

Cooperative Extension Service St. Francis County Master Gardener Thymes

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LANDSCAPING

Choosing Plants

Plant selection is often the key to good landscaping. A landscape will only look good if its plants are healthy and growing strong. When choosing plants for the home landscape take into consideration their preferred site, level of maintenance, mature size, season of bloom, and susceptibility to pests.

Plan Ahead

Before purchasing any plant, study your site to determine whether you have mostly shade or sun, how wet or dry your yard is, and what soil type you have. These factors will help you decide which plants to choose for your landscape. Some plants prefer moist shade with acidic rich soil, while others prefer dry, hot, sunny areas with poor soil.



Time & Energy

It is also important to consider how much time and energy you want to spend caring for your plants. Roses are beautiful, but in general they require a lot of maintenance. They must be pruned, sprayed, watered, and dead-headed regularly to produce good results. Many people are more than willing to dedicate the time needed to maintain roses in order to get the gorgeous flowers, but others are not as enthusiastic about yard work.

What to Buy

Many plants are sold in garden centers and nurseries in 1 or 3 gallon pots. These plants are usually quite small and it is easy to forget that they will probably get much larger once planted in the ground. **By carefully considering how large a mature plant will be before planting it, you can save yourself a lot of work, time, and money.** Many people plant too many shrubs in a bed because they want the bed to look complete right after planting. However, they will have to come back later and remove whole plants or prune severely each year when the plants mature.



Perpetual Motion

The best landscapes have something interesting going on at all times of the year. They may have pansies blooming in the spring, perennial wildflowers blooming through the summer, a sugar maple with beautiful red and orange leaves in the fall, and hollies which keep their showy red berries through the winter. Choose plants for your own landscape that will give you interesting colors or textures throughout the year. (For entire article go to <http://www.arhomeandgarden.org/landscaping/ChoosingPlants.htm>)

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of each
month @ 11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Co. Museum

Select this link to
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Gardener



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I want to remind everyone to go to Wal-Mart, buy some cheap potting soil and pot your plants for the plant sale that's coming soon.

Next Tuesday, April 20, is our monthly meeting. I want everyone that can to come to the meeting, we have a lot to talk about and some concerns that need to be discussed.

Martha Wilson

WEED CONTROL CALENDAR FOR HOME LAWNS

Time of Application	Weeds	Herbicides	Turfgrasses	Comments
Late February to mid-March	crabgrass	Table 3	bermudagrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass, tall fescue, zoysiagrass	Apply a pre-emergence herbicide. To be effective, pre-emergence herbicides must be applied before weeds emerge. These herbicides require 0.25 to 0.5 inch of rainfall or irrigation for activation. To be effective, they must be applied before weed seed germination.
April to July	annual and perennial broadleaf weeds (ground ivy, Virginia, buttonweed, wild violet)	Table 4	bermudagrass, zoysiagrass, tall fescue (check label for St. Augustinegrass and centipedegrass)	Apply three-way (2,4-D + dicamba + MCP) or Trimec® type herbicides to actively growing broadleaf weeds. Apply these products while the turfgrass is dormant or actively growing. Using these products during the green-up period results in unacceptable turfgrass injury.
May to July	crabgrass, goosegrass, sandbur, dallisgrass, bahiagrass	Table 5	bermudagrass, zoysiagrass	Apply MSMA or CAMA to control escaped grass weeds in bermudagrass and zoysia-grass. Do not apply MSMA, DSMA or CAMA to centipedegrass or St. Augustinegrass. MSMA is more effective when temperatures are warm. When using MSMA during the early part of the season, apply at midday to take advantage of higher temperatures.
May to July	nutsedge or "nutgrass"	Table 7	bermudagrass, zoysiagrass	Manage is safe on all turfgrasses. Image may be used on bermudagrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass and zoysiagrass. Do not apply MSMA to centipedegrass or St. Augustinegrass.
September 1	annual bluegrass, henbit, chickweed	Table 3	bermudagrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass, tall fescue, zoysiagrass	Choose and apply a preemergence herbicide. Do not apply to lawns that will be overseeded. Do not apply preemergence herbicides to newly established lawns until after three to four mowings.
November to March	wild garlic or "onion"	Table 4	bermudagrass, zoysiagrass, tall fescue (check label for St. Augustinegrass and centipedegrass)	Apply three-way (2,4-D + dicamba + MCP) herbicides in late November or December when temperatures are above 50 degrees F. Add 1/2 oz surfactant per gallon of spray mix. Repeat treatment in early March and again the following December for complete garlic control.
November to March	winter annual broadleaf weeds	Table 4	bermudagrass, zoysiagrass, tall fescue (check label for St. Augustinegrass and centipedegrass)	Apply three-way (2,4-D + dicamba + MCP) herbicides in late November through March when warm-season grasses are dormant and temperatures are above 50 degrees F.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **APRIL 10 - PULASKI CO. PLANT SALE**, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Pathfinders Greenhouse in Jacksonville. Hwy 67/167 take the Main St exit in Jacksonville. At the end of the exit ramp go west on Main St. Go through 2 stop lights, about one mile turn right. Pathfinders has a big complex, once you make the right turn you will see the greenhouse. For more information contact Beth Phelps at bphelps@uaex.edu or the county extension office at 501-340-6650.
- **APRIL 17 - PULASKI CO. PLANT SALE**, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Master Gardener's Little Rock Greenhouse. The greenhouse is located on the State Hospital campus between War Memorial Stadium and UAMS. Turn north on Palm off of Markham. For more information contact Beth Phelps at bphelps@uaex.edu or the county extension office at 501-340-6650.
- **APRIL 23 - MARION CO. PLANT & BAKE SALE** will start at 8:00 a.m. until 1 p.m., 331 Old Main Street, Yellville, AR. Rain date will be April 30th, same time and location. Contact Lucy Mothershead at 870-453-1854 or Judy Young 870-436-7681 for more information.
- **APRIL 24 - PULASKI CO. PLANT SALE**, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Master Gardener's Little Rock Greenhouse. The greenhouse is located on the State Hospital campus between War Memorial Stadium and UAMS. Turn north on Palm off of Markham. For more information contact Beth Phelps at bphelps@uaex.edu or the county extension office at 501-340-6650.
- **APRIL 24 - CRAIGHEAD CO. PLANT SALE**, 7:30 a.m. Crowley's Ridge Nature Center, 600 E. Lawson Road (off Hwy 1 South). For more information, email Sherrie Mitchell at sherrie.mitchell@cancer.org
- **ST. FRANCIS CO PLANT SALE TBD AT A LATER DATE**
- **DEADLINE FOR PHOTO CONTEST FOR MG 2011 CALENDAR IS MAY 1** Send in a CD of your photos along with a paper copy of information for each photo to Mary Walden, Garden Voice Photography Chairman, 1809 Hwy 229, Benton, Ark. 72015.
- **MAY 4- NATIVE TREE WORKSHOP** with Eric Sundell, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute (Teaching Barn), 1 Rockefeller Drive, Morrilton, AR 72110. Cost: \$45 (includes box lunch). Registration deadline: April 30, 2010. Registration information can be found at the link below. http://www.uawri.org/events?event_id=629411 For more information contact Joanna Seibert at jseibert@uawri.org or 501-727-6281
- **MAY 8 - GARDEN TOUR OF LITTLE ROCK GARDENS - PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ARKANSAS FESTIVAL BALLET**, Saturday - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sandra & Jon Marbaise, #4 Armistead Road (landscaping by Chris Olsen). Cindy & Chip Murphy, #14 Edgehill, (P. Allen Smith's Garden Artistry). Proceeds benefit Arkansas Festival Ballet – Tickets \$25. Purchase online - arkansasdance.org or call Executive Director, Janet Aronson - 227.5320. Questions – call Haven England @ 960.5599 or email - info@arkansasdance.org
- **MAY 8 TO 9 THE QUAPAW QUARTER ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES ITS 46TH ANNUAL SPRING TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES**, featuring five exquisitely beautiful historic homes located in the Governors Mansion National Register Historic District of Little Rock, Ark.. The tour will be held on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, tickets for the Sunday Afternoon Tour are \$12 per person in advance and \$15 after May 1. Tickets for the Evening Candlelight Gala are \$100 per person. Advance tickets may be purchased at www.quapaw.com and at the Little Rock Visitor Information Center at Historic Curran Hall, 615 E. Capitol Avenue. Tickets will also be available on the days of the tour at selected locations along the tour route. Proceeds benefit the historic preservation programs of the QQA. For tickets and more information, www.quapaw.com or call 501-371-0075.



May in Magnolia Master Gardener State Convention

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May 20-22, 2010

- **MAY 25 - JUNE 7 - Master Gardener Italy Tour. FULL**
- **JUNE 11 TO 12 - "DAYLILIES IN THE SPRINGS" DAYLILY CONFERENCE**, 2010 Region 13 Meeting, The Austin Hotel and Convention Center, 305 Malvern Avenue, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas 719011-877-623-6697. Registration is \$115 for adults or \$125 if registering after April 28 AHS Youth Registration \$62.50 or \$67.50 after April 28. For more information contact Rita Monsen, conference chairperson, at monsenr@ipa.net or Yvonne Becker at 501-922-3296 or ylbecker@sbcglobal.net
- **AUGUST 24 - 25 - LEADERSHIP TRAINING**, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Morrilton, Ark. **MG only**

Postmarked by March 22, 2010 \$85.00/Postmarked March 23- April 23, 2010 \$100.00

Have You Been Gardening Lately?

*Angela R. Ryland
SFC Master Gardener*