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September 15, 2023 ·

👀 See us tomorrow at our booth at the wonderful Francisco Farmfest!! 😃🧑‍🌾🧑‍🌾
See their posts to see what vendors will ...

Francisco Farmfest 2023
September 15, 2023 ·
This upcoming Saturday, September 16th, is the 🌻Francisco Farmfest!!...

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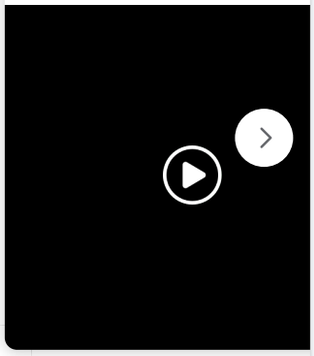
April 7, 2023 ·



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Are you looking to add some floriculture inspiration to your 2024 travel plans? Imagine walking through captivating gardens surrounded by vibrant tulip fields, and experiencing the incredible sights and scents of the Netherlands in full bloom. If you've always dreamed of a trip like this, now is the time to make it happen.

Join our guided tour of the Netherlands in springtime from April 9 to April 18, 2024. You won't regret it. Be sure to sign up soon as the registration deadline is February 9, 2024. The cost per person is $4,985 (excluding airfare).

We can't wait to share this once-in-a-lifetime experience with you.

Learn more about the trip on our website
https://extensiongardener.ces.ncsu.edu/.../travel-study.../

Sign up today to join us in the Netherlands
https://www.wetravel.com/.../discover-the-netherlands...

Photo: Netherlands, Kinderdijk

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
13m ·

Designed to help gardeners! 🧖‍♀️🧘‍♀️

NC Extension Gardener
January 1 at 8:38 PM ·

Hi Folks,
This is a free class I have been leading since the beginning of the pandemic (3.5 years ago!). It is designed to help gardeners! I get a lot of feedback on how it benefits people so I have kept doing it. We would love to have you join us. Just sign up and get the weekly zoom link. You can always unsubscribe from the group if you don't like it! Here's the registration link:
http://tinyurl.com/3z6tpcmp

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
1d ·

A New Year's resolution could be to plant an oak tree. This will help the pollinators, birds, & the climate. And as the summers might be hotter as projections claim, shade from an oak tree 🌳 would be wonderful!

Wild Ones Central North Carolina
1d ·

Trees, well-deserving the nickname Green Giants, serve many ecological functions and are critically important for life on the planet Earth. Trees are essential components of our ecosystems and major harbors of biodiversity. They are part of the cycle of life, providing food and shelter for many different types of creatures, big and small. Humans depend on trees for many important types of food. With their incredible beauty, trees enhance our lives by bringing joy and calm to our hearts and minds as we stroll in local parks and arboretums. Trees are important components of our cultural heritage, social connections, and economic development.

Despite this immense importance, humanity seems to have made it its mission to cut as many trees as possible. Loss of trees and massive deforestation due to savage urban development and large scale farming are calamities of major ecological proportions. Global warming, loss of biodiversity, and air, water and noise pollution are catastrophic consequences of our inability to protect these amazing creatures.

Green Giants can save the Earth, if we give them a chance. Environmental protection and environmental justice are important responsibilities we must harbor if we still want to continue to exist on this planet.

This past summer we had the hottest day ever recorded on Earth. This reality is not going to get better unless we act. Knowledge, deep understanding, empathy and deep commitment to making a difference are essential at this critical stage in the life of the planet. Our survival and the survival of the planet Earth depend on our actions today.

Join Wild Ones CNC!
Let's create a movement of native planters growing healthier landscapes.

#plantnative, #plantnativetrees

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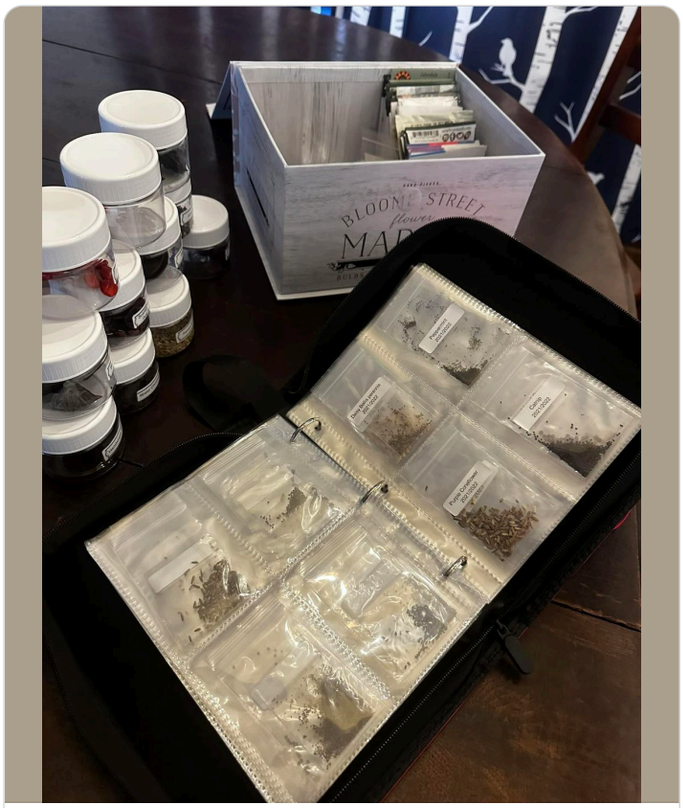

Extension Master Gardener
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🌱SEED SUNDAY🌱

Did you resolve to get organized this year? Seeds need organizing too!

To help your seeds stay viable for longer, it is important to store seeds in a cool, dry place. For a list of longevity for vegetable seed, view this link: https://hortnews.extension.iastate.edu/.../veggielife.html

Some popular organizers include photo storage bins, sealed jars, envelopes, and even tic tac boxes. For smaller seeds in my personal collection, I use baseball card notebooks stored with desiccant.

Desiccant will take moisture out of the air, which will help your seeds stay dry with less chance of decay. You can save the desiccant packs out of new shoes and purses, or order larger bottles of desiccant.

Storing seed in the fridge or freezer is also an option that could increase seed longevity. Be sure that the seeds are completely dry before storage, as any amount of water could freeze and kill the seeds. Additionally, make sure to let the seeds come to room temperature before planting.

One method of filing is by scientific family. For a list of family names, check out this link:
https://extension.umass.edu/plant-identification/family/all

Another method is to file seeds by planting date, such as cool season crops and warm season crops. It is helpful to label what year the seeds were saved or purchased.

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
January 1 at 3:00 PM ·

🌾🌸🌻🌻🌿 CONGRATULATIONS to Debbie Roos and the Chatham County Extension on Celebrating 15 Years in the Pollinator Paradise Garden! 🌾🌸🌻🌻🌿

Visit go.ncsu.edu/readext?971824 for this wonderful story. Our group has been there for a tour and relished every moment. The amount of native plants and their beauty is something to behold. Then to see that much of the garden is in a parking lot inside curbing, it is truly astounding! The links are well worth exploring, in fact, bookmark them for future reference!

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Celebrating 15 Years in Pollinator Paradise!
This year (2023) marks the 15 year anniversary of North Carolina Cooperative Exte...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
January 1 at 7:19 AM ·

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for a great 2024!
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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
December 29, 2023 at 7:15 PM ·

🎄 Now that the holiday season is coming to a close, you may be wondering what to do with your Christmas tree. In order to recycle a Christmas tree make sure to remove ALL ornaments, tinsel, lights, hardware and stand. Christmas trees that have been sprayed with artificial snow are not a good option for recycling. There are many ways to recycle your live Christmas tree:

🎄 Consider placing your tree in the back of the garden to use as a bird feeder and refuge. Eventually the tree will become brittle and can be taken apart and chipped into mulch.

🎄 If you have a chipper, chip small limbs and add to the compost pile or use as mulch.

🎄 If you don't have a chipper, cut branches off and place on top of landscaped beds for mulch. In the spring, the needles will have fallen off and the larger twigs can be removed and added to the brush or compost pile.

🎄 If you have access, consider submerging your tree in a private fishpond. The tree creates "structure" in the pond and becomes a fish feeding refuge.

If you know some other ideas for Stokes County or the surrounding area, please add it in the comments.

TIP: Pine needles are a good mulch and the suggested height is up to 5". Heavy dense mulches should be no more than 3" to not suffocate the roots. Mulches should be near, but not touch the bark of the tree/bush to protect against decay. Mulch should not be piled against the trunk because roots may grow there and girdle the trunk. You want a donut shape rather than a volcano.

Thanks for this bullet list excerpt from

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
December 29, 2023 at 6:24 PM ·

We would like to join the Extension with our best wishes for a wonderful Holiday season to everyone. 🎄🎄🎄
Maybe there was no snow❄️☃️, but we certainly appreciate the rain 💧☔after the fall 🍂 drought and fire 🔥!

Stokes County Cooperative Extension
December 22, 2023 at 9:07 AM ·

Our office would like to wish you all a Happy Holidays!

We will be closed from Monday, December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024. We will reopen for normal business hours beginning January 2, 2024.

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
December 8, 2023 ·

Stokes County Cooperative Extension is with **City of King, NC** at **King Recreational Acres**.
December 6, 2023 · King, NC, United States ·

Join King Parks and Recreation and Stokes County Cooperative Extension for our meet-up hikes! We check out a new trail each month. Come to meet new people, learn some health facts, and explore your natural surroundings!
Register at:https://kingnc.recdesk.com/Community/Program
#hiking #stokescountync

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December 8, 2023 ·

Extension Master Gardener
November 29, 2023 ·

Holiday Cactus

Here's a good reminder about the various species and hybrids of Holiday Cacti; their morphology; life cycle; care; propagation and how to tell them apart.

>>There is quite a bit of confusion when it comes to Christmas cactus, and the related Thanksgiving cactus and Easter cactus (in the Northern hemisphere). The name Christmas cactus refers to species and hybrids of cacti that bloom around Christmas time and belong to the genus Schlumbergera, which includes nine distinct species.<<

Oh ... and that section of stem and leaf pad material capable of performing photosynthesis, is called a cladophyll.

~rce via Dr. Jared Barnes

https://lesliehalleck.com/.../whats-the-difference...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
December 8, 2023 ·

Sharing research from

PHYS.ORG

The silver bullet that wasn't: Glyphosate's declining weed control over 25 years

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
December 2, 2023 ·

🤓News Flash: There has been a new ability added to the wonderful Plant Toolbox! They recently updated nearly 400 plant profiles in the Plant Toolbox with links to Clemson Cooperative Extension Factsheets that address the Southeast's 🦗🌱common pests and diseases of plants 🌸🌼

Thanks to the Clemson Cooperative Extension Home & Garden Information Center for researching this information and sharing it!
Read more at:

EXTENSIONGARDENER.CES.NCSU.EDU

The Plant Toolbox Has More Links You Can Use

The Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox, in partnership with the Clemson Cooperativ...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
November 24, 2023 ·

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N.C. Forest Service
November 23, 2023 ·

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So many thanks to the groups of people working on the fire, getting it under control, the work that continues insuring the Mountain doesn't flare back up, and getting the access and fire lines back open.

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Friday 11/24/23 video about the details of the firing operation today on the mountain 🔥🔥
https://www.facebook.com/NCForestService/videos/1301273540560558/

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
November 24, 2023 ·

Heads up! SATURDAY is Small Business Saturday! Go out and support our local small businesses! There are a lot of good and special items out there!

Mitchell's Nursery and Greenhouse
November 24, 2023 ·

Tomorrow is Small Business Saturday! We have two promotions for you to check out- come see us!

#seenatmitchells #smallbiz #supportlocalbusinesses

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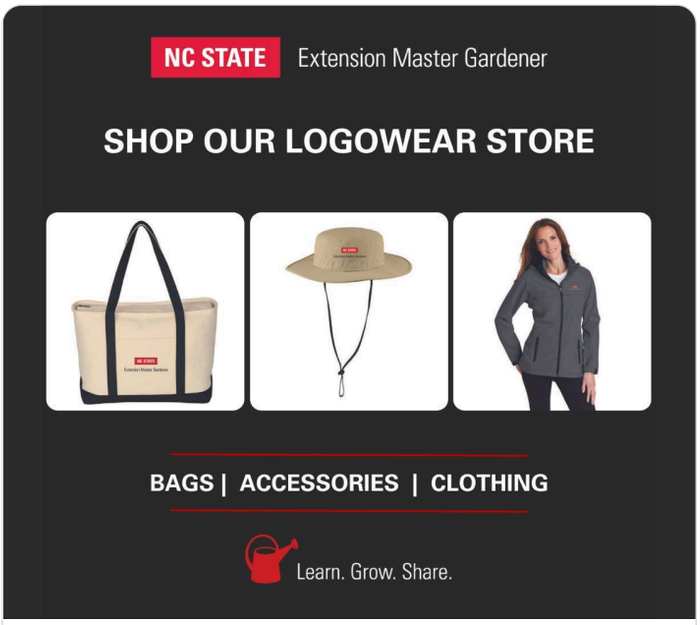
Making a Christmas wish list for a EMG Volunteer? Clothes, bags, and more!



NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers
November 24, 2023 ·

Looking for a rain jacket to wear on drizzly April days while working in your garden? Or maybe a hat with a larger brim to keep the sun off your face? Look no further! You can get all these gardening essentials and more from the NC State Extension Master Gardener℠ Store. Whether you're shopping for practical items or adding them to your holiday wishlist, we've got you covered.

Visit us today at https://extensiongardener.aiacompanystore.com to shop the latest collection of logowear.

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November 24, 2023 ·

Happy Thanksgiving from us!

NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers
November 23, 2023 ·

During this season of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for every volunteer and Extension professional who is part of the NC State Extension Master Gardener℠ program! Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and contributions to making a real difference in our communities and helping promote a healthier, more sustainable future through consumer horticulture. We are grateful for all you do to educate North Carolinians and empower them to cultivate healthy plants, landscapes, and communities!

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
November 22, 2023 ·

May everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving! We wish everyone a great Thanksgiving!🌰🥬🍠🥧🍰🌽🌶️🍽️. We are so grateful for the firefighters & that great rain so the Sauratown fire has gotten under control. So glad no one was hurt & hope that continues as the hard work continues!

Stokes County Cooperative Extension
November 22, 2023 ·

Happy Thanksgiving 🍁

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
November 22, 2023 ·

Intro

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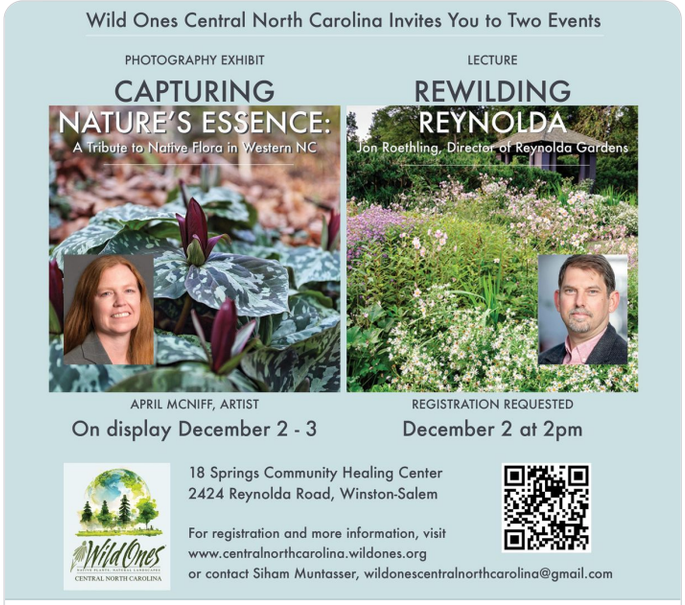

Wild Ones Central North Carolina
November 17, 2023 ·

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Thank you very much for sharing our post. Happy Thanksgiving!
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Appreciate you, too!
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November 22, 2023 ·

Extension Master Gardener
November 22, 2023 ·

Herb of the Month - Rosemary

One of what I like to call the "Scarborough Fair" must-haves in your herb garden ...

>>While *Rosmarinus officinalis* has long been the botanical name for rosemary, DNA research has revealed that the plant characteristics are more closely aligned with plants in the Salvia genus.

Therefore, the scientists at the Royal Horticultural Society in London have reclassified rosemary as *Salvia rosmarinus*.<<

Image is of a plant I started from seed last spring. ~rce

https://www.herbsociety.org/.../ec9f06b5-4584-46b9-af61...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
November 22, 2023 ·

The class is Nov 29th

Stokes County Cooperative Extension
November 15, 2023 ·

Join Stokes County Cooperative Extension for a class on the basics of making sweet spreads such as jams, jellies, and preserves!

For more information, go to https://stokes.ces.ncsu.edu/stokes.../food-preservation/

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November 22, 2023 ·

Here are some images and a short movie from the Preview Tour of Nov 18th. There is also a couple pictures of the house plant section at the back of the greenhouse.

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November 22, 2023 ·

Mark your calendars for this free event!

SUN, NOV 26, 2023

Poinsettia Trials 2023

King, NC, United States

55 people interested

Interested

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November 22, 2023 ·

The annual Poinsettia trial will be open daily from Sunday, 11/26 through Sunday, 12/3. Check their website or Facebook for the exact hours for the times they will have the poinsettia greenhouse open. This is 1 of 7 places in the USA that has these displays and shows the new varieties for this year.

The Mitchells have been working on these 12,000 plants since the breeders delivered small starts in August. There is a lot of effort that goes into getting the best shape and si... **See more**

Mitchell's Nursery and Greenhouse

November 20, 2023 ·

Poinsettias aren't just for Christmas! Look at some of the amazing fall colors we have. They are perfect for your Thanksgiving table!
#seenatmitchells #poinsett... **See more**

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November 19, 2023 ·

A fire is on Sauratown Mountain at the present time. This link has video and pictures. The North Carolina Forest Service was on the scene with heavy equipment and water lines since the fire started at Saturday around 8:30 p.m. Look in the comments for more links or updates.

This is probably in or close to the fire area from Nov 2021. It was said early today to be within 200 yards from the WXII TV tower. Crews are using helicopters and planes to put the fire out using the nea... **See more**

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Sauratown Mountain Wildfire: 50 youth campers evacuated from the area

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Information is also at https://www.wfmynews2.com/.../83-fedecf6a-0630-46ae-bdda...

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Sauratown Mountain fire grows to nearly 60 acres; Forest Service said 'very little contained'

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