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Winter Landscape Presentation Offered

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Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) will host Lydia Holley, Master Gardener and Landscape Design Steward, on Tuesday, October 16, 5:30 p.m., Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens. Holley will present “Secrets to a Beautiful Winter Landscape”. This presentation is a part of HCMGA’s “Learn at the Library” series and is free and open to the public.



Holley first became enamored with winter gardens when she learned of the numerous plants that flower during the coldest months of the year. These plants entice the gardener to brave the cold weather and venture out to look at their colorful blooms.

Seed heads and grasses also bring winter interest. These types of landscapes are becoming more popular as grasses and native plants play a bigger role in many gardens. Berries are another feature of the winter garden, with several plants displaying bright red ornaments hanging from their boughs throughout the winter. Interesting bark, colorful foliage and shadows formed from the rays of the low winter sun will all be discussed.

Of course, evergreens are the plant most gardeners consider when adding interest to their winter landscape. Evergreens can be used in a variety of ways to add structure. Learn how even informal cottage gardens can benefit from the addition of strategically placed evergreens or other structure material.

As a part of the presentation, attendees will be given a handout that lists over 100 winter-worthy plants. Come learn how you can have a beautiful landscape even in the dead of winter.

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