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Square Foot Gardening Presentation Offered

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Master Gardener Susan Skommesa will present “Square Foot Gardening” on Tuesday, February 19, 5:30 p.m., Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens, Texas. This presentation is part of Henderson County Master Gardener Association’s ‘Learn at the Library’ series. The presentation is free and open to the public.



Created by Mel Bartholomew, Square Foot Gardening is a technique using grids on a raised bed filled with specific growing medium. This technique has been proven to be extremely productive and space-efficient. The name, Square Foot Gardening, refers to the size of the grids used.

Plantings inside the grid are based on the size of the mature plant. For instance, 16 carrots should be planted inside one grid, whereas only one tomato plant is planted in the grid space. This also saves seed and reduces time required for maintenance, as no thinning is needed.

Skommesa has grown vegetables using the Square Foot Gardening method for several years. She has found that it is a great technique to increase your yields while reducing the time required for weeding. In her presentation, Skommesa will explain what you need to get started, how to build a Square Foot Garden, what type of soil to use, and how to plant and maintain the garden. She will also give tips from lessons learned and how to use your square foot garden to grow vegetables during the winter season.

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