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## HENDERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS (HCMG)

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## Cut Flower Garden Presentation Offered

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Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) intern Cindy Oliver will present “Cut Flower Gardening - Warm Season Annuals” on Tuesday, March 19, 5:30 p.m., Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens. This presentation is free to the public and is a part of HCMGA’s ‘Learn at the Library’ series.

Do you want flowers to bring indoors? You may be interested in growing a cutting garden. A cutting garden allows you to grow flowers specifically for enjoyment indoors. Many times, gardeners are reluctant to cut the blossoms off their flowering perennials or shrubs, wanting the garden to look full of blooms. A cutting garden solves that problem. Usually grown in an area outside the garden landscape, a cutting garden is not grown to look good all year. It is grown only for the purpose of supplying flowers for bouquets.

### ***What is the perfect type of flowers to grow for cuttings?***

Annuals grow fast, reaching their peak blooming period in one year or less. These are the perfect type of flowers to grow for cutting. Many annuals can be grown from seed, keeping the cost of a cutting garden low. Week after week, you can have bouquets of flowers for just a fragment of the cost it would take to purchase them.



The type of flower you choose makes a difference. Some flowers do not care to be cut, wilting soon thereafter. You want to make certain the annuals you choose for your cutting garden are flowers whose blooms last in a vase for several days. Oliver will discuss which flowers last longest. She will also explain when best to cut your flowers for the longest vase life possible.

Come learn how to start a cutting garden, how to best grow annuals for cutting, and the types of annuals Oliver grows in her own cutting garden. Oliver is owner of R/C Flower Farm and a member of the Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers.

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