

# Henderson County Master Gardener Association

## Summer Series #1

### Summer in the Garden: Dream of Blossoms, Butterflies and Bees

Henderson County Master Gardeners invite you to their Dream Garden on Thursday, June 25, 6:00 pm, East Texas Arboretum, 1601 Patterson Rd. Athens, TX 75751 (Hwy 175 inside Loop 7). Free and open to the public for this Master Gardener event. Door prizes. Info: 903-675-6130 or email [hendersoncmga@gmail.com](mailto:hendersoncmga@gmail.com).

**Casually explore and experience** the abundance of Texas native plants, perennials and adapted plants as well as visit with plant, butterfly/beneficial insect, bee and composting experts. Children welcome. Bring a friend. Great information to take home with you to guide you in your summer gardening.

- ✓ **Summer Color:** Master Gardeners Linda Benton, Margaret Dansby and others will be in the garden to identify the many plants that grow best in the summer heat of east Texas. Learn when to plant, what to plant and where to plant for summer color.
- ✓ **Want Butterflies in Your Garden?:** Wayne Stafford, Master Gardener, talented photographer and local butterfly expert, will show you the best nectar and host plants to attract butterflies to your garden. Wayne will also be sharing information and photos of insects beneficial to the health of your garden.
- ✓ **Bees in Your Backyard:** East Texas Beekeeper Association members and local beekeepers, Sheri and Willy Robson, will welcome you to the Arboretum beehive. They know the importance of bees in your garden and can discuss the most suitable bee forage plants for our area. Bring your children and grandchildren to see bees at work in the demonstration beehive.
- ✓ **Composting Made Easy:** Master Gardener and home composter, Bob Erickson, will be at the Dream Garden compost area to describe the fundamentals of composting. Learn how to use weeds from one season to nourish your garden in the next season.
- ✓ **East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society:** Arboretum staff will be on hand to talk to you about the beautiful gardens, woodland trails, children play and picnic areas and programs available in this beautiful wooded area. Your membership will help the Arboretum maintain its 100 acres of natural beauty which is a true jewel in Henderson County.



The Henderson County Master Gardener Dream Garden began as a trial garden for Earth-Kind® roses. At the end of testing it was

converted into a "Texas Cottage Garden." The garden changes as the seasons change. The rainy spring weather has produced an abundance and variety of Texas natives, perennials and adapted plants throughout the garden. Bees and butterflies love the colorful nectar flowers. ***Come to visit, enjoy and learn.*** The Dream Garden - **Demonstrate, Research, Educate, Apply, Maintain** - offers you the best of summer gardening in East TX.

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#### **Summer Series #2 – Plan Your Fall Vegetable Garden**

Fall Vegetable Production, "Science and Sense", Rick Hirsch, Henderson Co. Extension Agent  
Thur, July 16, 6:00 pm, Cain Center, Athens

**Summer Series #3 – The Herb Ladies Are Coming! Taste & Learn about Herbs that grow well in East TX**  
Foods and Flavors of the Mediterranean, Ellis Co. Master Gardeners, Susan Clark & Arlene Hamilton  
Sat, August 1, 10:00 am, Cain Center, Athens