



## Henderson County Master Gardeners Weekly News Article      May 28, 2018

### Plant Propagation Presentation Offered

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Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) is pleased to host a presentation on “Plant Propagation” given by Brazos County Master Gardener Jim Kracht on Thursday, June 7, 6:30 — 8:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, 3344 Hwy 31 E, Athens.



This presentation is a part of HCMGA’s “Summer Series”, a series of invited speakers and horticultural experts designed to share their knowledge and love of gardening to the community. This presentation is free and open to the public.

Plant propagation is an easy way to acquire more plants for your garden with just a small investment of time and effort. You will also save money by propagating non-patented plants yourself.

In my own garden, I have propagated numerous boxwoods because I use them to hedge my garden beds. This allows me to have a large number of boxwoods without the expense of purchasing so many. By propagating boxwoods myself, I also know that I am not accidentally introducing boxwood blight into my garden from an outside source.

Or, you may also wish to propagate plants that are not widely available commercially, or those that have a sentimental attachment. For instance, I propagated a plant growing wild in the woods, planted by the birds, but not an invasive. By taking one small cutting off the original plant, I now have a plant in my garden that I have never seen for sale in any local nursery. Additionally, I have plants acquired from friends and relatives through division, stem cuttings, or seeds that are not valuable in monetary terms, but add a touch of nostalgia and joy to my garden.

There are several methods of propagation. The most widely used method is through seeds or division. Propagating plants by taking stem cuttings is also popular. There are also the propagation methods of leaf cutting, root cutting, layering, air layering, and more.

Come hear how you, too, can make new plants for your garden with just a small commitment of time and effort.

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