



## Henderson County Master Gardeners Weekly News Article      June 5, 2017

### HCMGA Hosts Steven Chamblee by Lydia Holley

Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) is proud to announce the first presentation in their annual Summer Series. HCMGA will host well known horticulturalist and garden writer Steven Chamblee as he presents “Peace, Love and Milagros” with a side of “Beauty in the Beets” on Thursday, June 15, 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 3344 Hwy 31E, Athens. This presentation is offered free to the public.



Chamblee’s presentation “Peace, Love and Milagros” is a compilation of stories gathered while traveling along Texas roads. He will share stories both humorous and sad. His presentation will not only delight and amuse you, it will make you reflect on the meaning of life. These stories are intertwined with pictures that will inspire. This presentation has been so popular, Chamblee has received standing ovations from a large share of his audiences.

In addition, Chamblee will present “Beauty and the Beets”. This presentation covers how to grow vegetables alongside ornamental plantings. Some wish to do this in order to hide their vegetables from HOA restrictions. Some do not have room for a dedicated vegetable plot, and some just enjoy the beauty of vegetables, so incorporating them alongside ornamentals is a great solution. Come learn how your landscape can be enhanced with the addition of a few vegetables. They may look so beautiful in your landscape, you may not ever want to eat them.

Chamblee is Chief Horticulturist for Chandor Gardens in Weatherford. He served as Consulting Editor and Author for Neil Sperry’s GARDENS magazine for 17 years, writes a monthly e-newsletter column entitled “Native Son”, and is an Adjunct Instructor for Tarleton State University and Texas Christian University’s Extended Education.

HCMGA hosted Chamblee as a part of its Summer Series during 2016. He was one of the most popular speakers hosted during the year. HCMGA is very proud to have Chamblee returning again this year. This is one presentation you will not want to miss.

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