

# Tellico Village Garden Club

## 2026 Garden Walk

Gather your friends, neighbors and family and enjoy a morning of garden wonder

**Thursday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Four Village gardeners are opening their garden spaces to share with you.

The Garden tour is a self guided event, although the home owners will be present to answer questions.

Wear suitable walking shoes, be aware that several of our gardens are on a steep grade with uneven surfaces.

Carpool if possible; be courteous and do not park in or block area driveways.

**Keep your eye out! One of the gardens will include an attendance raffle**

### **Coyatee Hills - 426 Skiatook Lane**

#### **The Olson Garden**

**Directions:** From the stoplight in the Village head north on SR444 to Coyatee Dr. and take a left. Then take the second right onto Osage Dr. Proceed to Skiatook Way and turn right, then take the first right to Skiatook Ln which you will follow to the left to our cul-de-sac. We are the end of the cul-de-sac

Gardens, backyards, special spaces to go to enjoy your morning coffee or your afternoon tea! This is what our space is to us. Dogwoods blooming, azaleas bursting forth, following with our iris.

Our garden will not have labels by the plants, I'm not that organized! Here are some plants to look for: clematis, rose, peonies, heucheras and hostas, along with lambs ears (some of my favorites for textures). There are the standby annuals such as the dragonwing begonias and vinca. Most of what you will see has been planted by us. It's my therapy!!!!

Shrubs are also a vital part to our yard. Burning bushes (don't let anyone tell you not to plant them), high bush cranberry and Korean Spice viburnum. We also have many objects in the yard from finds along the way.

Come by and spend some time!

### **Toqua - 219 Inata Lane**

#### **The Garden of Deb Hyde "Work in Progress"**

**Directions:** From the stoplight in the Village turn on to Toqua Road. Drive 0.6 miles to Inata Circle on the left. Then take an almost immediate right on Inata Lane. 219 Inata Lane is the second house on the left.

We moved into our home in September 2022. After just a few Garden Club meetings during 2023 I was gung-ho to start my native garden.

That winter I started laying out blocks to create a planter for my experiment with native gardening.

My first trip to Tennessee Naturescapes was in March 2024, where I met Kendra who has been immensely helpful.

Purchases included: Goldenrod, Mountain Mist, Coneflower, Anise Hyssop, Bee Balm, Joe Pye Weed, American Beautyberry and Southern Bush Honeysuckle.

In 2025 I completed a low wall to create a stone path in front of the house and leveled another long planting area in which I added Palm Sedge, Moss Phlox, Selfheal and Coreopsis. I also added throughout the yard: Coral Honeysuckle, Black Eyed Susan, Obedient Plant, Strong Box and a Witch Hazel.

In early 2026 I made two small planters under the windows. I planted a few natives but am introducing non-native seeds and bulbs and colorful plants. Two planters were built on the slope to create two new planting areas.

There is limited space in the back but it is a terrific offset to the sunny front and shade plants do great!

Today there is little of the greenery that was here when we moved in.

It's been a joy! Working in the front means I see my neighbors walking and I learned the dogs' names before their owners!

## **Toqua-Toqua Golf Course Pollinator Garden**

**Kristin Farrington**

**Directions:** From the stoplight in the Village turn on to Toqua Road. Drive 0.9 miles. The Pollinator Garden is on your right just across from Cheestana Way entrance. **Park on the grass.**

It was in 2020 when members of the Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses Committee, joined with Tellico Village Golf Course Management to create this garden for the benefit of native habitat on Toqua Golf Course. It's roughly 2,000-3,000 square feet, quite large. Current funding is provided by the Toqua Golf Course Beautification Committee and managed by it's volunteers.

Since 2020 over 20 different plants native to our region have been purchased from local native plant nurseries. Today, winter sowing of seeds from these plants provides for additional plants. The south side of the garden is more shaded and therefore has different plants than the northern side. Since the plants are native, no fertilizer or insecticide is used. Some watering, provided by the golf course, allows for new plants to get established and for established plants to get a drink during droughts. When the State of TN native wildflower, passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*), volunteered in this garden, Gulf Fritillary (*Agraulis vanilla*) butterflies and their caterpillars began using this host plant for their survival. All of the plants have a sign to inform visitors of their common and horticultural names. You are encouraged to find one plant that appeals to you and add it to your garden to help with the ecological health of our community.

## **Milaquo Area -232 Elohi Way**

**The Shryock - Hamerslag Garden**

**Directions:** From the stoplight in the Village head south on SR444 (towards Sloans/Food Lion) approximately 1.7 miles to Mialaquo Road. Turn left on Mialaquo Road and continue for about one mile to the sign for Mialaquo Point. Turn left onto Elohi Way and drive about ¾ mile to 232 Elohi Way, which is downhill on your right.

Welcome to our native landscape, now in its tenth year. Our two lots on three-fourths of an acre are planted in native flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees for the purpose of attracting and supporting bees, butterflies, birds and other "critters", while also keeping the human occupants entertained. Our ponds (one with a waterfall), bird feeders, bird bath, nesting boxes, and wooded area are used by frogs and toads, large and small birds, flying squirrels, skinks, box and snapping turtles, raccoons, and foxes. Extensive hardscaping enhances the yard's beauty and accessibility. Native flowering plants purchased from Overhill Gardens Native Plant Nursery and the many trees and shrubs originally on the site provide year-long interest and enjoyment.

## **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.

*In his garden, every man may be his own artist  
without apology or explanation.*