

### Saturday August 14 SMHC Election Picnic Registration Form

SMHC members and their guest(s) are invited to our annual SMHC Election picnic on Saturday August 14 (rain date Sunday August 15). We were unable to have *any* social events in 2020 due to the pandemic, so it would be wonderful to see as many people as possible turn out for our picnic! There are several incredibly special features of the picnic this year.

**Location:** **GATOP Gardens and Arboretum, 2541 Riverside Drive, Knoxville, TN.** This incredible property is privately owned by Dr. Alan Solomon, a long-time Club member, who has designed, assembled, and built a breathtaking collection of native trees, wildflowers and ferns, hundreds of varieties of conifers, hollies, and other plants. There are extensive hand-built stone walls, terraces and steps, and the gardens are complemented by steel, bronze, and stone sculptures. We will have balloons at the parking entrance, which is 2 miles east from the exit off James White Parkway. Handicapped parking is available.

**Time:** We suggest arriving between 10:30 and 11 am to register, pick up a map of the gardens, and explore.

**Program:** Our program will start at 12 noon. The SMHC will provide a boxed lunch for you (choices on registration form) and drinks. We will eat in a beautiful shady part of the gardens: please bring a chair or seating pad.

**Special guest:** We are extremely honored to have **Richard Powers** attending our picnic this year. Mr. Powers is the author of the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, **The Overstory**, as well as books such as **The Echo Maker** and **The Goldbug Variations**. He spent much time in the Smokies while writing *The Overstory*, a book which can change the way you look at trees and forests forever.

*Please join us for the SMHC picnic in this beautiful place and celebrate the chance to see so many members and friends again!*

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch choices:

**Turkey and cheese on 9-grain bread OR**

**Ham and cheese on 9-grain bread OR**

**Veggie sandwich with classic hummus and sprouts**

All sandwiches come with fruit salad and chip sides,  
and oatmeal raisin cookie.

Iced tea or water will be provided.

**Member lunch price: Free. Non-member lunch price: \$15.00.**

If you are registering by mail, please complete and mail this form with a check (if applicable) to

Jeanette Gilbert, 111 Newton Lane, Oak Ridge, TN. 37830.

For questions, please email [dgoddard723@gmail.com](mailto:dgoddard723@gmail.com). You can also register and pay on-line at [smhclub.org](http://smhclub.org).

