



Janet Carson

Janet Carson is known throughout the state for her weekly newspaper columns on gardening, as well as her monthly pieces in *Arkansas Gardener* magazine. She also broadcasts a weekly television spot and for 28 years was the host of a call-in radio program to answer questions about plants and plantings.

With a degree in Urban Horticulture and Landscape Design, along with an advanced degree in General Agriculture with a minor in Horticulture, she is an expert on all things to do with creating and maintaining both home and commercial gardens, and has taken a leadership role in sharing her expertise through working with the State Office of the Cooperative Extension Service, where she serves as the Master Gardener Statewide Coordinator. In 2010 she received the Extension Educator Award from the American Society of Horticultural Science. Her first book, *In the Garden*, was published in 2010.



Elizabeth Easley

Having developed a keen interest in science at a very early age, Elizabeth Easley included Botany in her high school education and later majored in Wildlife Ecology and Management at Arkansas State University, graduating cum laude from the Honors Department.

Her early career as Park Interpreter, educator, led to her involvement in working with native plants. Her favorite plants are "those that look gorgeous in the garden and help out the local wildlife population."

Currently, Elizabeth is on staff at the Times Herald Newspaper. She also is a first-year Master Gardener, taking the lead in the publishing of the local group's Master Gardener newsletter, *Master Gardener Thymes*.

St. Francis County Quorum Courtroom

6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 4

ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES AND BIRDS WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Elizabeth Easley, SF County Master Gardener

OCTOBER 11

GROWING HERBS

Needie Rountree, Local Herb Specialist

OCTOBER 18

PLANTS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Ann Wood, White County Master Gardener

OCTOBER 25

LANDSCAPING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Janet Carson, Extension Horticulture Specialist



Needie Rountree

Needie Rountree is a 30+ year horticulturist with an emphasis on herbs and a master of pressed flowers. She is an active member of the Herb Society of America, the Memphis Herb Society, the Dixon Gallery and Gardens, and a past member of the SFC master gardeners.

Her passion for herbs has taken her beyond the typical garden boundaries. Needie's skillful use of herbs ranges from pantry to stovetop to creative art forms.

Needie manages her husband's veterinary clinic and sneaks away to build/maintain her own gardens, and the local Episcopal Church grounds.

She has many four-legged fur children and twin grandsons 11 months old.



Ann Wood

Ann has been a part of the Master Gardener Program since 2003 and has twice been selected as White County's Master Gardener of the Year. She is a former high school teacher who uses her teaching skills to create programs on various aspects of gardening.

She grows a wide assortment of vegetables, has a greenhouse with a small collection of orchids, and has both shade and sun perennial gardens, plus a rose garden and daylily garden. According to her plant records, she has over 750 varieties of plants on her property that could be considered ornamental. Her favorite plant is whatever is in bloom at the moment, though she is partial to daylilies, camellias, peonies, and deciduous azaleas and roses.

Door Prizes

FREE ADMISSION

Refreshments