

# The Crosby Arboretum

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## In Memoriam: Mrs. Dorothy Hagert Crosby (1908-2006)

Mrs. Dorothy Crosby, wife of the late L.O. Crosby, Jr. and one of the Arboretum's founding board members, passed away at the age of 97 on Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

Mrs. Crosby was very active in several communities throughout Mississippi. In addition to supporting the construction of the Arboretum and Pinecote Pavilion, she was also involved with the building of Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library in Picayune. She donated the land for Jack Reed Memorial Park and was a co-donor of Friendship Park. She and her husband, L.O. Crosby, Jr., established a foundation that provided college scholarships for high school graduates of the Picayune School District during the 1950's and 1960's. She was heavily involved with The Boy Scouts of America and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. She also supported several museums, chapels, and historical projects throughout the country.



Surviving family members are Mrs. Lynn Crosby Gammill and Mr. Osmond Crosby along with seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and her sister, Mrs. James H. Proctor of Temple Hills, MD. A memorial service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hattiesburg on Saturday, May 13, 2006.

# ARBORETUM NEWS

## Annual Appeal Project Is Underway

We are finally catching up on the Annual Appeal project that was delayed because of Hurricane Katrina. The three new trails have been marked and will be laid soon. The gazebo project is progressing nicely and should be complete late summer!

## Upgraded Website

Our upgraded website will be up soon! New features include a virtual tour of the Arboretum, Quarterly News Journal Archives, and information about the proposed visitors center.

## Arboretum Received Grant Money

The Arboretum received an award in the amount of \$5,000 from the Southeast Museum Conference's General Assistance Fund. These funds were granted to subsidize revenue in general operating and program support lost as a result of Hurricane Katrina.



## New Gift Shop Merchandise

The Gift Shop is getting new and interesting merchandise such as these wire bird sculptures in the picture to the left. Tinkling toadstools, lawn art, and other unique gifts are marked down to make room for this new merchandise. If you haven't been by in a while, come explore the new arrivals and sale items!

# Crosby Arboretum Program Schedule

## June-August 2006

### JUNE

**Small Fruits Seminar (Adults)**  
**Saturday, June 17**  
**10 a.m.**

Small fruits horticulturist, Dr. John Braswell will discuss how to grow and maintain small fruits of best suited to south Mississippi. Program is limited to 25 participants. Admission is free and open to the public. Please register by June 10.

**Father-Child Fishing Day (Family)**  
**Sunday, June 18**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Come celebrate Father's Day at the arboretum by spending the day fishing with your children. Admission is free!

**Topsoil Tour (Children)**  
**Saturday, June 24**  
**10 a.m. to Noon**

Top soil is filled with all kinds of interesting plants and animals that depend on certain soil conditions to thrive! Bring a 1 cup soil sample and see what conditons are in your own backyard! Recommended for children over the age of 8 years old. A parent/guardian must be present with each child or group of children. Program is limited to 15 participants. Admission is free for members and \$1 for non-members. Please register by June 21.

### JULY

**Summer Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, July 8**  
**9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Members only**  
**11 a.m. to 3 p.m. General public**

Grab a cart and choose from our selection of native plants for your summer gardens. We will also have some reduced priced plants that are in need of a good home! Admission is free all day!

**Flower Bookmark Activity (Children)**  
**Saturday, July 29**  
**10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Come create your own bookmark using pressed and dried flowers! All materials will be provided. A parent/guardian must be present with each child or group of children. Program is limited to 15 participants. Admission is free for members and \$1 for non-members. Please register by July 22.

### AUGUST

**Exotic Vegetables Seminar (Adults)**  
**Friday, August 4**  
**10 a.m.**

Vegetable horticulturist, Dr. Christine Coker will talk about strange and unique vegetables for southern gardens. Program is limited to 25 participants. Admission is free and open to the public. Please register by July 28.

**Bugfest 2006 (Family)**  
**Friday, August 18**  
**4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Dr. Bug is back and needs your help locating insects at the Arboretum! There will be all kinds of fun insect related activities! A parent/guardian must be present with each child or group of children! Admission is free! Please register by August 11.

**Reservations:** Call the Arboretum office at (601) 799-2311, ext. 21 to confirm all events and to make a reservation, seating is limited. Programs subject to change.

**Address:** 370 Ridge Road, Picayune, MS 39466; P.O. Box 1639, Picayune, MS 39466

**Hours of operation:** Wednesday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Admission Fees:** Adults, \$4; children under 12, \$2; members, free.

**Email:** [crosbyar@datastar.net](mailto:crosbyar@datastar.net)

**Crosby Arboretum Webpage:** This website includes upcoming programs and events, volunteer opportunities, natural area information, and news updates.

<http://msstate.edu/dept/crec/camain.html>



### Arboretum Personnel

Melinda R. Lyman, Senior Curator  
 Robin Veerkamp, Volunteer Coordinator/Gift Shop Manager  
 Kim Johnson, Customer Service/Memberships  
 Terry Johnson, Burn Manager/Maintenance  
 Jarrett Hurlston, Maintenance

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### Membership Application

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed. For more information call: (601)799-2311

\_\_\_\_\_ Student (send student i.d.) \$  
10.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual  
25.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Family  
35.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Donor  
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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patron  
250.00  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor  
1,000.00  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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 Memberships are for one year.

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