



THE GARDEN PATH



PINE BELT MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

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MASTER GARDENER NEWS!

The Pinebelt Master Gardeners met in Lamar County January 5th to discuss projects and programs for 2011.

All of the gardening projects were discussed to determine the progress and needs of each project.

The Fellowship Garden on Edwards Street received a grant from Food Network. The Center is in the process of buying a parcel of higher land on which to plant the garden.

Lake Terrace Convention Center was planted with pansies in November.

Kamper Park has been cleared and cleaned. Barbara Ward needs help with planning and donations of Mississippi wildflowers and native plants. She said that irrigation has also been installed.

The Forrest county Extension Building has new pine straw installed. Nancy Chain said that the "Other Side" needs work. All those interested can work on your own or after the February meeting.

Greg McCoy reported that no workday is planned now for the Olli House.

Since Mary Wire moved, no one has taken over the Purvis Elementary project.

The Farmer's Curb Market has had work by county or city employees. The shrubs were trimmed back and the space was weeded.

Don Spence and Susan Tullos have worked on the Forrest County Chancery Court building. Four areas have been cleaned and replanted. More work is still needed at the Tax Collectors building.

Jim Pennebaker reported on the Oak Grove Library. He put in an amphitheater and plants last year. He maintains the beds and sometimes mows. Greg McCoy offered to help.

Susan Tullos reported that she has heard nothing about the Cancer Center Garden.

Nancy Chain moved that since we have 13 projects any new projects we take on should be consultation only, no planting or maintaining.

Calendar of Activities and Events

- JANUARY 22 WINTER BOTANY FIELD WALK; CROSBY ARBORETUM, 10-11
- JANUARY 22 NATIVE PLANTS FOR ATTRACTING WILDLIFE; CROSBY ARBORETUM; 1-2
- FEBRUARY 2 PINEBELT MASTER GARDENERS, 9:00 FORREST COUNTY EXTENSION BLDG.
- FEBRUARY 11 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: PLANTING OF NEW GUM POND EXHIBIT; CROSBY ARBORETUM, FRIDAY, 1-3.
- FEBRUARY 12 ARBOR DAY PLANT SALE, CROSBY ARBORETUM; 9-10, MEMBERS; 10-3, NON-MEMBERS.
- FEBRUARY 15-MARCH 24 NEW MASTER GARDENER CLASS, TUESDAYS AT LAMAR COUNTY AND THURSDAYS IN FORREST COUNTY, DEADLINE TO ENROLL IS FEB. 1.
- FEBRUARY 25-27 GULF COAST LAWN AND GARDEN SHOW, MS COAST COLISEUM
- FEBRUARY 26 AN ENTOMOLOGIST'S TOP 10 LIST OF BENEFICIAL GARDEN INSECTS; 10-11; CROSBY ARBORETUM.
- MARCH 18-20 JACKSON LAWN AND GARDEN SHOW; MS. TRADE MART, JACKSON, MS
- MARCH 24-27 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, MOBILE, AL; 9-5 THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; 11-5 SUNDAY; PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL, 6801 AIRPORT BLVD., MOBILE, AL
- APRIL 29 SPRING GARDEN DAY; FORREST CO.
- MAY 11-13 MISSISSIPPI MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE; ELLISVILLE, MS,

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Service Opportunities for Pinebelt Master Gardeners

There are several on-going service projects which are available to members for service recertification opportunities. Listed below are the projects and the contact leaders and their numbers. If you are interested in helping and also in earning your recertification hours, please contact these leaders:

Youth Challenge at Camp Shelby	Leader, Carrie Parrot	Temporarily on hold
Forrest Co Extension Office	Leader, Nancy Chain	work on on time
Farmers Curb Market	Leader, Kay Bucciantini	work on own time
Lake Terrace Convention Center	Leader, Nell Cobb	will announce date at meeting
Purvis High School Garden	Leader,	need a new leader
Garden on Edwards St.	Leader, Phil Orton	will announce plans for steering comm.
Olli House at USM	Leader, Suzanne Harris	will announce dates at next meeting
Pinebelt Animal Shelter	Leader, Stella Elakovich	will announce work day

February Garden

- Don't forget to prune roses on February 14.
- Clean up garden plants that have frozen.
- Look through catalogs and prepare to order for Spring planting.
- Prepare new beds.



Pine Belt Master Gardener Association 2011 Officers

President	Nell Cobb	Corresponding Secretary	Susan Tullos
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Important Information:

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT: Sustainable Living Conference. See the attachments on your e-mail.

State and local dues are due by March meeting. Dues are \$10.00 for each organization. Make a \$10.00 to Pinebelt Master Gardeners. And a \$10.00 check to MS Master Gardeners. Attach your address and e-mail address if you have one.

VERY IMPORTANT!

New educational and service recertification recording pages are available. They are easier to use. The recording year begins and ends on November 30. Keep up with your hours and turn them in regularly to Carolyn Hagler. Don't forget to make a copy for your files. Newly trained members have made their educational hours for the year, but need to make their service hours (40 hrs.).

You are encouraged to get involved with the Master Gardeners new classes. They are meeting on Tuesdays in Lamar County beginning February 23rd. Thursdays the classes will be held in Hattiesburg. The classes will go through April 1. Times are 1-5 p.m. Education hours and service hours are Available to members.

Garden Calendar: February Information Provided by MSU Extension Service

Planning

- Decide on plants you would like to have in your spring garden and flower beds.
- Consider buying new plants that you have not tried before.
- Determine how many seed packets you need, remember to order extra seed if you are planning to replant for a second crop of flowers after the heat of the summer.

Equipment

- Check tools for rust. Clean rust from spades and hoes. Prevent future rust by coating tool heads with mineral oil or used motor oil.

Planting

- Plant cold weather annuals Nasturtiums, Pansies, Snapdragons, English Daisies, Sweet William, and Calendulas
- Start cold weather vegetables in cold frame Broccoli, Cauliflower, Onion sets, English Peas, Kale, Carrots, Collards, Beets, Radishes, Kohlrabi, and Chinese Cabbage.
- Plant Asparagus in prepared beds.
- Start seeds of Herbs indoors for transplant outdoors.
- February is an ideal time to set out Dogwoods. Planting site should be well drained and plants should be planted shallowly. Dogwood prefers acid soil.
- Broad-leaved Evergreens such as Magnolia, Holly, and Photinia can be set out at this time.
- Plant new roses, or move old roses soon after February 15.

Fertilizing

- Roses -- Apply top-dressing of organic fertilizer under thick layer of compost or rotted manure.
- Fertilize Trees and Shrubs (not spring flowering shrubs) if not fertilized in January.

Pest Control

- Spray garden with dormant spray. This will kill many eggs and spores of insects and diseases. Do not apply if temperatures will dip below freezing within 4 hours of application.

Pruning

- Prune evergreens for size and shape. Cut out dead wood of flowering shrubs. Dispose of clippings to prevent disease or insect spread.
- Prune Hydrangeas during the last week in the month.

Home Accent

- Winter blooming shrubs can be forced to bloom indoors by cutting stems when buds begin to swell and placed in water indoors. Warmer temperatures will stimulate blooming. Place sprays of Forsythia, Flowering Quince, Oriental Magnolia, or fruit trees in a vase in a sunny window.

In Bloom

- Crocus, early Daffodils, Helleborus, Hyacinth, Pansies, Scilla, Snowdrop, Snowflake, Violet, Camellia, Forsythia, Flowering Quince, Loropetalum, Pussy Willow, Thumbergia Spirea, and Winter Jasmine.

February meeting Info

The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2nd at Forrest Co. Extension Bldg. at 9:00. The speaker is Stephanie Douglas-Pendleton, who will speak on edible Landscapes. And don't forget to bring your payment for state and local dues. Make check payable to Pinebelt Master Gardeners for \$10.00. And make a check to MS Master Gar-

Web Sites!

- ◇ msucares.com
- ◇ msmastergardener.org
- ◇ crosbyarboretum.msstate.edu
- ◇ Onlineplantguide.com
- ◇ Provenwinners.com
- ◇ EncoreAzalea.com
- ◇ Hattiesburgdaylily.com
- ◇ Southerngardensymposium.org
- ◇ Starkvillearts.org
- ◇ Festivalofflowers.com
- ◇ Mobilebotanicalgardens.org
- ◇ Monarchwatch.org

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Terri Woolbright



Happy Valentine's Day

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