

The Crosby Arboretum

Mississippi State University Extension Service



Spring 2012 Programs

MARCH



"FLYING WILD": PROJECT WILD TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 3

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is offering a fun-filled and hands-on, interactive workshop for teachers and homeschool educators using migratory birds to teach core curriculum. **Flying WILD** is designed to inspire young people to discover more about conservation and the natural world, and to get involved in activities that promote environmental learning and stewardship. Cost is \$15 for the class (FREE for participants from Pearl River or Hancock counties), which includes the teacher's manual *Flying WILD: An Educator's Guide to Celebrating Birds*, and \$10 for CEU's. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For questions, contact **Crystie Baker**, at crystie1@gmail.com; to register, call (601) 799-2311.



FIREWISE EVENT: "HOW TO HAVE A FIREWISE HOME" (Adults)

Saturday, March 10

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Firewise is an educational program for homeowners and community leaders. Information will be presented on how to design, construct, landscape, and maintain home or community so as to withstand a wildfire without the aid of firefighting resources on scene. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques, and how to assess the fire danger of their home. Lunch, refreshments and workshop materials will be provided. Firewise events are free, but pre-registration is required. Register by Wednesday, February 29th. Call 601-799-2311.



WILDLIFE DAY (School Day)

Thursday, March 22

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Children will be thrilled to see the array of exhibitors displaying live and preserved animals, while learning how to protect and maintain wildlife in a field day open to area K-12 schools and homeschool groups. Admission \$2 per child, free to teachers and chaperones. Please call by March 21 to schedule an arrival time for your group.

THE JEAN CHISHOLM LINDSEY LECTURE IN LANDSCAPE DESIGN (Adults)

Saturday, March 31

12 noon, Jackson, MS

The Crosby Arboretum Foundation cordially invites you to the Jean Chisholm Lindsey Lecture in Landscape Design at the Welty House Garden featuring authors of *One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place*, **Susan Haltom** and **Jane Roy Brown**. Lecture and lunch begin at twelve noon at the Mississippi Museum of Art with afternoon refreshments to follow in the Welty House Garden. Cost \$60. For ticket information, please call 601-799-2311.

APRIL



STRAWBERRIES & CREAM FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 1

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Family)

Bring the family, and join us to celebrate the history of the old strawberry farm on the lovely Pinecote Pavilion. Ice cream, fresh strawberries, and Picayune Frog Lemonade will be served. **Admission is free** and open to the public!



SPRING PLANT SALE

Sat/Sun April 7 & 8

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Members Admitted at 9:00 a.m. Sat.

Grab a cart and choose from a variety of wonderful native trees, shrubs, and perennials for your home landscape. Come early for the best selection of many hard-to-find plants. We'll help you select the right plant for the right place on your property. **Free admission.** Arboretum greenhouse.



SPIDER DAY! (Family)

Saturday, April 14

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MSU Entomology Student **Breanna Lyle** will begin the day with a 30-minute tarantula presentation in the Pinecote Pavilion. Afterwards children can participate in various art activities coordinated by Master Naturalist **Mary Cordray**. A 30-minute talk on venomous spiders will be conducted at 12:30. All morning arts and crafts project will continue with volunteers on-hand to answer questions. Free to Arboretum members; Price for non-members is \$5, and \$2 for non-members' children.



SPRING FIELD WALK: NATIVE PLANTS FOR THE HOME LANDSCAPE

Saturday, April 21 (Family)

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Join Director **Pat Drackett** for a field walk through the Aquatic, Woodland, and Savanna Exhibits to discuss the plants growing in these habitats and how to use them in your home landscape. Free to Arboretum members; \$5 for non-members. Please register by April 20.



EARTH DAY AT THE ARBORETUM!

Saturday, April 28

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate the 42st anniversary of **Earth Day!** Come to a program, or visit exhibits from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. that focus on nature and sustainable gardening. Explore a variety of stations from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with topics such as beekeeping, rainwater irrigation, gardening, birds and butterflies, composting, and vegetable gardening. Members free; non-members \$5; non-members' children \$2

EARTH DAY PROGRAMS:



STRATEGIES USED TO PROTECT MISSISSIPPI'S COASTAL HABITAT

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. April 28

Dr. Chris Boyd, Assistant Extension Professor in Environmental Sciences, will present an exciting lecture about our local coastal ecosystems. Come learn about the habitats of coastal Mississippi along with descriptions of the many aquatic and terrestrial animals that live within them. You will also acquire information about management strategies that are used to protect this land from urban development. Members free; non-members \$5.

GET TO KNOW NATIVE AZALEAS!

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. April 28

Tom Dodd of Dodd Natives nursery in Semmes, Alabama will present a fun and informative talk teaching us about native azaleas, their culture, how some hybrids came to be, and how to make them best fit into your garden design. He'll also talk about plants that play well with native azaleas in the home landscape. Members free; non-members \$5; non-members' children \$2.



The NATIVE ORCHIDS OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI (Adults)

Saturday, May 19

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Learn to recognize and enjoy many of the thirty species of orchids native to the Gulf Coast. There are many interesting species which are often overlooked by everyone but the most avid orchid grower. **Glen Ladtner**, long-time orchid enthusiast and member of the Gulf Coast Orchid Society, will discuss habitats, plant and flower characteristics, and touch on common conservation techniques. Members free; non-members \$5; non-members' children \$2.

SPRING VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

SATURDAYS, March 3, April 21, & May 5

9:00 a.m.

Connect with nature and meet some great folks at the same time! Come learn about the many exciting volunteer opportunities and activities that you will enjoy here at the Crosby Arboretum at our next volunteer meeting. For more information, please call Volunteer Coordinator **Robin Veerkamp** at (601)799-2311, Ext. 104.

****NEW for 2012!****

Let us help you keep that New Year's resolution. Get in shape while enjoying the great outdoors.

"Walking with Kim" Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Meet at the Crosby Arboretum ticket booth. Wear comfortable clothes. Bring your leashed pet if you want!

2012 Dates:

February 25 & every Saturday in March, April and May.

Cost: Members: FREE Non-members: \$5

Sr. Citizens (55+): \$4 Military: \$4 Children under 12: \$2

For more information call 601-799-2311, ask for Kim.

MAY



PAINTED POTS (Kids)

Saturday, May 12

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Here is the perfect Mother's Day Gift for moms who love plants! Decorate a clay pot and design a Mother's Day Card using recycled materials. Workshop led by Master Naturalist **Mary Cordray**. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. All materials provided. Members' children \$2; non-members' children \$4. Register by May 11.



CLIPART SOURCE: ETC.USF.EDU/CLIPART;
WWW.GARDEN-SERVICES.COM WWW.WEBWEAVER.NU

For more information, or to register, please call the Arboretum at (601) 799-2311. Membership is \$40 for families, \$30 individual; \$15 students. The Crosby Arboretum is located in Picayune, Mississippi, off I-59 Exit 4, on Ridge Road (between Wal-Mart and I-59). Follow signs to the Arboretum.

