



Washington County Master Gardeners Newsletter • March 2020



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**Taking Care of Business**

These items will be voted on at our March 3 meeting.

February 2020 Meeting  
Minutes

January 2020 Treasurer's  
Report

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## From Your President

**KATHRYN BIRKHEAD**

*WCMG 2017*

Ah, February, you are such a tease! During your first few days, you had me thinking spring was just around the corner, so I weeded and cleaned up a couple of flower beds and got the front yard looking halfway decent in anticipation of the lovely weather that was to come (I thought). By February 4, the temperature had dropped to 25°, and now a week later, the low tonight is going to be 10°, which has me wishing I had put some mulch around those emerging daffodils after I cleared the leaf litter away. It's important to remember that everything will come in its time, including spring, and that I just need to be patient. That can be a challenge on a cold but sunny day, though.



One thing that was not a challenge was signing up to work on sanctioned projects this year. The Project Fair at our February meeting made that as easy as could be. Kudos to our project chairs for putting together displays that showed off your work and for sharing what you do at your projects. Well done! It was a joy to stand and watch everyone interacting that night, and even after people had finished their signing up, there was lots of visiting still going on. I'd say the night was a success. Karen Jech, thank you for promoting the idea of a Project Fair, and Nancy Sloan, Regina Gabel, and Steve Brizzi, nice work for making it happen.

As we're waiting and watching for new life, my fascination with what goes on in seeds grows. I know that Susan used this poem by Wendell Berry last year, but I love it so much that I want to share it again. It's a good reminder that we're not in control of the mysteries that surround us.

### ***Sabbaths***

Whatever is foreseen in joy  
Must be lived out from day to day.  
Vision held open in the dark  
By our ten thousand days of work.

Harvest will fill the barn; for that  
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.

And yet no leaf or grain is filled  
By work of ours; the field is tilled  
And left to grace. That we may reap,  
Great work is done while we're asleep.

When we work well, a Sabbath mood  
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

Have a good month,  
Kathryn

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## A Memo from Mr. Massey

**COLIN MASSEY**

*Washington County Extension Agent, Horticulture/Gardening*

Dear Washington County MGs,

2019 was a busy year of getting acclimated, trying to learn and retain new information, and getting to better know so many of you. To be honest, it really flew by.

2020 started with a bang as well. The steering committee was formed for the 2021 Master Gardener conference and your Extension staff and conference leadership has been hard at work getting the groundwork established. The Washington County Master Gardeners truly have some amazing volunteers that put in a lot of time and effort, and I want to personally commend you all for your work.



I wanted to share with you a project that involved some of your peers back in January. Each year, the Division of Agriculture holds their Division Awards Banquet at the Tyson Center. Division staff reached out to Washington County toward the end of 2019 to request help from the Master Gardeners on decorations for the awards banquet. After a few emails and calls, we assembled a team of volunteers to design and arrange twenty-five centerpiece bouquets for the banquet. We met on a rainy Thursday to arrange the flowers (a first for me). The design and procurement of materials wasn't without a few hiccups, but the volunteers adapted with poise.

My favorite part of the project was that the flowers were locally sourced from Dripping Springs Farm. You are probably familiar with Mark Cain's booth at the Fayetteville Farmer's Market if you've been around a minute. A special thank you to Lisa Owen for making this connection and setting up the delivery.

In his remarks to the attendees, Vice President of Agriculture Dr. Mark Cochran personally expressed his gratitude to the Washington County Master Gardeners. I also spoke with him and many others who were supremely impressed with the quality and beauty of the arrangements.

I would like to thank the following Master Gardeners for their willingness to help and for their skill in flower arranging: Delcina Cunico, Lisa Owen, Debbi Mohler, Karen Hannah-Towne, Neta Winston, Leslie Bailey, Paula Dutton, Vicki Knight, Doris Cassidy, and Talya Boerner. I'm very grateful for your time, being available on short notice, and for making it fun.

I think it was appropriate that our project was sandwiched between the Master Gardener Awards and the Division of Agriculture Awards which recognizes those individuals who contribute so much to our county and our state. Recognition is an extremely important part of what we do, and all Washington County Master Gardeners should be proud of the many contributions you provide to the community and the county. Things get busy for everyone sometimes; 2020 will be no different, but I hope within the chaos you still know how much I value this program and working with each of you. I may not always have the chance to personally commend you on each activity as it occurs, but please know, I see you, and others in the community and Extension do as well.



**These WCMGs put their flower-arranging talents to work for the UA Division of Agriculture Awards Banquet recently.** Back row, from left: Doris Cassidy, Paula Dutton, Debbi Mohler, Lisa Owen. Front row, from left: Vicki Knight, Neta Winston, Delcina Cunico. Not pictured: Karen Hannah-Towne, Leslie Bailey, Talya Boerner.

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## March Program

### "Biome of the Ozarks"

*Dr. Gerald Klingaman, Emeritus Professor of Horticulture, University of Arkansas*



Dr. Klingaman is a native of Mulhall, Oklahoma, where he grew up on a wheat farm. He received a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Oklahoma State University and his MS and PhD from the University of Maryland. From 1974 to 2005, Dr. Klingaman was employed by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, dividing his time between Extension responsibilities, teaching, and research, focusing on nursery and greenhouse growing. He served as major professor for 16 master's degree students and one PhD student.

Today, Dr. Klingaman writes for newspapers and gardening magazines and speaks to groups around the state and region on gardening-related topics. Since 2004, Dr. Klingaman has volunteered at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks (BGO) and was instrumental in the initial phase of BGO planning and development. He was BGO operations director from 2010 through 2018. The BGO board of directors recognized Dr. Klingaman's years of service by naming the BGO Arboretum after him.

Dr. Klingaman is married and has four children and four grandchildren. His hobbies include gardening, book collecting, travel, and photography.

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## Project Spotlight



The Compost Demonstration Site is dedicated to the promotion of composting as a means of waste management for the backyard gardener. WCMG volunteers help maintain the site

located on the Extension Office grounds, learn troubleshooting techniques, and have hands-on experience in all aspects of the composting process, plus vermicomposting. Other activities include providing composting mini-classes for the public, demonstrations for schools and civic groups, and promoting awareness and education about composting through participation in public events and festivals. Steve Brizzi donated his time to build a new pergola and beautiful arbors. Money was donated by the Garden Explorers, who share the site to educate the children in gardening techniques. We held a Master Composting class with 21 gardeners completing the class. They were required to give back 10 hours to the site. With the extra volunteers this year we were able to keep the weeds at bay, work with the Garden Explorers on the three sisters garden, and share our knowledge of composting and vermicomposting with several groups.

Photo: All smiles at the Compost Demonstration Site are WCMGs (from left) Nancy Sloan, Mystery Man, Joyce Starr, and Martha Sparkman. (Can anyone identify Mr. Mystery Man?)

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Ask a Master was the first job MGs were asked to do when the Master Gardener program was created in Oregon back in the 1980s. In Washington County, we have Ask a Master volunteers from March through October, with shifts from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers have access to a computer and a bookshelf of resources, as well as our best resource, county agent Colin Massey. When people call in, their questions are recorded by Extension secretaries so that the scheduled volunteer can research and answer questions with a return call or an email. It's an educational way to earn hours indoors! Contact Joyce Mendenhall if you would like to be an Ask a Master volunteer.

Photo: Mel Zabecki, who is known to us all as a very quiet and shy person, takes one for the WCMG team and comes out of her shell to serve as an Ask a Master volunteer.

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# Through the Garden Gate Tour

GAIL PIANALTO

WCMG 2019



Our newest sanctioned project is the "Through the Garden Gate" garden tour, scheduled for **Saturday, June 6, 2020**. The Flower, Garden, and Nature Society of Northwest Arkansas (FGNS) hosted this annual tour for twenty-two years but FGNS recently disbanded. At that time, FGNS president (and WCMG trainee) Keith Blowers met with the WCMG board and Project Proposal co-chairs Nancy Sloan and Regina Gabel to explore the possibility of WCMG taking over the garden tour. All agreed that the tour is a great opportunity to continue a popular local tradition while serving as a fundraiser for WCMG.

I've volunteered to serve as project chair and several WCMGs have signed up to assist. Tickets will be \$15 and profits from the tour will go toward expenses for the 2021 state conference. Each member of the project is working on the jobs needed to prepare for the tour. There will be many opportunities for WCMGs to volunteer, especially on the day of the tour. Stay tuned for more information as we move closer to June.

*Photo by [Peter Mason](#) on [Unsplash](#). (No, it's not a local photo, but there are equally lovely gates to be seen right here in Northwest Arkansas!)*

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## Uncle Mike's Veggie Garden Tips

MIKE STANDROD

WCMG 2006



While your newsletter team is slaving away to produce this edition of *Garden Thyme*, Uncle Mike and his lovely wife, Jodie, are exploring the wilds of Central America on "Janet Carson's Costa Rica Holiday" tour. Uncle Mike's column will return if and when he and Jodie come home.

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# 2021 Conference Update

MEL ZABECKI

WCMG 2019

## *Ozark Adventure!*



The 2021 Conference Steering Committee met on February 10 to discuss the conference logo and to plan promotion of the conference at the 2020 State Conference in Jonesboro. Five logos were submitted and the chosen one was sent to the graphic artist at the Little Rock Extension Office with a few additions to represent our "Ozark Adventure" theme. We hope to get the finalized logo soon so that we can begin planning promotional items to get folks revved up when we do our reveal at the 2020 State Conference in Jonesboro. Along with printed announcements, possibly including seed packets, we will be showing a short video to inform Master Gardeners all around the state of our exciting plans for 2021. The Steering Committee also met with the Sponsorship, Speakers, Special Events, and Tours committees to start planning support networks and engaging, educational, and fun activities during our conference.

Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months!

Photo: Sunrise from the overlook at Devils Den State Park. *Courtesy [Tanya Impeartrice/flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/Impeartrice/)*

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## Meet Our Trainees

LYNETTE TERRELL

WCMG 2020

**Audley Hall**



During training somehow I missed getting photographed. Susan Young told me that she'd put a picture of a lovely sunflower if I didn't have a photo to send her. Frankly, I rather like the idea of a sunflower representing me. I could do worse! Is it obvious that I like to keep a low profile?



I have three children, six grandchildren, and two great grands. I enjoy dogs and horses and own one of each. I have retired from teaching English at Northwest Arkansas Community College. My area of specialization in graduate school was medieval English literature. I don't think of myself as a master gardener . . . and please don't drive by my house hoping to see a beautiful garden. But I enjoy learning new things, and I can work at my garden and others. So I will try my best. (I was once a girl scout!)

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### **Randy Butler**

I spent forty years in the hardware business and four years as mayor of Waldron, Arkansas, before retiring four years ago and moving to northwest Arkansas. I am married to Pam, who is a Master Gardener, and we have two daughters and two granddaughters.



My parents owned a one hundred acre farm. We had what is called a truck farm. We had milk cows, beef cattle, hogs, and raised all kinds of fruits, vegetables, berries, and grapes which we would sell to people in and around Waldron. There were nine of us kids, and we all helped on the farm. As soon as I was big enough (three or four years old) I was in the gardens hoeing and picking whatever needed to be harvested. I remember picking strawberries in the snow and planting potatoes every year on St. Patrick's Day. Mama gardened according to the *Farmer's Almanac*, so it didn't matter what the weather was if the almanac said to plant something.

I have always liked to plant a garden to have fresh vegetables. I am interested in dwarf varieties of vegetable plants because of limited garden space where we live now. I will be using raised beds with compost and other soil amenities. I guess you could say I like to get my hands dirty! I am already looking forward to getting my raised beds prepped and ready for plants.

I also have a wood workshop and try to spend as much time as I can making and selling things like shadow boxes, bird houses, bat houses and bee boxes. I keep researching and adjusting the designs of my wildlife houses trying to improve and make them better.

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# The Votes are In!

JUDY SMITH

WCMG 2011

The *Garden Thyme* newsletter committee received 67 responses to the survey we sent out in January. Thanks for letting us know what you think about the newsletter and how we can improve it for you, our readers.

Here's what we learned:

1. Are you receiving the newsletter and if not, how can we help? All of you who replied said you were receiving the GT. One person needs help printing it and we'll get with them one on one.

2. Do you read it and if so, what parts? We were happy to learn that all of you read some or all of the newsletter. 57 said all; 10 read some. Parts mentioned were the calendar of events, President's letter, member or trainee bios and videos.

3. Do you prefer to receive a link to the GT to read in your browser or to read it in the MailChimp email message? Most of you either preferred the email version or had no preference. A few like the link.

4. What should be added to the newsletter? This one was answered by 55 of you with lots of great suggestions.

- *2021 Conference updates and how you can help.* Mel Zabecki, secretary of the conference steering committee and *Garden Thyme* reporter will be submitting regular updates to the newsletter. There will be ways for all of us to help as the date gets closer.
- *Hints and garden tips.* A few of you mentioned Berni's monthly gardening tips. Those are still available to you on our website, <http://wcmgar.org/>. Colin will be writing quarterly columns and we'll pass those suggestions on to him. Mike Standrod's monthly column covers timely garden tips for vegetable gardeners.
- *Book reviews.* What a great idea! Will anyone out there volunteer to do one each month? Or will some of you suggest titles to review?
- *Member submissions such as sketches, poetry, prose pieces, favorite gardening tools and plants.* We would love to get these. Be sure to read Chandana Becker's article in this issue. Please consider submitting pieces to us by the 20th of each month for publication in the upcoming issue.
- *Project photos and highlights.* Notice two in this issue. We will be featuring two each month. General information like chairpersons, workdays and times, and purpose of the projects are listed in the Project section of your 2020 workbook. Be sure to keep your workbook handy – it's loaded with helpful information.
- *Spotlight on gardening businesses.* This could get tricky.
- *Review tools and products.* Please let us know if you would be willing to do this during gardening season or suggest items that could be reviewed.

- *Plant swap.* Definitely! Our new "JUST US" feature is just the place for plants – both those you want and those you want to share. We can also list tools and other garden items you want or are ready to give up.
- *Plant column featuring one plant that a member has chosen and grown successfully (or not).* Please let us know if you would be willing to write an article for this new feature.

Thanks again for letting us know your thoughts about the *Garden Thyme*. It's our pleasure to create and publish it each month. It's great to know you're reading it, enjoying it, and thinking of ways to improve it.

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## Natural State Natives

MEL ZABECKI

WCMG 2019



Giant rivercane, or *Arundinaria gigantea*, is the native bamboo-like plant that is almost evergreen and can be easily recognized year-round along riverbanks and in the wet soils all over Arkansas. It should not be confused with the Asian bamboo, which many people have introduced to their landscapes as a screen-plant. Unfortunately, it is replacing our historically and culturally important native species. Arguably the most versatile and important plant of the indigenous peoples of the region, rivercane was used for a huge array of daily life activities as evidenced at archeological sites.

For hunting tools, rivercane comprised the arrow and spear shafts, blowdart guns and duck calls. Early explorers observed the use of fishing tools like traps (similar to the one pictured here), weirs, poles, gigs, and rafts made of rivercane although those things are not preserved for archeologists. On the gathering and farming side, baskets and sifters of split

cane made for light carrying and processing devices. Seed containers made of plugged shafts of cane have also been found in bluffshelters. House walls were made of waddle and daub, with the waddle being rivercane screens and many pieces of burned daub (mud-clay) have been found with rivercane impressions, giving archeologists a great idea of how the rivercane was lashed together for the walls. Personal and recreational items could be made of rivercane as well. Beads, pipestems, awls, needles, and haircombs have all been discovered while the musical instrument makers of the past relied heavily on rivercane for the flutes, whistles, panpipes, shaker handles and rasps. Other very useful items were blowing straws to keep from getting burned while doing scrape and burn crafts (e.g. bowls and spoons), and rivercane was even used for cradles or cradleboards. While we don't use rivercane for these items today, perhaps we can try eating the shoots or seeds of rivercane to channel our inner ancient persons!



When the European settlers came, they reported miles and miles of very wide canebrakes but they were short-lived due to overgrazing by the imported livestock who practically decimated rivercane all over the southeast, making it a threatened plant today. If you get the chance to plant native rivercane, please do it and preserve one of the most important plants to ever grace this region!

*Photos by Mel Zabecki*

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## Oops.

Please make these changes in your 2020 workbook:

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## The Mystery of Happiness

CHANDANA BECKER

WCMG 2011



Did you ever wonder how you can be so cranky, spend a while puttering in the garden, and then find yourself feeling down right happy? Do you remember the last time you were fretting about your troubles, went out and pulled some weeds, and later found that your mind was quiet and your heart was at peace? Do you recall feeling low, miserable, and aching to boot, begrudgingly planting veggies or some beautiful, fragrant flowers, and then realized, hey I feel great! I really got something done and, I didn't even notice my back or knees for the last hour and a half.

Is this some mysterious alchemy? Or is the mystery of garden happiness really not so mysterious after all? These days, researchers in the field of positive psychology (studying what's right with us rather than what's wrong with us) actually explain the process of happiness and how we can cultivate a sense in ourselves of well-being.

Positive psychologist Martin Seligman tells great stories in his book, *Flourish: A Visionary New Understanding of Happiness and Well-being* and lays out the path to happiness. Seligman identifies five main components of happiness and how to benefit from them so that we can flourish in life:

- **Positive Emotions** - what we feel emotionally, i.e. pleasure, joy, rapture, ecstasy, warmth, comfort, gladness, amusement, excitement, thankfulness, etc; leads to the pleasant life.

- **Engagement** - being in a state of “flow”, absorbed, merged, engrossed in an activity with concentrated attention, outside of time and typically without thoughts, feelings, self-consciousness; leads to the engaged life.
- **Meaning** - what we value, what gives us purpose, belonging to and serving something we believe larger than our self; leads to the meaningful life.
- **Accomplishment** - what we pursue for its own sake, i.e. success, winning, achievement, mastery; leads to the achieving life.
- **Positive Relationships** - being social is the most successful form of higher adaptation, why we have big brains with mirror neurons which reflect other minds, and employ hive emotions of love, compassion, kindness, teamwork, self-sacrifice; leads to the relationally connected, shared life.

These are the five components or over-arching domains we need to attend to in order to foster our happiness and satisfaction in life. By purposefully connecting to these domains of experience on a daily or at least a very regular basis, we can naturally build a life worth living. Of course, we can do this through a multiplicity of activities and with all kinds of folks. Let’s consider how as Master Gardeners, we conveniently have access to all five domains through the MG program.

Don’t you just feel sheer joy when you stand back and peruse your project after an hour of gardening? That’s positive emotion.

Did you ever get so absorbed in your gardening that time, the surrounding space, and even the latest family argument slipped from your awareness? That’s flow, being in the zone, real engagement.

Do you believe in giving back, in contributing to your community? Well, when you feed people or bring beauty into their world through your gardening that’s purpose and meaning.

Have you composted and transformed clay into earthworm-filled soil? Have you earned a five-year pin? Those are accomplishments to savor.

Did you meet and get to know other trainees in your class, wind up being sister/brother gardeners on a project, share some laughs and smile together over your shared experience? That’s positive relationship.

With all the important components for creating our happiness so readily available to us, it’s really no mystery why Master Gardeners are by and large such a happy bunch of people.

The next mystery you may wish to contemplate is where, how, and with whom you’d like to further cultivate happiness in the world.

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# Just Us

JUDY SMITH

WCMG 2011

Just Us is just for us, Washington County Master Gardeners. Just Us is just right for:

- Your original poem, sketch or short prose piece
- Your favorite garden quote, author, or book
- Your most prized tool, product, or plant—photos too
- Your request for a conference roommate
- Your need or your offer for transportation to an MG event
- Your wants for plants or need to share plants
- Your garden travel photos or favorite garden visits

You can send your Just Us submissions to [wcmg.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wcmg.newsletter@gmail.com). Just put JUST US in the subject line and send photos and writings as attachments, please.

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## Monthly Programs for 2020

**April 7.** "Here's the Dirt on Our Soils," Dr. Larry West, soil scientist

**May 5.** "Mexico's Legacy: Corn and Its Effect on our Agricultural, Economic and Dietary Life," Dr. Mel Zabecki, education outreach coordinator with the Arkansas Archeological Survey

**June 2.** Picnic, location to be announced

**July 7.** Megan Lankford, horticulture supervisor at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks (topic to be announced)

**August 4.** "The Chinquapin Tree: a Natural Treasure," Steve Chyrchel, park interpreter at Hobbs State Park

**September 1.** Master Naturalists native plant sale and WCMG annual business meeting

**October 6.** "Low Impact Garden Designs: Being a Good Steward of Our Water Resources," Jane Maginot, Washington County extension agent, stormwater/water quality

**November 3.** To be announced

**December 1.** Holiday party and recognition of new WCMGs, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## Upcoming Events in the Region

## PAM BUTLER

WCMG 2019

### February

**28-March 2** – Arkansas Flower and Garden Show, Arkansas State Fairgrounds, 2600 Howard, Little Rock. <https://argardenshow.org/>

**29** – "Landscaping with Native Plants." Springdale Public Library, 2:00 p.m.

### March

**1-3** – NWA Lawn and Garden Show, Washington County Fairgrounds, Fayetteville

**6-8** – Orchid Show and Sale, Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville. <https://www.bgozarks.org/orchid-show-sale/>

**7-15** – Wye Mountain Daffodil Festival, Wye United Methodist Church, Bigelow

**7** – Fruit tree pruning workshop with Colin Massey and Ryan Neal, Tri Cycle Farms, Fayetteville. Registration required.

<https://tricyclefarms.networkforgood.com/events/19091-fruit-tree-pruning-workshop>

**7** – "Native Plants and Low Impact Techniques for Homeowners." Springdale Public Library, 2:00 p.m.

**10** – "Vegetable Gardening: Grow Your Food, Feed Your Soul." White County Master Gardeners advanced Master Gardener class. White County Extension Office, Searcy. 8:00 a.m.–4:45 p. m. \$60 (includes lunch).REGISTRATION DEADLINE March 2.

**12** – "A Decorative Combination: Food and Beauty Together." Greene County Master Gardeners spring seminar, Paragould Community Center, Paragould. 8:30 a.m.–2:15 p.m.

**13-14** – Camden Daffodil Festival and Garden Tour, Camden.

<http://www.camdendaffodilfestival.com/>

**20-22** – Jonquil Festival, Old Washington State Park.

<https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/events/jonquil-festival>

**14** – "Discover the Grounds: Wildflower Gardens with Holland Wildflower Farm."

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, 10:00 a.m.

<https://crystalbridges.org/calendar/discover-the-grounds-wildflower-gardens-with-holland-wildflower-farm/>

**18** – "Making Changes for the Future: Landscaping with Native Plants." Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville, 6:00-7:30 p.m. \$20 for members, \$30 for

nonmembers. <https://www.bgozarks.org/making-changes-for-the-future-landscaping-with-native-plants/>

**20-22** – Arkansas River Valley Lawn and Garden Show, Kay Rodgers Park, 4400 Midland Blvd, Fort Smith. <https://www.fslawngardenshow.com/>

**21** – "Developing an Ozark Green Thumb." Baxter County Master Gardeners spring seminar, Mountain Home. <https://www.baxtercountymg.com/spring-seminar.html>

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