

# The Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center

## 2009 Outreach Committee Calendar of Events for Adults

### January 2009

1/30, 10:00 am - *Nature Photography, Seminar*, Debra Davis, Nature/Botanical Photographer. Walk with nature through the eyes of a nature photographer. Topics will include scenic, botanical, wildlife and abstracts. GMRE Center auditorium. No registration necessary.

### February 2009

2/27, 10:00 am - *Fruit Production for the Backyard Gardener, Seminar*, Dr. David Lockwood, Professor, the University of Tennessee. Homeowner's guide to fruit planting and management. GMRE Center auditorium. No registration necessary.

### March 2009

3/13 & 3/20, 2:00 pm - *Beginners Guide to Winter Tree ID, Workshop*, Dr. John Roberts, Retired USDA Research Plant Pathologist & Clare Johnston, GMRE Center Technician. This workshop is for the complete novice who wants to improve winter identification skills. Be prepared to walk outdoors on uneven grades. Limited to 30 participants each session. Please register after Feb. 13th. GMRE Center auditorium and grounds.

### April 2009

4/27, 9:00 am - *Spring Wildflower Walk & Botanical Sanctuaries Tour*, ANBS Team. Visit two certified Appalachian Native Botanical Sanctuaries during this all-day tour. Hiking involved. Bring a bagged lunch. Limited to 20 participants. Please register after March 27th. GMRE Center parking lot.

### May 2009

5/29, 9:00 am - *A Sustainable Gardening, Workshop*, Truman Barrett, Rock Hill Farms/Better Earth Compost and Jo Anne Allen, Bunker Hill Farm & Gardens. Three-hour workshop on composting, soil preparation and planting by the signs. Limited to 30 Participants. Please register after April 29th. Meet at the Cannery on the GMRE Center grounds.

### June 2009

6/12, 10:00 am - *Organic Gardening, Seminar*, Dr. George Boyhan, Associate Professor, UGA Department of Horticulture. Learn to use less fertilizer and pesticides in your garden. GMRE Center auditorium. No registration necessary.

6/19, 10:00 am - *The Garden through a Hand Lens, Workshop*, Elanie Delcuze, GMRE Center Preservation Committee. Hands-on workshop that explores parts of the garden that cannot be seen with the naked eye. Limited to 15 participants. Please register after May 19th. Meet at the Cannery on the GMRE Center grounds.

### July 2009

7/31, 10:00 am - *Crapemyrtle Evaluation, Seminar*, Dr. Kris Braman, Professor, UGA Department of Entomology. Discussion of cultivars for the mountains and visit to the Crapemyrtle trials at the GMRE Center. GMRE Center auditorium and grounds. No registration necessary.

### August 2009

8/8, 10:00 am - *Sensational Herbal Fare: Beyond Parsley, Basil and Chives, Workshop*, Jennifer Cordier & Karin Rutishauser, GMRE Center Preservation Committee. \$25 fee. Limited to 18 participants. Please register after July 8th. GMRE Center auditorium.

8/20, 7:00 pm - *Preserving the Bounty, Seminar*. Allyson McGraw, Retired Home Economist, Union County, GA. Part 2 of Allyson's popular seminar. This time, drying, pressure canning and freezing will be discussed. GMRE Center auditorium. No registration necessary.

### September 2009

9/25, 10:00 am - *Pollinators-A Critical Link in Your Food Chain, Seminar*, Dr. Keith Delaplane, UGA Professor of Entomology. How to encourage pollinators in your garden. GMRE Center auditorium. No registration necessary.

### October 2009

10/22, 7:00 pm - *Local Area History, Seminar*, Alan Denmon, Social Studies Instructor, Union County High School. Learn about Union County's rich history from this popular teacher. GMRE Center auditorium. No registration necessary.

November 2009

11/20, 10:00 am - *Holiday Gifts From the Garden, Workshop*, Jennifer Cordier & Karin Rutishauser, GMRE Center Preservation Committee. Craft ideas for natural holiday gifts and decorations. Hands-on workshop, \$25 fee. Limited to 15 participants, please register after October 20th. GMRE Center auditorium.

***Please note:*** *To register for workshops, fill out the registration form on the quarterly brochure, and mail it to the GMRE Center at the address on the back of the brochure. Registration for workshops opens thirty days in advance of that workshop. Regular seminars do not require registration.*

These seminars are sponsored by the Outreach Committee of The Community Council and are the 57th through 70th of a planned series of adult oriented outreach seminars being developed.

### **Purpose of the Community Council**

The Community Council was founded in 2003 to compliment the mission of the GMRE Center in service to the region. Working through three program committees, the Council provides educational enrichment experiences for students, seminars and workshops for adults and preservation projects important to our beautiful mountain region. Its primary service area is Fannin, Towns and Union Counties in Georgia, and Cherokee and Clay County in North Carolina.

The Council has an impressive track record of service. In 2007-08, its Education Committee provided programs for 2,600 students and its Outreach Committee served over 1,000 adults. In four years of operation, the Council has served over 13,000 students and adults. The Preservation Committee has seven projects underway, including an exciting Appalachian Native Botanical Sanctuaries Project. The Council was assisted by over 200 other volunteers last year.

Seminars, lectures, field trips, projects and special events will provide educational enrichment opportunities for youth and adults in Fannin, Towns, Union, Cherokee and Clay Counties. The Community Council utilizes the expertise of The University of Georgia faculty and other resource persons in the region in its programs.

*The Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center*

*is a*

*Wonderfully Rich Resource*

*for the entire North Georgia and Western North Carolina area. The Center was originally established as the Georgia Mountain Branch Experiment Station in 1930.*

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## "Nature Photography"

January 30, 10 A.M.

This seminar is all about walking with nature through the eyes of a nature photographer. Learn to better appreciate and photograph our natural world and precious habitats. The session will include scenic, botanical, wildlife and abstract photography. Within those topics, texture, selective focus, light, color, form and repeating patterns will be discussed. Ms. Davis will gear her presentation on how to use typical camera equipment, rather than including a great deal of technical information.

*Our Speaker*

**Debra Davis**

Debra Davis is a conservationist, naturalist, speaker and award winning nature/botanical photographer. She has been a photographer for over three decades, with her nature photography spanning nearly two decades. She utilizes her nature photographs to teach the importance of environmental education and the critical need to conserve our natural habitats in Georgia. Ms. Davis has received degrees from Young Harris College and the University of Georgia. She, along with her husband Larry, has been staff volunteers with the Smithgall Woods Dukes Creek Conservation Center in Helen, Georgia for over a decade. Their popular nature programs include wildflower and mushroom lectures and walks and traditional nature photography seminars.

### *Program Details*

**DATE:** Friday, January 30, 2009

**TIME:** Doors open at 9 A.M.

Program **10:00 to 11:45 A.M.**

**PLACE:** Auditorium, GMRE Center

***No pre-registration necessary.***

## "Fruit Production for the Backyard Gardener"

**February 27, 2009, 10 A.M.**

This presentation will be a home owners approach to planting and management of fruit crops, including apples, peaches, blueberries, table grapes and strawberries. Best varieties and good cultural practices for our mountain climate will be discussed.

Weather permitting, it is planned for attendees to go into the orchards at the Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center to see a demonstration of proper fruit tree pruning techniques.

*Our Speaker*

**Dr. David Lockwood**

Dr. David Lockwood is a Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Tennessee and on the faculty of The University of Georgia. Since 1974 he has been responsible for the extension educational program in tree fruits, tree nuts, fruit tree nurseries and small fruit in Tennessee.

In his capacity as a faculty member of UGA, he provides pomology (apple) extension support to Georgia through a regional agreement with Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Dr. Lockwood supports the wine grape industry of Georgia via Extension programs.

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# "Beginners Guide to Winter Tree ID"

March 13 or March 20,  
2009, 2 P.M.

Don't know your oaks? Can't tell your hickories from your maples? This workshop is for the complete novice who wants to improve winter tree identification skills. We will begin this workshop indoors, and move outside for a field trip to look at deciduous trees on the GMRE Center grounds. Be prepared to walk on uneven grades and dress appropriately for the weather. Limited to 30 participants each session. Please register for *one* of the sessions. Register by filling out the form on this brochure, and mail it to the Community Council address listed on the bottom of the form.

## Our Speakers

### Dr. John Roberts & Clare Johnston

John Roberts received his Masters of Science degree and his PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Purdue University. During his career, he worked with Purdue University, the University of Georgia and the USDA-Agricultural Research Service.

Clare Johnston is the Community Council technician at the GMRE Center.

## Program Details

**Registration opens February 13.**

**DATE:** Friday, March 13, 2009

*OR*

**DATE:** Friday, March 20, 2009

**TIME:** Doors open at 1 P.M.

Program **2:00 to 3:45 P.M.**

**PLACE:** Auditorium, GMRE Center  
& Grounds

*To register for "Winter Tree ID," please fill out this form and mail to the GMRE Center.*

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# "Beginners Guide to Winter Tree ID"

**Choose ONE:**

Friday, March 13, 2 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_

*OR:*

Friday, March 20, 2 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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