



## Healing the earth, one yard at a time ...

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones is dedicated to educating and advocating for biodiversity in the Tennessee Valley. We offer a variety of programs, plant sales and special events throughout the year that teach sustainable landscaping practices using plants that are native to our region. We invite you to attend our programs and to become a member!

Visit our website for more information about how YOU can support pollinators and bring nature back to your home garden. Our downloadable brochures and plant lists, as well as sources for native plants, are great resources.

You're invited to attend our public programs and events. And please consider becoming a Wild Ones member too!



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## NATIVE PLANTS

A Series of FREE Introductory Classes  
presented by the  
Tennessee Valley Chapter  
of Wild Ones

All programs are subject to change.  
Visit our website for current information  
about program dates, topics, speakers, times and locations.



The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones presents, "Gardening with Native Plants", a series of seven introductory classes about how to garden with native plants. These classes, led by experienced gardeners from the Tennessee Valley, are free and open to the public.

The classes cover everything from why to use native plants to how to design, plan and maintain native gardens. Join us for all of the classes, several, or even just one. The classes are complimentary and together will greatly add to your understanding of native plant gardening.

**MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM EDT**

**NATIVE PLANTS, SO WHAT? WHY NATIVE PLANTS MATTER**

green|spaces, 63 E. Main St., Chattanooga TN  
with Lisa Lemza

*This class is an overview of many of the principles you will learn about in detail. It is a 'survey course,' designed to provide the latest science for the context of what we are trying to apply in individual yards and landscapes.*

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM EDT**

**GETTING STARTED: WORKING TOWARD BUILDING YOUR OWN HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK**

green|spaces, 63 E. Main St., Chattanooga TN  
with Sally Wencel

*For many, "plan" is a 4-letter word. However, taking stock of your landscape and other inputs is an important first step and can save you time and money in the short and long run. In this session, we will go over basic steps on how to begin converting (more of) your landscape into a "Homegrown National Park."*

**SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM EDT**

**HOW TO PLANT A POTTED PLANT (PLUS SOME OTHER OPTIONS)**

Sterchi Farm Pavilion  
2900 Harrison Pike, across from Waterhaven subdivision, Chattanooga TN  
with Bill Moll

*Most people buy their native plants in pots - which range in size from tiny plugs to 7-gallon containers and in age from 2 months to 5 or 6 years. We will discuss how to evaluate the plants before you buy them and also how to plant them. Planting will include digging the hole, removing the plant from the pot, prepping the plant, putting the plant in the ground and filling up that hole. There are lots of options for different situations - your choices make a difference. There will be brief comments about non-pot planting options.*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM EDT**

**WHAT DO I PLANT? MOUNTAIN GARDENS WITH SANDY LOAM OR ORGANIC LOAM SOIL**

green|spaces, 63 E. Main St., Chattanooga TN  
with Ann Brown and Nora Bernhardt

*Selection and layering of native plants is important for a thriving ecosystem in mountain gardens. Strategies for creating and managing those gardens in both sunny and woodland conditions will be discussed. Plant lists will be provided.*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM EDT**

**WHAT DO I PLANT? VALLEY GARDENS WITH CLAY OR CLAY LOAM SOIL**

green|spaces, 63 E. Main St., Chattanooga TN  
with Charlotte Freeman and Dennis Bishop

*Not all valley properties are the same, but they all reside in lowland areas that differentiate them from nearby mountain properties. In this class you will learn about the unique conditions of valley locations and how to select native plants that are suitable for them. You will also learn how to best use those plants in the native landscape. Native plant selection tools and plant lists will be provided.*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM EDT**

**CARING FOR NATIVE PLANT GARDENS**

Warner Park, 1254 E. 3rd St., Chattanooga, TN  
Meetup in the parking area between the recycling center  
and the community fitness center.  
with Lyn Rutherford

*Caring for your garden as it grows and changes over time is the best part! In this class we will discuss basics of sustainable landscape care like optimizing maintenance activities for wildlife support, and reducing air and water pollution. There are key differences between managing a native plant garden and a conventional landscape, so let's get into it.*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 | 6:00-8:00 PM EST**

**DESIGNING IN NATURE WITH NATIVE PLANTS**

green|spaces, 63 E. Main St., Chattanooga TN  
with Dennis Bishop

*Native plants can be used in any style of landscape design, but they are best suited to natural landscapes where they have freedom to move, and where nature is allowed to be a partner in the design process. Part one of this class will cover the basics of traditional design, such as balance, mass, color and texture. In part two we will discuss how to step into nature and allow nature to be part of the design process.*