



Henderson County Master Gardeners Weekly News Article July 31, 2017

Meet Your Local Master Gardeners

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Come meet your local Master Gardeners. Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) will be hosting an informal “Meet and Greet” on Tuesday, August 15, 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens. You may come and go anytime throughout the hour. This event is a great opportunity to get to know more about the Master Gardener program and to talk with current Master Gardeners.



At the Meet and Greet, you will be able to learn about HCMGA’s mission, projects, and programs. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions about plants or plant problems. If you been to the HCMGA Dream Garden at the East Texas Arboretum or have children at South Athens Elementary School where HCMGA tends a teaching Children’s Garden, we would love for you to come by and comment about your experience. Perhaps you have been to one of our numerous informational presentations, or would like to suggest an upcoming program. Master Gardeners would love to hear about your ideas and interests.

Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener? The 2017 Henderson County Master Gardener class will be starting soon. Registration and application deadline is August 23. You can pick up an application during the Meet and Greet, and have any of your questions about becoming a Master Gardener answered. Welcome packets will be given to those that have already turned in their application, or submit it that night. If you are interested in gardening, HCMGA would love for you to consider joining.

Please come by to shake the hand of a Master Gardener. HCMGA is a non-profit volunteer organization administered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Volunteers are required to complete a training course and a volunteer commitment before becoming certified as a Texas Master Gardener. In order to retain certification, there are yearly volunteer and education requirements that must be met. Currently, there are 47 certified Master Gardeners, nine interns, one Emerita, and 19 associates in the HCMGA program.

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