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Henderson County Master Gardener Association Presents Summer Series 2: "Texas Shade Gardens" with Steven Chamblee by Lydia Holley



Steven Chamblee, hosted by the Henderson County Master Gardener Association, will give a special two hour presentation on "Texas Shade Gardens" on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the Senior Citizens Center, 3344 Hwy 31E, Athens (next to the Fairgrounds), from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Everyone has shade in their gardens, even if it is just that frustrating strip of shade from the roofline on the north side of your home which increases and decreases throughout the seasons. Steven Chamblee will explain the difference between part shade, dappled shade, full shade, deep shade, moist shade, wet shade, and dry shade, and tell you what to plant in each type of shade.

He will give examples of easy-to-grow shade plants that need little care on your part, commonly grown shade plants, and the more unusual shade plants that you may have never known existed, but which could easily be planted in your garden to impress your neighbors.

He will analyze which types of plants you can grow under trees, and how to plant without hurting the tree's roots. He will give examples of shade loving understory shrubs, bulbs, and perennials. He will also completely cover the many ground covers you can use in shade.

Texture as well as blooms will also be discussed. There are numerous plants that bloom in the shade throughout the year, and you will walk away knowing which plants to add to your shade garden for additional interest. Evergreen winter interest plants that thrive in shady conditions will also be explored. He will talk about how to create your own lovely oasis of seasonal color as well as guide you through the pitfalls and perils awaiting the novice shade gardener.

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You will not want to miss this very special presentation. It is offered free and is open to the public.

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