

EarthCare Spring Workshop

“Beautiful and Functional Native Plants to Replace Invasive Exotics”



Invasive Exotic

**FREE OF
CHARGE !**

**LUNCH
PROVIDED !**



Native Replacement

WHEN: Saturday March 25th 2017 9:30 – 1:00 (see page 2 for workshop schedule)

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – Email activities@earthcareonline.org or call (706) 278-3979 or visit [spring workshop](#).

"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 practicing sustainable gardening/landscaping at our homes, schools, churches, and businesses.

Our workshop leader, Sally Wencel, is a Master Gardener of Hamilton County (2009) who in 2010 with two master gardener colleagues launched the Chattanooga Native Plant and Wildflower Group. In 2012, the group was chartered as the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones, the first chapter of this national natural landscaping organization in the Southeast. She is currently a member of the Wild Ones National Board and its Vice-President. She is a Landscape for Life (Sustainable Sites Initiative™ program) Trainer and native plant educator and advocate. Sally is the program manager for the Certificate in Native Plants program, an educational program sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones, the Tennessee Native Plant Society and Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center. She is also co-chair of a new program being launched in 2017, the Chattanooga Area Pollinator Partnership, an extension of the Greater Atlanta Pollinator Partnership (www.gapp.org)

Sally is a member of the City of Chattanooga Tree Commission and an ardent tree hugger.

Exotic pest plants like Chinese Privet and Japanese Honeysuckle got their start in our landscapes but then escaped into the wild, so it’s more important than ever to avoid plants that can become invasive. We will look at the chief culprits, some that are still available in garden centers, and identify native plant substitutes and places to buy these plants.

We will cover:

- Exotic invasive plants commonly found in this area
- An overview of control methods
- Native trees, shrubs, grasses, groundcovers, vines and flowers that can be used as substitutes

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.

Workshop Schedule

9:30 – Meet and greet with pastries, juice, coffee, tea

10:00 – Workshop 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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