

# EarthCare Fall Forum

## “Happy Cows - Healing Planet - Healthy You”



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CHARGE !

LUNCH  
PROVIDED !



WHEN: Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10:00 – 2:00 (see page 2 for schedule)

WHERE: City of Chattanooga's Greenway Farm (see page 2 for directions)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – Email [activities@earthcareonline.org](mailto:activities@earthcareonline.org) or call (706) 278-3979 or visit [fall forum](#).

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)

As Christians, we believe that we should responsibly care for those things over which we have been given dominion. One way to do this is by using our resources in a sustainable, even restorative, way.

**Our speaker**, Marshall Teague, and his wife Katherine own and operate [EdenThistle Land Stewardship Company](#). At the age of 18, before entering college, Marshall moved from Chattanooga to New Zealand for 6 months to work on sheep stations. This proved to be formative so that upon his return to the States, he began to drink in all that he could regarding horses. This multi-year pursuit (indeed it continues today) took his family to Oregon several years after graduating college and allowed him opportunity to work with some incredible natural horsemen. Both his work in New Zealand and his work within natural horsemanship slowly prepared him and his wife for the career that they would move back to Chattanooga to pursue. Until recently, the Teagues were like most people in America: Not farmers! They both have degrees in areas unrelated to agriculture and neither grew up in farming families. They never guessed that this is what they'd end up doing, but the story of "design" that sprang forth from working with sheep and horses captivated them and they soon realized a farming-based business suited their gift-sets and was a good track for their family. In 2013, they moved back to the southeast to pursue farming full time and since have established EdenThistle Land Stewardship Company. They started EdenThistle from a growing conviction that there's a design to animals and to the land. If you study that design and allow it to dictate how you care for animals, wonderful things occur and both flourish. Marshall and Katherine stake everything they do within their company on this principle and beautiful things are produced: nourishing food for people they care greatly for, empowering connection and partnership with other sustainable grass-based farms like theirs, healthy land and soil that builds a future for flourishing growth of food, and opportunity to share this, not in just their hometown of Chattanooga, TN, but all over through their product offerings and educational opportunities.

### Topics will include:

- Our story and the creation of EdenThistle
- A general overview of the negative impact of Industrial Farming on Creation
- Design Based Solutions demonstrated in the market
- Innovation and challenges for the future

The [Trailhead Nursery](#) is bringing native plants to sell. They accept cash/checks/Visa/Mastercard. Visit their [website](#) ahead of time, click on "Offerings", then [email](#) them list of plants to bring for you!

Space is limited, so be sure to **register as soon as possible**. EarthCare members will be providing a pot-luck lunch. See schedule on page 2.

## Forum Schedule

10:00 – Meet and greet with pastries, juice, coffee, tea

10:30 – Forum begins

12:00 – Pot-luck lunch provided by EarthCare members

## Directions to Greenway Farm, 5051 Gann Store Road, Hixson TN 37343

**Local residents** take TN-153 N or TN-153 S to get to Hamill Road near Northgate Mall.

Turn east onto Hamill Road and go 1.7 miles to Gann Store Road.

Turn right onto Gann Store Road and go 0.4 miles to sign on right “Greenway Farm Service Entrance”.

Turn right at sign and take right hand fork to Greenway Farm facility.

**From Atlanta**, take I-75 N. At Tennessee state line keep right to stay on I-75 N, follow signs for Knoxville.

Go 2.7 miles and use the right 2 lanes to take exit 4 for TN-153 N toward Chickamauga Dam/Airport.

Continue onto TN-153 N.

After crossing the Tennessee River at TVA Chickamauga Dam go 1.3 miles getting into far right turn lane.

Turn right onto Hamill Road and go 1.7 miles to Gann Store Road.

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**From Nashville**, travelling on I-24 E just east of Chattanooga and approaching the I-75/I-24 split, use the left 2 lanes to take exit 185B to merge onto I-75 N toward Knoxville.

Go 2.9 miles and use the right 2 lanes to take exit 4 for TN-153 N toward Chickamauga Dam/Airport.

Continue onto TN-153 N.

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**From Knoxville**, while driving on I-75 S past Ooltewah, pass Hamilton Place Mall on your left, and use the right 2 lanes to take exit 4 for TN-153 N toward Chickamauga Dam/Airport.

Continue onto TN-153 N.

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