



## Middle Tennessee Wild Ones Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
Brentwood Library, Meeting Room A  
8109 Concord Rd, Brentwood, TN 37027

Guest Speaker: Rita Venable  
Author of *Butterflies of Tennessee*

### ***Tennessee Pollinators***

Pollinators are needed for 33% of human food crops and 90% of flowering plant reproduction. The world is currently in a pollinator crisis with significant declines in honeybees, native bees, birds, bats, butterflies, and other species. What are the threats? What can we do to help?

Rita Venable is the author of the field guide *Butterflies of Tennessee* (2014, Maywood Publishing).



She was an assistant biologist with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation conducting biological surveys in state parks and natural areas with the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory program.

She has spoken at nature sanctuaries, regional garden expos, landscaping seminars, scientific symposiums, and nature and garden clubs. She has been a guest on “Talk of the Town [WTVF, Nashville]; “Tennessee Wild Side” and “Volunteer Gardener” [WDCN, Nashville Public Television, Nashville].

Rita is currently involved with consulting on pollinator plants for a 5-acre garden, the “Giving Garden,” in Franklin, TN.

***Doors Open at 6:30 – Everyone welcome!***

This event is not a Library program