

Upcoming Reunions

Cecil Kirby Reunion

The annual Cecil Kirby Reunion will be held Sept. 27 at Quail Park, beginning at noon. Family and friends are welcome.

Rader Reunion

The Rader Reunion will be held Sat., Sept. 27 at Russell's Acorn Folk Center (log house across from Beret Park). All relatives and friends invited. Bring a covered dish and smile. Mark your calendar.

Durham Reunion

The First Family Reunion of the late Bill and Ethel Durham will be held Saturday, October 11, 2003 at

Yards to Paradise

Landscaping reflections while vacationing

By Weekly Column by Max Phelps
From the bank of Dudley Creek in Gatlinburg life is peaceful. The roaring waters, the rapids just below, the hemlock trees so pleasingly weeping over the stream's edge, no wonder so many folks love to visit the Smokey's and the Blue Ridge mountains.

Our efforts to create paradise as landscapers truly pales in comparison to the works of One who created such a beautiful stream. The trout swimming in the eddies adds to the charm.

Wild as in bloom, great large maple and mulberry leaves, even tiny teardrop plants—the machines of mankind, particularly those of developers, render sterile in a heartbeat the "natural" landscape that is still preserved here before my eyes and ears.

Smooth boulders just above the water, all covered with algae and moss and lichens.

Above, a bluejay and a squirrel chatter. 'Tis a real break from the hassles of the day-to-day.

Not everyone can buy or build a house in this paradise, and if they could it wouldn't be paradise for long.

Which as usual leads us to contemplate naturalizing green lawn into a home paradise. One yard at a time,

the home of Emma Gray. All relatives and close friends are invited. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

It is an all-day event and dinner will be at 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish and join us for this happy occasion. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

Dillon/Ashe Reunion

The 23rd annual Dillon/Ashe Reunion will be held Friday, October 3-5.

On Friday, Oct. 3, there will be a dinner and social hour from 5 to 9 p.m. at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Pineville. On Sat., Oct. 4 there will be potluck picnic from 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cardinal Inn, Red Bird (Queensdale), Ky. Please bring food. Entertainment will be Harry "Leon" Smith. At 5:30 p.m. on October 4, there will be a genealogy exchange at Pine Mountain and the event will conclude with the Hendrickson Reunion at Pine Mountain at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Genealogy books will be available at all events.

Reservations at Pine Mountain Lodge (toll free) 1-800-325-1712.

Come join in the fun and fellowship with relatives and friends!

For more information, contact Janene Carole Simpson: e-mail: missky@kh.net

Mullins Reunion

The Mullins and Friends Reunion will be held Saturday, September 27 with breakfast at 9 a.m., and dinner at 12 noon at the Shelter on Wolf Creek.

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