Tent 1	Isn't It Good ... Tennessee Wood. <i>Adam Taylor and David Mercker</i>
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2 p.m.	
Room A	Butterfly RSVP. <i>Rita Venable</i>
Room 150	Tennessee's Superlative Predators. <i>Eric Pelren</i>
Room 162	Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. <i>UT Extension Kitchen Divas</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>
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3 p.m.	
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Room 150	The Adventures of Frog and Toad. <i>Tom Blanchard</i>
Room 162	Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. <i>UT Extension Kitchen Divas</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>

Tent 1	Isn't It Good ... Tennessee Wood. <i>Adam Taylor and David Mercker</i>
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4 p.m.	
Room A	Butterfly RSVP. <i>Frank Hale</i>
Room 150	Tennessee's Superlative Predators. <i>Eric Pelren</i>
Room 162	Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. <i>UT Extension Kitchen Divas</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>
Tent 1	Conifersity. <i>Sue Hamilton</i>
Tent 3	Reptile Rally

5 p.m.	
Room A	Jason's Journeys: A Foray to Middle-earth. <i>Jason Reeves</i>
Wagon	AgResearch Wagon Tour. (5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) <i>UT Scientists</i>
Tent 1	Hometown Heroes. <i>Carol Reese</i>

watcher. With more than 40 years of research under his belt, Pitts will deliver an insightful and engaging glimpse into the lives of bluebirds, phoebes, barn swallows, hummingbirds and more that will delight and amaze.

Butterfly RSVP. noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. — Room A. Want to know how to have bountiful butterflies at your next garden party? Come and join **Rita Venable**, author of "Butterflies of Tennessee," at noon and 2, as she shares stories of the 125 butterfly species that live in our state. This expert will tell you about butterfly families, butterfly and plant associations, and how to get more involved in butterfly conservation in Tennessee. At 4 p.m. **Frank Hale**, our state horticultural entomologist, will share his vast knowledge of the beautiful butterfly.

Tennessee Wildlife ... Then and Now. 10 a.m. and noon — Room 150. **Allan Houston** is not only a distinguished woodsman, wildlife expert and all-around good guy; he's also an outstanding orator who can enthrall his audience with tales from the Tennessee Wild. He illustrates the many changes taking place in the woods and wetlands of the Volunteer State.

Tennessee's Superlative Predators. 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. — Room 150. The largest, the deadliest, the fastest ... the ugliest? Explore the unique and outstanding carnivores of Tennessee, from the well-known to the most secretive and unknown. From most colorful to most unique to most aromatic, test your knowledge in this fun review of our state's amazing diversity of predatory wildlife by **Eric Pelren**, wildlife biology professor at UT Martin.

The Adventures of Frog and Toad. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. — Room 150. There's so much to know about these astounding amphibians that inhabit the lakes, ponds, streams and forests of our state. **Tom Blanchard**, director of UT Martin's Reelfoot Lake Environmental Field Station, will take you beyond the common generalizations to point out the distinct and definitive characteristics of the 21 species of frogs and toads that call Tennessee home.

Indoor Talks

Jason's Journeys: A Foray to Middle-earth. 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. — Room A. Our residential globe-trotter and horticulturist, **Jason Reeves**, will captivate you with accounts of his recent travels to New Zealand. Reeves will document his adventure with spectacular photographs of New Zealand's overflowing natural beauty coupled with charming anecdotes of the local people, plants, animals and customs.

Birds of a Feather. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. — Room A. **David Pitts**, noted author and biology professor at UT Martin, has a passion for these winged beauties that will fascinate even the nonchalant bird

Eggcellent Ideas Throughout the Day. 10 a.m.– 4 p.m. – Room 162. (ADMISSION TICKET REQUIRED. Limited to 40 attendees/hour.) Eggs are a versatile ingredient that can be enjoyed at any time of day. The **UT Extension Kitchen Divas** are happy to start your morning, midday or afternoon with hearty and healthy recipes and, of course, delicious samples. Be sure to pick up a free reservation ticket outside Room 162 beginning at 9 a.m. (for presentations at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon) and at noon (for presentations at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.) to ensure your spot at the cooking demonstrations.

Outdoor Features

AgResearch Wagon Tour. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. – Wagons leave every hour and half hour. If you need a break, get off your feet and take a relaxing wagon ride around the research and education center grounds. As you jaunt along, **UT scientists** will fill you in on the history of our center, the current research taking place here, and our important role in Tennessee agriculture. Discover the many ways our work affects your life.

Diagnostic Center. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Staffed by **UT plant and pest experts**, this is the place to take your gardening grievances. Our specialists can identify and prescribe treatment for weeds, disease, insect damage and other plant ailments. Additionally, they will offer free testing of soil pH levels, so bring a cup of soil from your landscape.

Master Gardeners' Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Shop this sale, hosted by **Madison County Master Gardeners**, for a large selection of plants that provide nectar for butterflies and foliage for the larvae, plus a large selection of trees, shrubs and perennials. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Master Gardener projects that beautify our city and help support our grounds, which serve as part of your state's botanical garden.

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Isn't It Good ... Tennessee Wood. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Dogwood, beech, cypress, oak ... the Volunteer State is home to more than 100 different native wood species. UT forest products Extension specialist **Adam Taylor** along with UT Extension forest specialist **David Mercker** will help you identify these diverse Tennessee trees while they point out their merits for uses in landscaping, home décor, industry, etc.

Hometown Heroes. noon, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. **Jason Reeves (noon and 2 p.m.) and Carol Reese (5 p.m.)** love to share their experiences growing many colorful trees and shrubs. On this walk-and-talk they will emphasize many of the terrific natives that are true Tennessee treasures, while giving cultural tips for siting and success.

Tent 2

If You Build It They Will Come. 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. **Polly Rooker** with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will explain how to attract bluebirds to your yard and help them maintain a safe environment to raise their young. One of the secrets — the right kind of bluebird house. She also will share the specifics for attracting other desirable birds that nest in boxes and add more excitement to your landscape.

Raptor Rapture. 11 a.m, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Get up close and personal with Tennessee's birds of prey with biology professor **James Huggins**. Known affectionately as the "Dr. Doolittle of Union University," Huggins builds audiences into a frenzied fervor with his entourage of fascinating and ferocious feathered friends. This talk is both hair-raising and heart-stirring.

Tent 3

Best Butterfly Plants. 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Float along with **Carol Reese** as she leads you on this walking tour of the finest plants for attracting our fluttering friends. While you stroll the grounds, Reese will acquaint you with the flowers and trees that have the right hues, architecture, fragrance and nectar to beguile the butterfly.

Reptile Rally. 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Don't be tempted to skip this presentation. Meander by and be charmed with secrets of the mysterious and misunderstood snake. From their bold handler, you'll learn firsthand about their grace, beauty and adeptness in the wild.

Flower Power. noon and 2 p.m. Sue Hamilton, director of the UT Gardens, will help you find annuals and perennials in just the right colors, textures and sizes for your landscape arsenal. Discover new winners for your garden on this walk-and-talk. The tour through these vibrant and showy flower beds is sure to inspire you.

Tent 4

What Thyme Is It? 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Prized since ancient times, herbs have an important place in our lives thanks to their fragrance, healing power and culinary chops. Learn how to spice up your life from herb guru **Jeanne Guidi** from Jackson's Melodia Hill Plant Farm. She'll guide you through the many uses for fresh herbs and show you how to grow your own.

Gardening on My Mind. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. If you long for the days when vegetables were freshly grown at home, stop by our Kitchen Garden to see self-proclaimed "young, old-fashioned gardeners" **Anni and John Winings** and UT Extension agent **Lee Sammons**. They'll provide gardening tips that will have you growing your own groceries, too. As Anni likes to say, "Dig in, learn and grow a little."

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