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**FOR END-OF-YEAR EVENTS**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER, SILENT AUCTION AND SPEAKER**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5:30 PM**

**CALHOUN'S OAK RIDGE EVENT CENTER ON THE WATERFRONT AT 100 MELTON LAKE  
PENINSULA**



**U.T. ARBORETUM SOCIETY FALL PLANT SALE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**U.T. ARBORETUM, 901 S. ILLINOIS AVE. IN OAK RIDGE**

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# FUN FALL EVENTS



FALL 2019

## U.T. ARBORETUM FALL PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 FROM 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FALL IS THE IDEAL TIME TO ADD PLANTS TO THE LANDSCAPE. MILDER TEMPERATURES, MORE DEPENDABLE RAINFALL AND THE FACT THAT PLANTS ARE NOT PUTTING ENERGY INTO THEIR TOP GROWTH, BUT DEVOTING ALL THEIR RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING A STRONGER ROOT SYSTEM WILL GIVE THEM A HEAD START IN THE SPRING AND A MUCH BETTER SURVIVAL RATE.

EAST FORK NURSERY, RIVERDALE NURSERY, TENNESSEE NATURE-SCAPES, AS WELL AS UT ARBORETUM SOCIETY MEMBERS, WILL BE OFFERING QUALITY PLANTS. DR. WILL WITTE, THE SOCIETY'S "ANSWER MAN", WILL BE AT THE PLANT SALE TO ANSWER ALL YOUR PLANT QUESTIONS. DANO'S HOT DOGS WILL ALSO BE AT THE SALE. PROCEEDS FROM THIS SALE AND OTHER SOCIETY EVENTS GO TO SUPPORT AND SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE UT ARBORETUM IN OAK RIDGE.



## ANNUAL DINNER INVITATION FROM THE UT ARBORETUM SOCIETY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5:30 PM, CALHOUN'S OAK RIDGE EVENT CENTER ON THE WATERFRONT

**GUEST SPEAKER: JEROME GRANT**

**"LEAVES OF CHANGE: THREATS TO TENNESSEE FORESTS"**

**MUSIC BY ELZA GATE, FEATURING BOB CUSHMAN AND PAT PARR**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 11: \$30/MEMBER; \$35/NON-MEMBER

PAY AT THE DOOR/CASH BAR

**COME PREPARED TO BID ON OUR DIVERSE COLLECTION OF AUCTION ITEMS, ENJOY MUSIC, CONVERSATION, AND OUR SPEAKER.**

**DON'T FORGET TO RSVP BY OCT 11!**

## SUMMER UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR



The UT Arboretum experienced a busy summer full of events, programs and projects. Highlights included Bug Camp and the UT Arboretum Butterfly Festival, which grew in number of attendees, program expansion, and educational/community engagement. Michelle Campanis and Janet Bigelow continue to lead the way on many new programming ideas, which are expanding the arboretum footprint well beyond Oak Ridge and the greater Anderson County reach.

We also experienced a number of auditorium rentals, including a beautiful July wedding event. The FRREC staff completed several infrastructure/research projects, including the installation of the new office flagpole, rain garden expansion (with other volunteers), the new Nature Book Trail signage installation, and the greenhouse upgrade project (ongoing). All in all we had a great/safe summer and are now looking forward to cooler temperatures and hopefully beautiful fall foliage.

***Looking forward to the remainder of 2019***

*Kevin Hoyt*

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND RECENT HAPPENINGS



Our 4th Annual Butterfly Festival drew a crowd of 2,200 people! One highlight of the day was the noon release of 300 monarchs, many of whom landed on plants in our nearby rain garden. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this festival one of the top events in the UTIA calendar.



The grand opening of our Nature Book Trail took place on September 21.

The 14 trail signs feature the pages of *Butterflies: Exploring the Life Cycle*. Dr. Shirley Raines, author, and Curt Hart, photographer, were present to cut the butterfly ribbon. Katie Crow, editor at Flowerpot Press, was also in attendance. The easy half-mile trail starts near the Visitor Center. To the right is one of the 14 signs on the new Nature Book Trail.



Dr. Hongwei Xin, the new UTIA Dean of AgResearch, addresses attendees at a reception for him hosted by UTA and UTAS. Everyone present was energized by his enthusiasm for recent and future projects at the Arboretum.

Also, thanks to Michelle Campanis for her beautiful fall arrangements for the reception.



Reed Bishofberger and his dad, Dr. Thomas Bishofberger, pause to discuss construction details for the bridge being built in the background.

This is the new bridge over Scarborough Creek that is being built by Reed Bishofberger for this Eagle Scout Project.

A belated "thank you" to author and humorist Vince Staten, husband of Board member Melanie Staten, for his humorous travel talk on May 16.



## CALENDAR

**October 15: Annual Dinner/ Membership Meeting/Silent Auction**, 5:30-8:30, Oak Ridge Calhoun's (\$30 (UTAS)/\$35 charge)

**October 19: Fall Plant Sale** by Norm Dobbs, 9:00-2:00, Program Shelter (volunteers needed)

**October 19: Third Saturday Hike**, 9:00-11:00, Visitors Center

**October 25: Bat lecture** by Pandy Upchurch, 7:00-8:00, Auditorium

**October 26: Holly Work Day**, 8:00-12:00, (volunteers needed)

**October 26: Trails Work Day by Don Williams**, 8:00-12:00 (volunteers needed)

**November 7: "Owl Prowl"** lecture by Ranger Monica Johnson from Cumberland Mountain State Park, 7:00-8:00, Auditorium

**November 14: Bear Photography** lecture by Chris Norcott, 7:00 - 8:00, Auditorium, registration required

**November 16: Third Saturday Hike**, 9:00-11:00, Visitors Center

**December 6: Work on UTAS float for Oak Ridge parade**, 9:00-1:00, Shop (volunteers needed; lunch provided)

**December 7: Walk with float in Oak Ridge parade**, 6:00-8:00, Staging area (volunteers needed to walk/give out candy)

**December 21: Third Saturday Hike**, 9:00-11:00, Visitors Center

**\*This is a tentative calendar of events. The best way to receive timely information about events is to be on our email list. Contact Michelle Campanis @ mcampani@utk.edu to be added to the list. If there is a charge for an event, the price listed is for UTAS members. Contact Janet Bigelow at janet\_bigelow@tds.net to volunteer.**