

The Crosby Arboretum

Mississippi State University Extension Service



Winter 2011-12 Programs

HOLIDAY PAPERMAKING (Kids)

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Whip up a batch of handmade paper from recycled materials! Children will use paper pulp to fashion a variety of holiday ornaments, even some with seeds for planting later in a program led by Master Naturalist **Mary Cordray**. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All materials provided. Members' children \$2; non-members' children \$4. Register by December 2.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN INTERPRETIVE WALK *Saturday, Dec. 3, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Adults)*

Join former Arboretum Curator **Bob Brzuszek** on a walk around the Savanna and Pond Journeys. Bob will discuss the design intent behind the landscape exhibits, and explain the behind-the-scenes decisions for Pinecote. He'll probably tell an old story or two, some may even be true! Members free; non-members \$5. Register by December 2.

ARBORETUM OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for the Arboretum's annual holiday open house celebration. Browse the Gift Shop, as well as the work of local artisans and craftspersons. Open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Free admission.

LET IT SNOW! (Kids!)

*Saturday, January 14
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

Mix up a batch of "snow" and add natural objects such as twigs and vines to create a winter landscape rarely seen in South Mississippi in this workshop led by Master Naturalist **Mary Cordray**. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All materials provided. Members' children \$2; non-members' children \$4. Please register by January 13.

FORGE DAY: BLACKSMITHING & METALWORKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday Jan. 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Family)

Join us for a full day of metalsmithing demonstrations by area craftsmen. A chance to learn techniques and tips to get started in metalworking! Enjoy the demonstrations, or try your hand at the forge. (Those doing forge work must complete a waiver form prior to participating). Safety equipment for participants will be provided. Members free; non-members \$5, and \$2 for non-members' children.

WINTER BOTANY FIELD WALK

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. (Family)

Take a walk through the Arboretum grounds with **Glenn Hughes**, Mississippi State Extension Forestry Professor, and learn how to identify plants in winter – especially trees - by their characteristic shapes as well as their buds, bark, fruit, fragrance, and pith structure. Suited to ages 7 and up. Members free; non-members \$5; non-members' children \$2. Register by January 21.

ECOLOGY OF THE PINEY WOODS - WHERE HAVE WE BEEN? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Saturday, Feb. 4, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Adults)

Join **Tate Thriffiley**, with the USDA Forest Service for a talk about ecology, sustainable forestry, and restoration activities in De Soto National Forest, human migrations over the last 130,000 years and what this means to us now in south Mississippi. After an indoor presentation, Tate will lead a short walk on the grounds and will discuss the ecology and relationships at the Arboretum. Members free; non-members \$5. Register by February 3.

MISSISSIPPI ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: PLANTING THE GUM POND EXHIBIT

Friday, February 10, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Area organizations and individuals are invited to celebrate Mississippi Arbor Day by planting a tree at the Crosby Arboretum's new Gum Pond! **Free admission**, but if possible, please call to register.

ARBOR DAY PLANT SALE

Saturday, February 11

Members' Only Sale – 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

General Public – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Winter is a good time to plant trees and woody shrubs. Choose from a variety of trees and shrubs at this plant sale, and come early for the best selection of hard-to-find native plants. We'll help you select the right plant for the right place! **Free admission**. Arboretum Greenhouse.

"NEST IN PEACE" (Kids!)

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Spring is approaching and our feathered friends are gathering materials for nest building. Take a closer look at bird nests, then shape a nest from yarn and add a baby bird molded from clay with Master Naturalist **Mary Cordray**. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Members' children \$2; non-members' children \$4. Please register by February 24.

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 Walmart and I-59). Follow signs to the Arboretum.

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