

**2021 Master Gardener State Conference June 10 & 11, 2021**

**9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

**Register today. Deadline to register is May, 17, 2021**

**Cost will be \$50.00 (for two day conference)**

**Virtual from the comfort of your own home. First 400 registrants will get a conference tote bag.**

**Join us for the 2021 Master Gardener State Conference via Zoom. This two day virtual conference has a wonderful line up of speakers plus virtual garden tours you do not want to miss!**



## **Janet Carson**

Retired Arkansas Master Gardener Program Coordinator and Consumer Horticulture Specialist for U of A Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, Author, Blogger, and Horticulture Trip Planner



## **Joe Lamp'1** aka joe gardener

Host of emmy-award-winning PBS Series Growing a Greener World, previous host of Fresh From the Garden on DIY Network.

## **Tana Beasley**

### **What's To Love about Hummingbirds?**

*Friday, 11:15 to 12 Noon*

Tana Beasley is the AGFC Facility Manager at Potlatch Conservation Education Center at Cook's Lake Casscoe, AR (19 miles east of Stuttgart). She has been with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission going on 19 years now at the Education Center of the Cook's Lake Unit, a special part of the Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge, St. Charles that has been set aside for conservation education of youth and mobility impaired as its primary function and with a secondary function of working with conservation groups (teachers, Scouts, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists to mention a few.) Tana is currently the only person in the State of Arkansas who holds a Federal Master Hummingbird Banding Permit issued by the United States Department of the Interior.

## **Dr. Chris Cooper**

### **Is Your Yard a Smart Yard?**

*Thursday, 9:15 – 10 am*

Experience the full potential of your yard. Use these nine fundamental principles to create a healthy living space for you and your family to enjoy. A native of Jackson, MS, Chris is a UT Extension Horticulture Agent and Coordinator for the Extension Master Gardener Program in Shelby County. Chris can be found throughout Shelby County conducting educational programs addressing issues that affect urban and home horticulture. Chris has a B.S. degree in Soil Science from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA., and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL. Chris is the host of

the series *The Family Plot: Gardening in the Mid-South* which can be found on WKNO/Channel 10 (PBS) On Saturdays at 3:00 pm and on Sundays at 12:30 pm.

## **Dr. Jane Jamison**

### **Capturing Nature's Beauty**

*Friday, 1:15 – 2 pm*

Jane retired after 43 years as an English teacher, media specialist, and district-level administrator in Jonesboro Public Schools (AR) and it allowed her to focus on enjoying life outside the world of public education. Two of her passions (traveling and gardening) are closely linked with photography. "Capturing Nature's Beauty" is a presentation designed to offer tips on photographing images from the garden, travel, landscapes, and other elements of nature. Whether using a DSLR or mirrorless camera or just an iPhone or other cellular device, both amateur and photography enthusiasts have many tools to assist them in capturing high quality images. Sharing some of these tools along with photos from her home garden, area gardens, and world travels will allow participants to improve their own photography skills as well as see some products that can be utilized to make their photos into personalized greetings, gifts, and keepsakes.

## **Debi Orr**

### **What You Want, Baby, I Got It**

### **Soulful Planting with Debi**

*Friday, 9:15 – 10 am*

Debi Siebert Orr is the greenhouse manager for Mid-South Nursery and Greenhouses, a family business established by her parents George and Faye Siebert in 1957. She is a southern lady with

## **Debi Orr** *(continued from page two)*

roots firmly planted in horticulture. She oversees the yearlong production of 13 greenhouses filled with annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, and evergreens. If the thought of getting your hands dirty makes your heart sing, this presentation is for you. Express your unique and individual talents through container gardening. No need to rush, enjoy the different textures, colors, and fragrances that EXPRESS who you are. Get out and enjoy the outdoors and feed your soul. If others think your container gardens are the best in the neighborhood, that makes it all the better. Mid-South Nursery and Greenhouses is the 2019 winner of Business Friend of Master Gardeners Award among larger counties.

## **Leslie Patrick**

### **Native Gardening for Pollinators**

*Thursday, 1:15 – 2 pm*

Featuring Arkansas native plants and pollinators, this presentation explores pollination, flower/pollinator interactions, and pollinator conservation in our state. Learn ways to incorporate native plants into your garden. Leslie Patrick is the Outreach Specialist for the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. She travels the state providing environmental education programs for all ages. She also contributes to ANHC social media, writing news articles, and the weekly Facebook Friday Flower. Leslie has a degree in Environmental Science from the University of Central Arkansas. Her hobbies include hiking and native gardening.

## **Tara Stainton**

### **Organic Gardening in Arkansas**

*Thursday, 11:15 am to 12 noon*

Tara and her husband Robert own Rattles Garden, a small certified organic vegetable, blueberry and cut flower farm. They have been selling vegetables in Little Rock since 2008. Tara began the farm as a kitchen garden that quickly turned into a passion for organic farming. Tara is an outspoken advocate for organic farmers. Through her role as president of the founding board of directors of a cooperative of sustainable farmers, New South Produce Cooperative, Tara spent three years building a business to help remove obstacles that new farmers face when they want to go organic. Tara stepped down from this position to gain balance between work and family life. She now focuses on increasing the farms flower production, building community through farm food share, and being a resource for new organic farmers in Central Arkansas. The Staintons were chosen as the Faulkner 2017 Farm Family of the Year.

## **Helpful hints and other stuff**

<https://youtu.be/0ssUD6sl bE>

***Double click on link to open.***

***All virtual presentations will be recorded and available for 30 days after the conference closes.***

# Master Gardener Virtual Conference Schedule June 10 – 11, 2021

## THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

9 - 9:15 am WELCOME  
Berni Kurz, MG Coordinator  
Branon Thiesse, CES Staff Chair  
County Judge Marvin Day

9:15 – 10:00 am  
Speaker – Dr. Chris Cooper  
“Is Your Yard a Smart Yard?”

10 – 10:15 am - Questions

10:15 – 10:45 am  
2 Gardens – Virtual Tours

10:45 – 11:15 am  
Break

11:15 am – 12 noon  
Tara Stainton  
“Organic Gardening in Arkansas”

12 – 12:15 pm - Questions

12:15 – 12:45 pm  
2 Gardens – Virtual Tours

12:45 – 1:15 pm  
Break

1:15 – 2:00 pm  
Leslie Patrick  
“Native Gardening for Pollinators”

2:00 – 2:15 pm - Questions

2:15 – 3:15 pm  
Speaker: Joe Lamp’l  
“Growing a Greener World”

3:15 – 3:30 pm – Questions

3:30 pm - Close

## FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

9 – 9:15 am  
Announcements

9:15 – 10:00 am  
Debi Orr  
“Soulful Planting with Debi”

10:00 – 10:15 am - Questions

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2:15 – 3:15 pm  
Speaker –Janet Carson  
“Color Your Garden”

3:15 – 3:30 pm - Questions

3:30 pm – Close