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test your knowledge with a little wisdom
straight from a vintage cookbook!



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Think you know your way around the kitchen?
Let's see how your answers compare to a Florida
cookbook from 1978! This month's questions
come from Sopchoppy Country Cooking and its
handy chart for feeding 100 people.

1. How much meatloaf would you need to serve
100 people?
A. 24 lbs. B. 30 lbs. C. 36 lbs.
2. How much potato salad?
A. 8 quarts B. 12 quarts C. 16 quarts
3. How many pounds of beets?
A. 20 lbs. B. 25 lbs. C. 30 lbs.
4. And most importantly...how much ice cream?
A. 2 gallons B. 4 gallons C. 6 gallons

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RECIPE: Sweet & Salty Game Day Snack Mix

4 c corn or rice cereal squares
2 c mini pretzels
1½ c cheese crackers
1 c roasted peanuts
1 c pecan halves
½ c butter
1/3 c brown sugar, packed
2 T Worcestershire sauce
1 t seasoned salt
½ t garlic powder
¼ t smoked paprika
1 c candy-coated chocolate pieces,
optional

1. Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Combine cereal, pretzels, cheese crackers, peanuts and pecans in a large bowl.
3. Melt butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir in brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt, garlic powder and smoked paprika.
4. Pour butter mixture over the cereal mixture and toss until evenly coated.
5. Spread mixture onto the prepared baking sheet.
6. Bake for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes.
7. Remove from oven and cool completely.
8. Stir in candy-coated chocolate pieces, if using. Store in an airtight container.



FALL FINDS AWAIT IN CORYDON

If crisp fall days put you in the mood to wander rows of antiques, vintage finds and handmade goods, Corydon, Indiana, has a Saturday worth putting on the calendar.

Started in 2013 by antique dealers Joe and Lindsey Poe, the Corydon Extravaganza began as a traditional antique show and has grown into a thriving community of more than 200 antique, vintage and handmade businesses that come together throughout the year. Today, the event fills the beautiful 24-acre Harrison County Fairgrounds five Saturdays a year and has earned a large following.

Part of the Extravaganza's appeal is its carefully selected group of dealers and makers. Shoppers might uncover primitive antiques and furniture in one booth, then move on to vintage signs, beautiful glassware, jewelry, records, collectibles, artwork and handmade goods in the next. Repurposed and upcycled pieces are also part of

the mix. With vendors selected to fit the market, the emphasis remains on interesting merchandise and a shopping experience worth making the trip for.

And this is one market where a questionable weather forecast doesn't have to ruin your plans. The Harrison County Fairgrounds offers plenty of indoor, covered and outdoor shopping areas, and the Extravaganza is held rain or shine.

But shopping is only part of the fun. Food trucks and other food vendors give visitors plenty of reasons to come hungry, while local wine, a wine bar and live music add to the festival atmosphere. You can spend several hours hunting for antiques, stop for lunch and a little music, and then head back out to see what you missed the first time around.

The location also makes the Extravaganza a great excuse for a fall day trip. Corydon is just about 30 minutes west of Louisville and holds a special place in Indi-

ana history as the state's first capital. Historic downtown Corydon offers even more to explore, including locally owned shops, antique shopping, historic sites and nearby attractions, including a Civil War Battlefield. Visitors coming for the Extravaganza can easily turn the market into a full day—or weekend—of treasure hunting and sightseeing.

The 2026 fall Corydon Extravaganza markets will be held September 26, October 24 and November 21 at the Harrison County Fairgrounds, 341 S. Capitol Avenue in Corydon, Indiana. Early Bird admission is available from 8–10am for \$10, followed by general admission from 10am–5pm for \$5. Children 13 and under are admitted free, and parking is free. Admission is sold at the gate and is cash only.

If you love antiques, vintage and handmade shopping as much as the Poes, come out and join the fun at the Corydon Extravaganza this fall.





SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



August 26-29: **PRIMITIVE ESTATE SALE OF THE CENTURY** Estate of Vicki Davis, 2702 Union Rd. White House, TN; conducted by A Daisy A Day Estate Sales

August 27, 5-8pm: **CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN** Ms. Rhonda's Antiques & More, Springfield, TN

September 1-19: **SILENT AUCTION** Artisan Depot Gallery and Gift Shop, Cowan, TN; proceeds support the gallery's scholarship fund

September 4, 5-9pm: **SIPS & STROLLS** Miss Lucille's Marketplace, Clarksville, TN

September 4-5, 10-5: **AUTUMN OPEN HOUSE** Shop on Main, Ooltewah, TN

September 4-5, 10-5: **FALL OPEN HOUSE** The Shoppes on the Square, Loudon, TN

September 4-6: **FALL OPEN HOUSE** Antiques on 231 at Market Street, Lebanon, TN; new location at 106 E. Market St.

September 4-13: **MALL WIDE SALES** Sheffield Antiques Mall, Collierville, TN; open Labor Day

September 5, 8-3: **FLOCK SWAP** Beaty Hardware, Cleveland, TN

September 5, 9-3: **OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET** Treasures Trash and Tiques, Columbia, TN

September 5-6: **ST. LOUIS ANTIQUE FESTIVAL** Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL

September 5-7: **LABOR DAY SALE** A Moment In Time Antiques and Collectibles, Memphis, TN

September 10-12, 10-3: **AUTUMN CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE** Watermelon Moon Farm, Lebanon, TN; shopping, food, country life, old-fashioned fun on the farm

September 11-13: **FALL OPEN HOUSE** Sweet Maple Vintage, Gifts, & Home Décor, Ringgold, GA

September 12: **INTERNATIONAL COWPEA FESTIVAL & COOK-OFF** Charleston City Park, Charleston, TN

September 17-21: **FALL SHOP HOP TRAIL** Ole Kuntry Mall, Hidden Treasures, 38242 Vintage Mall, Treasure Finding Mini Mall, & Fletchers Antiques, Paris, TN; details on page 15

September 18-19, 9-4: **FALL FLEA** Sweet Maple Vintage, Gifts, & Home Décor, Ringgold, GA

September 18-20: **FALL HARVEST SALE** The Shoppes at Homespun, Knoxville and Maryville, TN

September 18-20: **FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL** Cowan, TN

September 19, 9am: **RIBBON CUTTING** Ruby's Antiques & Collectibles, Cowan, TN; enjoy the Cowan Fall Festival

September 19, 9-2: **BEECH CHURCH QUILT FESTIVAL** Beech Church, Hendersonville, TN; quilt show, mum & bake sale

September 19: **FALL POP-UP PARKING LOT SALE** Four Sisters Antiques & Vintage, Murfreesboro, TN

September 24, 5-8pm: **CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN** Ms. Rhonda's Antiques & More, Springfield, TN; last Thursday of each month

September 24 & 26: **HARVEST MOON LUNCHEON** Watermelon Moon Farm, Lebanon, TN; reservations and prepayment of \$30 per person are required

September 25-26: **FALL SALES** Grit & Grace Market, Cleveland, TN

September 26: **CORYDON EXTRAVAGANZA** Harrison Co. Fairgrounds, Corydon, IN; see CorydonExtravaganza.com

September 26-27: **FALL OPEN HOUSE** Four Sisters Antiques & Vintage, Murfreesboro, TN

October 1 & 3: **AUTUMN BRUNCH & TEA** Watermelon Moon Farm, Lebanon, TN; reservations and prepayment of \$30 per person are required

October 2, 12-7, & 3, 9-5: **CLINCH RIVER ANTIQUE FESTIVAL** historic downtown Clinton, TN; to become a vendor, see page

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October 3: **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY** Beaty Hardware, Cleveland, TN

October 6, 5-8pm: **OCTOBER EVES DRAW & SHOP** Yesterday's Treasures Today, Dickson, TN; candy, popcorn and sales

October 8, 6pm: **SISTERS GONE PICKIN' IN THE GULF COAST ROAD TRIP FACEBOOK LIVE SALE** virtual with Four Sisters Antiques & Vintage, Murfreesboro, TN

October 10, 10-4: **ANTIQUES APPRAISAL FAIR** Sissy's Antiques & Interiors, Fayetteville, TN; official appraiser Sam Holden from Antiques Roadshow

October 10, 10-5: **PEDDLING IN THE HILLS ANTIQUE & ARTISAN FESTIVAL** Natchez Hills Vineyard, Hampshire, TN; hosted by Accents & Antiques

October 10, 10-5: **PUMPKINTOWN** downtown Athens, TN; 300+ food, craft and info vendors plus live music on three stages

October 14, 5-8pm: **OCTOBER EVES DRAW & SHOP** Yesterday's Treasures Today, Dickson, TN; candy, popcorn and sales

October 17: **FALL FUN LUNCHEON** Watermelon Moon Farm, Lebanon, TN; reservations and prepayment of \$30 per person are required

October 20-27: **ANTIQUES OFF THE SQUARE FALL SHOW** Fayetteville, TX; shop with High Cotton Company

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October 29, 5-8pm: **CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN** Ms. Rhonda's Antiques & More, Springfield, TN; last Thursday of each month

November 6-8: **CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** Grit & Grace Market, Cleveland, TN

December 5: **THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THE OTHER SIDE BOOK TOUR** Chelsea Antiques, Chelsea, AL



RECIPE: Warm Bacon Cheddar Ranch Dip

8 oz cream cheese, softened
1 c sour cream
1 packet (1 oz) ranch seasoning mix
1½ c shredded sharp cheddar cheese,
divided
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
3 green onions, thinly sliced
¼ t garlic powder
Crackers, tortilla chips or sliced
vegetables, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a small baking dish or 9-in pie plate. 2. In a medium bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream, ranch seasoning and garlic powder until smooth. 3. Stir in 1 c cheddar cheese, most of the bacon and 2/3 of the green onions. 4. Spread mixture evenly in the prepared baking dish. 5. Sprinkle with remaining ½ c cheddar cheese and bacon. 6. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until hot and bubbling around the edges. 7. Sprinkle with remaining green onions and serve warm with crackers, tortilla chips or vegetables.

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6 medium apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
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1 t cinnamon
1/4 t nutmeg
1 t vanilla extract
1/2 c caramel sauce, plus more for serving

CRISP TOPPING

1 c old-fashioned oats
3/4 c all-purpose flour
3/4 c packed brown sugar
1/2 t cinnamon
1/4 t salt
1/2 c cold butter, cut into cubes

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease an 8- or 9-inch square baking dish.
2. Place sliced apples in a large bowl. Add sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla; toss until evenly coated. 3. Spread apples in the prepared baking dish and drizzle caramel sauce over the top. 4. In a separate bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. 5. Cut in cold butter with a pastry blender or fork until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. 6. Sprinkle topping evenly over the apples. 7. Bake for 40-45 minutes, until the topping is golden and the apple filling is bubbling. Let cool for about 10 minutes.

Serve warm with additional caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream, if desired.

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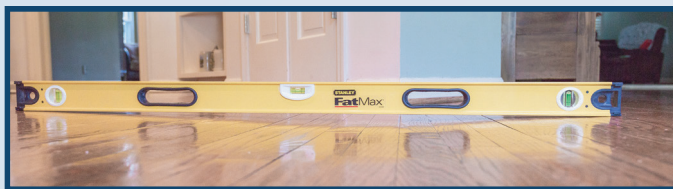
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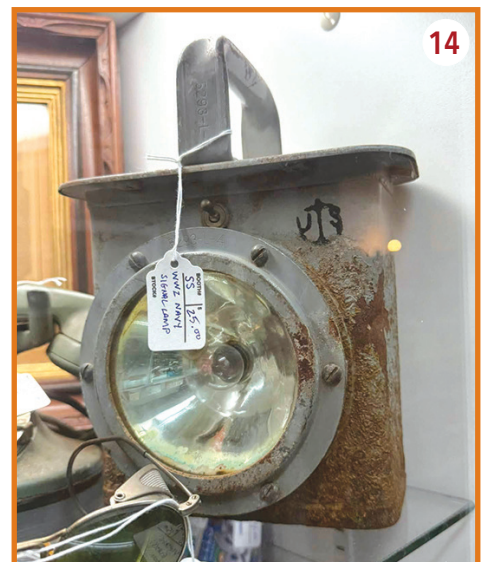
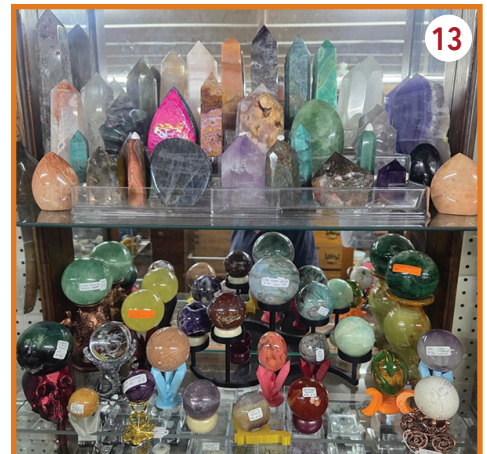


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by Diana Lamb, Cowan, Tennessee

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September 16-20 is the Fall Heritage Festival in Cowan, celebrating its 13th year. This music-centric event is the Cowan Railroad Museum's main fundraising event and is FREE to the public. Confederate Railroad is the headlining music act, but you'll find stages and musicians throughout the festival. Be sure to check out all the great shops and restaurants when you come, including Ruby's Antiques and Collectibles, Salvage Garden, Prissy & Judd's and many others!

Be sure to stop by Artisan Depot Gallery and Gift Shop and check out the two shows that are on display. Vote for your favorite piece in The Beauty of Broken show and one of the participating artists will receive a prize. From September 1 through the 19th, the Gallery will also hold a silent auction featuring a variety of artwork, with proceeds supporting its scholarship fund. This year's silent auction is in memory of some founding members of the Franklin County Arts Guild: Anna Kathryn Anderson, art teacher for the Franklin County Schools and Ray Tortensen, noted for his wonderful depictions of the buildings on the Sewanee campus. Bid early and often!

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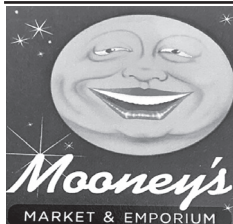


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Each month in “Trend & Tradition,” we explore the styles making a comeback—or sticking around for good—in the world of antique and vintage décor. Whether it’s a classic piece getting a modern twist or a fresh way to style a timeworn favorite, we’ll show you how old and new can live beautifully together.

There’s something irresistible about a good collection.

One vintage fishing lure might be interesting. Fifty of them displayed together? Suddenly, they become art. A single piece of yellow Pyrex adds a cheerful pop of color to a kitchen, but an entire cabinet filled with sunny yellows and warm oranges makes a statement. And one sunburst mirror is pretty—but a wall filled with them is nearly impossible to walk past without stopping for a closer look.

That’s the magic of collecting. Repetition gives ordinary objects presence.

For antique and vintage lovers, collecting is certainly nothing new. We’ve always been drawn to things with history, craftsmanship and a story to tell. But today’s collected interiors are giving us a fresh reason to look at our favorite finds differently. Instead of thinking only about individual pieces, think about what happens when those pieces become part of something bigger.

You May Already Have a Collection

Collections don’t always begin intentionally. In fact, some of the best ones don’t.

Maybe you bought a blue transferware platter because you loved the pattern, then found a plate at an estate sale and later spotted a bowl you couldn’t leave behind. Somewhere along the way, three pieces became six, and six became twelve.

Take a look around your own home. Do brass candlesticks keep following you home? Vintage baskets? Old books? Dog figurines? Ironstone pitchers? Wooden boxes? You may have started a collection without ever deciding to become a collector.

And don’t overlook humble objects. Fishing lures, matchbooks, old keys, kitchen utensils, hotel silver, wooden rulers, shaving brushes, postcards, trophies and advertising tins can be every bit as interesting as traditional antiques when displayed in numbers.

Find the Common Thread

A collection doesn’t necessarily have to consist of the exact same thing. Sometimes the common thread is what makes it interesting.

- Collect by color. A cabinet filled with vintage Pyrex in shades of yellow and orange feels cohesive even when the patterns,

shapes and sizes vary.

- Collect by shape. A grouping of sunburst mirrors works because the same basic form repeats itself, while differences in size and detail keep the display interesting.

- Collect by motif. Birds, dogs, horses, florals, ships and other recurring subjects can appear on everything from paintings and pottery to bookends and textiles.

- Or collect around a story. Vintage sporting equipment, old leather luggage, dog figurines, equestrian prints and tartan textiles aren’t technically one collection, but together they create the feeling of an old sporting lodge or gentleman’s study.

That opens up a whole new way to shop. Instead of looking for one particular object, you can begin looking for pieces that belong to the same story.

Give It Some Impact

One of the easiest ways to make a collection feel special is simply to bring it together.

Rather than scattering six pieces throughout the house, try displaying them as a group. Hang a collection vertically to take advantage of an empty wall. Fill a hutch with pottery instead of mixing it with unrelated décor. Stack old suitcases. Line a



The Art of the Collection: When More Makes a Statement

a shelf with pitchers. Hang vintage kitchen utensils from a peg rail. Turn an old cabinet into a display case for smaller treasures.

Don't be afraid of numbers, either. Sometimes the abundance is the decorating.

A large group of inexpensive objects can have more visual impact than one costly antique. That's especially good news for beginning collectors. A memorable collection doesn't require a big budget; it requires curiosity, patience and a good eye.

Let Collections Live in the Room

There was a time when collections often lived behind glass, brought out occasionally and carefully returned to their proper places. Today, some of the most appealing interiors let collections become part of everyday decorating.

Transferware can lean against the back of a hutch alongside candlesticks and flowers. Vintage books can raise a favorite object to just the right height. Old baskets can hold blankets. A collection of mirrors can fill an awkward wall. Pottery can be mixed right in with everyday dishes.

The goal isn't to make your

home look like a museum. It's to let the things you love help create the character of the room.

And not every collection needs to be complete, perfectly matched or historically important. A little imperfection often makes it better.

Leave Room for the Next Find

Perhaps the best thing about collecting is that there's no finish line.

Collections grow slowly. Interests change. You discover things you never knew existed. Sometimes you stop collecting one thing and unexpectedly fall for something completely different.

That's part of the fun.

The next time you're wandering through an antique shop, flea market, estate sale or vendor market, pay attention to what repeatedly catches your eye. You don't necessarily need to ask, Is this valuable? or even Where will I put it?

Instead, ask yourself: What is it about this that I love?

The answer might just lead to your next collection—and eventually, to one of the most interesting spots in your home.

Shopping Tip

Think in multiples. When something catches your eye, imagine what it might look like with three, five or twenty more. Look for a common color, shape, material, subject or story rather than insisting every piece match. And remember: the best collections aren't assembled in a week-end. Half the pleasure is finding the next piece when you least expect it.



FOR THE LOVE OF OLD BOOKS

by Terry Lea, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

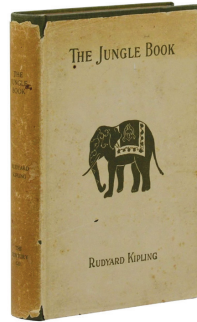
September 6 is National Read a Book Day. And October is National Book Month, so it seems only fitting to celebrate this item that is versatile enough to be a source of entertainment, information and amusement, a coveted addition to your decor...and possibly even a source of vast wealth—if you're lucky enough to score a rare volume.

The history of printed books is well-established. Bound books as we know them today came about after the Gutenberg press was introduced in 1450. First, the pages were unbound, then eventually they were offered bound (but had no covers or had removable ones) and finally, by the 19th century, permanent "hard" covers were introduced.

By the 1930s, paperback books became an economical way to purchase a written work, with paperbacks costing about \$0.10 versus \$2 or more for a hardcover book—quite a bargain, especially in the lean years following the Great Depression.

In more recent years, books have become digitized and translated into audio files. Purists still prefer the feel and smell of real books, and there's now another reason to collect books, whether newer or older, hardback or paperback: to preserve history. Recent reports have revealed that at least one AI company "destructively fed" millions of books into its model to train it on language, syntax and more. Every literary lover winces at the thought of beautiful old books having their spines cut off in order to efficiently scan every page before destroying the pages, too. Since physical books provide a tangible record of our literary and cultural history, it's more important than ever to appreciate and preserve books, new and old.

There is also a growing movement to incorporate more books into our lives and homes as decorative elements as well as for entertainment and edification. "Book drenching" involves filling shelves with books to replicate libraries and studies of previous centuries. Whether you only have a single bookcase or a dedicated wall or room for books, it's an easy and timeless way to decorate.



What are the most sought-after books?

Many of them are recognizable children's titles, still popular and beloved today. First editions of Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham*, Margery Williams' *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh* and Rudyard Kipling's works are all highly coveted and can sometimes fetch five figures when one of these rare works comes up for sale.

Adult titles include works by Charles Dickens, Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*, classics such as works by Chaucer, Emily Dickinson and Jane Austen and more modern works by H.G. Wells and F. Scott Fitzgerald. These are also sought after by serious collectors.

Where to look for old books?

As with most old items, antique and beautiful old books may be discovered in a family member's attic or basement. Thrift stores, antique stores, estate sales and auctions may also yield some fun treasures. Another source may be your local library,

which may occasionally offer surplus books for sale to help fund its operating costs.

How to care for old books?

Ideally, books should be stored away from direct sunlight and in conditions that control both temperature and humidity. Avoid excessive heat, humidity, mildew and fading. When handling old books, make sure your hands are clean and take precautions to avoid potential spills by keeping ink pens, beverages and other liquids out of the area around the book.

When you crack open an old volume, be kind to it. Support the covers as you open it and never force an old book to lie completely flat, which can put unnecessary strain on the binding. You can cushion it with rolled-up towels on either side to avoid cracking the spine. Most small- to medium-sized books should be stored upright and supported so they don't lean. Large or oversized volumes are generally better stored flat.

If you have books whose spines or covers are dry-rotted, you can have them professionally repaired or try to do it yourself. The cost to have a book's cover and spine repaired ranges from under \$10 for simple spine re-gluing to a few hundred dollars to completely restore a book.

How to decorate with books?

Apologies to Shakespeare, but you absolutely can judge a book by its cover. When it comes to decorating, you may choose books with a specific color on their covers to create a statement in your bookcase or in a vignette on a table.

When books are beyond redemption and they aren't rare or particularly valuable, you can, of course, paint or remove the cover to transform them into a work of art. But whether you collect books to read or decorate with them, do pick up some books and incorporate them into your home and life. Who knows how long they'll be around if we don't?

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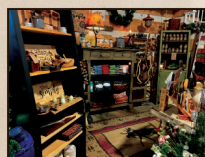


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WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES?

by Shannon Ingram, Cleveland, Tennessee

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Here are some of the blooms you can look for in and around Tennessee to find the honeybees hard at work.

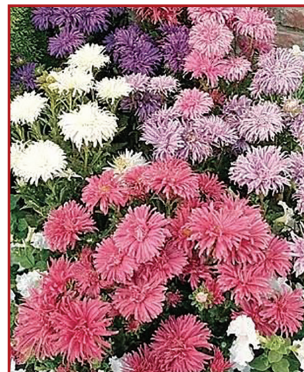
Goldenrod is plentiful from August through October and is a favorite resource for nectar and pollen. It can be found in

most fields and along the roads. It is easy to spot with its bright yellow flowering stems.

Asters are beautiful flowers that bloom in many colors. They may grow wild but are also great flowers to plant in gardens to attract pollinators. They provide excellent late-season forage.



Ironweed is a hardy, tall-stemmed purple flower. It is a magnet for honeybees and other pollinators, with



its blooms lasting from midsummer to fall. It provides nectar and pollen.

Spanish Needles are considered an annoying weed. But for the honeybee, they are a valuable resource! Spanish Needles can bloom from late summer until the first frost. Give

these little flowers some room in your yard, as they are one of the latest blooms to provide natural nectar.

Frost Aster, with its white daisy-like flower and yellow center, can bloom from late summer until the first heavy autumn frost.

Fall is a very unpredictable season for resources. The honeybees are storing up nectar and pollen to get them through the winter. Please be cautious when using weed sprays and pesticides. A small amount on a much-needed flower can be taken back to the hive and potentially kill the entire colony. Ask your local nursery for fall flowers to give the pollinators a helping hand! And don't forget to keep your shallow dish with stones or another safe landing surface out to provide water for the bees!



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STURGIS ANTIQUE MALL: 510 N. Main St. Over 50 showcases. Over 100 dealers. 23,000 sq. ft. Architectural salvage, lighting, jewelry, hats, purses, furniture, glassware, primitives, silver, signs, old tools & more. Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5. 270-333-9315.

TENNESSEE

BENTON

RUSTIC BARNTIQUE: 5986 US Hwy 411. Curated antiques, vintage finds, boho & retro styles, handmade crafts, boutique clothing, graphic tees, home & rustic décor. Wed-Sat 11-4. 423-506-4843. Facebook: @therusticbarntique

CLARKSVILLE

MISS LUCILLE'S MARKETPLACE: 2231 Madison St. 37043. Over 52,000 Sq. ft. of vendors. Full service cafe. Coffee stand. Mon-Sat 9-6. Sun 11-5. 931-896-1700.

CLEVELAND

ANTIQUES PARLOUR ANTIQUE MALL: 208 Grove Ave 37311. From I-75N: exit 20 to Hwy 11N 2.5 mi, left on Grove Ave, one block on left. From I-75S: exit 25, right on 25th St, right on Hwy 11, approx 3 miles, right on Harrison Pk, 1st left on Grove Ave, shopping center on right. 70+ booths. Furniture, home goods, and collectibles from all eras. Mon-Sat 11-6. 423-476-6921

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GRIT & GRACE: 445 Church St. SE. Located at the old Woolen Mill. Entrance by the giant smokestack. Over 100 indoor shoppes. Seasonal outdoor markets. Antiques, home decor, handmade, art, farmhouse, repurposed, vintage and industrial. Mon-Sat 10-6pm. info@gritandgracemarket.com. www.gritandgracemarket.com. 423-790-0503.

PRESSWOOD ANTIQUES: 3350 N. Ocoee St., I-75, exit 25 or 27. A dependable name for quality antiques since 1983, 2 houses full of great antique furniture, jewelry, lamps, smalls, books & glassware. Celebrating 40 years same owner, same location, same quality. Thurs, Fri, Sat 10-5. 423-479-4460. www.PresswoodAntiques.com. wapresswood@bellsouth.net.

UNITED ESTATES ANTIQUE MALL & COLLECTIBLES: 416 S Ocoee Street, 2 blocks south of Courthouse, 423-505-3061 or 423-645-0739. Country primitives, vintage, antiques, furniture, home decor, collectibles - coins, knives, vintage toys, media, comics & more. Booth, shelves, & display cases available. FB

VINTIQUES: 1201 Dellwood Lne NE, I-75 exit 27 turn east onto Paul Huff Pkwy. 3 miles, turn rt onto Old Tasso Rd., 1000 ft turn onto Dellwood Ln, 1000 ft on rt. RV Friendly. Antiques, furniture, home decor, farmhouse, china, toys, signs, man cave, something

for everyone. 423-618-6311. Howard and Pixie Dust paint company retailer. Tues-Sat 10-6pm. Watch for outdoor mkt. sales. on and www.facebook.com/TNVintiques

CLINTON

ANTIQUE MARKET: 305 Market St. in the heart of Downtown Clinton. Large selection of furniture including American Primitives, turn of the century English, French and American furnishings. Quality collectibles, glassware, jewelry, clocks, & antique lamp restoration & re-imagination. Thurs-Sat 11-5, Sun 1-4. 865-463-8699. theantiquemarket.com.

CLINTON ANTIQUE MALL: 317 North Main St. in old hardware bldg. Clinton's oldest & largest antique mall. 3 floors of high quality antiques and primitives from 1800s to early 1900s. 865-457-3110. I-75 to Exit 112, west TN 158 (Charles Seivers Blvd) Rt on S. Main, turns into N. Main, store on rt.

CORNER ANTIQUES: Located at the intersection of Main, Market & Memorial Streets in an 1890's General Store Bldg. Country, primitive & American furniture, country collectibles & accessories such as: stoneware, yellow ware, red ware, wooden ware, tin ware, oil lamps, wooden decoys, baskets, quilts, etc. Locally handmade seasonal character figures and decor items. Find us on Google, FB Instagram & Yelp. Mon-Sat 10-5:30; Sun 1-5; Closed Wed

COLUMBIA

ACCENTS & ANTIQUES OF COLUMBIA: 37-38 Public Square, 38401. 2 Floors. New & Old, Books, Collectibles, Comic Books, Candles, Jewelry, Furniture, Lamp Parts. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-4 931-380-8975.

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ETOWAH

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FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN ANTIQUE MALL: 251 2nd Ave S., on the corner of 2nd and Margin. Franklin's Oldest & Largest Mall filled with quality antique furniture, accessories, smalls and good collectibles in the old "Ice House." Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. 615-790-8593.

GOODLETTSVILLE

GOODLETTSVILLE ANTIQUE MALL: 213 N. Main Street. 37072. I-65, Exit 97. Go rt. on Main St, one block on rt. Over 23,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage, collectibles, furniture, primitives, glassware & more. Mon-Sat 10-5:30, Sun 11-5:30. 615-859-7002.

GREENEVILLE

BACK PORCH ANTIQUES: 750 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. True antique shop with a wide selection of American primitives, quality antique furniture, glassware including Fenton, vintage collectibles, & Mid-Century Modern pieces. Ever-changing inventory with vendor-curated booths featuring everything from early country pieces to unique décor. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5; Closed Wed. 423-609-7923. Find us on FB

KNOXVILLE/MARYVILLE

THE SHOPPES AT HOMESPUN: Farragut Shop - 11523 Kingston Pike, Knoxville Village Green Center; Hrs M-S, 10-6, Sun 1-6. 1-865-6713444. Maryville location - 1410 Sevierville Rd.(Old Cherokee Lumber Bldg) Hrs M-S, 10-6, Sun 1-6. 1-865-724-2018. Both shoppes offer Primitives, Antiques, Home Decor, Gifts & More.

LEBANON

HACKBERRY FARM ANTIQUES: 840 Lindsley Rd (From I-40, Exit 239, go southeast on Hwy 70 for 3 miles, right on Lindsley Rd, then 1 mile on left. Appx. 5 miles from Lebanon Square. Antique furniture, china, silver, art & Depression glass, lamps, pictures, original art by Orlinda, TN artist Bruce Corban & more. Thurs-Sat or by appt. 615-444-1769.

LOUDON

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MEMPHIS

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OOLETEWAH

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WALLAND

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