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Wildflower plant sale

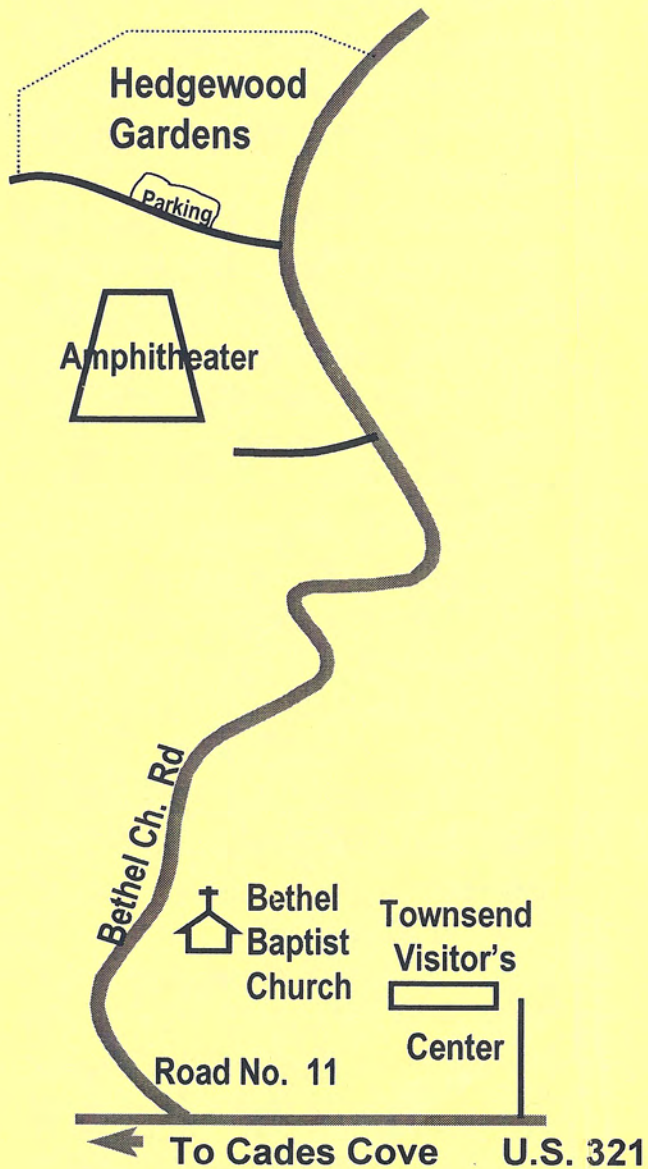
May 1-3 2009

Tours Friday May 01, 2009

10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Sunday May 03 2009 2:00 PM

Other Tours by Appointment



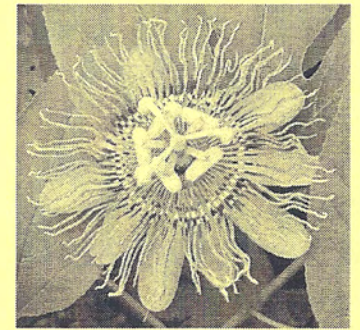
Hedgewood Gardens

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*The peaceful side
of the Smokies*

Townsend, Tennessee

Our life is our art.

So its been said. And that's easy to see when you look at the life of artist Hedy Wood. You will see a body of work that can be found on canvas, paper, and six acres in the mountains.

Hedy paints. Not only in watercolor, but in all mediums. Although she will tell you, "Watercolor is my first love" She paints, not in one style, but in many. "None of my work looks like the same person did it. I just like to try different kinds of things". Hedy paints. Not one subject but anything she wants. "And that includes subjects from Pavarotti or Madam Butterfly to Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians. Landscapes, birds, cats, and the Smokies, but she won't paint a wildflower. Hedy explains, "I've tried to, but I don't feel like I can do them justice. Only God can make a tree, as they say, and I know what a real bloom looks like".

If anybody knows, it's Hedy Wood. She has spent almost a quarter of a century creating a wildflower garden on land she and her late husband, George, named Hedgewood. Six acres that lay on the west side of Chestnut Top Mountain, opens into fields and

follows a wet-weather creek into bottomland.

And everywhere there are flowers. Wildflowers. Thousands of them. Bluets and Trillium. Sweet William and Phlox. Solomon's Seal and Shooting Stars. Lady's Slippers and Twin Leaf.... too many to name. And there are ferns. Over sixty types. The darling little Walking Fern, the Hartford Fern, and the Purple Stem Cliff Hanger. Then there are the Polypodies, the Cinnamon and Royal Fern. Hedy's always had a garden. Even before she had land. "When I lived in an apartment, I gardened in buckets, pots and pans. I always had a flower and most generally, it was a wild flower. They have always been my fascination. I believe I was born with the love for them."

This love has led her into schools and state and national park systems sharing her knowledge of wildflowers. Her purpose is two-fold. To teach the value and interest one single flower can hold. "Who knows? There may be a future botanist out there I might spark." And to establish the gardens of Hedgewood as a place were the children of tomorrow will be able to

see the wild beauty of nature. "That is my main purpose."

Although Hedy passed away in 1993 her daughter Hope, an artist and wildflower lover, continues to operate the gardens.

Future plans for the gardens includes The Garden of Hope. This garden will be accessible to those who prefer level ground and weather permitting, art of the late Hedy Wood will be on display throughout the garden.

*Tours, Programs,
Native Plants and Art.
By appointments only*

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Come see

Come share

Come care

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