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HCMGA Free Presentation: Why You Want Native Plants by Lydia Holley

Henderson County Master Gardener Association will present “Saving the World One Plant at a Time: Why You Want a Native Plant Environment” on Tuesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S Prairieville, Athens. This presentation is free to the public.



Maybe you have heard about native plants. Maybe you have some in your garden. But, do you know why you should grow native plants? Are you aware of the many benefits natives add, and the impact your plant choices make? Do you want to attract more birds, butterflies and beneficial insects to your garden? How can adding more native plants make a difference? Does it really matter if one chooses a native plant over a non-native?

These and many more questions will be answered. This presentation is a little different than the usual talk on native plants. After hearing this presentation, you may not look at plants in the same way again. You will walk away realizing the effect your plant choices have on the birds, butterflies, and other wildlife in your garden. You will understand how changes in the landscape over the last 300 years have influenced our native animals. You will also understand why we are seeing more outbreaks of foreign bugs, many that are devastating to our native plants.

This presentation encourages you to look at your garden as a community of plants, not just a collection. Not just entertaining, this presentation may change the way you garden. It will certainly open your eyes to the importance of your garden, and the impact of your plant choices.

This presentation is a part of Henderson County Master Gardener’s “Learn at the Library” Series, which is held the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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