



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



Monthly free educational talks.
Seeds for Education grants.
Annual multi-vendor plant sales.
Landscapes-In-Progress tours.
Wildflower hikes.
<https://tnvalleywildones.org/>



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



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.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 | 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 17, 2024 | 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 13, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM EDT
PLANTING TIPS FOR NATIVE PLANTS

Sterchi Farm Pavilion
2900 Harrison Park, across from Waterhaven subdivision,
Chattanooga TN
with Bill Moll and Stephan Eselgroth

Native plants come in all shapes and sizes – from bare root seedlings and small plugs to pots ranging from 1" cups to 10+ gallons 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 site preparation, processing the plant, digging the hole and soil options, properly putting the plant in the ground and filling up that hole, plus after-planting care. Your planting method makes a difference.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM EDT

WHAT DO I PLANT - VALLEY GARDENS?

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, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM EDT

WHAT DO I PLANT - MOUNTAIN GARDENS?

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 30, 2024 | 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.

These classes cover everything from why to use native plants to how to 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.