

Gulf Coast Garden and Patio Show

Friday, February 26, 2010

10:30-11:30 “Great Plants from Grandma’s Garden”

Dr. Lelia Kelly, MSU Consumer Horticulture Specialist, North MS Research & Extension Ctr, Verona, MS

Do you remember the plants that your grandma had in her garden? I bet you do. Take a trip back in time as we visit your grandma's garden, which had plants both beautiful and useful. Rose of Sharon, Crinum lilies, Hollyhocks, Catnip, Garlic, Confederate rose and many, many others were growing way back when and you can grow them today in your garden. Interesting folklore and facts about these plants, as well as tips for creating your own Grandma's Garden will be offered.

11:45-12:45 “Designing Mixed Containers”

Lori Hitchcock, Co-owner Natchez Trace Gardens, Kosciusko, MS

Creating those designer-like mixed containers is not as hard as you may think. Here you will learn the three keys to arranging, as well as the hot new plants. You'll leave being able to create incredible plantings in containers that will be the envy of your friends and neighbors.

1:00-2:00 “The Art of Growing Bonsai”

Patrick LaNasa, Co-founder and past president of the MS Gulf Coast Bonsai Society

LaNasa learned Bonsai techniques while living in California nearly 20 years ago. You'll learn you can do this artistic style of growing yourself. This is a hobby that will give you a lifetime of enjoyment.

2:15-3:15 “From Garden to Guests *Fearless Entertaining from the Inside Out and... the Outside In!*”

Catherine Hansen Strange, Co-author *Fearless Entertaining and Fearless Entertaining Flowers*

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9:30-10:30 “From Garden to Guests *Fearless Entertaining from the Inside Out and... the Outside In!*”

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10:45-11:45 “Elegant Style with Containers”

Linda Askey, 21 years experience with *Southern Living Magazine*

From doorway to garden, containers offer visual impact and an achievable planting experience. Understand what makes a successful container planting and how to create your own.

12:00-1:00 “Growing Experiences Along Mississippi’s Roads”

Walt Grayson, Author and WLBT TV Personality, Host of *Look Around Mississippi and Mississippi’s Roads*

Stories harvested from Walt's experiences traveling Mississippi's roads while doing feature stories for television.

1:15-2:15 “Sauces from the Garden”

Rob Stinson, Gulf Coast TV Personality, Executive Chef and Owner of Back Bay Seafood, Lookout 49, and Salute Italian Restaurant

Rob will show you how easy it is to use local herbs with ingredients found in most kitchens to make delicious base sauces and how easy it is to store and keep them for future use. He will use some of the same sauces he uses in his restaurants to illustrate this.

2:30-3:30 “How do you find a Qualified Landscape Professional?”

Martha Hill, Hinds Community College, Chair Landscape Management Department

Finding a professional, qualified, licensed landscape architect, landscape contractor, lawn care provider, landscape management company, or other allied professional is not an easy task. Who should be licensed and with what organization should they be licensed under? Martha will give you the tools to find the right Green Industry professional for the job at hand.

Sunday, February 28, 2010

10:30-11:30 “Green and Gorgeous in the Garden”

Dr. Alan Henn, MSU Plant Pathology Extension Professor, Mississippi State, MS

Kermit the Frog may have said, “It’s not easy being green,” but Dr. Henn will show you it’s not that hard. Whether you want the healthiest lawn, baskets of vegetables and fruit or colorful flowers, you’ll learn how to handle the disease pressures in a responsible way and put the joy into gardening.

1:00-2:00 “Using Bamboo Effectively in the Landscape”

Jim Bonner, Owner of Bamboo Plantation, Brookhaven, MS

Jim will provide an overview on bamboo plant basics and how well they fit in with diverse landscape designs. He will show you how to choose the right plant for the right application.

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