



# *Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee*

AT CHEEKWOOD ESTATE & GARDENS

SPRING 2021



## **From our President Carla Nelson**

No one knows what 2021 will bring or what the new normal will be, but it will bring back our membership meetings and much-loved events. This past year has been difficult for everyone. Thank you for continuing to support HSMT. I and the HSMT Board appreciate you more than you know!

*Carla*

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More Plants This Year

The Perennial Plant Society  
of Middle Tennessee

# 2021 Virtual Plant Sale

Buy Online at [ppsmtn.org](http://ppsmtn.org)

March 11 - April 8 2021

Contact Free Pickup

April 9-11, 2021

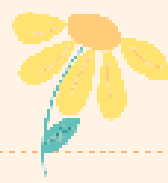
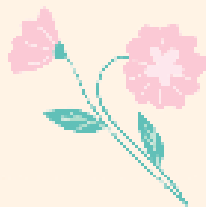
Ellington Ag. Center

5201 Marchant Dr. Nashville

One of the largest plant sales in Tennessee.  
Great selection of perennials, ferns, grasses and vines  
selected to thrive in our Tennessee gardens.  
All profits benefit plant education in TN

**Shop Early at [ppsmtn.org](http://ppsmtn.org)  
for the best selection!**

*The Perennial Plant Society of Middle Tennessee is a  
nonprofit.*



Contact Mariwyn Evans:

[perennailplantsale.store@gmail.com](mailto:perennailplantsale.store@gmail.com)

312-259-6350

for a time slot to shop in person on April 10 and 11.

Walk-ins are welcome as space permits.

[www.ppsmtm.org/plantsale](http://www.ppsmtm.org/plantsale) for the best selection.

# Native Plant Sale

Saturday, April 10

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Cheekwood's Botanic Hall

From spring blooming wildflowers to vines, small trees, and more,  
you are sure to find the perfect plants for your garden!



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gcnashville.org

cheekwood.org

The Native Plant Sale will open at 9:30 am and close at 1:30 pm. Offered will be a variety of plants that are native to the Nashville area, including local favorites such as

*Echinacea tenn* 'Rocky Top' (Tennessee Coneflower)  
and *Asclepias tuberosa* (Butterfly Weed).

Admission to the Native Plant Sale is included with Membership or General Admission. Advanced reservations are required for entry into Cheekwood and capacity is limited.

Learn more and reserve tickets at [cheekwood.org](http://cheekwood.org).

\$15 off a Cheekwood Membership

HSMT members receive a \$15 discount on any standard-level Cheekwood membership (new or renewal)

Enter HSMT2021 in the promo code box

<https://cheekwood.org/support/membership/>

or by calling 615-353-6984.

Offer valid until 12/31/2021



Cheekwood Member Appreciation Station

Monday, March 15th

9am-1pm - Bradford Robertson Color Garden

The Cheekwood Membership Team has invited HSMT Administrator, Elizabeth Ralph to join them at a membership appreciation event on Monday, March 15th. Elizabeth will be onsite (9am-1pm) to share information with Cheekwood Members about HSMT and local garden clubs. HSMT Members planning to visit Cheekwood that day, please stop by the HSMT table and say hello!

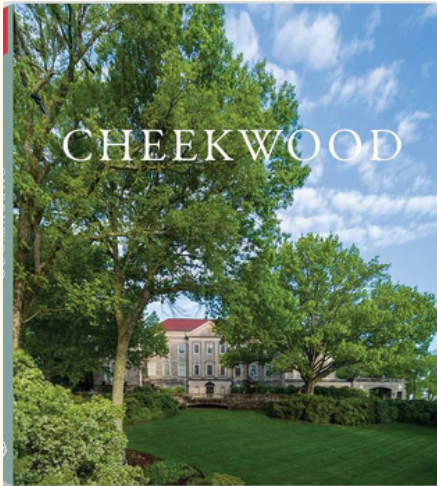
For Cheekwood Member reservations OR to purchase non-member tickets, please visit [www.cheekwood.org](http://www.cheekwood.org)

Cheekwood in Bloom March 6 - April 11

More than 150,000 blooming bulbs spill from Cheekwood's gardens creating a color experience you won't forget.

**HSMT Members planning to visit Cheekwood on Monday, March 15th are welcome to stop by the Member Appreciation Station in Botanic Hall (9am-1pm) for a complementary on-the-go snack, beverage and a special gift! For Cheekwood member reservations or to purchase non-member tickets, please visit <https://cheekwood.org/buy-tickets/>**





This March, Cheekwood will publish its first comprehensive book exploring its historic origins as a private estate and tracing its evolution to the beloved destination that it is today. The hardcover book, titled Cheekwood, offers an unprecedented window into the family home of Leslie Cheek and his wife Mabel Wood, investors in the family Maxwell House Coffee business. Richly illustrated with 135 photographs, the book explores the creation of the extraordinary historic estate designed by Bryant Fleming in the 1930s, with its Georgian-revival mansion, formal gardens, and expansive viewsheds and vistas.

The book will arrive in late March.

Pre-orders are available online now for \$29.95  
(10% discount for Cheekwood Members)

A limited quantity is available in its first print run.

To order visit, <https://cheekwood.org/cheekwood-book/>



**The Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee (HSMT), a volunteer-based organization composed of more than fifty garden clubs, is a distinguished contributor to the advancement of Cheekwood. As part of Cheekwood's founding, HSMT dedicated both financial contributions and thousands of volunteer hours in order to realize the institution as a center for the study and education of horticulture. Today, HSMT still plays an active role through a variety of fundraising events, including Sparkling Settings and Martinis and Mistletoe.**

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**Here is the editor's final version of the section on HSMT.**

# Garden Club Spotlight



## Iris City Garden Club Wins National Award



Congratulations to the dedicated members of the Iris City Garden Club for their award-winning work on the Travellers Rest Herb Garden! This past June National Garden Clubs, Inc. awarded ICGC 1st Place in the Civic Projects with Native Plants and Wildflowers category for their restoration of the historic garden with emphasis on plant material native to our region.

Club members undertook the garden restoration in 2018 with two objectives: to enhance the historical significance of Travellers Rest, and to present the garden as an outdoor educational resource for demonstrating the purpose and uses of herb gardens during the 18th and 19th centuries.



Travellers Rest and the community thanks the Iris City Garden Club, for volunteering time, talent, and vision to restore the Herb Garden to its former glory and enhancing educational programming at Historic Travellers Rest!

# More pictures from Iris City Garden Club



## Travellers Rest Herb Garden





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## Hendersonville Garden Club Awards Scholarships

**In the Spring of 2020 this club was able to award two \$500 college scholarships to deserving graduating seniors at Hendersonville High School. These students plan to pursue Horticulture careers.**



Alanney Corcoran. Plant Science major UT Martin. FFA chapter President - 4 year member of the Landscape Nursery Team



Ella Haley- majoring in plant Science Austin Peay- 4 year member of FFA Floriculture team - Hendersonville High School



# QUIZ time



<b>Syringa vulgaris</b>		Oleaceae
Common Lilac		
<b>Sun</b> 	<b>Water</b> 	<b>Bloom</b> Spring Fragrant
<b>Critters</b> 		<b>Zone</b> 3-9
<p>The genus name comes from the Greek word <i>syrix</i>, meaning "pipe", and refers to the Lilac's stems, which can be emptied of their inner pulp to make small flutes or pipe stems.</p>		<b>Soil</b> Sandy/Loamy/Clay
		<b>Native</b> S. Europe
		<b>Size</b> ↑ 12' ↔ 10'



<b>Euonymus alatus</b>		Celastraceae
Winged Euonymus		
<b>Sun</b> 	<b>Water</b> 	<b>Bloom</b> Spring/Summer
<b>Critters</b> 		<b>Zone</b> 4-9
		<b>Soil</b> Sandy/Loamy/Clay
		<b>Native</b> Asia
		<b>Size</b> ↑ 12' ↔ 10'

The Winged Euonymus gets its name from the corky wing-like ridges on its stems.



**Plant ID Cards:**  
[www.plantidcards.com/](http://www.plantidcards.com/)

Use the special promo code "HORTSOCIETY" at checkout. 15% of the cost of your order will be donated to the Horticultural Society of Middle Tennessee.



**Renew your  
Auxiliary Membership  
here and include a friend!  
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Auxiliary Membership privileges include:

Three meetings each year offering outstanding speakers and programs at Cheekwood

Waived entrance admission to Cheekwood for HSMT meetings and HSMT special event days

Informative newsletters

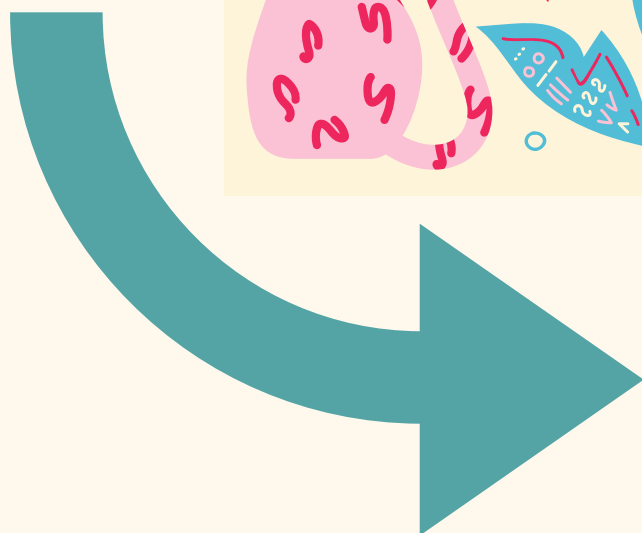
Participation in community beautification projects and flower shows

Invitation to attend and participate in HSMT Annual Fundraiser Events: Ladies Night Out, Martinis & Mistletoe, and Sparkling Settings

Fun and fellowship with other gardening enthusiasts

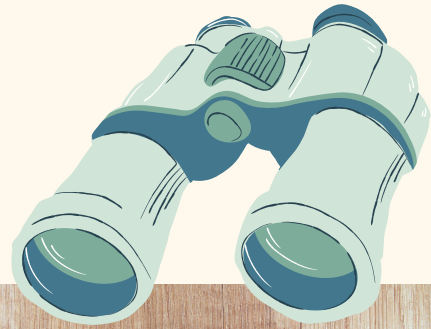
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Tennessee



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# Doorstep Dinners- fundraising reimagined



**March 12, 2021**



As unforeseen postponements of HSMT's 2020 fundraisers became a reality and the advent of staying at home became a norm, the idea of DOORSTEP Dinners was born. By partnering with caterer Danielle Kates who prepares and delivers gourmet dinners (to your doorstep), HSMT has offered 5 opportunities for members to order, generously allowing our organization to maintain a flow of donations that would not have been realized due to the cancellations of our scheduled events.

Watch for the email notices of DOORSTEP dinners which will be scheduled throughout 2021.



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# Volunteers Needed!

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

Are you a talented writer? Or have computer skills? Maybe you enjoy chairing events, serving on committees, meeting with and speaking to groups, working on mailings or helping in the office when needed. No matter what talents you have or what you enjoy doing, HSMT needs you!

- Update and Upload materials to the HSMT website as needed, Computer skills are very helpful
- Write articles and event information for the website and digital newsletters
- Produce digital newsletters using the HSMT template. Computer skills are very helpful
- Outreach and speaking engagements
- Help with mailings
- Work on the HSMT Directory
- Help at the HSMT office when available
- Chair an event or serve on the committee



**WE WANT YOU!**

*Here are just a few projects where we need your talents and abilities. If you don't see the right one for you, we'd love to hear your ideas! HSMT is only as strong as its members and volunteers. You make a difference.*

