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Branches

The newsletter for members and friends of the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

As 2019 approaches, the UT Arboretum Society (UTAS) finds itself without a newsletter editor. **Heather Ferragut**, who has served as an excellent editor of *Branches* for the last few years, is leaving the Board. She and her husband Erik, also a Board member, will be moving from Oak Ridge in the summer of 2019, as soon as their twin boys graduate from Oak Ridge High School. Until we can find a volunteer to take over *Branches*, we will be doing a much shorter newsletter to give our members a tentative calendar of upcoming events for the next few months. But we are adding exciting programs all the time, so be sure to follow us on our Facebook page and our e-blasts, as well as this newsletter. We thank all our outgoing Board members—**Heather and Erik Ferragut, Jeff Holt, and Dave Snider**—for their years of service. And we welcome four new members to the Board: **Pam and Jim Given, Lisa Gontarski, and Ian Watson!**

Pictured below: **Jeff Holt** leading the November 15th Third Saturday Hike.



2019 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 1: The 5th annual New Year's Day hike will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Auditorium with coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts. The walks start at 10:00 and last about an hour. Hikers of all ages and ability levels are welcome!

Thursday, January 24: **Martin McKellar**, an Asian garden specialist, will present a talk on Japanese Karesansui gardens from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Tuesday, January 29: **Doug Edlund** will conduct a photo workshop on how to use your smartphone, "one of the best cameras you can buy." It will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the City Room of Roane State Community College/Oak Ridge campus.

Saturday, February 16: Come join **Jeff Holt** as he leads the annual Father-Daughter Hike from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Any combination of relatives or friends is welcome. Meet in the parking lot by the Visitors Center.

Tuesday, February 26: **Graham Hickling** will give a talk on ticks entitled "Changing Patterns of Lyme Disease Risk in East Tennessee." Meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

SAVE THESE MARCH & APRIL DATES!

Weather Spotter

March 2:

Sign up to become a NOAA weather spotter: www.weather.gov/SK/YWARN. At RSCC.

Downtown Hardware

March 9:

Learn about chainsaw safety, BBQ grill and garden tool care, and tool sharpening from 9-noon.

Spring Plant Sale

April 12 & 13:

There will be lots of advance publicity, but mark your calendars now!

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Donations received after
 December 18, 2018,
 will be recognized in the
 next edition of *Branches*.
 There is still time to help us
 fund our wish list!

CORRECTION

to *Fall 2018 Branches*:
 The donation made by
 Norm & Lee Ann Dobbs
 in memory of Dick Raridon
 was to the UT Arboretum
 Endowment Fund.

Top left: Kathy Mihalczo delivers one of her three informative talks on medicinal herbs.
Bottom left: Janet Bigelow, UTAS President, presents the Distinguished Service Award for 2018 to Randy Stewart, UTAS Treasurer, at the annual dinner in October at Calhoun's in Oak Ridge.
Right: Dr. Willard Witte fills the inaugural bucket of water for new plants in the Harold Elmore Holly Collection. He spearheaded the effort to raise money for a water line to keep hollies alive.