



## HENDERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION (HCMGA)

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## Concept Design Presentation Offered

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Master Gardener Intern Delbert Hirst will present “The Design Process — Concept Designs”, on Tuesday, July 16, 5:30 p.m., Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library, 121 S. Prairieville, Athens. This presentation is a part of Henderson County Master Gardener Association’s “Learn at the Library” series and is free to the public.

Hirst’s presentation is a part of a continuing series. In April, he discussed site analysis, with goals and criteria explained. At the presentation on July 16, after a brief review, Hirst will continue to the next step in the process: concept design.

Concept design includes a number of different design decisions. For instance, you will most likely want a certain type of garden, and the concept of how you envision your finished landscape will influence its design. A cottage garden will feel more informal and relaxed than an evergreen, formally-styled garden or a minimalist, modern garden. Not only will the garden feel different but the pathways, the lines, the hardscape materials, the plants, their placement, etc., will all be selected based upon the garden’s concept.

At this stage, detailed plantings will not be used; it is the tone of the garden that is important. This stage lays out a vision of what the garden will become. From the drawings, you should be able to discern its mood, or atmosphere. It should also be clearly consistent with the inspiration desired by the homeowner for their personal space.

By using a case study with the same set of goals and criteria, Hirst will show two examples of how concept influenced the landscape’s design choices.

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