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Presentation on Growing Houseplants

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Editor's Note: *The information in this article is good, however the dates and scheduled events will not happen on the dates listed due to Covid19 pandemic quarantines.*

A presentation on growing houseplants will be given by Master Gardener Addie Matney on Tuesday, March 17, 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 and open to the public.

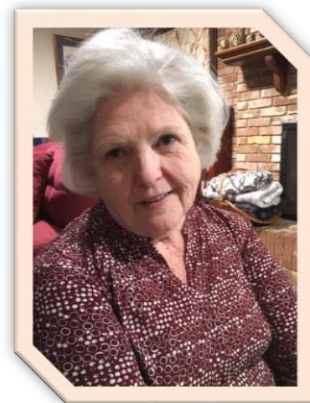
If you are old enough to remember the 1970's, you probably either had, or knew people who had, an obsession with houseplants. Interestingly enough, young adults are following in their mother's (or grandmother's) footsteps in acquiring houseplants. From 2016 to 2018, houseplant sales have almost doubled. Retailers specializing in houseplants have also sprung up.

Why the resurgence? I can think of several reasons. First, plants are a living thing. Many people want to nurture something without all the hassle pets entail. Plants give back by releasing oxygen into the air. Many houseplants are undemanding, requiring just a weekly watering. And yet, there are houseplants that can provide a challenge, too.

It is also easy to decorate with houseplants, since you can find miniature ones to put in whimsical pots or some that grow as large as a tree which can fill an awkward corner. Houseplants offer a variety of leaf structure, bloom, and foliage color. I believe the real reason behind the houseplant's resurgence is due to their being able to offer so much with so little time and effort required in return.

Matney's presentation will explain the various kinds of potting soils available, preferred types of pots, and fertilizer schedules. She will give detailed information on various plants suitable for growing indoors.

Houseplants are a versatile group, with plants such as: lucky bamboo, numerous ivies, aloe vera, fiddle leaf fig, umbrella plant, air plants, and many, many others available. If you have a question about a houseplant you are currently growing or want to start growing houseplants, you will want to hear this presentation.



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