
Dates to Remember

Feb 28, 2009 Program and meeting

Meeting 11 AM at Dunlap City Hall

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"The home gardener is part
scientist, part artist, part
philosopher, part
ploughman."
- John R. Whiting -

Pruning class 1 PM

May 2, 2009

Bledsoe Telephone Coop Pikeville
10AM Qrtly meeting

Sept 19, 2009

Potluck picnic location to be announced

UT Plant of the Month

The UT Gardens website has a list of past plant of the month selections. Check them out at:

<http://utgardens.tennessee.edu/pom.html>

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Project BudBurst

A National Phenology Network Field Campaign for Citizen Scientists

Submitted by Bob Wilson

(Some of you may have seen the e-mail in January but just in case...)

Here's another way to participate in "Citizen Science". Budburst relies on individuals to report the first bloom of a variety of plants nationwide and aggregates the results for studies like global warming, rainfall patterns, etc. It is easy and fun.

Check out the latest information at the Project BudBurst Web site (www.budburst.org). Make sure you visit our project timeline (www.windows.ucar.edu/citizen_science/budburst/timeline.php) to get a sneak peek at the upcoming expansions.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RAIN, HAIL & SNOW NETWORK
"Because every drop counts"

Submitted by John Formby

Perhaps you know about the CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow) network. I learned about it recently. There are over 12000 volunteers across the country who collect and report consistent and accurate daily precipitation information. Tennessee totals are available at specific locations on a monthly basis. I recently began participating in CoCoRaHS and learned from one of the Tennessee coordinators that large numbers of TMGs are a part of the Tennessee volunteer network.

Participating in CoCoRaHS appears to me to be an excellent way for SVMGs who want more volunteer hours to provide a useful community service. It also appears that if there were more reporting stations in and around the Sequatchie Valley that it would be useful to you in your work and to the broader community once they know about the localized CoCoRaHS precipitation information.

When I first logged on there were two CoCoRaHS reporting stations in Bledsoe County (TN-BL-1 and TN-BL-2). I have been designated TN-BL-3. Sequatchie has three reporting stations. However, in November there was only one consistent report from each of these counties. The others apparently were inactive. You can view these reports and others across Tennessee by going to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ohx/dad/GIS/gisindex> and clicking on [NOVEMBER CoCoRaHS MAP](#) Other Months are also available. To open a monthly TN rainfall file requires that you have Google Earth (free) downloaded to your computer. You can learn more about CoCoRaHS by going to: <http://www.cocorahs.org/>

More Work at Sequatchie Co. Public Library

