

Crosby Arboretum Program Schedule

March 2020

VEGETABLE GARDENING IN CONTAINERS

Friday, March 6, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Did you know you can grow many varieties of vegetables in containers? Learn some great tips to get started on the road to success with growing container-grown vegetables with **Dr. Eddie Smith**, MSU Pearl River County Coordinator and Extension Agent. Program is free to Arboretum members; \$5 for non-members. Reservations requested.

YOGA ON PINECOTE PAVILION

Saturday, March 7, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Bring your yoga mat and a friend and get fit while enjoying the natural setting of the Pinecote Pavilion with certified yoga instructor **James Sones**, followed by a short meditation sitting. Class limited to 16. Please arrive 10 minutes early. Members free, non-members \$5. Reservations requested.

INTRODUCTION TO NATURE SKETCHING

Saturday, March 7, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of nature sketching and how to get started in a fun and rewarding pastime in this introductory class with artist **Robin Veerkamp**. Members free, non-members \$5. Reservations requested. Gallery opening will follow.

SPRING GALLERY EXHIBIT: DRAWINGS BY ROBIN VEERKAMP

On Display June 8 - August 31



Exhibit opening March 7, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Picayune fine artist **Robin Veerkamp** works in colored pencils and chalk pastels, and specializes in drawing architecture, plants, animals and landscapes from original photography. Much of her work has been inspired by the beauty of the Crosby Arboretum, where she worked for over a decade. Robin teaches nature sketching throughout the year at the Arboretum. The opening event is free to all. Light refreshments will be served.

FAMILY WORKSHOP! PAINTED ROCKS & FAIRY DOORS



Saturday, March 14, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Families will enjoy painting rocks to take home, and to hide at the Arboretum! They will also paint a special fairy door they will leave on a special tree. Visitors/guests will then be encouraged to find and relocate the rocks and fairy doors for others to find. On your next visit, we encourage you to find your rock/fairy door! All materials provided. There is no minimum age requirement, as children must be accompanied by an adult. For member adults/children, there is a \$4 materials fee per person. For non-members, the cost is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. Reservations requested.

SPRING BOTANY FIELD WALK

Saturday, March 14, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a spring field walk around the Arboretum grounds to learn about the native plant species displayed in the exhibits, tips to identify them, their role in history and culture, and how you can use them in your home landscape, with Arboretum Director **Pat Drackett**. Members free; \$5 for non-members. Reservations requested.



"Good dogs" meet at The Crosby Arboretum. Leashed pets are welcome on our trails. Plan a walk soon to see the spring blooms!

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March – April 2020

SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE



March 20 & 21 (Friday & Saturday)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Members enter at 9:00 a.m.)

Choose from a wide variety of hard-to-find native trees, shrubs, and perennials for your landscape. Pearl River County Master Gardeners will help you choose the plants suited to your property. See our Facebook page for a list of available plant species. **Free admission.** Sale is in the greenhouse area. Please use site Service Entrance.

NATURE DISCOVERY DAY!

Thursday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

In this educational field day, students will explore an array of live animals, hands-on exhibits and presentations, and more. The field day is open to K-7 schools and homeschool groups. Admission is \$2 per child. Free for teachers and teacher assistants. For parents accompanying their child, cost is \$5. Homeschool groups, entry is free for parent-teachers. Groups over 15 must call 601-799-2311 to schedule an arrival time.



FOREST BATHING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 28
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Discover how to increase your health and well-being by connecting with nature at a deeper level. Join Nature Connection Guide **Nadine Phillips** to learn

about forest bathing and other techniques to help you relate to the natural world more consciously. The forest therapy of Shinrin-yoku was developed in Japan during the 1980s and has become a cornerstone of preventive health care and healing in Japanese medicine. Shinrin in Japanese means “forest,” and yoku means “bath.” So shinrin-yoku means *bathing* in the *forest* atmosphere. Limit of 12 persons. Reservations required. Members free; non-members \$10. Please register early.



The pawpaw information presented by Harrison County Master Gardener T.J. Testman was a hit at our Arbor Day Plant Sale!

GROWING & COOKING CULINARY HERBS

Saturday, March 28, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to grow herbs, plus growing them in containers with **Amy Nichols**, A.S. Horticulture and Landscape Management Technology. Methods to harvest, dry, and store herbs, and cooking with fresh and dried herbs and spices, and seasonings used by various world cuisines will also be covered. Members free; \$5 for non-members.

YOGA ON PINECOTE PAVILION

Saturday, April 4, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Bring your yoga mat and a friend and get fit while enjoying the natural beauty surrounding Pinecote Pavilion with yoga instructor **Steven Furr**. Please arrive 10 minutes early. Members free, non-members \$5. Reservations requested.

GARDEN PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Learn about pollinators found in our coastal region - bees, butterflies and hummingbirds – and the best native and non-native plants to add to your garden to attract them, with **Amy Nichols**, A.S. Horticulture and Landscape Management Technology. Members free; \$5 for non-members.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: BUILD & PAINT A BIRDHOUSE!!

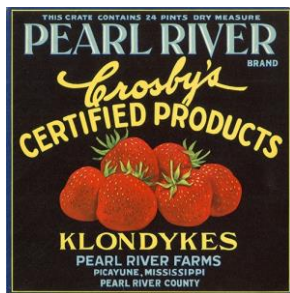
Saturday, April 18, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Children will have great fun building and painting their own bird house to take home for their feathered friends. All materials provided. No minimum age requirement, as children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations requested. Members' children \$4; non-members' children \$6. No charge for member adults, non-member adults \$5.

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April - May 2020

CROSBY ARBORETUM'S ANNUAL STRAWBERRIES & CREAM FESTIVAL



Sunday, April 19, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

This event celebrates the history of the Arboretum having a former use as a Depression-era strawberry farm. Bring your friends and family out for the afternoon! Stroll the Arboretum grounds, and on the way to the Pinecote Pavilion you will find our plant exhibits in full bloom! Listen to music, and enjoy ice cream, fresh strawberries, and Picayune Frog Lemonade. Admission is free to everyone for this annual family-friendly event!

(Crate label graphic courtesy of Robert Crosby and E. Howell Crosby, Crosby Land & Resources, LLC, New Orleans, LA)

MEMBERS ONLY WORKSHOP: MINDFULNESS WITH NATURE



*"Experience the nurturing essence of spring.
Awaken your senses to the elements.
Learn to speak the language of the forest".*
Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

In this special workshop with **Janice McDermott, M.Ed., MSW**, you will learn about the concept of mindfulness, and the many benefits to its practice. The program will begin with an indoor discussion and activities, before moving outdoors to apply this material while surrounded by the natural world. Afterward, the group will gather to review their experiences. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to enjoy during the last portion of the workshop. Program is free, and for Arboretum members only.

Author of *Healing Mind, Five Steps to Ultimate Healing, Four Rooms for Thoughts*, co-author of both the classroom and counselor's edition of *Grand Ideas from Within*, a language enhancing mental health program. Janice has a Gestalt Diploma from the Gestalt Institute of New Orleans, trained at the Esalen Institute of California, is a certified Neurolinguistic Practitioner, and a speech and drama coach.

THE ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL VALUE OF NATIVE PLANTS

Saturday, April 25, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Native plants have sustained people on the southern landscape for thousands of years and sustained native ecologies for millions. Join **Matthew Heron**, Founder and Education Director of the Coastal Plains Outdoor School located in Southeast Louisiana, to explore the true meaning of "sense of place" and the incredible ecological and cultural value of native plants as food, medicine, pigments, fibers and more. Members free, non-members \$5. Reservations please.

YOGA ON PINECOTE PAVILION

Saturday, May 2, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Bring your mat and join us for a yoga class in the beautiful natural setting of Pinecote Pavilion, and short meditation sitting. Class limited to 16. Please arrive 10 minutes early. Members free, non-members \$5. Reservations requested.

SMART LANDSCAPES: NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR HOME LANDSCAPE

Saturday, May 2, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Whether you want to fill your yard with hummingbirds, butterflies, pollinators, or other wildlife, make jam and jelly from tasty native fruit, enjoy a colorful variety of seasonal blooms, landscape your problem areas with plants known for surviving adversity, or just need a low-maintenance landscape, you will find some great new ideas here in this program on home gardening with native species with Crosby Arboretum Director **Pat Drackett, M.L.A.** Members free, non-members \$5. Reservations requested.

FAMILY PAWZ WORKSHOP PAINT FOR PAWS LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 9, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Looking for something to do with friends and family? Make a date with your sweetie, spend a fun girls' day out, or bring the family to enjoy "Painting for Paws" while supporting our furry friends! Choose from painting on ceramic, canvas, or a variety of other items provided. There is no minimum age requirement, as children must be accompanied by an adult. Please call to pre-register. The \$30 entry fee per person (cash only) will include all craft materials, lunch, and a donation to a local rescue organization.

NOTE: The "Mindfulness with Nature" workshop this month with Janice McDermott is a special *MEMBERS ONLY* program. Members may attend these regular events as one of their many membership benefits.

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May 2020

MUSIC UNDER THE PINES! OPEN MIC NIGHT



Saturday, May 16
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dust off that old guitar hiding in your closet and join us for another open mic night in the lovely outdoor setting of the Pinecote Pavilion. Musicians call 601-799-2311 to sign up for your 15-minute time slot. The event is open to those who either play an instrument or are accompanied by a musician (please, no recorded music/karaoke). Enjoy coffee, tea, and desserts, hear some outstanding tunes, and enjoy this rare chance to see the Mississippi Landmark Pavilion illuminated at night. This is a fundraising event to support the Arboretum's educational programs. Admission to all (members and non-members) \$5 for adults (\$4 senior/military), \$2 for children. No charge for musicians!



"MAKING MORE PLANTS: THE BASICS & BEYOND OF PROPAGATION" WORKSHOP WITH JOHN MANION

Saturday, May 23, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

COST: \$110 for members/non-members (Members of the Louisiana and Mississippi Native Plant Societies, \$90).

In this day-long propagation class combining lecture and hands-on demonstrations, participants will learn about the many ways to "make more plants" with **John Manion**. Although the techniques will focus on propagating native species by vegetative propagation and from seed, these techniques are the same used for producing all kinds of plants. The workshop is applicable to home gardeners as well as nursery employees. Previous knowledge is not required, and all materials will be provided. Participants will take home plants they have propagated in class. To register for this workshop, please contact John directly at manionsnature@gmail.com.

INTERESTED IN PLANT PROPAGATION? DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND JOHN MANION'S MAY 23 WORKSHOP!



About John T. Manion:

After working in several careers, John realized his true passion was for plants, and earned his bachelor's in plant science at SUNY Cobleskill and master's in Public Garden Leadership at Cornell University. He interned and worked at several well-known botanical gardens and arboreta, including the Royal Botanical Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland, and was the Historic Gardens Curator at the Atlanta History Center. John has been the Kaul Wildflower Garden Curator at Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Alabama for ten years, where he developed their highly successful Certificate in Native Plant Studies program.

SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES: ORIGINS & HISTORY

Saturday, May 30, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy this introduction to the fascinating history, origin, and cultural uses of semi-precious stones, their levels of hardness and ease of being worked in lapidary with **Connie Boyd** of Unique Stones, in Ocean Springs. Reservations requested. Members \$2; non-members \$5.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE
WHEN YOU ARE VISITING THE ARBORETUM.**



www.crosbyarboretum.msstate.edu

Reservations: Call the Arboretum office at (601) 799-2311. **Physical Address:** 370 Ridge Road, Picayune, MS 39466. **Hours:** Wed-Sun, 9 AM – 5 PM.

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