



Fall Tellico Village Garden Field Trip

When: October 12, 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 (an additional hour to explore on your own)

Cost: \$13.00 per person which includes a parking pass for two hours

The UT Gardens, with locations in Knoxville, Crossville and Jackson, Tennessee, function as an outdoor laboratory to evaluate the performance and landscape use of every type of plant, from trees and shrubs to annuals and perennials to ornamental grasses and aquatic plants.

Perhaps one of the most important values of this nationally recognized garden is the fact that it is located in the mid-south where gardening and landscaping can be quite challenging. Because of the extreme summer heat and humidity common to Tennessee as well as the variable winters where plants experience frequent freezing and thawing, the test gardens are important proving grounds for the leading commercial seed and plant companies located around the world, who ultimately determine what plants reach the commercial market.

The gardens are planted to demonstrate each plants' ideal use in the landscape. In this manner, visitors are not only able to see what plants thrive and flourish in the Tennessee climate but get ideas on garden design and how to use plants in their own landscapes and gardens as well.

Established in 1983 by the Department of Plant Sciences, the UT Gardens are recognized as one out of thirty-four official All American Selections (AAS) test sites in the United States. The UT Garden Director conducts evaluations assessing heat and cold tolerance, flower production, plant uniformity, flower and plant size, pest resistance, and landscape appeal. Such information is important to commercial plant and seed companies, and essential to the success of commercial growers,

landscapers, and gardeners allowing the Tennessee green industry to economically grow and for gardening to remain the number one hobby in America.

A guided garden tour will last approximately 1 hour and will walk visitors through numerous garden display areas including: Beal Family Rose Garden, Annual Trial Beds, Color Garden, Children's Garden, the Cornelia Holland Tranquility Hosta Garden, Kitchen Garden and much more.

Directions...

To the UT Gardens, Knoxville

To get to the UT Gardens in Knoxville, from I-40 take Exit 386B onto Hwy 129 (Alcoa Hwy toward the Airport). From Hwy 129 take exit for Hwy 158 (Neyland Drive). Turn left at end of exit ramp. Turn left onto Joe Johnson Drive, and right at next light onto Chapman Drive. Visitor parking is directly across from the entrance to the UT Gardens, and is marked with signs for "2-Hr Visitor Parking."

If the 10 parking spaces are full, we will provide parking permits for guests. A staff member will greet visitors at the entrance to the Gardens at 2518 Jacob Drive.

Afterwards an optional luncheon will be available.

Where: Fieldhouse Social - an American Crafted Food and Beer restaurant

Address: 2525 University Commons Way, Knoxville , less than five minutes away with plenty of free parking

When: 11:30 RSVP required to reserve space

Sign Up at September and October garden club meetings