



2026 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
January 6th	From Seed to Sprout: Jump-Start Your Spring Garden	Karla Coffey
February 3rd	Thou Shalt Not Commit "Crape Murder"	Jimmy McInville
March 3rd	Go Wild, Not Weedy: How to Start a Meadow That Works	Rae Johnson
April 7th	PANEL - Rooted in the South: The Beauty and Benefits of Native Plants	Rae Johnson Ann Barklow Stephanie Turner Dana Gonzales
May 5th	Smart Watering: Drip Irrigation for Efficient Gardens	Brian Smith
June 9th	Buzzing with Life: A Tour of Greenwood's Pollinator Paradise	Karla Coffey Ann Barklow
July 14th	The Magic of the Moon Garden: Nighttime Beauty in Bloom	Lisa Heller
August 4th	Grow Through the Seasons: Fall and Winter Gardening Made Easy	Horticulture Agent, Brandon Green
September 1st	Designing Your Dream Yard: Landscape Basics Made Easy	Tom Nelson
October 13th	Rot Happens! The Magic of Composting	Donna Boozer
November 10th	Bring the Outdoors In: Crafting Natural Wreaths and Swags	Gail Murph

January 6, 2026 From Seed to Sprout: Jump-Start Your Spring Garden

Join us for an informative and friendly session designed to help you succeed at starting your own plants from seed. You will be walked through the process, from seed selection to getting your new plants into the garden.

February 3, 2026 Thou Shalt Not Commit "Crape Murder"

Many of us are familiar with the improper crape myrtle pruning known as "crape murder". Instead of an elegant tree, we see a stunted, knobby stump that produces weak, flimsy growth. Learn the proper techniques to prune your crape myrtles for stunning results.

March 3, 2026 Go Wild, Not Weedy: How to Start a Meadow That Works

Transform your lawn into a beautiful, low-maintenance habitat teeming with native wildflowers and pollinators. Convert a patch of grass into a thriving meadow resulting in a biodiverse and drought-tolerant landscape.

April 7, 2026 PANEL - Rooted in the South: The Beauty and Benefits of Native Plants

Join us for an insightful discussion with our 4 panelists as they dive into the world of native plants. From selecting the right species for your soil and sun conditions to understanding the critical role native plants play in supporting our local ecosystem.

May 5, 2026 Smart Watering: Drip Irrigation for Efficient Gardens

Are you tired of standing with a hose or wrestling with a sprinkler? Discover how drip irrigation can deliver moisture directly to your plants' roots, helping you conserve water, reduce weeds, and prevent fungal diseases.

June 9, 2026 Buzzing with Life: A Tour of Greenwood's Pollinator Paradise

Step into one of the City of Greenwood's largest and most vibrant pollinator gardens at the Veterans Center. Join horticulturist Karla Coffey and Ann Barklow for a guided walk through a landscape buzzing with life!

July 14, 2025 The Magic of the Moon Garden: Nighttime Beauty in Bloom

Add a new dimension to your garden! Learn how to create a magical "moon garden" designed to be enjoyed after the sun goes down. We'll discuss incorporating pale, luminous flowers, silvery foliage, and fragrant plants that come alive at night.

August 4, 2026 Grow Through the Seasons: Fall and Winter Gardening Made Easy

Don't let the end of summer be the end of your garden's bounty! Extend your harvest into the cooler months! Discover how to grow a vibrant and productive garden all year round.

September 1, 2026 Designing Your Dream Yard: Landscape Basics Made Easy

Elevate your gardening skills from planting to planning! This session will focus on the art and practice of arranging all the elements of a landscape into a cohesive and beautiful space.

October 13, 2026 Rot Happens! The Magic of Composting

Turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into "gardening gold". Discover simple methods, what materials to use, and how to create nutrient-rich soil to boost your garden's health.

November 10, 2026 Bring the Outdoors In: Crafting Natural Wreaths and Swags

Get into the holiday spirit and join us to learn how to craft beautiful, festive wreaths and swags using fresh, natural materials. Take home your own creation and the skills to make more.