

Gardens on tour are self-guided and open anytime from **9:30am to 1:30pm, Thursday, June 1.**

Please carpool if possible; be courteous and do not block driveways.

Look for the "Garden Walk" signs. Please watch your step and wear suitable walking shoes, as gardens may contain uneven terrain.



## **Wellness Center Butterfly Garden - 200 Dohi Drive**

**Kristin Farrington, Tim Pyles, Steve Rains**

**Directions:** From the light on SR444, turn west onto Chota Road and proceed to Dohi Drive on the left. Take Dohi Drive to the far side of the Wellness Center Parking Area by the Summit Medical Group. You'll see to your right, on the paved walking trail, a colored kiosk. The TV Garden Club Butterfly Garden is next to the display kiosk.

Garden Club members Steve Rains and Kristin Farrington and Tim Pyles will be present to offer information about this newly replanted garden. Our goal is to educate and motivate everyone to add some native plants into their landscape. This pollinator garden is a long-term project that will take 2-3 years to see the new perennials mature and thrive. All plants are labeled and have been purchased from the native plant nursery, Overhill Gardens. Native plants are a necessity for our native bees and butterflies and offer the best support for pollinators of all sorts. The most effective pollinator gardens include a succession of blooms, from early summer through late fall, to make sure that nectar and pollen are always available. Visiting this garden will give you ideas for native plants for your garden.

This is a 15X15 contained garden started by the Garden Club in 2016 with packets of seeds for flowers that attract butterflies. It attracted butterflies wonderfully for quite a few years. Over time, though, the density of plants became hard to manage. Volunteer plants began to appear, like blackberries. With Tim Pyles suggestion, the Garden Club elected to redo this garden. Over the past year the previous plants were removed and replaced with native pollinator and nectar and host plants for butterflies. You will find flagstone dividing the garden into four quadrants. Beginning with a Cup Plant in the center, you will view 20 different types of native plants, each with a plant label to identify them. A Carolina Jasmine "Margarita" is climbing the metal trellis on the back side. We encourage everyone to reduce the use of insecticide, herbicides and fertilizers in our yards and gardens. Adding native plants to your landscape that provide food and shelter will help the pollinators and improve our Ecosystem.

***During your visit to the Butterfly Garden be sure to put your name in the drawing for a gift certificate to Overhill Gardens.***



## **Toqua Area - 362 Cheestana Way**

**Fred and Sue Evans**

**Directions:** From 444 turn east at the stoplight to enter Toqua Road, opposite from the gas station. Continue up the hill taking the 7th left onto Cheestana Way. Take the first right on Cheestana Way (Cheestana Way is a circle so the two roads have the same name) and continue to 362 Cheestana Way.

You are cordially invited to visit our arboretum! The arboretum is the result of a project started in 2020. In June of 2020 we purchased the lot beside our house and began clearing fallen trees and debris. We also removed trees that we thought were too close to our house or made the under story look crowded. We purchased a plant identification app and realized we were eliminating interesting native plants and further realized there was a remarkable diversity of plants in the small 1/3 acre lot. We decided to recognize the diversity and share our discovery with our neighbors.

During the last part of 2020 and during 2021, we identified and labeled specimens of the plants and trees throughout the lot. We put down 11 truckloads of mulch to minimize growth of invasive weeds and grasses. We also started adding new tree and plant specimens to add to the diversity.

So, enjoy a quiet get away at the neighborhood arboretum! Upon entering the forest path at the arboretum, please watch your footing. Here you will find over 30 trees labeled with both common and scientific names. Several of these trees are over 100 years old. Some of the trees you will see are several species of oak, hickory, maple, persimmon, chestnut, sassafras and sourwood. Native plants include winterberry, beautyberry, little brown jug, black cohosh and may apple. Each year we add native plants or trees to the area. These native plants are hardy and provide the best habitat for wildlife. Our current wildlife sightings include songbirds, birds of prey, fox, deer, squirrels, snakes, and box turtles.



## **Milaqua Area - 147 Gado Way**

**John and JoAnn Ryback**

**Directions:** From the stoplight at SR444 proceed South toward the Food Lion and Sloans Hardware Store. Take a left on Mialaquo Road and take the second right on Gado Way (Gado Way is a big loop; we are closest to the second right). We are the green cottage, second house on the left (first house is under construction).

We purchased our home 3 years ago and have continually added to our "Cottage Garden". While we didn't know much about Tennessee soil or gardening, we have learned a great deal! Our Gardens surround our home and include the lot next to us we recently purchased. We have many speicies of plants. Springtime brings us daffodils, peony, Lynwood Gold Forsythia, tulips, and Hellebores PineKnot Lenten Roses. Summer through Fall we enjoy Drift Roses, Gold Cup Climbing Rose, KnockOut Roses, Hardy Hibiscus, Camillia, varieties of Hydrangeas, Dahlias, Miss Francis and Tuscarora Crepe Myrtles, Azaleas, Russian Sage, Astilbe, Butterfly bushes, Katsura Pieris, Spirea Goldflame, Cone Flowers, Canna Lily, Daisy, Evening Primrose, Day Lilly, Purple Heart, Bee Balm, Kaleidoscope Abelia, Coreopsis, Aster, Viburnum Prague, Bonfire Nandina, Sedum, Boxwood, Japanese Maple, Nellie R Steven Hollies, Needlepoint Holly, Inkberry Holly Shrub, Green Giant Arborvitae, Soft Serve False Cypress, Lemon Ball Stonecrop, Weigela Crimson Kisses, Lavender, Yucca, Blue Pacific Juniper, Autumn Fern, Hostas, Rudbeckia, Fox Glove and Tall Phlox, sprinkled with Summer Annuals. Our goal was to attract bees, butterflies and birds, while providing beautiful color from Spring to Fall, and to enjoy cut flowers. To visit our gardens, start your tour to right side of the driveway. Please watch your footing.



## **Tellico Village Garden Club hopes you have enjoyed your tour today!**

The Garden Walk is always looking for gardens to include on our future walks. If you, your neighbor or friend has a garden they would like to share with our community, please contact Geri Bahn at 314-435-5875.

