



Washington County Master Gardeners Newsletter • March 2023



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In Memory



Photo by Patsy Louk.

Joyce Mendenhall of Fayetteville, Arkansas, was born August 27, 1947, to Olaf and Agnes (Campbell) Mendenhall in Maryville, Missouri. She was the youngest of four girls. She passed away February 25, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Jane (Ray) Risner. She is survived by her lifetime partner, Marvin Hilton of the home; sisters Patricia (Gene) Spire and Teresa (Don) DeMott, both of Maryville, Missouri; one 100-year-old aunt, Anna Cross; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, former co-workers, and tons of friends.

Growing up in the small town of Hopkins, Missouri, Joyce enjoyed all the benefits of being able to run free, climb trees, play ball, and slide down Gas Hill on sleds in winter and cardboard boxes in summer. Her dad raised Shetland ponies as a hobby and always made sure there was one available to ride. When she got a little older, he bought her a regular mare so they could attend horse shows and trail rides together. Most evenings, after supper, they would saddle up and ride around town.

Joyce graduated from Hopkins High in 1965 and Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in business in 1969. While working her way through school at F. W. Woolworth Company (the original five and dime stores), she was approached by the district manager about becoming one of the first women to join Woolworth's management training program. She accepted, which led to her working for Woolworth a total of 35 years. She

managed stores in Springfield and Grandview, Missouri; Ottawa, Kansas; Amarillo, Texas, and Fayetteville, Arkansas. She then started her second career of 18 years working for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in Fayetteville.

Joyce was proud to be a Lifetime Master Gardener. She served that organization as president and received the titles of Washington County and Arkansas State Master Gardener of the Year. She was a lifetime member of the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks (BGO), where she received the Volunteer of the Year award and served twice on the BGO board of directors. She was a member of Chi Epsilon Sigma (the National Extension Service Support Staff fraternity), where she was named District and State Support Staff of the Year. She served on the board of directors of the Healing Gardens of Northwest Arkansas at Highlands Oncology Group. A member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville (UUFF), she served on the UUFF board of directors and on the program and aesthetics committees.

In 2019 Joyce was diagnosed with colon, liver, and lung cancer. She retired from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in 2021.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, 901 W. Cleveland Street. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Washington County Master Gardeners, the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, or the American Cancer Society.

In keeping with Joyce's wishes, all donations to the Washington County Master Gardeners will be used to provide public educational programs and activities related to the topics Joyce was so passionate about: gardening for youth, and butterfly gardening for folks of all ages.

Please make checks out to Washington County Master Gardeners or WCMG. Note "Joyce Mendenhall Memorial" in the memo line of the check. Drop off your check at the Extension Office or mail to Washington County Extension Office, 2536 N. McConnell Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72704.

Plans are underway to have a celebration of Joyce's life for all her gardening friends later this spring. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

Taking Care of Business

We will vote on the following items at our March 7 meeting.

March Meeting: Project Fair



Photo by Randy von Liski/[Flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/randyvonliski/).

See you on Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington County Extension Office for our annual Project Fair. MG volunteers from each of our sanctioned projects will be on hand to share information and gently encourage you to sign up for the season. While we cannot guarantee the availability of soft pretzels, deep-fried candy bars on a stick, or nachos, the atmosphere is sure to be as festive as a county fair and some project reps may even be handing out candy (HINT).

From Your President

JOANNE OLSZEWSKI

Last month I introduced myself to all of you. This month I met with many project leaders, committees, etc., and I want to tell you what I have learned about you, the Washington County Master Gardeners. I found that we are really an incredibly well-oiled organization.

I went to a very well-attended sanctioned project meeting. The room was full. I learned so much about our different projects. The March Master Gardeners membership meeting will focus on a project fair. This is your opportunity to see and hear about our numerous projects and ask questions about the gardens and the types of work done at each. These folks will tell you what special areas they focus on. Sign up even if you are a regular at that garden.



I've been keeping up with the Garden Gate Committee and their amazing work planning and hosting the Garden Gate Symposium scheduled for March 18. It is now open to Master Gardeners. The presentations are a fantastic way to get some education hours. Go to wcmgar.org to register.

I met with committee chairs to work with them to get the website up to date, and to make a list of all committee members. Again, I was amazed at how much work these committees are doing behind the scenes. The executive committee voted to list all committee chairs and committee members on the website. Soon you can go to the Member's Portal of our website and see who works on these committees and who to contact for information.

Last week I had lunch with our Master Gardener trainees. I was so impressed with the enthusiasm they showed and their feedback on the entire training. I would be remiss if I didn't mention how good the lunch was.

These are just four examples of how much I learned about the incredible amount of work and hours so many of you volunteer to make sure it all runs smoothly.

I would mention more work and the names of those workers but it is time to live up to our name, to garden—to get the soil ready to plant onions, sugar peas, spinach, kale, and other greens. Time to buy seed potatoes before they are all gone. But first I have to look at the daffodils, crocuses, and tea roses blooming in my yard. I may even get a glimpse of the first feathery yellow blooms of forsythia.

Survey Says . . .

NICHOLAS SAMMER



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In January, we fielded an ad hoc survey to WCMG members to learn about our demographics, skill sets, gardening interests, and educational interests, and to understand what has kept people from participating in projects. We had good participation and input. (Five random winners of a \$25 gift card will be announced at our March general meeting.)

The executive committee is taking some time with the feedback to understand implications and how this data can shape the future, promote retention and engagement, and help us stay on mission. We will share updates in upcoming months.

I invite you to look at the survey results for yourself. [Click here to view the survey results.](#)

It's valuable to learn about each other, and I think you will be rightly impressed with the skills, interests, and ideas our fellow WCMGs have in spades 😊.

Awards Program Recap

JAN LEFLER

Washington County Master Gardeners celebrated the 2023 WCMG Awards at the February WCMG meeting. The awards committee is composed of prior WCMG of the Year award recipients Geri Alvis, Chris Bell, Jan Lefler, Patsy Louk, Joyce Mendenhall, Kitty Sanders, and Susan Young. The committee says a special “thank you” to WCMG Linda MacLean who designed and painted the two “Yes, I Can” watering can awards; President Joanne

Olszewski and Vice President Elizabeth Hale for their help with the program; and WCMG Aileen Wilson for her photography talents.



Photo by Aileen Wilson.

2022 MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR: JAYNE LASTER

Jayne's volunteerism, work ethic, and Master Gardener lifetime membership status reflect her exceptional dedication and contributions to WCMG. She has been part of six different committees and participates in seven sanctioned projects. She has been a mentor for the past five years.

Jayne co-chairs the Shiloh Museum sanctioned project where she has volunteered for ten years. She shares her creative talents with Shiloh by artistically painting planters, stepping stones, and rain barrels. She helped implement the Free Seed Library located on the museum campus near the Razorback Greenway. Jayne did the artwork for the Seed Library. To date, the library has distributed 6,900 labeled seed packets, with an emphasis on milkweed.

In 2022 Washington County hosted the State MG Conference. Jayne was the go-to person on the decorating committee. She designed and assembled table centerpieces, table favors, rain barrels, and much more. She designed and painted the large back-drop for the conference stage depicting the "Ozark Adventure" theme.

Jayne's extensive knowledge of gardening, her artistic talents, her generous nature, and her willingness to share her many talents results in her ability to educate and motivate

others. Her dedication to project participation and her community involvement is exemplary, illustrating her impact on the WCMG program.



Photo by Aileen Wilson.

2022 MASTER GARDENER "ROOKIE" OF THE YEAR: KRISTI CAMPBELL

Kristi participated in seven different sanctioned projects and earned the Trowel Award for exceeding 200 sanctioned hours as a trainee.

The majority of Kristi's volunteer hours were earned at the Headquarters House Historic Gardens (HQH). Kristi helped in garden preparation and maintenance. She led the watering team when the HQH garden's irrigation system failed. She came three times a week and weekends during July and August to hand-water. Her dedication prevented the loss of many of HQH heirloom perennials, native plants, roses, shrubs, and trees.

Mentor Talya Boerner says Kristi's enthusiasm and willingness to help in whatever capacity made her a joy to mentor. Kristi is a self-starter, is never one to procrastinate and she has a kind spirit. She is supportive and encouraging of other trainees, offering to work with another trainee struggling to complete their hours. Kristi's work ethic is consistent, and her love of gardening is authentic. Even though Kristi completed the minimum volunteer and education hours months earlier, she continued showing up every time her schedule allowed.

Other project leaders commented that Kristi was "a ray of sunshine." She was at the Washington County Fair most of the week helping with cleanup, entry day, judging day, and helping to keep the Horticulture Building and the exhibits in order.

Kristi has a thirst for learning and for helping; and she will be a strong future leader for the Washington County Master Gardeners.



Photo by Aileen Wilson.

2022 INDIVIDUAL FRIEND OF WCMG: MIKE CASSIDY

Mike Cassidy has made exceptional contributions to three sanctioned projects. His involvement in Master Gardeners began in 2018 when his wife Doris completed training. He demonstrates a long-time dedication to the spirit of volunteerism in his community for someone 91 years young.

Mike's volunteerism was invaluable at three different sanctioned projects in 2022: Washington County Fair, Elkins Community Gardens, and the 2022 state Master Gardener conference. His county fair support included watering of flowerpots at the Horticulture Building during the dry summer, transport of donations for the sale table, and monitoring and recording of horticulture visitors. During fair week, he arrived at 8:30 a.m. and stayed until 9:30 p.m. At the state conference, he helped the decorating committee with transport, assembly, and clean-up activities. At the Elkins Community Gardens, he helped transport gardening supplies and equipment, WCMG members, and garden waste from the four different gardening sites that are a distance from one another. He hand-watered at garden sites during the summer drought.

Mike's outstanding service and support has benefited the WCMG program, the Extension Service, and the community.



Photo by Aileen Wilson.

2022 "YES I CAN" AWARD: PATSY LOUK

Washington County Masters Gardeners organized and hosted an excellent state conference in May 2022. Much of the credit for the successful conference is due to Patsy Louk's leadership. Not only was Patsy very competent in her role, she went above and beyond requirements and expectations. All conference planning meetings were orderly, on task, and efficiently run. Additionally, Patsy was on the front line working with committee chairs, and rounding up sponsors, market vendors, goody bag items, and donations. She had answers or knew where to get them whenever any issues arose. Patsy maintained a calm demeanor and quickly found efficient solutions for problems that arose. She continued her involvement in many other Master Gardener activities: Botanical Garden of the Ozarks sanctioned project co-chair; County 76 vice president and president for four years during Covid; Saturday Crew sanctioned project; WCMG training classes; multiple WCMG committees; and 2022 Master Gardener calendar ordering and distribution. Patsy's contributions and "Yes, I can" attitude inspire all WCMGs.



Photo by Kitty Sanders.

2022 ROOKIE "YES I CAN" AWARD: AILEEN WILSON

Aileen finds the WCMG program the very best investment of her time and talents. She combined the West Fork Gardens photo catalogs and designed three different slide shows for community outreach and meetings: 1) The Golden Agers luncheon, covering the West Fork MG history, 2) The Teen Time class for West Fork Library where she taught uses of herbs in baking and brought fresh herb starts for students, and also gave a hands-on bread baking class. 3) She did the West Fork sanctioned project year-end summary for the fall WCMG meeting. At the 2022 state MG conference she used her photography talents and provided a wonderful record of the conference activities with video and still photos. Aileen is already busy planning for 2023 and plans to be one of the co-leaders for the West Fork Gardens project.

There were no nominations submitted for 2022 Project of the Year, Mentor of the Year, Excellence in Education of the Year, and Organizational Friend of the Year. All WCMG leaders and members should start now in preparation for recognizing our excellent WCMG program and its members for the coming year.

2022 TROWEL, WATERING CAN, AND WHEELBARROW AWARDS

Note: Winners of Trowel, Watering Can, and Wheelbarrow lapel pins who did not attend the awards program may come to the Extension Office to receive their pins.

Trowel: Those who have recorded 200+ sanctioned hours for 1–4 years. Alf Anderson, Kathryn Birkhead, Elaine Blowers, Kristi Campbell, Paula Dutton, Elizabeth Hale, Jill King, Terry Kinsey, Mary McCully, James McGinty, Marilyn Misenhimer, Jody

Miskell, Annie Moore, Karen Hanna-Towne, Aileen Wilson, Susan Young

Watering Can: Those who recorded 200+ sanctioned hours for 5–9 years. Geri Alvis, Chris Bell, Doris Cassidy, Susan Gardner, Mary Beth Lohr, Patsy Louk, Gail Pianalto, Jim Sposato, Neta Winston

Wheelbarrow: Those who recorded 200+ sanctioned hours for 10 or more years. Jan Lefler, Joyce Mendenhall, Kitty Sanders, Martha Ward

2022 WCMG RECORDED HOURS

Committee Hours: 2537

Project Hours: 15, 942

Non-sanctioned Hours: 507

Education Hours: 8716

2022 TOP FOUR RECORDED PROJECTS HOURS

Botanical Garden of the Ozarks: 3793

2022 State MG Conference: 3287

Headquarters House Gardens: 1293

Washington County Fair: 1181

TOTAL 2022 WCMG HOURS RECORDED: 27,702

Our Latest Crop of Trainees

TALYA TATE BOERNER



Back row, from left: Robert Callier, Jacob Campbell, Dana Wilholm, Matt Cooper, Bob Pate, J R Capps, Lisa Herrington. Middle row, from left: Fredy Garibay, James Fraley, Haley Deatherage, Roxanne Gallup, Jess Friedel, Luanne Diffin, Danna Grear, Judy McDonald, Carrie Gambel, Carole Ball. Front row: Gari James, Stacy Lake, Pat Brown, Susan Donnangelo, Sally Schoen, Laura Underwood, Jennifer Stewart. *Photo by Aileen Wilson.*

By the time you read this issue of *Garden Thyme*, the newest slate of WCMG Trainees will have completed forty hours of valuable classroom training. Do you remember that feeling? I sure do. Brimming with fresh information on landscape design, pest management, and home fruit production, I completed my initial classroom training inspired and ready to get my hands dirty.

This class is ready to get to work too!

Let's pause for a moment and note the extraordinary talent joining us. The Class of 2023 brings a wealth of knowledge in the following areas: education; music; oil AND gas; medicine; farming; financial/investment; photography and graphic design; sales; grant-writing; environmental science; IT; military; nutrition; business ownership and management; jewelry; beauty; viticulture; and more.

Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

Yes, this group could run a small country (or at least the state of Arkansas). A deep love of gardening brings them to us instead.

As we finally get back to spring gardening (yay!), it will be a treat to get to know and work alongside these remarkable individuals. Let's make the Class of 2023 feel right at home.

They're Like Name Tags for Plants

DALE THOMAS



Photo by [Jon Tyson](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Last summer the executive committee established an ad hoc label committee tasked to identify and provide labels to mark the plants in the various sanctioned project gardens. The committee is planning to collect information about plant names—Latin and common—from the gardens maintained by WCMG. In addition, if needed in a particular garden, the committee plans to print marker labels with names and mount those on metal markers. These can be placed around the gardens to identify plants. Several projects are already doing this.

This work is intended to help fulfill the executive committee's ongoing commitment to provide public education. Through our searchable database of plants, a person will be able to find where a particular plant is located and go see it. People can learn what plants look like firsthand by showing them, via a garden map, where to locate a particular species. Additionally, we will collect basic information on each plant, such as sun vs. shade, deer resistance, etc. We also plan to direct users to databases with further details about the plants.

The label committee needs people with one (or more) of three unique skills:

1. **Garden mapping.** We want to put scale maps of the gardens on the WCMG website.
2. **Label making and marker assembly.** This requires using WCMG's labeling machines to print plant labels. Once printed, each label will need to be mounted on a metal marker. This is an opportunity for those who are unable to "dig in the dirt" to get hours.
3. **Creating and maintaining databases.** We're hoping to have a combined database of all the plants that will be searchable by the public.

[Please email me, Dale Thomas](#), if you can help with any of these.

Natives Naturally



Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*), an Arkansas native, may not be the showiest resident in your native garden, but it's a pollinator magnet! Explore the links below to find out more about the kaleidoscope of native plants waiting for you. *Photo by Susan Young.*

The Garden Thyme is looking for WCMGs to write native plant articles each month. If you are interested, please email Garden Thyme submissions editor [Mary McCully](#). You don't have to commit to writing a column for the rest of the year. We hope to hear from several of you who will write the "Natives Naturally" columns. Columns can be book reviews or interviews with native gardeners; about one plant or many. Mary has provided some resources for you below.

Research Native Plants in Arkansas

Early spring is a good time to begin your research regarding native plants in Arkansas. There are several online Arkansas links. The list below is for your reading enjoyment and research.

["Arkansas Native Plants."](#) UA Cooperative Extension Service.

The section entitled "How Do We Recognize Native Plants?" is a great article as it addresses criteria we need to understand for our native plants to be grown successfully in our home gardens as well as other gardens in which we spend volunteer hours. An excerpt from this article tells us that native plants have evolved and adapted to local conditions over thousands of years. By following the guidelines made available to us, we can have success in planting and caring for our native plants.

["Native Gardening Guide."](#) Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission.

Among the articles here are some great basics for new gardeners and reminders for seasoned gardeners:

- [What Are Native Plants?](#)
- [ANHC's Guide to Native Plants for Arkansas Gardens](#)
- [The Atlas of the Vascular Plants of Arkansas](#)
- [Some Benefits of Using Native Plants in Your Garden](#)

["Arkansas Native Plants List: 12 Best Plants and Shrubs for Landscaping."](#) Backyard Garden Lover

Other Resources to Research

[Arkansas Native Plant Society](#)

["Go Native for Birds."](#) Audubon Arkansas.

[Wild Ones Ozark Chapter](#)

"Anyone who thinks that gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year. For gardening begins in January with the dream."

—Josephine Nuese, author of *The Country Garden*

Leeks

SARA CAIN-BARTLETT



Leeks can grow to be more than two feet tall. *Photo by Sara Cain-Bartlett.*

The social isolation brought on by the Covid pandemic prompted many of us to focus our attention on the outdoors and gardening. So, in the spring of 2020, Coy and I created a large garden surrounded by a seven-foot secure deer fence on our farm. Our basic crops of tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, corn, greens, and okra expanded greatly in our twenty-three-

row garden. We planted all the alliums: onions, garlic, shallots, chives, and leeks.

For the leeks, Coy created a twenty-foot row, raising the bed to a thirty-inch depth by tilling in composted horse manure and chopped leaves. We directly sowed, then thinned when the starts were about three inches high, spacing them four inches apart in a double row. We prefer to create a trench and transplant the starts to the furrow. The trench is filled in around the leek as it grows, blanching the leek base, which should be white then blend into a pale green a few inches up from the base. You can also blanch by hilling soil up around the sheaths as they grow.

Leeks have a long growing season of 120-150 days. They will grow to more than two feet tall. Fertilize in mid-summer by creating a shallow trench along the row, adding fertilizer to the trench then lightly working it into the soil. It does take patience to grow leeks. The fragile young plants will require frequent weeding. And leek roots are shallow, so take care to not disturb them. Leeks also like plenty of water.

A mature leek has a strong root base. The edible part of the leek is the white tender base above that root base; the edible part also reaches up into the pale green flesh above the shaft. The dark green part is tough and rough, but some cooks use that dark green part to make stock. Leeks can be harvested when the base is as thin as a pencil, but leeks are most often allowed to grow to a mature one- to two-inch thickness. We dig our leeks rather than pull them. And we leave our leeks in the ground into winter, mounding mulch a few inches around the base.

To prepare the leek, it is necessary to separate the white layers of flesh and rinse, washing any particles of dirt and sand out of the plant. Slicing the leek lengthwise makes this cleaning easy. I cut the top green part off just at the top of the paler green flesh before I wash the leek.

Fresh leeks are great to eat raw in salads. Leeks can be added in quantity to a recipe without fear of an overpowering flavor and aroma as with onions. My favorite leek recipe is leek and potato soup with a chicken broth base. I also make pure leek soup flavored with garden fresh herbs and garlic. Grow leeks and have fun learning how to cook a variety of dishes with this beautiful vegetable.

Garden Gate Tour Highlights

JUDY SMITH

WCMG's second annual Garden Gate Tour is on Saturday, June 3. The *Garden Thyme* will be featuring each of the tour gardens, beginning with Thu's Asian Garden and the Compost Demonstration Site in this issue.

Advance online ticket sales will begin in May. Tickets will also be sold at the gardens on the day of the tour. The garden tour will need volunteers at each garden. Stay tuned for more information about volunteering to be a host at one of the gardens.



Thu and Michael Maulden's backyard, where Thu tends a greenhouse full of Asian herbs and plants used in Vietnamese cooking.

Thu's Asian Garden reflects Master Gardener Thu Maulden's native Vietnam. She began with a few raised beds just three years ago, then added a greenhouse. She started her garden with Asian herbs. Missing Vietnamese cuisine, Thu's main goal was to plant what she liked to eat. She loves the concept of "garden to kitchen." Her Asian garden represents her passion to bring a bit of Vietnam to her backyard. She grows the humble plants that Vietnamese people eat in their daily meals—herbs like Thai basil and cilantro—and also tends a few fruit trees and banana plants. Thu's Asian Garden is a tribute to Vietnam and to her love of cooking food that reminds her of home.



Giving the compost a little TLC now will pay off when it's time to spread it in the garden.

The Compost Demonstration Site sanctioned project is dedicated to the promotion of composting as a means of waste management for the backyard gardener and homeowner. WCMGs help maintain the site located on the Extension Office grounds, learn troubleshooting techniques, and get hands-on experience in all aspects of the composting process. Other activities may include providing composting mini-classes for the public, lectures and demonstrations for schools, civic groups, etc., and promoting awareness and education about composting through participation in public events and festivals.

Gardening and Community Events

PAM BUTLER

MARCH 1, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. UA HERBARIUM AND ARTHROPOD MUSEUM TOUR. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). \$15 OLLI members/\$30 nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 1, 6:00–7:00 p.m. URBAN AGRICULTURE: NATIVE PLANTS FOR URBAN AND COMMUNITY GARDENS. Bentonville Public Library. Free. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 2, 9:30–10:30 a.m. SUSTAINABLE STORMWATER PRACTICES PROTECT OUR POLLINATORS. Bentonville Public Library. Free. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 3, 5:00–7:30 p.m. ORCHID SHOW AND SALE. Botanical Garden of the Ozarks (BGO). BGO members only. \$15. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 4, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and MARCH 5, 12:00–4:00 p.m. ORCHID SHOW AND SALE. BGO. \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers. [Registration information for May 4.](#) [Registration information for May 5.](#)

MARCH 4, 10:00–11:00 a.m. DESIGNING RAIN GARDENS WITH NATIVE PLANTS. Compton Gardens. Bentonville. \$10. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 7, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ESPALIER TREE FRUIT CLASS. BGO. \$15 members/\$25 nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 8, 4:00–5:00 p.m. FROM THE GROUND UP: A TOUR OF APPLE SEEDS. OLLI. Free for OLLI members/\$15 nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 11, 11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. EUREKA SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER GREENHOUSE TOUR. Hosted by Wild Ones Ozark Chapter. Free. No registration required. [More information.](#)

MARCH 12, 2:00–3:30 p.m. HOW TO DESIGN A GREEN ROOF. BGO. \$15 members/\$25 nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 12, 2:00–3:00 p.m. GROWING FIGS IN COLD CLIMATES. White River Nursery, Fayetteville. Free. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 14, 1:00–3:00 p.m. THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE. OLLI. \$29 OLLI member/\$44 nonmember. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 15, 6:00 –7:30 p.m. A CULTURAL HISTORY OF LAND TRUST PROPERTIES. NWA Land Trust, Fayetteville. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 16, 12:00–1:00 p.m. GROW YOUR OWN GROCERIES: STRAWBERRIES. Zoom program by UADA Extension Service staff. Free. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 16, 6:00–7:30 p.m. BACKYARD MUSHROOM GROWING. BGO. \$15 members/ \$25 nonmembers. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 18, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. WCMG GARDEN GATE SYMPOSIUM. Don Tyson Center for Agricultural Sciences, Fayetteville. Free. [Registration information.](#)

MARCH 18, 2:00–2:30 p.m. GALLS. Hobbs State Park, Rogers. Free. No registration required. [More information.](#)

MARCH 20, 12:00–1:00 p.m. MASTER GARDENER MONDAY. Zoom meeting

with Randy Forst, Arkansas Master Gardeners coordinator and UADA extension agent for consumer horticulture. To receive the Zoom link, [sign up for the state Master Gardener Constant Contact email list](#).

MARCH 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m. HOW TO GROW A STRAWBERRY BED. BGO. \$25 members/\$35 nonmembers. [Registration information](#).

MARCH 25, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. KESSLER CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE. NWA Land Trust, Fayetteville. Free. [Registration information](#).

MARCH 26, 2:00–4:00 p.m. HERB WINDOW GARDEN MAKE AND TAKE. BGO. \$50 members/\$65 nonmembers. [Registration information](#).

MARCH 26, 2:00–3:30 p.m. SPRING FOREST THERAPY. BGO. \$20 members/\$30 nonmembers. [Registration information](#).

MARCH 26, 2:00–4:00 p.m. VOLUNTEER EVENT: BIRDHOUSE BUILDING FOR NWA LT PROPERTIES. NWA Land Trust, Fayetteville. Free. [Registration information](#).

MARCH 27–28, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and MARCH 29–31, 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. DR. COMPTON NATIVE TREE AND PLANT SALE. Compton Gardens, Bentonville. [Registration information](#).

MARCH 29, 2:00–3:30 p.m. WINTER PRUNING CLASS. BGO. \$15 members/\$25 nonmembers. [Registration information](#).

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