

## Farmers Market Community Flower Show at Civic Center

Plant lovers from Union, Towns, Fannin, Lumpkin and White counties of Georgia and Clay and Cherokee counties of North Carolina, mark your calendars. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 6th through August 8th, are the dates of the annual Union County Farmers Market Community Flower Show. It will take place at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center in Blairsville, 165 Welborn Street. The show is open to the public, admission is free and there is no charge to display your plants.

This year's Flower Show has four divisions: Horticulture, Youth, Education and Design. The Youth Division is divided into three sections: preschool to age 7, age 8 to 12 and age 13 to high school.

The Horticulture Division is divided into six different sections. You will have an opportunity to exhibit cut specimens, either individual flowers grown for bloom or grown for foliage, herbs, either medicinal or culinary, trees, shrubs, container plants, hanging containers, native plants and bonsai. Cut specimens can not exceed 30 inches in length and containers will be provided for the exhibitors at the time of registration for cut specimens. Cut specimens should not have any foliage below the water line. Container plants consisting of a single variety of plant as well as containers with multiple plants are eligible.

## August garden chores from your Master Gardeners

Plant garlic in August for harvest early next summer.

Cucumbers and squash can still be planted. It is too late for corn, lima beans, okra, pole beans, and tomatoes this season. They will not have enough time to mature before cold weather.

Summer heat may cause some of the blooms on your vegetable plants to drop. The plants will hold the blooms again once the weather is cooler. To reduce some of the effects of the heat, apply a three inch layer of mulch around the plants and water regularly.

Prune overgrown blueberries after harvest. Shorten tall central stems to encourage more horizontal branches.

Test your soil now and you will have time to improve it, if necessary, before next spring's planting season. Your county extension agent has soil testing instructions.

If your older peony plants had diminished flowers this past spring, dig, separate, and replant them. Water plants several hours before applying insecticides



Horticultural exhibits from the 2013 Flower Show

Exhibitors must grow their own plants and be in possession of their plants for at least 90 days. Plant material must be correctly identified with the common and botanical names on the entry forms. Plant identification assistance will be available at registration.

We will be registering exhibits on Thursday, August 6th beginning at 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, August 7th beginning at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Judging will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on August 7th. There are no cash prizes but there will be first place, second place and third place winners in all classes. The show will be open to the public for the community to admire the beautiful displays on Friday, August 7th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contestants are asked to pick up their entries on Saturday, August 8th, from 3

p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Union County Farmers Market Community Flower Show is sponsored by Union County Commissioner's Office, Union County Extension Office, local garden clubs, Towns-Union Master Gardener Association and Union County Farmers Market Community Flower Show Committee. Watch your newspaper for upcoming articles about the flower show. Hopefully you will consider entering one or more exhibits.

To register and receive design schedule for entering your floral design and category assignment, please contact Stephanie Gray, 706-745-3714, as soon as possible. For more information, you may contact Jo Anne Allen at (706) 400-8139 or Barbara Baumgardner at (706) 835-2812 or email your questions to UCFlowerShow@aol.com. NTJuly22.Z7JCA

so the insecticide will not burn them. When applying insecticides, always follow label directions.

Fertilize chrysanthemums and fall blooming asters regularly until the buds show color. Divide and transplant daylilies, Shasta daisies and iris. Brighten up your hanging baskets by clipping out dead leaves and flowers and fertilizing with a slow-release fertilizer. Water regularly and replace any plants that have died with new plants. Be on the lookout for poison ivy along the ground and climbing up trees. To control it, spray with a non-selective weed killer, always following label directions.

Plan your fall vegetable garden now: collards, kale, mustard, spinach, beets, onions, turnips, broccoli, and radishes. Plant mid-to-late August. To prevent insect and disease problems in your vegetable garden, remove plants when they have finished bearing. Cut back annuals, such as begonias, petunias, impatiens, and geraniums when they get "leggy". Water them

well and lightly fertilize. This will encourage compact growth and more blooms in about three weeks.

Harvest squash, okra, and cucumbers regularly so your plants will continue producing. Use a sharp knife with a narrow blade to avoid damaging the plant. Remove weeds before they make seeds. Begin propagating outdoor herb plantings for an indoor winter herb garden.

If your clematis vine has turned completely brown, do not dig it up. Prune out dead stems and leave it alone and it may sprout new growth next spring. If shrubs need pruning, only lightly prune them early this month so new growth will have time to mature before cold weather arrives. Remove crape myrtle seedpods as soon as they form to encourage late summer bloom.

Place a garden bench in a corner of your garden so you can sit and enjoy the summer evening sounds. Collect hosta and blackberry lily seeds to save for planting next spring.

Fertilize roses with 10-10-10 fertilizer, 1 tablespoon per foot of height. Begin planting fall blooming bulbs. Patio plants and window boxes dry out quickly. Check their watering needs daily.

Root 4" cutting of coleus in water. After roots have formed, plant them in a pot and enjoy them indoors for the winter. Gather wildflowers for drying. Remove faded bedding plants from your garden and re-seed with marigolds, cosmos and zinnias to provide color during the fall months.

Cut faded blooms from your roses so your plant's energy will be directed to producing new flowers instead of seeds. Fertilize annual bedding plants that are in bloom; follow label directions.

Check houseplants summering outside for pest problems and treat promptly.

Jo Anne Allen,  
Master Gardener  
Extension Volunteer  
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## Chat With a Poet in Hayesville

Poetry lovers in our region are invited to Joe's Coffee House, 82 Main Street, Hayesville, NC at 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, to meet and talk with Michael Diebert, poet and poetry editor of the "Chattahoochee Review". He is also author of a collection of poems, "Life Outside the Set". Diebert teaches writing and literature at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta.

This is a free event open to the public.

He will be present as guest of Glenda Beall, owner and director of Writers Circle around the Table, where Diebert will hold a three hour poetry workshop on Saturday morning.

Free snacks will be provided by Writers Circle.

If you have questions about modern poetry, or if you are a beginning poet and have questions, come to Joe's and talk with Michael Diebert. Other local poets will be there as well.

Call Glenda Beall, 828-389-4441 or email glenda-beall@msn.com if you have any questions. Registration information for the workshop can be found at www.glendacouncilbeall.com. NTJuly22.N1JSH

## Becky Tracy receives Philip Wright Award for 2015

Becky Tracy has received the Philip Wright Award for 2015 from the Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) for Union County.

GLRS is a state network composed of 17 regional programs. North GLRS serves the systems in Pioneer RESA district, consisting of the counties of Banks, Dawson, Franklin, Fannin, Hart, Hall, Gainesville City, Habersham, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White counties. The GLRS mission is to support the achievement, graduation rate and post-secondary success of students with disabilities through the provision of quality professional learning and support for the educators who work with exceptional students.

Philip Wright is a former director of North GLRS and worked tirelessly for many years to improve educational opportunities for students with disabilities. Through the annual Philip Wright Award ceremony, North GLRS continues to honor Wright as well as the outstanding educators nomi-



Becky Tracy

nated to receive the award.

Tracy, who has worked for Union County Schools since 2010 as a Parent Mentor for special needs children and their families considers herself an advocate for all parents and most especially those with children with an Individual Education Plan. Part of her role is to aid parents in navigating the pathway of special education needs, parent rights and involvement in their child's education and to

be a support in being a voice for the child to foster independence. She works with families and children ages pre k - 12. She has been known for her friendly and positive attitude with both her colleagues, students and parents. She plans and works with our neighboring counties for Special Olympics, the Kiwanas Fair Day and often the fisherama. Tracy was nominated by her peers within the school system. Qualities for her nomination include: positive attitude, invaluable insight, team player, compassionate and having high expectations for student achievement; academically and emotionally. The other half of Tracy's time includes working within the school system thru Family Connection. She takes her work seriously and is a role model and leader among the staff in UCS.

All systems served by North GLRS and Pioneer RESA nominate a recipient based on qualities that reflect Wright's leadership in advocating for and supporting students with special needs. NTJuly22.Z3JCA

## SAR Color Guard travels to Murphy, NC for Independence Day



(L-R): Paul Danner, David Cook, David Anderson, Wayne Elliot

The award winning Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard traveled to Murphy, NC to lead the Independence Day parade. The honor of leading the parade fell to the following members of the color guard as depicted in the photo: Compatriots Paul Danner and David Cook, both of Union County; David Anderson of Brasstown, NC; Wayne Elliot of Fannin Co. and Ed Reid of Cherokee Co., NC; not included in the photo

but joined the parade later. Because of inclement weather, the parade was rescheduled to July 11, resulting in the chapter float not being available.

The chapter has six historic flags and eight color guard members who perform when schedules permit. The chapter color guard is available to present the colors to other organizations and events. For scheduling information contact chapter president David R. Cook at cookd@asme.org or 706-835-5910. NTJuly22.Z11JCA

## Union/Towns County Tea Party upcoming meeting July 28th

Who controls bill in the Georgia General Assembly? How does a decent bill morph into a horrendous bill? Ed Painter, Tea Party Patriots State Coordinator will address these questions when the Union/Towns County Tea Party meets on Tuesday, July 28. Mr. Painter will present the legislative process from an activist's perspective, sharing behind-the-scenes insight of how legislation is shaped at the Capitol. He will trace the path of a bill which started as a good bill and evolved into a bill designed to attack the free speech rights of activists, a bill which did fail but which is rumored to be high on the 2016 legislative agenda.

Mr. Painter is a small business owner and lifelong resident of Dalton. He led an effort to shape the new 14th Congressional District to its

present configuration. His active determination in Northwest Georgia gave impetus to the defeat of TSPLOST in Whitfield and all the surrounding counties. Ed is active in many organizations including several tea party groups and is an officer in both the county and district Republican Party.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28 at 7 PM at the Haralson Civic Center on Welborn Street in Blairsville, with an informal meet and greet at 6:30. The Union/Towns County Tea Party is a non-partisan group, dedicated to the principles of fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets. Everyone interested in preserving and promoting these core values is welcome to attend. For more information contact Pat Thibodeaux at 706-374-4134. NTJuly22.Z12JCA

## Corn...from Page 1A

"I break the bottom off and then trim it off before I go," said Kerr, imparting his winning strategy. "From the top, I break it, shuck one side, pull the other side, and break. I learned it on the farm."

Events like Sweet Corn Day act as a bonus attraction for regular visitors to the Farmers Market.

"We come about every Saturday, and we like to get fresh fruits and vegetables - we've got our peaches and some soap and fried apple pies, that sort of thing," said Elliot Parsowith of Blairsville, who attended the market with Janet, his wife. "It's just a nice place to come out, and we also run into a lot of our friends."

Other vendors capitalized on the increased crowds in attendance for the Sweet Corn Festival.

Kathie Garrett, a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, made and sold mouth-

watering frybread from a 200-year-old Indian recipe. She and others were at the Farmers Market promoting the We Are Still Here Tri-State Native American Initiative, with all proceeds going toward commemorating the visit of four Native American Tribes returning to Union County.

"We Are Still Here" is selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a beautiful signed and numbered painting print of a running horse by local artist Carol Moore-Demme, and the raffle will take place at the Friday concert at the Historic Old Courthouse on July 31. Tickets can be purchased at the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce for \$5, or five for \$20.

The group will return to the Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 1, to sell authentic Indian Tacos - frybread with taco fixings - so be sure to check them out.

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By **Jeanne Mills, Realtor**

### Let's Wow that Buyer!

Buyers love the 'Wow' factor in a property. They are the ones that look so good in photos and in person. I was reading a blog on the topic of outdoor staging. Since this is one of the busier times of the year for real estate activity, I thought I'd share it. I found it in realestatebook.com.

It's important for homes to stand out from the rest! Replace a worn out mat with a new summery welcome mat. Install large numbers in a prominent location that can be viewed from the street. Cut the grass and trim the bushes; it looks better and reduces tripping hazards.

Shiny and colorful on the outside will brighten the inside. Clean the windows inside and out. Instead of a costly paint job, choose specific areas to add pops of color. Use container plantings and window boxes with blooms. Get

rid of any cobwebs that have accumulated in corners of the porches. Paint the front door before contracting to paint the entire home.

Let there be light and space! Be sure outdoor spaces including the entranceway, deck, patio, and walkway are lit. It's a good aesthetic and safety feature. If you claim you have a year around view, have a view! Otherwise, do pruning through the trees, it'll be worth it. If you have a porch or deck, power wash away the pollen and remove all debris, bags, etc. Consider purchasing new outdoor furniture with all-weather cushions in vibrant colors.

In the summer heat, be sure the home is cool, including upstairs. Now if your home doesn't have 'Wow!' it could sit for quite a while and you'd wonder why. Call me with questions at 706-745-3500. Good luck! NTJuly22.Z8JCA

## Bell Ringing Union County Old Courthouse



July 10th  
in memory of  
**Dr. William P. Meeks, Sr.**  
Anniversary  
by Ginger & Terry Meeks

July 14th  
**Elden C. Womacks**  
Happy Birthday Dad  
We love and miss you  
very much  
David and Judy

July 19th  
in loving memory of  
**Don Platt's Birthday**  
We love and miss you  
by Gloria and Becky  
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