



Washington County Master Gardeners Newsletter • March 2022



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March Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next monthly meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Brent Heath, co-owner with his wife, Becky, of [Brent and Becky's Bulbs](#) in Gloucester, Virginia. Brent will present a slide program on "Tropical Paradise Garden with Summer Bulbs."



From the tropical rainforest, the sunny shores of the Mediterranean, the veldt of South Africa, and the slopes of the Andes, come bold, lush leaves and a myriad of stunning diverse flowers of summer bulbs. Brent will share ideas on how to weave these spectacular bulb plants into your own relaxing, tropical garden getaway. He will show you how to integrate summer bulbs with annuals, perennials, ground covers, trees, and shrubs to create your own ultimate patio planter, window box, living sculpture, or jungle. You'll also gather ideas on how to build the ultimate "Evening Garden" including luminescent, light colored, fragrant flowers. Let's plan and plant something different this summer!

Colin will send the Zoom link a couple of days before the meeting.

Photo courtesy Brent Heath

And Speaking of Meetings

WCMG vice president and program chair Linda Morrow has lined up some great programs for us in 2022. Go ahead and mark your calendars!

April 5. "Fayetteville Square Gardens" by Jenifer Royer, horticulturist with the City of Fayetteville.

May 3. "Woolsey Working Farm and Westside Prairie," by Susan Koehler, farmland preservation coordinator with the [NWA Regional Land Trust](#).

June 7. Annual picnic. Location TBA.

July 5. "Smithsonian's *Habitat* Exhibition at Historic Cane Hill" by David Collins, public programs manager at [Historic Cane Hill](#).

August 2. "Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of Arkansas" by Jennifer Ogle, director of the [University of Arkansas Herbarium](#) and co-author with Theo Witsell and Johnnie Gentry of

Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines of Arkansas.

September 6. "Barbecuing Vegetables" by WCMG Jim Sposato.

October 4. "Willow Trees, Honey Bees, and Leaves of Three: A Gardener's Guide to Tombstone Art" by WCMG Susan Young.

November 1. "Native Edible and Medicinal Plants in Your Ozark Garden" by Eric Fuselier, president of [Wild Ones, Ozark Chapter](#).

December 6. Holiday party and graduation.

Taking Care of Business

We will vote on the following at our March 1 business meeting.

February 2022 Meeting Notes

January 2022 Treasurer's Report

From Your President

KAREN HANNA-TOWNE

So Many Choices

This month I ordered seeds from catalogs. Today's seed catalogs demonstrate masterful marketing. The photos are drop-dead gorgeous. The colors are brilliant and the lighting is perfect. They often appear to be taken at botanical gardens or large estates. The text is written by people who excelled in their creative writing courses.

Michael Pollan's book, *Second Nature*, has a whole chapter on this topic titled "Made Wild by Pompous Catalogs." Every catalog has its own codes for disease resistance, deer attractiveness, and a host of other characteristics.

I'm sure every catalog description is true, but one must carefully decipher what the advantages of one variety are over another and whether that variety meets your needs. There are no losers in these catalogs!



I ordered seeds for the vegetable garden and the ornamental beds; some for the raised beds and some for pots; veggies, herbs, and flowers. Of course, now I'm thinking about buying a second grow light to get all those seeds germinated! And I know that not all of them will germinate, or they'll germinate but not make it to maturity. Fortunately, there's always next year and new catalogs and as gardeners we get the opportunity to do it all over again.

We live in a world of options. We've all learned how to maximize our time and resources. Being a member of the Master Gardeners is no different. We have many choices to make: which projects to work on, which committees to join, what other volunteer activities to commit to? Make your choices based on your needs and abilities. Do you want to learn about vegetable gardening, growing ornamentals, or helping others learn about gardening? Have you made friends that you want to see on a regular basis? At the Project Fair, this year in January, all the projects were "marketed" to the members. You may try out as many of these as you have time for. This is a robust organization with something for everyone and I encourage you to make the most of your membership. There's much fulfillment to be had here. Let your happiness and satisfaction find full flower as a Washington County Master Gardener!

Watch Your Mail for a Photo Release!

As everyone is aware, we are anxiously awaiting the launch of our new website in mid-March. In anticipation of that event, we will be mailing a Photo Release Agreement to each member. When you receive it, please read it carefully. If you find the statement acceptable, no action is required. If you do not wish to have your photo and/or voice shared or published, then please send a short note to that effect to the Extension Office, following the instructions in the letter.

The letter will also have the new password for accessing the Members Only section of the new website. Be sure to record the new password or save the letter. If you do not receive a letter by the end of February, please email [Karen Hanna-Towne](#) ASAP and she'll send you a copy.

2021 Award Winners

Note: Below are edited versions of each award winner's nomination. The accolades for the nominees were so profuse that we found it necessary to edit the nominations in order to keep the size of this newsletter manageable. The full text of the nominations will be available for your reading pleasure on the new WCMG website.



Susan Young with Lawrence McElroy, director of arts and culture at Historic Cane Hill.

MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR: SUSAN YOUNG

Susan Young has been key to keeping the Washington County Master Gardeners functioning through the pandemic and in getting the organization ready to host the 2022 state conference.

She has served as vice president/program chair, president, past president, and chair of the nominating committee. She keeps the organization posted on local and state events through MailChimp. Susan is the production assistant for the monthly *Garden Thyme* newsletter as well as the monthly news bulletin promoting the 2022 state conference. She is involved in publicity for the "Garden Gate" tour. Susan is on the website committee and helped procure changes to the audio system in the Extension Office conference room.

Susan has served on two advanced training committees. She has been a speaker at PNG and at WCMG meetings. She is co-chair of the 2022 state conference speakers committee and tours committee and was instrumental in organizing the pre-tour to Historic Cane Hill's Smithsonian *Habitat* exhibition.



PROJECT OF THE YEAR: HEADQUARTERS HOUSE GARDENS

The Headquarters House Gardens became a Washington County Master Gardener (WCMG) sanctioned project in 1997. The original goal was to design, develop and maintain twin perennial borders in the front lawn facing Dickson Street. The Washington County Historical Society approached the WCMG organization in 1996 to help design and plant a perennial border as it would have been during the 1850s. The WCHS organization continues as the project's partner, providing guidance and funding.

The current gardens' scope far exceeds the original heirloom perennial twin border. The gardens now include perennial and annual plants, herbs, shrubs, and trees for both sun and shade, rose garden, butterfly garden, moon garden, shady woodland, heirloom vegetables, and container gardening. WCMG volunteers are actively involved in all.

In 2021:

- The Heirloom Vegetable Garden returned to its glory.
- The Herb Garden and Butterfly Garden were expanded.
- The Totemeier Garden had a makeover when the nearby fence was replaced. The new fence will soon display wooden quilt squares for the Washington County Quilt Trail Tour.
- Project leaders asked WCMG volunteers to commit to a certain area out of the sixteen different garden areas.

Total recorded hours in 2021 was 1093.5 hours. Thirty-two WCMG volunteers were involved; seven were 2021 MG trainees or 38 percent. In addition, there were five 2020 WCMG graduates who volunteered. Further statistics show that 53 percent of all the WCMG volunteers at the HQH project were either graduates from 2020 or 2021 trainees.



Mentor of the Year and Rookie of the Year: Jim Sposato and Judy Cohea

MENTOR OF THE YEAR: JIM SPOSATO

Jim Sposato has been an excellent mentor. He has been diligent in keeping up with me and communicated each week with me and other Master Gardeners involved in the Lincoln Community Garden sanctioned project. He worked with me to provide plant donations from my high school agriculture program and was always available to answer any questions. I have learned so much about gardening from Jim this year and am impressed with how he includes the community members in the Lincoln Community Garden project. I have enjoyed using planting and harvesting strategies I have learned from Jim in my own home garden as well as with my students I teach in high school.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: JUDY COHEA

Judy Cohea recorded 102 volunteer hours at the Lincoln Community Garden project. She began volunteering at the Lincoln Community Garden in April 2021 and continued through the final harvest in September. She came on unscheduled gardening days and helped eight WCMG volunteers with the Saturday Work Crew program.

Judy developed an effective working relationship with project leader Jim Sposato and she often provided leadership to the garden volunteers and Lincoln school students.

Judy worked to see that the Lincoln Community Garden garden's watering program was

adequate through summer. She donated her own water timer to the project. She helped student volunteers install over 700 feet of dripline. She raised donations from the community and her spouse fixed equipment and helped install an eight-foot fence to help deter deer from the garden.



YES I CAN AWARD: KATHRYN BIRKHEAD

Serving as president of Washington County Master Gardeners is a large responsibility. Serving even one year in this role is laudable. Serving for two years is exceptional. Kathryn Birkhead deserves recognition for her service.

Kathryn's tenure as president has been remarkable given the challenges of the Covid pandemic, requiring her to learn Zoom technology and to follow the various safety guidelines set forth by the state office, yet allowing us to have successful gardening projects.

Kathryn initiated the Saturday Work Crew, which enables trainees and members who work full-time to have more opportunities for volunteer hours and provides projects with much-needed extra labor. She works with project leaders to determine their needs and communicates with the membership prior to each workday.

Kathryn visited most if not all of our projects this year and she has become a co-chair at

Shiloh Museum. She also co-chairs the special events committee which is arranging downtown Springdale activities for the 2022 state conference.



YES I CAN AWARD: BRANDY MOLLOY

In 2021, Brandy Molloy led a meeting with City of West Fork officials to outline the WCMG program, to open communication lines with city officials, and to discuss project plans, budgeting, and collaboration. She researched, negotiated, and completed a written WCMG sanctioned project proposal with the City of West Fork in September 2021. As a result of these efforts, the project secured funding for 2022 from the West Fork City Council.

Also in 2021, Brandy led a library garden tour and bouquet-making workshop. She was the designer, planner, budget manager, procurement officer, construction leader, and chief people motivator for three organic West Fork Gardens projects. The library's new courtyard rain garden was prominently featured during the library's grand opening festivities.

Brandy leads by example and seeks volunteer input on all decisions.



Betty Nichols (second from left) with Ann Stuebe-Davis (left) and Jenean Hill at Headquarters House.

YES I CAN AWARD: BETTY NICHOLS

Betty Nichols became a Master Gardener in 2010. She moved to Washington County from Craighead County in 2017. She has supported four different sanctioned projects this year and serves on the 2022 state conference committee. Betty began volunteering at the Headquarters House (HQH) project in 2017. She collects seeds from her garden and HQH for use in the coming year. She often donates plants from her home. She is a primary photographer for the HQH gardens, has an eye for design, and makes suggestions to the WCHS garden committee about tree management and native plants suitable for HQH.

Betty is a Master Composter and helps at the compost demonstration project with planting, cleanup, and ongoing site maintenance. She volunteers in the Butterfly House at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks (BGO) and has helped with BGO's Earth Day and International Day activities as well as school tours and field trips.



FRIEND OF WCMG: SUSAN ADKINS

Susan Adkins has been superintendent at the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park since July 2016. One of her favorite things about the park is that it is in the middle of the community.

During the spring of 2021, Susan began volunteering at the Mock Park sanctioned project. Despite her many responsibilities at the state park, Susan made a special effort to attend Mock Park's scheduled gardening days. She has brought skill, energy, joy, and laughter to the WCMG project volunteers. They consider Susan to be an integral part of the team. As a resident of Prairie Grove, Susan contributes to the Washington County Master Gardener program and is a positive and visible representative in the community.

TROWEL, WATERING CAN, and WHEELBARROW AWARDS

Trowel: *Those who have obtained 200+ hours for 1–4 years.*

Kathryn Birkhead, Doris Cassidy, Elizabeth Hale, Audley Hall, Karen Hanna-Towne, Marilyn Misenhimer, Annie Moore, Neta Winston, Susan Young

Watering Can: *Those who have obtained 200+ hours for 5–9 years.*

Chris Bell, Susan Gardner, Gayle Howard, Jan Lefler, Mary Beth Lohr, Patsy Louk, Joyce Mendenhall, Gail Pianalto, Jim Sposato, Martha Ward

Wheelbarrow: *Those who have obtained 200+ hours for 10 or more years.*

Kitty Sanders, Truman Stamps

Meet the Trainees

OLIVIA HARRINGTON and LYNETTE TERRELL

Nan Abbiatti

I'm Nan Abbiatti, rookie Master Gardener. I have lived in numerous states in the US and tried my hand at gardening wherever I could. We returned to Arkansas after I retired from the State Department of Education in Louisiana, and I was pleased to learn that I could join the Master Gardeners.



My husband, Mike, is a solar gardener—that means he "plants" solar flowers and enjoys them at night on our patio. But let's not go into that.

I love to cook, so growing vegetables is my favorite joy, but growing flowers is my loving tribute to my grandmother, who always had the most gorgeous gardens.

I'm really happy to be a new Master Gardener.

January Photo of the Month
Beauty in the Winter Garden



FIRST PLACE

"Welcome to My Garden" by Geri Alvis



SECOND PLACE

"Baby It's Cold Outside" by Kitty Sanders



THIRD PLACE

"Beauty 'Til the Last" by Tanya Collins

"Garden Gate" Tour Highlight

KEITH BLOWERS and ELAINE MILLS

This is the second in a series of articles about the local gardens that will be featured in the "Garden Gate" tour on June 4. Washington County Master Gardeners have taken on the tour as a sanctioned project and this will be our first effort.



"Dingley Dell," the garden of Keith Blowers and Elaine Mills. Photo by Joyce Mendenhall

"DINGLEY DELL" is the name we have always used for our gardens. It is a humorous name borrowed from Monty Python for a fun and enjoyable garden. We don't take our gardening too seriously, but we love it.

When we first moved into this house in 1999, we inherited just a few basic flower beds. The lot is approximately one acre so that gave us plenty of opportunity for creating several garden rooms with distinct characters. Over the past 15 years, we have developed both shaded and sunny gardens full of annuals, perennials, tropicals, vegetables, fruits, and shrubs. Some of the trees are very old while some are newly added in 2015. Soon after we moved in, we added the swimming pool which we have used as a backdrop for new plantings.

We had installed a large pond with the idea of growing koi, but, sadly, we kept losing them to the local birdlife! The pond and waterfall in the front of the house have been improved. A few years ago, we created a rain garden after hearing several how-to presentations. More recently we have reduced maintenance by eliminating the pesky bermudagrass lawns and creating new beds using mulch and dwarf mondo grass. The kitchen garden has been extended with new metal raised beds to make cultivation easier. We have also added a much needed shed! Recently, we contracted a local specialist to install a large fountain in the "round garden." Last year we were honored to be approached by the local azalea society to provide a temporary refuge for some mother plants that had been rescued from an Arkansas nursery. These are situated in a couple of places 'round the garden. We are attempting to create a knot garden in the front section and have added numerous boxwoods and hollies. There are several opportunities to take advantage of seating placed around the garden. We hope you take time to sit and enjoy our garden as much as we do.

Sow Intentionally: Vegetable Garden Edition

DIANA OLIVER



Starting seeds at home. *Photo courtesy Diana Oliver*

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” — Audrey Hepburn

Februarys in Arkansas seem to bring a taste of every season in just one month! But ultimately the sun begins to creep out long enough to warm our bones and make us anxious to get out and work in the gardens that we let sleep all winter long. We can top off our vegetable gardens with fresh layers of compost, order our seeds, and plan out what vegetables we want to grow this year.

But it's early March and we have not yet passed our last frost date. (The [UA Cooperative Extension Service](#) and [Farmer's Almanac](#) can help you find your local first and last frost dates.) This means that planting anything more than a few varieties of brassicas is still risky business, even if many of the big box stores have already started selling vegetable starts! If you do decide to pick some warm-season plants from the hardware store, remember to keep them indoors by a nice sunny window, in a greenhouse, or under growing lights until after the threat of frost has passed and the soil has warmed up, so you don't waste your hard-earned money.

Since we are ahead of the game, why not start your vegetable seeds at home? Starting seeds does not have to be expensive or time consuming. You can also grow heirloom or exotic varieties that are not available in stores.



Homemade newspaper plant pots. *Photo courtesy [Lovely Greens](#)*

When it comes to seed starting it can be as simple or as complicated as you want to make it. You can start them in plastic cups with some holes at the bottom for drainage or you can buy single plant pots or whole cell trays if you are growing for production. Remember that the cups can be used year after year if well taken care of. If those methods seem like too much plastic waste, you can recycle newspaper and make newspaper pots, or make soil blocks which create no waste at all.

So, grab your favorite seed-starting soil mix, order some seeds, and give it a try. You do not have to start every vegetable you want to grow from seed this year but maybe just try one special variety. Our gardens are about to come alive, and it is time to get our hands in the dirt again. Get out there and grow something lovely.

Book Review

ANITA BUKEY



Beatrix Potter's garden. *From Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life*

***Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life* by Marta McDowell**

I'm sitting by the fire, cocoa in hand, and with the more than usual ice and heavy snow, it is time to see what is growing in Beatrix Potters' garden.

Author Marta McDowell did not read Ms. Potter's animal stories as a child, but she made up for that by visiting Beatrix's homes and gardens and identifying the plants she grew.

Section one of this three-part book begins with Beatrix's childhood. The shy, rheumatic child of wealthy British parents, Beatrix followed her governesses and nurses around the leafy gardens and greenhouses of London's Kensington district. Her family summered in Scotland where she was free to roam into conifer forests and down flowered country lanes. She considered birds, lizards, mice and frogs as her playmates.



Beatrix Potter and her brother Bertram, 1876. *From Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life*

The family spent their happiest time at Camfield north of London on her grandfather's 300-acre estate landscaped in the style of Capability Brown, England's most famous landscape designer. In these idyllic surroundings, Beatrix began drawing detailed pictures of animals and plants, the start of a fourteen-year fascination with mushrooms, lichens, spores, and fungi. Eventually, her drawings and love of flora and fauna led to writing stories for children. Publishers rejected her creative efforts, forcing her to self-publish her first book, *Peter Rabbit*. Frederick Warne's publishing house took note of its surprise success, leading to annual publications of Beatrix's flower and animal books. Her introduction to Warne eventually led to her engagement to Norman Warne, her project manager, who unfortunately died before the wedding.

Section two begins by looking at four gardening seasons in Ms. Potter's gardens. In her grief, she purchased the 34-acre Hill Top Farm. Gardening eases grief, she assumed. That spring she planted bulbs, flowering trees, shrubs, fruit trees, and vegetables. Friends offered phlox, laurels, azaleas, lobelia, rhododendrons, and saxifrage. She experimented with propagation, liquid manure, and mixing mortar with peat to balance the acidity of the soil. She was becoming a real gardener! However, unable to resist a new plant, she needed to buy more land. She bought nearby Castle Hill. There herb gardens flourished with thyme, mint, marjoram, savory, basil, and rosemary that found their way into her paintings. Mock orange, roses, hollyhocks, and poppies thrived in her enriched soil.



Mushroom illustration by Beatrix Potter. *From Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life*

Summer found her overwhelmed with her gardening success—too many fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers. She began to consider deer, sheep, birds, chickens, and other creatures as pests—not pets. In autumn, Beatrix learned the importance of tidying up the garden and giving certain plants places to overwinter and herself time to observe and draw the beauty of nature's skeletons—trees without leaves. In winter she used the miserable English weather to peruse her many garden magazines with an eye to spring.

The book concludes with a complete index of plants while avoiding the Latin names that Beatrix detested.

Joining Ms. McDowell as she romps through the countryside with Beatrix Potter will warm the cockles of your heart as you sit by your fire.

Gardening and Community Events

PAM BUTLER

MARCH. REGISTRATION FOR ARKANSAS MASTER GARDENER STATE CONFERENCE CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 18.

MARCH 3, 10:00–11:00 a.m. RAISED BED GARDENING. With Washington County extension agent Colin Massey. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. \$19 OLLI member/\$34 nonmember. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 3, 12:00–1:00 p.m. GROW YOUR OWN GROCERIES: STARTING A HOME VEGETABLE GARDEN. Zoom program with Faulkner County extension agent Krista Quinn. [Registration Information.](#)

MARCH 4–6 , times vary. ORCHID SHOW AND SALE. Classes offered: Basic Orchid Care—Saturday and Sunday, 2:00 p.m. daily, Advanced Orchid Care—Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Orchid Diversity— Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville. Cost: \$10 adults/\$5 children 5–12. Registration required for classes. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 5, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. BERRIES FOR THE HOME GARDENER. Apple Seeds Teaching Farm, Fayetteville. Free. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 5, 10:00–11:00 a.m. NATIVE PLANTS OF THE OZARKS AND BUFFALO RIVER COUNTRY. Compton Gardens and Arboretum, Bentonville. Cost: \$10. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 5, 2:00–3:00 p.m. NATIVE PLANT GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING FOR BEGINNERS. Compton Gardens and Arboretum, Bentonville. Cost: \$10. [Registration Information.](#)

MARCH 7, 12:00 p.m. iNATURALIST AND CITIZEN SCIENCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY. Zoom program by Arkansas Native Plant Society. Free. Register by sending an email to ANPS.Programs@gmail.com.

MARCH 8, 6:00–7:30 p.m. ORGANIC GARDENING: WHY AND HOW? Virtual program by Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville. Cost: Free for members/\$10 nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 10, 12: 00 p.m. MANAGEMENT OF COMMON DISEASES AND PESTS OF LANDSCAPE TREES. Facebook online event by Arkansas Urban Forestry Council. Free. [More information.](#)

MARCH 12, 9:00–10:00 a.m. BIRDS AND BREAKFAST. Hobbs State Park, Rogers. Free. No registration needed.

MARCH 12, 10:00–11:00 a.m. BIRDS OF THE GRASSLANDS AND WETLANDS. Peel Compton Foundation. Osage Park, Bentonville. Cost: \$10. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 12, 10:00-11:30 a.m. BUILDING BEAUTIFUL BLUEBIRD HOUSES,

J.B. and Jonelle Hunt Ozark Highlands Nature Center, Springdale. Free. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 12, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. OZARK NATIVE PLANTS FOR RESIDENTIAL GARDENS. Compton Gardens and Arboretum, Bentonville. Cost: \$10. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 12, 10:00–11:00 a.m. SCATS AND TRACKS. Program for kids ages 5–12. Peel Compton Foundation. Osage Park, Bentonville. Cost: \$10. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 12, 2:00–3:00 p.m. NATIVE PLANTS FOR POLLINATOR GARDENS. Compton Gardens and Arboretum, Bentonville. Cost: \$10 [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 13, 4:00 p.m. WORM BIN MAKE-AND-TAKE-WORKSHOP. With WCMG Joanne Olszewski. Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville. Cost \$75 per worm bin kit; additional cost of garden admission for nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 21–25, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. daily. SPRING BREAK WETLAND TOUR. Peel Compton Foundation. Free. Osage Park, Bentonville. Registration is not required, but encouraged. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 25–28, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. daily. ART IN BLOOM EXHIBITION. Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville. Free. [More information.](#)

MARCH 27, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. SPRING BIRD WALK. Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville. \$15 members/\$25 nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

MAY 18–21. ARKANSAS MASTER GARDENER STATE CONFERENCE. Springdale Holiday Inn and Convention Center. It's an "Ozark Adventure" hosted by the WCMGs!

JUNE 4. WCMG "GARDEN GATE" TOUR. A fundraiser for Washington County Master Gardeners featuring tours of local gardens. Details coming soon!

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