



## Henderson County Master Gardeners Weekly News Article      June 11, 2018

### Summertime Gardening Presentation Offered by Lydia Holley

Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) will host Stephen Gent on Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 p.m., at the Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens. Gent will present "The Do's and Don'ts of Summertime Gardening." This presentation is a part of HCMGA's "Learn at the Library" series, a series of free gardening presentations open to the public.



Gent is the owner of McDade's Nursery in Tool, Texas, located on the west side of Cedar Creek Lake. He grew up in England where he developed a passion for plants and gardening. He has over 20 years of horticultural experience, including publisher for four trade magazines – *Nursery Manager*, *Greenhouse Manager*, *Garden Center* and *Garden Center Products and Supplies*.

Summer is a very challenging time for gardeners in East Texas. With soaring temperatures and the yearly possibility of drought, gardeners need to know which plants are tough enough to take our extreme weather conditions and long summer days. Just because a plant is labeled for Zone 8 does not always mean it can grow in East Texas.

Watering, planting, and weeding during this time of the year becomes an art necessary to master. There are certain times of the day and certain times of the year which are best for certain chores. Gent will give you specific tips for gardening in East Texas. Come hear this fascinating presentation and make your garden thrive, not just survive, this summer.

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