

Arkansas County Extension Service

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To: Arkansas County Master Gardeners

Below is information regarding two educational opportunities available to Master Gardeners. Please be sure to call the Extension office at 946-3231 or 673-2346 to pre-register for these activities.

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Arkansas County Master Gardeners will sponsor a hands-on **Hypertufa Workshop** on Monday, June 2, at Beth Carter's Home from 5 – 7 p.m.

Hypertufa is a lightweight concrete form made from Portland cement, peat moss and other aggregates like sand, perlite and vermiculite. Supplies will be furnished by the MG, but individuals will need to bring the following items:

- Small form (perhaps a leaf for a butterfly dish, or a container for a form)
- Mixing bucket
- Rubber gloves
- Mask protection
- Measuring device (coffee can, measuring cup, etc.)

Please pre-register by Thursday, May 29, so we can have adequate supplies and work tables available. This is an opportunity to create art for your garden, enjoy good fellowship, and start projects for the 2009 Garden Show.

In Case You're Wondering...

What is it? **Hypertufa** (pronounced *hyper-toofa*) is the term used for a type of artificial stone. It's relatively lightweight compared to stone or concrete and no matter how cold your winter temperatures may be, if properly cured, it is freeze proof. Hypertufa is perfect for making long-lasting garden troughs (plant containers), fake rocks and boulders, stepping stones, wonderfully whimsical garden spheres and all sorts of decorative garden accents. Smooth it over a form or mold, let it properly cure (dry), and you'll have a very durable garden art treasure for years to come.



**Directions to Beth's Home located at 209 SunnySide Road, DeWitt:** One-fourth of a mile South of DeWitt, turn left off Hwy. 165 onto DeWitt Airport Road. Pavement will end at DeWitt Airport, but continue on gravel for approximately one and one-half miles to Beth's house. (Second house on the right past SunnySide Baptist Church)

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**The Prairie County Master Gardeners would like to invite the Arkansas County Master Gardeners on a garden tour of homes on Saturday, June 14, beginning at 9 a.m.** The tour will kick off at Patsy McMullen's home on 1081 Saddle Creek Lane. Other homes on the tour include: Larry Anthony, Laverne Kelly Walls, Byrum Kelly and will conclude with a luncheon at the beautiful home of Lonna Rhodes located on the White River in DeValls Bluff.



Please RSVP to the Arkansas County Extension office at 946-3231 or 673-2346 by Monday, June 9, so they can get a count for the luncheon.

*Directions to Patsy McMullen's: From Stuttgart, travel to Hazen. Turn right (North) on Highway 11, heading towards Interstate 40, continue on north of Hazen. Approximately one-half mile before you reach the interstate, there is a home on the left (west) side of the road that sits back off the highway. The driveway is lined by white pole fencing on both sides with horses in the pasture. This is Saddle Creek Lane.*

I know these activities will provide an opportunity for fun, learning and fellowship, and hope you will make plans to participate in both events. Don't forget to call the Extension office now to pre-register.

Sincerely,

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