

April is my favorite month. New spring wildflowers are popping up everyday, the days are warm and the nights are cool. The birds start singing in the mornings and the frogs at night. There is no place that I would rather be than in East Tennessee in the Great Smoky Mountains.



There is quite a bit happening in the area this month also.

There are event celebrating the *Great Smoky Mountain National Park 75th anniversary* - hikes, National Junior Ranger day, art exhibits and more.

<http://calendar.progressivedesignspecialists.com/Default.html>

Arts and Craft Community show at the Convention Center April 8-11th. All your favorite artist gathered in one place! http://www.eventsgatlinburg.com/event_detail.aspx?id=30

The Arts and Craft Community is open year round and some of the finest crafts in the area can be found out in the Glades and Buckhorn area. Check out the web site to find out more <http://www.gatlinburgcrafts.com/>

There is always an *Easter sunrise service* at Ober Gatlinburg- 6:30am April 12th on top of the mountain. http://www.eventsgatlinburg.com/event_detail.aspx?id=41

Pigeon Forge's *Grand Spring Rod Run* is April 17-19 for all you car enthusiast.

A highlight of spring is the *Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage* April 22-26. Experts from all over come to lead nature hikes and give lectures on the wildflowers of the Smokies. I find it amazing how many different varieties there are of wildflowers and how many (hundreds) bloom in the spring.

<http://www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org/>



For some good eaten come on in April 23rd for the *Rib and Wing Fest* on the street of downtown Gatlinburg. You pay for an armband and then go around to the different vendors to get a sampling of ribs or hot wings. Mmmmm good.

http://www.eventsgatlinburg.com/event_detail.aspx?id=27

If you have looked over our website recently you will have seen that we have a page where you can read reviews about Johnson's Inn. We would love it if you would like to send a review (especially a positive one☺) to **Tripadvisor**. Just click on the link below and it will take you right to the site.

http://www.tripadvisor.com/UserReview-g60842-d585051-m11765-Johnson_s_Inn-Gatlinburg_Tennessee.html

To read the reviews we already have go to http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g60842-d585051-Reviews-Johnson_s_Inn-Gatlinburg_Tennessee.html

Advertising trends for the motel have changed through out the years. When Max and Jean managed the motel in the 80's and 90's, the AAA guide was the way to go along with answering the Chamber of Commerce phone and mail requests for information. When Hettie and Lura ran the motel, it was mainly word of mouth and repeat guest. I remember the sisters saying that if you could get guest as honeymooners then you had them for life. Through out the years there have been lots of good friendships made here at Johnson's, among guest and between staff and guest. It is our hope that you will make lasting relationships during your next stay with us. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Vickie Johnson Bradshaw
Max and Jean Johnson
And the Staff of Johnson's Inn