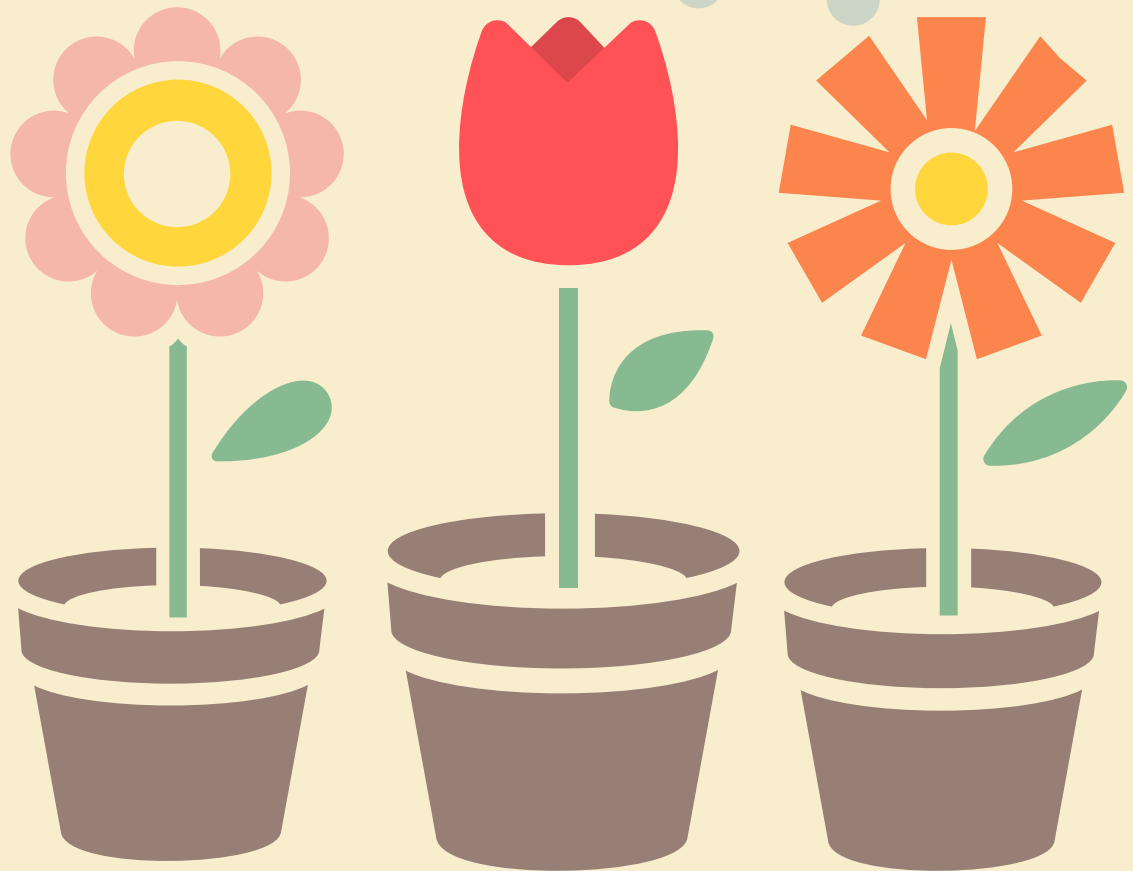


Smart Gardening for the Future

LEXINGTON COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS

2023 SC JAMBOREE PROGRAM

April 28 • Friday • 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
The River Center of Saluda Shoals Park
Columbia, SC



P R O G R A M

8:15 - 9:15 **REGISTRATION & VENDOR SHOPPING**

9:15 - 9:30 **WELCOME**

Debby Greenlaw, Jamboree Chair

9:30- 10:15 **OPENING KEYNOTE - JIM GANDY
YOUR GARDEN IN A WARMER WORLD**

Before his retirement in 2019, Jim Gandy was the beloved and reliable chief meteorologist on WLTX, Channel 19. Not only a trusted forecaster but his Climate Matters segments have also been recognized by scientists and appeared in publications around the country. We are delighted he will join us as our keynote speaker about how climate patterns affect our natural world and gardening environments.

10:15 - 10:45 **MORNING BREAK & VENDOR SHOPPING**

10:45 - 11:30 **WORKSHOP SESSION ONE**

11:30 - 12:30 **LUNCH & VENDOR SHOPPING**

12:30 - 1:15 **WORKSHOP SESSION TWO**

1:15 - 1:30 **BREAK**

1:30 - 2:15 **WORKSHOP SESSION THREE**

2:15 - 2:45 **BREAK & VENDOR SHOPPING**

2:45 - 3:15 **JUST FOR FUN! - "CELEBRITY" JEOPARDY**

Join Amanda McNulty, host of 'Making it Grow' as she turns game show host for our contestants - Bill Guess, plantsman from BB Barnes; Jay Keck, Habitat Manager for South Carolina Wildlife Federation; and Lexington's own Master Gardener, Mac Cooley, as they battle to become the Champion of Gardening and Nature trivia.

3:15 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Followed by
Distribution of Door Prizes & Silent Auction Items.
Final Vendor Shopping.

WORKSHOPS

WHY 'SMART GARDENING FOR THE FUTURE'?

Preparing for the future, gardeners will need to make savvy adaptations to address the warming climate, drought and water conservation, the aging of gardeners, and ways to reuse and repurpose. We think strategies will include container and raised bed gardening, landscapes that require less water, adding more native plants, and attracting wildlife for pollination and pest management.

CHOOSE THREE FROM THESE WORKSHOPS

SMALL SPACE GARDENING - RENEE MCGRADY

Renee McGrady is the Floriculture Manager at Heritage Landscape Services. She has held various positions in the green industry and is passionate about working with flowers. Previously, Renee owned a successful seasonal color installation business. Who better to present and demonstrate creating a container garden?

PLAYING IN THE DIRT - TERESA WILSON

Join Teresa Wilson, Soil3 Community Coordinator, in using plant bags for container gardening. Not only is this a chance to jump on your Spring gardening, but you'll also learn about compost and mixes that are perfect for small-space flower and vegetable gardening.

NEW PLANTS FOR 2023 - BILL GUESS

Bill Guess, BB Barns Garden Center, is a plantsman with a wealth of information to share. Bill will introduce us to some new arrivals, highlighting plants that are drought resistant and can withstand our hot Carolina summers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIVE PLANTS - BOB ASKINS

What is the big deal about native plants? Bob Askins of the SC Native Plant Society will share a little of the history and mission of the organization, provide examples of their projects and activities, and illustrate the benefits of gardening with native plants through stories and photographs.

CREATING NATURAL HABITATS - SAVANNAH JORDAN & SUSAN POTTER

As cities and human populations expand, creating habitats to help wildlife thrive is increasingly essential. Savannah (Wildlife Biologist & Habitat Education Manager, SC Wildlife Federation) will discuss creating a wildlife habitat in your backyard. Next, Susan Potter (North American Butterfly Association) will speak on creating a paradise for butterflies while encouraging habitat restoration.

NATURE WALK - JAY KECK

Jay Keck, Industry Habitat Manager for the SC Wildlife Federation, will lead a nature walk sharing his knowledge of the natural world, including his expertise in bird identification and songs. Jay is a dynamic presenter, and we're pleased to welcome him back again this year!
