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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
22h ·

We will post about the local groups' plant sales, but here is a summary of what we know now. FYI: NC Soil Testing - now free starting April 1.

* Free Leaf Mulch - Winston-Salem, Sat, April 13
* Plum Granny Farm: Plant Sale, Fri - Mon, April 19-22
** Stokes: Plant Sale + Yard Sale, Sat, Apr 20, 9am - 12pm
* Surry Extension MGs: Spring Plant Sale May 3, 9am - 1pm
 - at Surry County Center, 915 E. Atkins Street, Dobson
* Forsyth Extension MGs: Spring Plant Sale
 - at Tanglewood Arboretum, Fri/Sat May 3-4, 8am - 2pm
* Plum Granny: 2nd Chance Summer Plant Sale, May 3-4 10-3pm
* Rural Hall Garden Club Plant Sale Sat, May 4th 8am
 - at Nazareth Lutheran Church, 460 Bethania-Rural Hall Rd, Rural Hall, NC
* Patrick County Master Gardeners Plant Sale, Sat, May 4th 8-2
 - At Rotary Club of Stuart VA
King Of Spades Plant Sale May 11

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Janice Woods
Thank you for mentioning our Patrick County MG plant Sale! This is great info - I'm sharing with all of the PC MG'S!
15h · 2

Author
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
You are welcome! We'll be posting more flyers this week!
14h · Edited

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
22h ·
🎉👏 Congratulations to South High School! 🎉👏

SOUTH.STOKES.K12.NC.US
South Stokes High School Receives the North Carolina CTE Grant for Agriculture for $100,000.00 to replace our greenhouse at South

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2d ·
🌟 SHARING AN UPCOMING LOCAL PLANT SALE: Patrick County Master Gardeners sale's post is below and the flyer is in a comment.

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Patrick County Master Gardeners is 😊 feeling excited at Rotary Club of Stuart VA.
March 19 at 9:42 AM · Stuart, VA, United States ·
It's time to start thinking about planting!! The 2024 growing season is underway and we've got you covered. Our Annual (& Perennial) Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th 2024. Doors open at 8:00 and proceeds will benefit our community. If you have plants that need thinning, give us a holler!! We will accept donations of plants or other gardening stuff on Friday, May 3rd. Those times will be from 10-noon and from 5:00 pm til 7:00 pm. This is a good way to support our programming without any out of pocket costs to you!!! Just drop them off around back at the big garage door!! The sale entrance will be in the front. Look for the signs!!

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https://www.facebook.com/PatrickCountyMasterGardeners/posts/pfbid0YX5NjcyDsGCu6WCcrvoeNDQE4g1XszUsStfyueoWsXT2h34NrYPDAnTKQM3iUZDl
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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
4d ·
Thanks to LTD Farm & Garden for the best tip on lawns.

This is also true for gardens, flower beds, blueberry bushes and blackberry canes as well as a few more specific agriculture crops. How much lime, if any? How much fertilizer and what N-P-K values? They can tell you... and for free right now!

The great news is that April 1 - Thanksgiving every year the NC Extension processes the samples for FREE! Pick up the boxes and form from your county's Extension office. Then mail them to submit your soil samples.

LTD Farm & Garden
April 2 at 7:00 AM ·
Probably the most frequent question we get this time of year "How do I make my lawn look good?" Steve opens the vault to share our secret recipe to make your lawn the envy of the neighborhood.

1 comment

Author
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
More info at https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/soils/soil-testing/

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Soil Testing

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
4d ·

Extension Master Gardener
March 31 at 11:09 AM ·
🌱SEED SUNDAY🌱

When seedlings grow their first pair of true leaves, they are ready for transplanting.

Here are some transplanting tips:

- Avoid root disturbance as much as possible.
- If you used peat pots or cells, containers must be planted below the soil as it can wick moisture away from the soil.
- If seedlings were grown in plastic cells, remove by gently squeezing the bottom of the cell.
- Some popular vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers, can be planted deep in the soil. Remove the lower leaves before planting to encourage more root growth.
- Transplant seedlings on a cloudy day or in the later afternoon to allow them to recover from shock before exposure to the sun.
- If seedlings have one main stem and no lateral branches, pinch them back to force branch development. This will help prevent plants from becoming too leggy.

For more tips on transplanting, visit these sites:
https://extension.wvu.edu/...|using-transplants-in-the...
https://extension.psu.edu/transplanting-annuals-into-the...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
4d ·
Mayapples are now appearing in shady areas that have rich soil. They might be near wet areas. So you will see under the leaves the flower blooming.

Read this post below about the relationship of box turtles to this plant. Native plants are especially wonderful as we learn who interacts with them! Simply amazing! 🐢

North Carolina Botanical Garden is at North Carolina Botanical Garden.
4d · Chapel Hill, NC, United States ·
Mayapples are blooming! If you've been out on the trails in our area lately, you've probably seen some patches of these sweet, umbrella-like leaves, especially near streams. A few weeks after the leaves appear, flowers start to bloom underneath them and eventually mature into a round fruit (the "apple"). It's the perfect height for one of mayapple's seed dispersers: the box turtle! 🐢

This native wildflower (Podophyllum peltatum) grows in eastern North America. It contains compounds that can be poisonous but have also been harnessed by Indigenous People for medicinal purposes: according to Cherokee Plants and Their Uses: A 400 Year History, the Cherokee have used mayapple roots to treat sores, parasites, and ear problems, and soaked corn in root ooze before planting to deter birds and insects. The unripe (green) fruit is poisonous to humans, but the ripe (yellow) fruit is edible, and both the Cherokee and Lumbee report eating it as food.

You'll find mayapples in our Piedmont Habitat, Mountain Habitat, Perennial Circle, and several more spots around the Garden!

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4d ·
An important reminder from local Mitchell's Nursery and Greenhouse! Thanks for the "cool" picture and information!

Remember now is a great time to use season extending techniques like row covers, low tunnels, cold frames, etc. Also realize the ground temperature is also key for seed germination.

Don't Be Fooled- Prepare for Low Temps!

WATCH FOR FROST
Bring in or cover:
• Warm-weather vegetables like tomatoes and peppers
• Tender annuals like vinca, impatiens, and coleus
• Heat-loving herbs like basil and cilantro
AVERAGE LAST FROST: 4/15

We have one last cold snap coming this weekend, so be sure to cover or bring in your tender annuals and vegetables! Our average last frost date is April 15th, but be cautious until the beginning of May!

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
4d ·
🌷 Thanks to Mary for sharing her spring flowers! 🌷

Mary Royal Reynolds
5d ·

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5d ·

NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County
6d ·
Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis)

This native under story tree is one of the true joys of Spring since it is the first blooms you usually see in March. The blooms appear before the leaves. I look forward to riding down Highway 52 toward Winston-Salem during their blooming season since they are visible along the route. The Redbud is a good addition to your landscape for their beautiful pinkish/purple blooms which pollinators enjoy. It is the larval host to 12 species of Lepidoptera. I also love the heart shaped leaves which are so unique. I remember as a young girl making a necklace with the leaves putting them together with pieces of twigs.

If you would like to add this beautiful versatile tree to your garden, they will be available at the Master Gardener's plant sale being held on May 3 from 9 am to 1 pm. The location is the Farmer's Market Shelter in Dobson, NC. More information on the Redbud tree can be found at the following link: https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/cercis-canadensis/

Submitted by Janice Johnson
Surry County Master Gardener Volunteer

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NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers
April 2 at 10:00 AM ·
Did you know that April is National Native Plant Month? Learn about gardening with North Carolina native plants in the Extension Gardener Handbook, Chapter 12 – https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension.../12-native-plants

Have questions about native plants? Connect with NC State Extension resources and Extension Master Gardener volunteers in your community through your local N.C. Cooperative Extension County Center.
https://emgv.ces.ncsu.edu/need-gardening-help

#ExtensionMasterGardenervolunteers #NCState #NCStateExtension #NativePlantMonth #nativeplants

Coral honeysuckle, Lonicera sempervirens
Image Charlotte Glen, NC State

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 30 at 9:45 PM ·
Sending heartfelt Easter greetings to all, may your day be filled with the renewal of hope, faith, and the beauty of springtime.

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 28 at 1:49 AM ·
The NWF post & video gave you the details to understand the current situation of our natural world. Some people love the details and will look up a butterfly and see what host plant to use. Or try to buy a plant or tree that feeds the highest # of pollinators or is a "Keystone" plant or tree.

But others would like to have a brief version of what "Keystone" plants are best to add to your yard to help this world. That is also provided per Ecological Region. The Eastern Temperate Forests Guide is for our area. This is fantastic information based upon years of research! See

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www.nwf.org

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 28 at 1:16 AM ·
National Wildlife Federation and Dr. Doug Tallamy are great in providing which trees and plants feed our pollinators. Here's a wonderful video to understand the food web relationships and keystone species. His insect & butterfly photographs are fantastic! View his video at https://youtu.be/OScKccWx030.

The Native Plant Finder's link is there where you can enter your Zip Code and get a list of what native plants are local to your area.

Garden for Wildlife
by National Wildlife Federation
Native Keystone Plants for Wildlife
Doug Tallamy

YOUTUBE.COM
Native Keystone Plants for Wildlife - Doug Tallamy
Keystone plants are natives that are essential to our ecosystems because they sup...

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 23 at 3:36 PM ·
"Almost any type of vegetable or fruit can be grown successfully provided you choose appropriate varieties and plant at the right time." That is right out of this publication link below. 🌱🍅🥕

So when? Here are the official calendars by the experts, the NC Extension! 🥒🌶🍅
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For this Central NC / Piedmont area, choose that Calendar. We advise selecting the PDF version link on the right side block, so printing the tables are easy.

The link's page has more great links to help you! See https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/gardening.../vegetables-2/ See comments for more info.

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Vegetables
NC State Vegetable Gardening Resources Cucumbers and Tomatoes from the garden, photo by Lucy Bradley Index of NC State Extension Vegetable Publications Frequently Asked...

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Author
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Container gardening? Look down the webpage above for "Gardening in Containers", there are links on how to select site placement, what plants works well, and even grouping suggestions! Here is the link for the Calendar, https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/container-garden-planting...

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Container Garden Planting Calendar for Edibles in the Piedmont | NC State Extension Publications

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 23 at 12:48 AM ·
A beautiful spring is ready! Go see all those beautiful Tulips and more! Also see the schedule for their upcoming plant sale.

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden
March 19 at 10:46 AM ·
The Spectacular Tulip Bloom is happening NOW – more tulips and daffodils are blooming each day! With the warmer weather forecasted later this week and into next week, Adrienne is predicting that we see the beginning of peak blooms very soon.

The outdoor garden displays are open daily from dawn until dusk. There is currently no admission to visit the garden, but a suggested donation of $4/adult helps our garden grow.

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 23 at 12:07 AM ·
Local plant sale news - Plum Granny Farm is postponing Saturday's Spring sale to next

Friday. Details below. 🌱🌿🍅🌶️🥦🫛

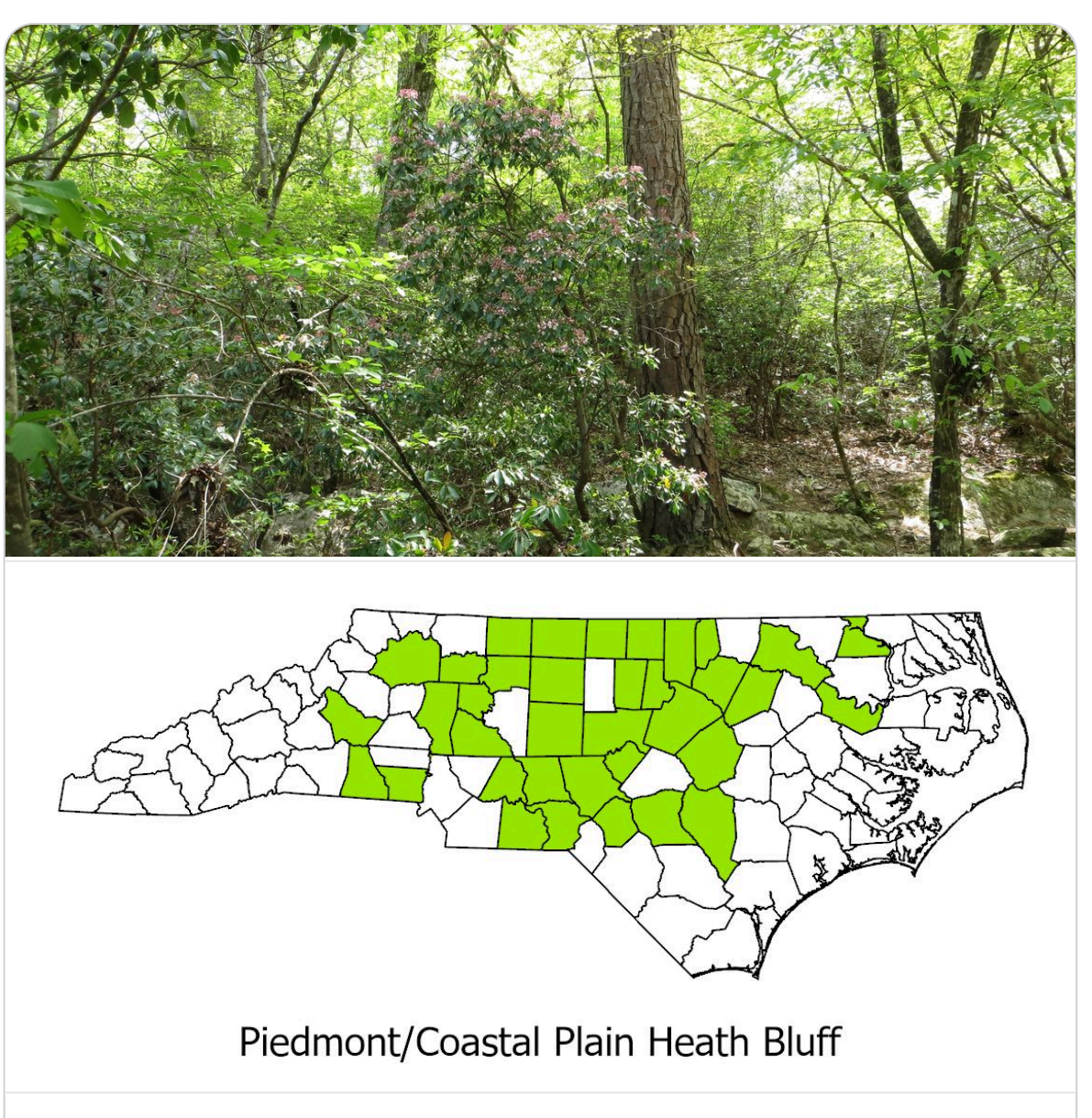
Plum Granny Farm
March 20 at 9:27 PM ·

Weather happens!

The weather forecast for Saturday, March 23 is looking pretty bleak -- lots of rain and heavy winds. So, we are rearranging our schedule for the Spring Plant Sale a bit. We will be open on Friday, March 22 AND on Friday, March 29. Both days we are open from 10-3. We appreciate you flexing with us as we adapt to real-life weather! Check out our updated plant list on our website:
https://plumgrannyfarm.com/spring-plant-sale/

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 19 at 2:12 PM ·

We knew Stokes County had special places! This just confirms it & enhances our appreciation! 🏞️🥾😍🌲🌳



North Carolina Natural Heritage Program
March 13 at 12:00 PM ·

Piedmont/Coastal Plain Heath Bluff is a natural community in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain Mesic Forests Theme.

Concept: Piedmont/Coastal Plain Heath Bluff is a community of cool microsites in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain, generally on north-facing bluffs, with a dense shrub layer dominated by Kalmia latifolia (mountain laurel), Rhododendron catawbiense (Catawba rhododendron), or occasionally Symplocos tinctoria (sweet leaf), generally under a mesic canopy.

This community supports plants and sometimes animals common in the Mountains but nearly absent in the lowlands. Some are many miles disjunct from the nearest population. These are believed to be relict populations, left over from the cooler climate of the Ice Age and persisting because of the local shelter from hot weather and fire.

Piedmont/Coastal Plain Heath Bluff community type has been documented from 36 counties in North Carolina: Anson, Burke, Caswell, Chatham, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Hertford, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Vance, Wake, Wilkes, and Yadkin. While most are in the Piedmont, at least a couple occur all the way to the tidewater region.

For more information about #NCNaturalCommunities go to
https://www.ncnhp.org/classification-natural-communities...
📷M. Schafale, Chatham County, North Carolina

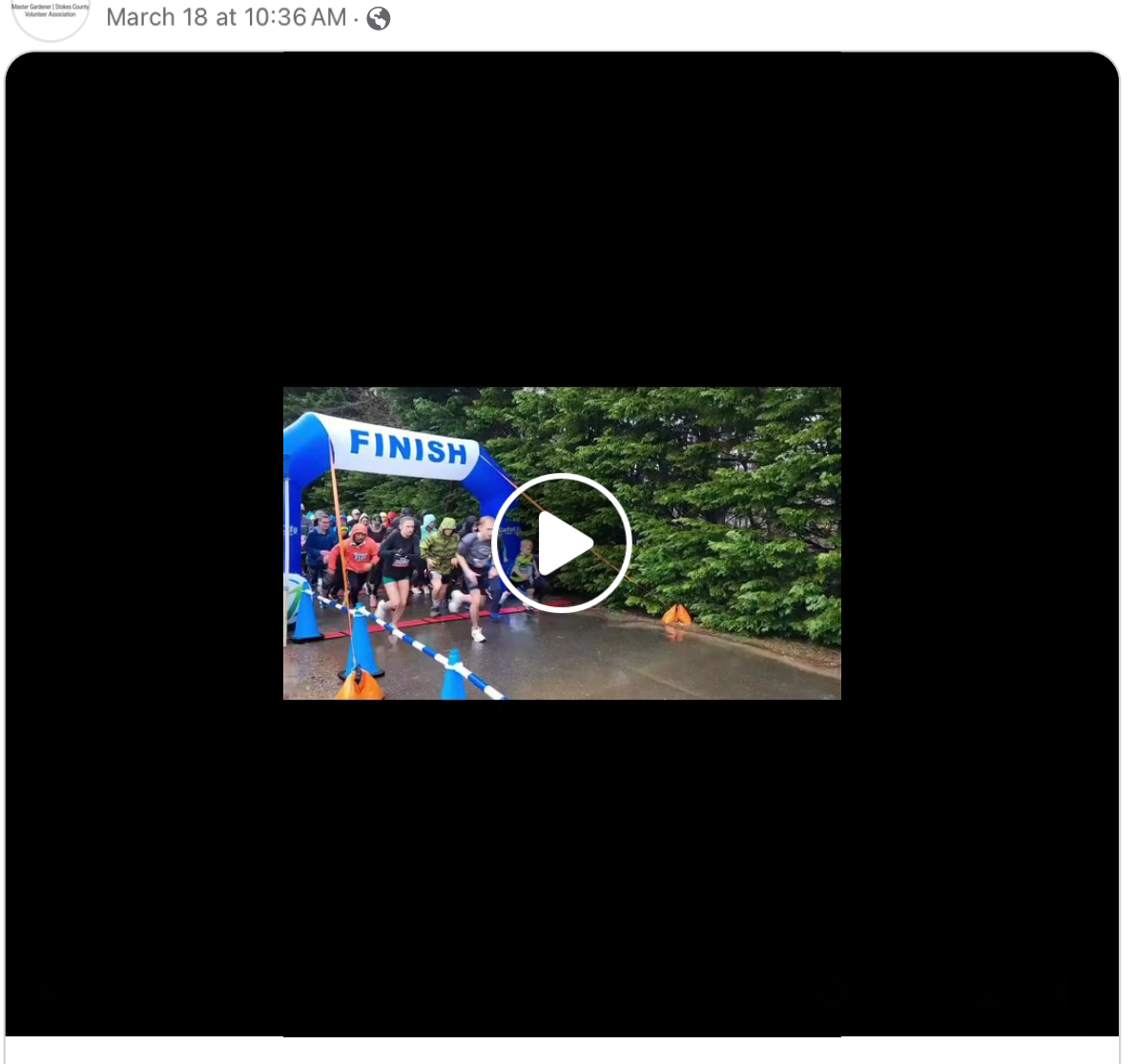
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 18 at 10:45 AM ·

Think about planting something that feeds our birds, 🐝, and butterflies 🦋, pollinators. Oak trees are the #1 choice.

John OBrion ▸ Virginia Native Plant Society Group
March 11 at 9:09 AM ·

Chinese Proverb :
The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago.
The second best time is now.

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 18 at 10:36 AM ·



Stokes County Cooperative Extension
March 12 at 8:41 PM ·

145 people ran in the rain to #feedstokes! We raised $6,367 and donated over 3400 cans to the three food pantries in Stokes County. On top of that 250 pairs of socks were donated to those in need. People from 11 states ran at this year's 5k/half marathon. A big thank you to our planning team, sponsors, 50+ volunteers, and to the King Rotary for the wonderful pancakes!

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 18 at 10:30 AM ·

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DAY OF GIVING 03.20.24
#GivingPack

NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers
March 13 at 10:00 AM ·

Do you want to support the work of NC State Extension Master Gardener℠ volunteers? Join us on 03.20.24 for NC State Day of Giving. Whether you choose to make a donation or spread the word, your help is appreciated.

Your donation enhances our ability to educate people on sustainable gardening and bring research-based information and outreach to yards, communities, and schools across our state.

Learn more about where your donation goes:
https://emgv.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-master-gardener...

#GivingPack

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 18 at 2:25 AM ·

As spring races to bring us blooms and all things green, notice your cedar trees. If you see brown galls forming, it is wise to remove them especially if apple trees are nearby. This is where apple cedar rust cycle keeps going. So remove those galls soon, especially before the rains turn them into orange masses. Pictures and details are found at http://ncsupdicblog.blogspot.com/.../be-on-lookout-for...

This also introduces you to a great reference website, Plant Disease and Insect Clinic, via their blog.

NCSUPDICBLOG.BLOGSPOT.COM
Be on the Lookout for Cedar Apple Rust
Most of us who live in the triangle are hoping for rains to wash away the yellow film...

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✏️ Author
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
An *interesting* section of their website is BOLOs at https://pdic.ces.ncsu.edu/bolos/. This might narrow down what could be damaging your plants based on what month it is!

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BOLOs

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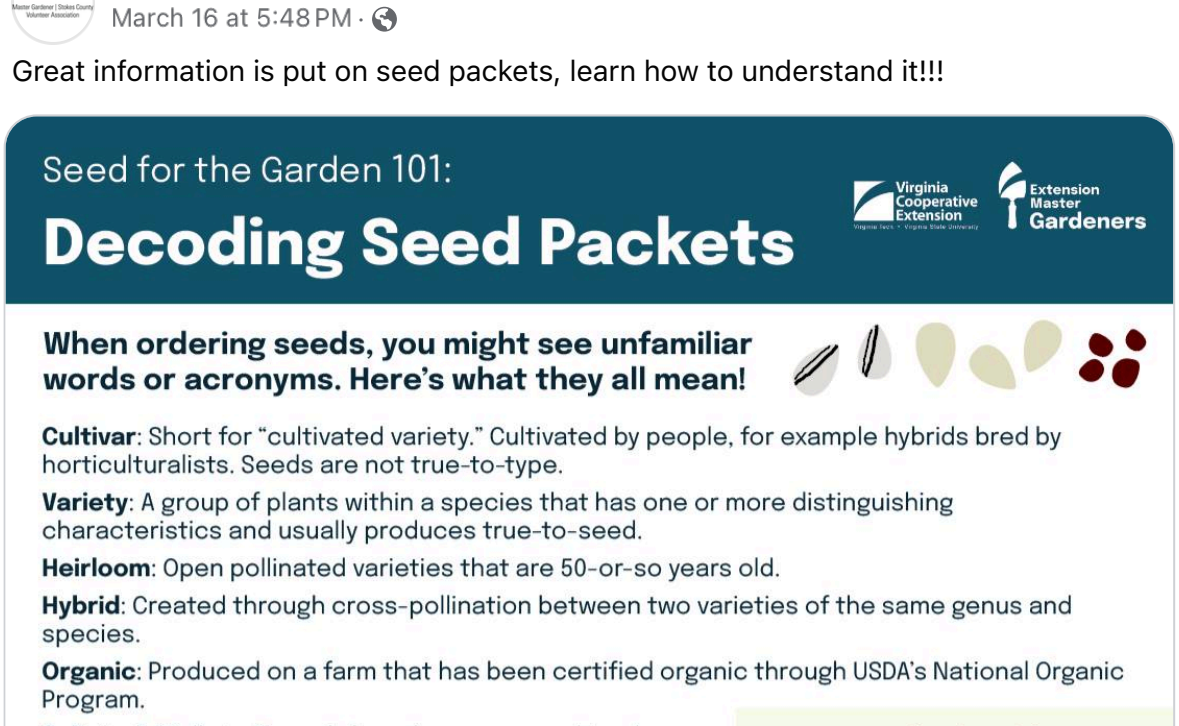
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 16 at 5:48 PM ·

Great information is put on seed packets, learn how to understand it!!!!



Seed for the Garden 101:
Decoding Seed Packets
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Extension Master Gardeners

When ordering seeds, you might see unfamiliar words or acronyms. Here's what they all mean!

Cultivar: Short for "cultivated variety." Cultivated by people, for example hybrids bred by horticulturalists. Seeds are not true-to-type.
Variety: A group of plants within a species that has one or more distinguishing characteristics and usually produces true-to-seed.
Heirloom: Open pollinated varieties that are 50-or-so years old.
Hybrid: Created through cross-pollination between two varieties of the same genus and species.
Organic: Produced on a farm that has been certified organic through USDA's National Organic Program.
Pelleted: "Pelleted" seeds have been encased in a layer of clay (or other material) to make very small seeds (like lettuce or carrot) larger and easier to sow.
Treated/Untreated: Seeds labeled "treated" have been coated with a fungicide or other product to help protect germinating seed from pathogens. Check the packet or website/catalogue for information on exactly what they have been treated with. Treated seeds are more common for commercial agriculture than for home gardeners.

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Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program
March 8 ·

If you're buying seeds for your summer garden, we have some helpful tips for decoding seed packets or catalogues. You've probably seen terms like "cultivar" or "pelleted" but what do they mean? We've got answers.
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For more on propagating plants from seeds:
https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/.../426/426-001/426-001.pdf

Image description:
Title reading "SEED FOR THE GARDEN 101:
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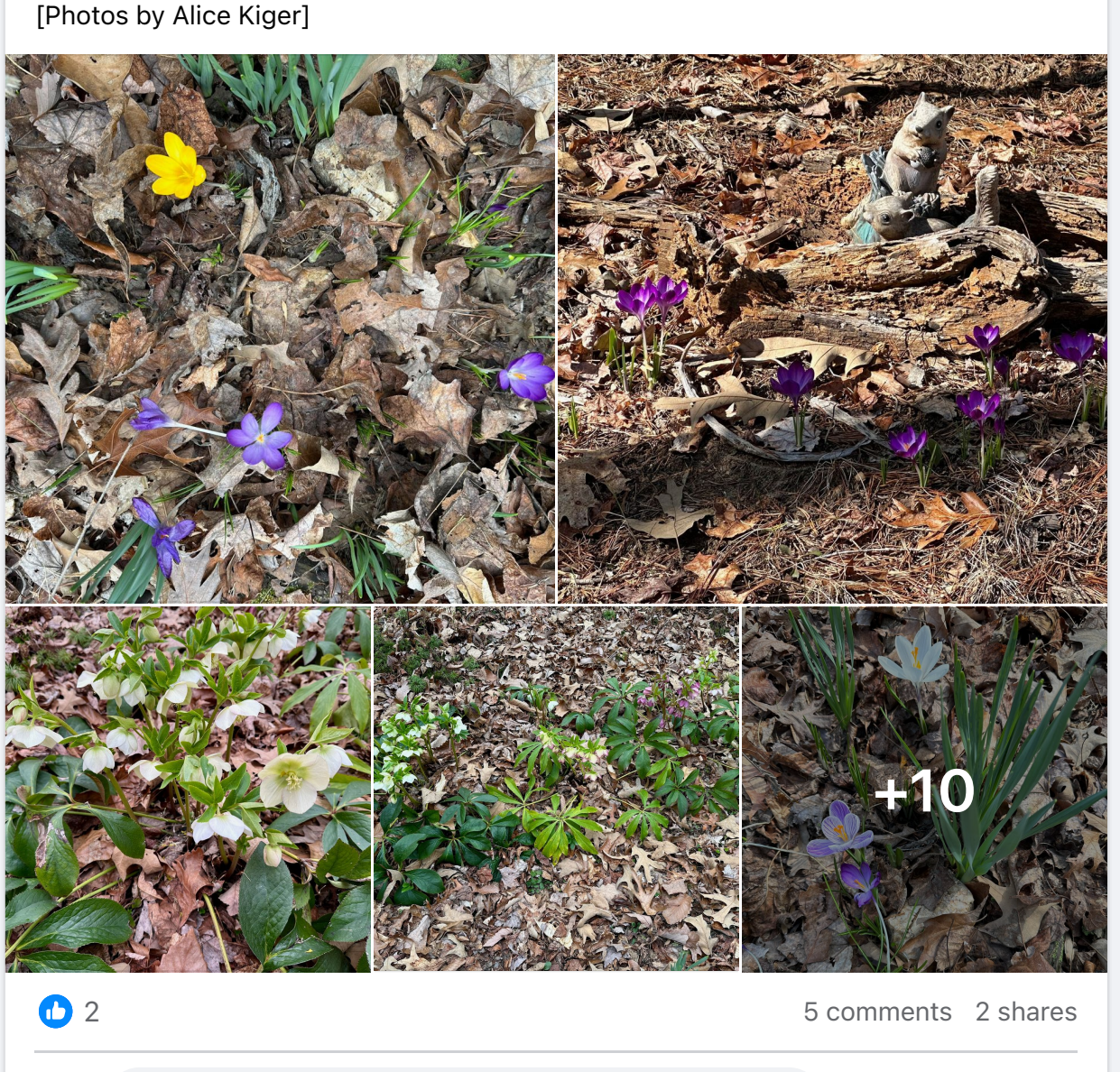
March 12 at 9:35 AM ·

Spring is so welcome and the bright colors!
[Photos by Alice Kiger]



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Ginnie Conaway
What is the large shrub with the cream colored blooms?
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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Ginnie Conaway We have shared your post and the flyer. 🌸🌱
Can you share our Plant Sale post & flyer, too? Thanks!! 🌱🌸
2d Edited

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 11 at 2:48 AM ·

🍂🍁Set your Calendars up for these dates for free leaf mulch. This is an annual event by the City of Winston-Salem. 🍂🍁 See

CITYOFWS.ORG
Free Leaf Mulch is Back!
Forsyth County homeowners can load up starting March 29. See vehicle restrictions.

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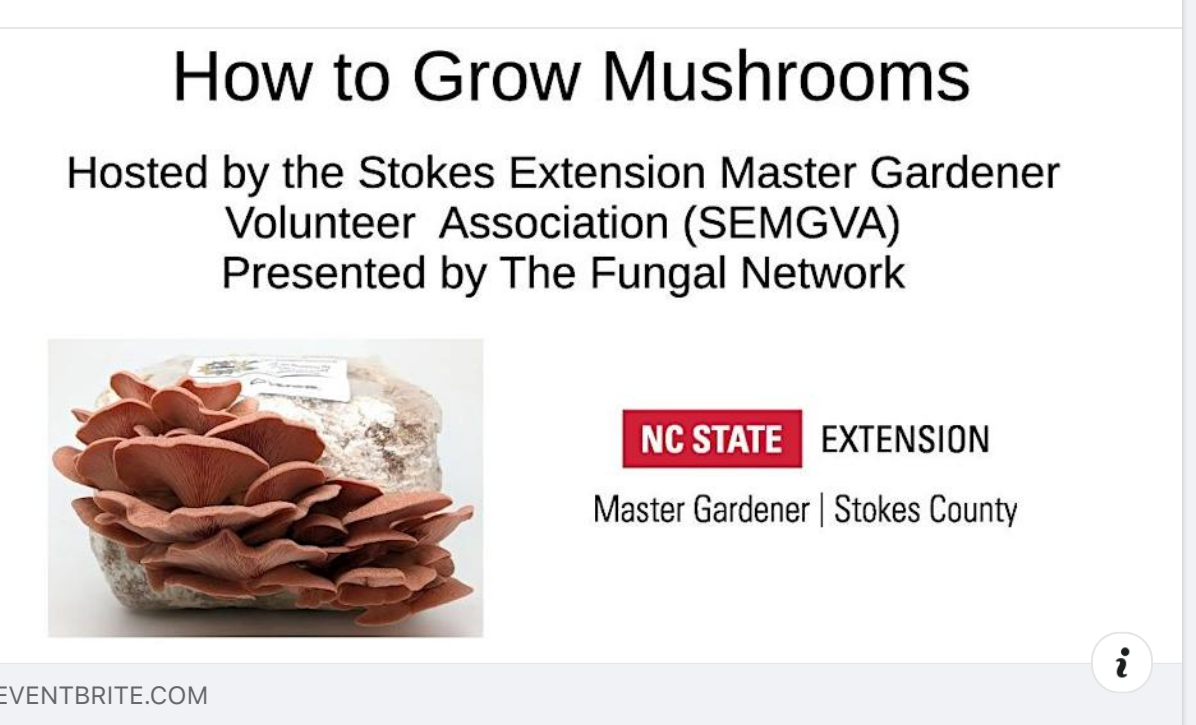
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 7 ·

The Fungal Network will present 🍄 How to Grow Mushrooms 🍄next Tuesday, Mar 12th, at 10:30am at the Stokes Extension's auditorium. SEMGVA is happy to welcome Ernie Wheeler to teach this class. Ernie Wheeler has been growing mushrooms for years, in fact, you might have visited their "Borrowed Land" farm.

So come learn about various mushroom types, plus the different ways to grow them at home. This class will cover logs, using mulch beds, and growing indoors in substrate bags.

Register for this free event at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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
March 7 ·

Another great article by Debbie Roos about what gardeners need to do to ready the flower garden in the spring.

NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Durham County
March 5 ·

There's so much information in this article by Debbie Roos, from cleaning up and dividing perennials to Spring weeding and pruning, we wanted to share it with yo...
See more

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NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Durham County · Follow
Thank you!
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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 24 ·

Extension Master Gardener
February 24 ·

Are you interested in learning more about using peat-free potting mixes?

"Peat is an organic substance formed from mosses, reeds, and sedges that accumulates and decomposes very slowly in waterlogged soils (bogs). Peatlands hold 30% of the earth's soil carbon and occur mostly in cold, temperate regions. "Peat moss" used in horticulture typically refers to mosses in the Sphagnum genus.

The problem with peat is three-fold: stripping off peat from peatlands disturbs complex ecosystems; excavation releases enormous amounts of CO2, a major greenhouse gas driving climate change; and demand for peat-based soilless media is growing.

Reducing the use of peat in horticulture will mitigate climate change and increase reliance on local materials as peat substitutes."

For all the details on this topic, check out the blog:
ttps://marylandgrows.umd.edu/2022/02/18/peat-free-potting-mixes/

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MARYLANDGROWS.UMD.EDU
Peat-free potting mixes
Sphagnum peat moss is valuable in horticulture because its fibrous structure h...

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 24 ·

🍄 Mushroom workshop to be held on Monday night. Email ruralhallgardenclub@gmail.com to let them know you are coming! 🍄

RH Garden Club
February 24 ·

🍄 Join us for an enchanting evening and discover the World of Mushrooms with The Fungal Network!

Meet Ernie Wheeler, the visionary who started Borrowed Land Farm, now transformed into The Fungal Network - a USDA-organic certified mushroom culture lab and production facility! 🍄

🎙️Ernie Wheeler will unveil the secrets of mushroom cultivation with a captivating PPT presentation!
🍄 Explore fascinating mushroom varieties up close and personal!
🥦 Grow at Home Kits: Learn how to cultivate your own mushrooms with exclusive Grow at Home Kits! Choose from Pink Oyster, Lion's Mane, Bear's Head, and Grey Oyster - all available for just $25 each.
Check them out at thefungalnetwork.net/
📅 Save the Date: Monday, February 26th

🕡 Doors Open: 6:30 PM for setup
🕖 Meeting Starts: 7:00 PM
📍 Venue: Nazareth Lutheran Church
Don't miss this unique opportunity to dive into the magical world of mushrooms and connect with fellow garden enthusiasts! 🌿✨ See you there! 🍄 #GardenClub #TheFungalNetwork #MushroomMagic #GrowYourOwnMushrooms

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 24 ·

Here is another local workshop

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Thank you for sharing!
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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 19 ·

The Seed and Plant Swap Event was well attended on Saturday, Feb 17th hosted by the 2nd Harvest Food Bank and Forsyth Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. There were so many seed packets available, people were very happy. One of our members took 4 kinds of seeds to share. The plant swap portion was also was good.

The Forsyth Extension Master Gardeners had an information booth. Also there was an interesting display on growing plants via hydroponics at home. Stay tuned, as this is a workshop later this year!

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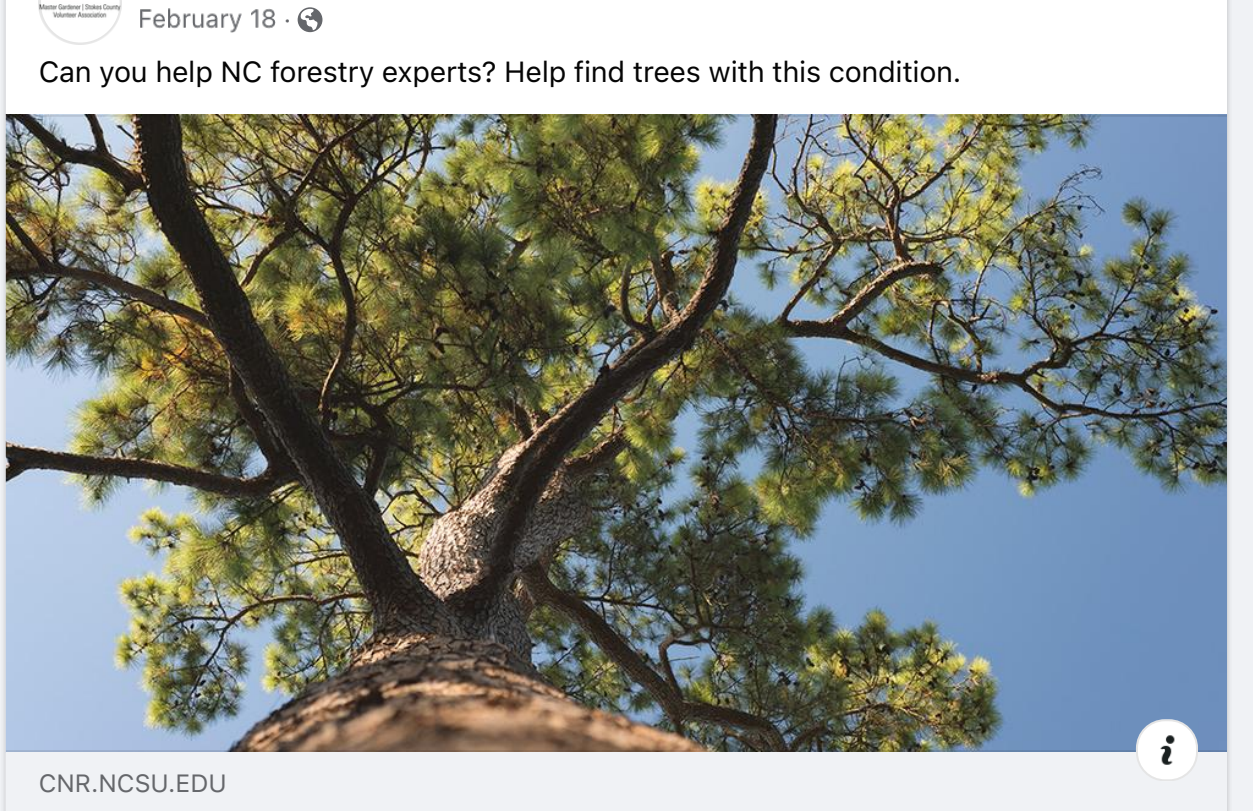
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 18 ·

Can you help NC forestry experts? Help find trees with this condition.



CNR.NCSU.EDU
Can You Find the Witch's Brooms? Forestry Experts Need Your Help
Witch's brooms are abnormal growths on tree branches caused by pests, diseases...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 15 ·

🌱 Plum Granny Farm's Cheryl and Ray taught a workshop for us on grafting! When grafting tomato plants, seeing with magnification is best to insure a good connection. 🧐 We love learning the "best practices" of how to perform garden tasks, so these 2 organic gardening experts are highly valued! 😀

👍 6 1 share

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 15 ·

🌱We had a great time! The group always enjoy our visits to Plum Granny Farm. Ray demonstrated how he grafts a heirloom tomato plant onto special tomato rootstock. This results in a plant that grows better, stronger and more disease resistant! 🌱

Plum Granny Farm is at **Plum Granny Farm**.
February 14 · King, NC, United States ·

We had a great time hosting the Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteers for their monthly meeting. Topic of the Day? Grafting tomatoes! 🍅

Folks got to learn the ins and outs of this important technique and try it for themselves. It looks like everyone had a great time! 🍅
@stokes_county_extension
#tomatoes #graftedtomatoes #stokesextension #extensionmastergardener

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Plum Granny Farm · Follow
Thanks so much for the enthusiasm that everyone brought to the workshop! It was great!
7w

Alice Kiger
Plum Granny Farm You're always fun & educational!!
7w

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 14 ·

Beautiful Butterfly Bench! See
https://www.facebook.com/.../permalink/1140527943993317/

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Central
North Carolina

PRIVATE GROUP • 158 MEMBERS
Wild Ones Central North Carolina Community Group

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 12 ·

This is a very informative article we recommend!" Learn something new every day!! "Free the Flare"

Extension Master Gardener
February 10 ·

Are you familiar with the phrase "root flare"?

"The root flare is the area at the base of a tree trunk where the topmost roots emerge outward. This area is sometimes referred to as the trunk flare or root crown. In many species of trees, the trunk widens and curves outward ("flares") like the base of a wine glass."

"When thinking about the trunk and root system of a tree, it is important to keep in mind: Roots need to be in the soil to get a steady supply of moisture and nutrients. The trunk (stem) portion should be out of the ground where exposure and good airflow help to keep the bark dry.

In our landscapes, we have many trees that are planted too deeply and the root flare is not visible at all. The trunks go straight into the ground like telephone poles. This can result in lower bark rotting, reduced oxygen supply to the roots, disease and pest problems, and girdling roots."

For all the details, awesome visuals, and videos on this topic, please visit: https://marylandgrows.umd.edu/.../free-the-flare.../

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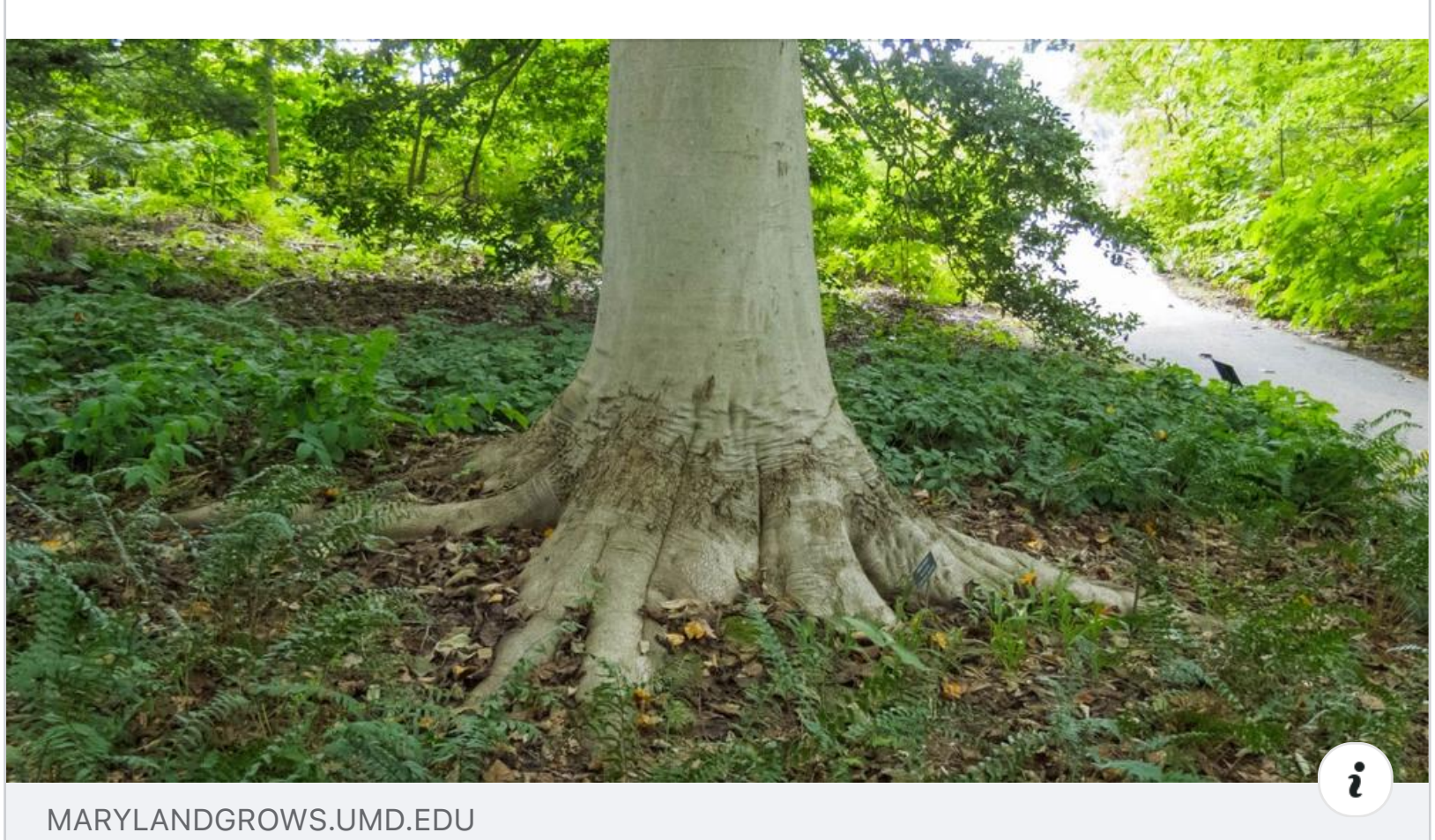

MARYLANDGROWS.UMD.EDU
Free the Flare: Maintain Visible Root Flare for Tree Health
Tree planting efforts are picking up as Maryland's 5 Million Trees Initiative mov...

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 12 ·

Growing more milkweed plants is a great goal!

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Area in Mexico Drops Sharply
xerces.org/press
XERCES SOCIETY
for Invertebrate Conservation
Photo: Candace Fallon / Xerces Society

The Xerces Society
February 7 ·

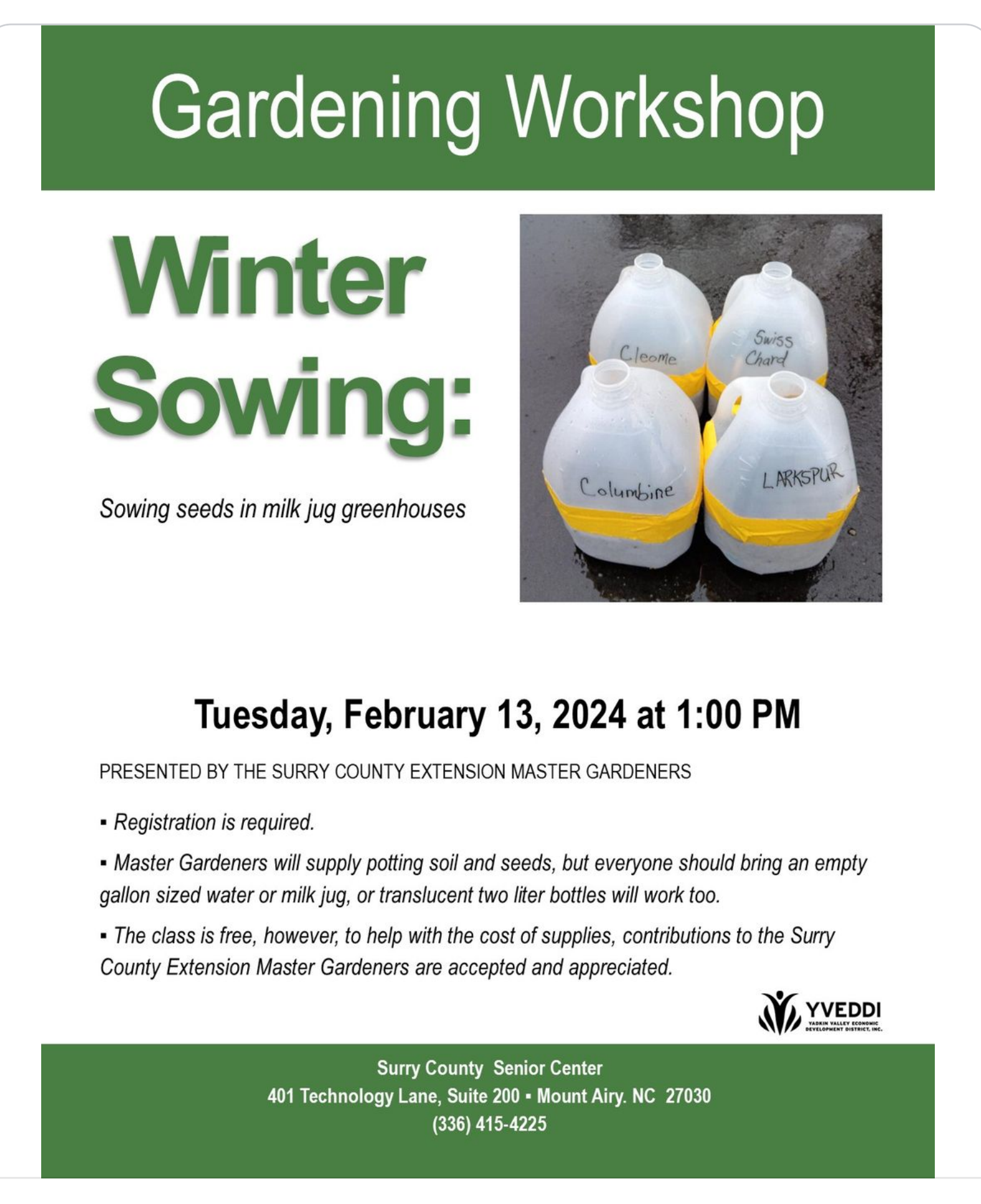
Breaking: The annual census of eastern monarch numbers at their overwintering sites in central Mexico was released today by World Wildlife Fund-Mexico and partners. It revealed that in just one year, the presence of monarch butterflies dropped by more than 50%, from 2.2 hectares to 0.9 hectares.

Xerces Director Scott Black, presently attending a trinational monarch conference in Mexico City, said, "I am very concerned with the monarch numbers out of Mexico this year. We need to move forward on listing monarchs under the Endangered Species Act in the U.S., to maximize protection and restoration of habitat across the monarch's range and take action to protect these animals from toxic pesticides."

https://www.xerces.org/.../eastern-monarch-butterfly...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 11 ·

A great way to grow native plants!



Gardening Workshop

Winter Sowing:

Sowing seeds in milk jug greenhouses

Cleome
Swiss Chard
Columbine
LARKSPUR

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM

PRESENTED BY THE SURRY COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS

- *Registration is required.*
- *Master Gardeners will supply potting soil and seeds, but everyone should bring an empty gallon sized water or milk jug, or translucent two liter bottles will work too.*
- *The class is free, however, to help with the cost of supplies, contributions to the Surry County Extension Master Gardeners are accepted and appreciated.*

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Surry County Senior Center
401 Technology Lane, Suite 200 • Mount Airy, NC 27030
(336) 415-4225

YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers
February 1 ·

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 7 ·

Time to prune! Here is a Extension video on rabbiteye blueberry bushes. See

YOUTUBE.COM
Hands-On Blueberry Pruning Workshop, North Carolina
Join us for a short video demonstration on pruning blueberry bushes led by Resear...

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 7 ·

Another class on learning about creeks is coming. This one is in March at Winston-Salem's Gateway Nature Preserve.

SUN, MAR 24
Salem Creek at the Gateway Nature Preserve: Geology, Biology & History A guided walk by Jeremy Reisk
Winston-Salem, NC, United States
98 people interested
☆ Interested

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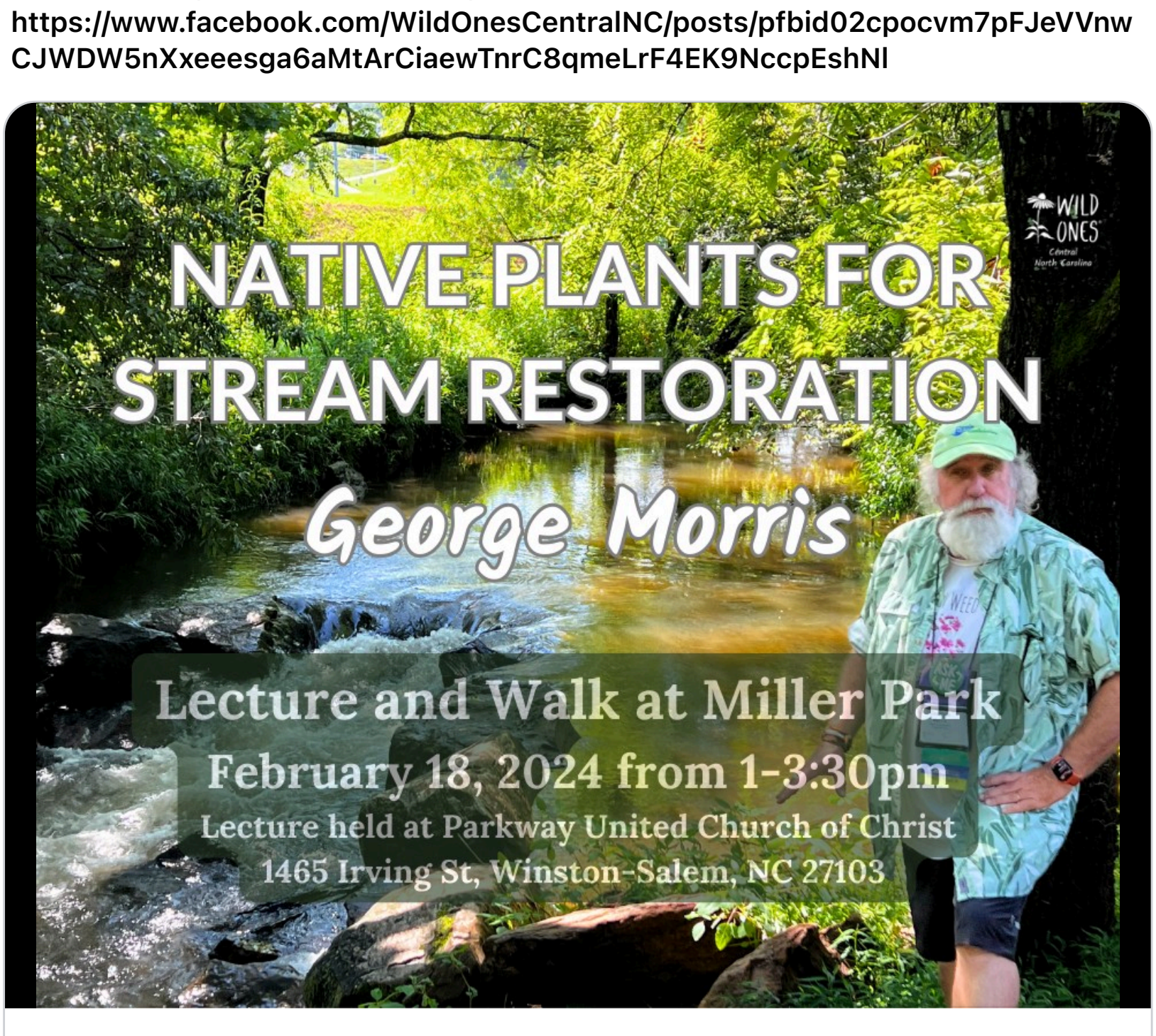
Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 6 ·

Here is a local opportunity to learn about the many facets to have a healthy creek and the beneficial plants that would help! See the Wild Ones event at
https://www.facebook.com/WildOnesCentralNC/posts/pfbid02cpocvm7pFJeVVnwCJWDW5nXxeeesga6aMtArCiaewTnrC8qmeLrF4EK9NccpEshNl



NATIVE PLANTS FOR STREAM RESTORATION

George Morris

Lecture and Walk at Miller Park

February 18, 2024 from 1-3:30pm

Lecture held at Parkway United Church of Christ
1465 Irving St, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Wild Ones Central North Carolina
February 4 ·

Wild Ones CNC is pleased to invite you to this very interesting and important program, consisting of a lecture and a nature walk, on the importance of native pl... **See more**

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 5 ·

The King Senior Center and the Walnut Cove Senior Center sponsor classes held at area Community Centers. This is such a great project! They asked our Extension Master Gardener group to help with a 🌱Growing Herbs🌱 class today in Lawsonville.

Fortunately, Cheryl Ferguson of Plum Granny Farm graciously accepted to teach the class. She could even provide the herbs and supplies, as it is still winter. Many thanks to Cheryl for today.

Everyone looked happy with their wide pot wi... **See more**

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Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 1 ·

We welcome our new Director!! Welcome Matt Lenhardt! 🧑‍🌾👨‍🌾😀

Stokes County Cooperative Extension
February 1 ·

Please join us in welcoming Matt Lenhardt as our new County Extension Director for N.C. Cooperative Extension, Stokes County Center.

Matt Lenhardt was raised ... **See more**

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
February 1 ·

House Plants of Stokes County is a new private Facebook group we have heard about. We are sharing this as part of our "support local" objective.

They ask "Any plant parents in the area? We have created a facebook group for house plants lovers. Trying to grow the page in hopes to plan local plant swap meets! If anyone is interested, the link is below! 😊"

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1100379558048212/?ref=share_group_link

HOUSE PLANTS
OF STOKES COUNTY

PRIVATE GROUP • 153 MEMBERS
House Plants of Stokes County

Stokes Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association
January 31 ·

It is very important to rotate the crops in your garden so the diseases and bugs from last year can't attack their favorite plants this year. It is best to also clean up plant material at the end of season for the same reasons.

N.C. Cooperative Extension, Forsyth County Center
January 31 ·

Rotating Your Vegetables in the Garden
Rotate your vegetables by not planting the same vegetable or related vegetable in the same location year after year. Rota... **See more**