



# Marshall Messages

Marshall County Extension Office

March-April 2024

Hey Marshall County!

Hope everything is going your way and life is treating you well. We are off to a great start this year. So far we've been busy with Cattlemen's, Well Water Workshop, Tree Planting Week, 4-H Shooting Sports, and MHV!

We are working on Lady Landowners for this fall along with Junior Master Gardener Program for our kiddos. We have other ideas and plans in the works as well.

This newsletter is full of information, but there is all this and more on our Facebook page "Marshall County Extension Office." If you haven't followed us, please do.

Have a Happy Easter! We hope to see you soon at an event, program, or upcoming activity.



Please follow us on Facebook at Marshall County Extension Office.

Like, share, and comment on our posts to get involved with us!



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Mississippi 4-H is partnering with Logan Farms to support local 4-H clubs! Buy your Easter Honey Glazed Ham by March 24, choose the delivery date that works for your family, get free shipping right to your door, and put our Mississippi 4-H'ers first! Scan the QR code below to order.





# MARSHALL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

## SPRING BREAK

MARSHALL CO. JR. MASTER GARDENERS

## KICK OFF EVENT



**MARCH 13, 2024**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
registration deadline is  
**03.08.24**

- Paint a birdhouse
- Learn all about blue birds
- Make a pinecone bird feeder
- FREE EVENT
- Lunch is provided

Marshall County Master Gardeners are looking to start a Junior Master Gardeners Program with 3rd-5th graders. They're hosting a "Kick-Off" event this year during spring break. Enrollment paperwork and activities will be provided at the event.

Come join in on the fun and get your child learning about gardening! Call us to RSVP and let us know you plan to attend, spots are limited.

The event is FREE and lunch will be provided. This will be the first of the monthly meetings. Normal monthly meetings will be held after school.

Marshall County Master Gardeners are preparing for their annual plant sale.

Mark your calendar so you can stop by to get ready for Spring/Summer planting.

All proceeds will go towards MCMGA annual Kids Plant Camp and other projects throughout Marshall County.

MARSHALL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

## SPRING PLANT SALE

*Saturday, April 13, 2024*  
*9:00 am-12:00 pm*



Marshall County Extension Office Parking Lot  
120 South Spring Street  
Holly Springs, MS 38635

PERENNIALS. ANNUALS. VEGETABLES AND MORE

Cash or Check Only  
No cards can be accepted

# 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Marshall County*



## 4-H HORSE DAY CAMP

March 11, 2024  
9:30 am



Tippah County  
Fairgrounds  
Ripley, Mississippi

**\$30**

REGISTER NOW

Call your County Extension Office for registration forms. Registration Deadline March 4th.

## UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS

NE Invitational Shooting Sport Event is March 23, 2024

NE District Shooting Sports is April 27, 2024

4-H Club Congress is May 29-31, 2024

4-H NE PAD is June 14, 2024



## CHARCUTERIE BOARDS

**\$30**  
deadline is 3/25

Call 662-252-3541 to sign up!

Marshall county 4-H

## APRIL COOKING KIT





# 2024 Mississippi 4-H Wildlife Art & Photography Contest

Want to show off your artistic talents or photography skills? Then the MS Wildlife Art and Photography Contest is a wonderful opportunity for you to showcase your talents! The Top 5 entries in each category from each District go on to be judged on the State level. County entries need to be turned in at 4-H Club Congress. Entries from each of the top 5 entries in the State will be displayed at the Mississippi Wildlife Expo in late summer at the MS Trade Mart on the MS Fairgrounds in Jackson.



**Art Categories:** Pastels/Charcoal/Graphite/Colored Pencil (Abstract or Realistic), Oil/Acrylic/Watercolor (Abstract or Realistic), Pen/Ink/Markers/Crayon (Abstract or Realistic), Cartoon, Sculpture/3-D, Mixed, Altered Media.

**Photography Categories:** Action, Non-Action, Human Interest. (Digital Only)  
5"x7" format in sleeve

**Age Divisions:**

8-13 years old (4-H age)

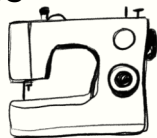
14-18 years old (4-H age)

Entries must be turned in to local MSU Extension Offices before Friday, April 12th.

Rules & Regulations are available by contacting your local MSU Extension Office.

# QUILTING DEMONSTRATION

Benton Co. Courthouse  
31 Main St. South  
Ashland, MS  
March 14, 2024  
10:00 am



Our quilting ladies will be doing a demonstration at the Historical Society Museum in Ashland, MS, Come be a part of a morning of learning with them!

## WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE A BEE KEEPER?

GUEST SPEAKER:  
JENNY HUNSICKER

MARCH, 5, 2024

6:00 PM

MARSHALL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
120 SOUTH SPRING STREET  
HOLLY SPRINGS, MS

Bull Soundness Exams will be conducted on Saturday March 23, 2024 at the Marshall County Fairgrounds (1569 Hwy 7 North Holly Springs, M S 38635) from 8:00 a. m.—12:00 noon. Hosted by the Marshall County Cattleman's Association.

The cost for the exam will be:

- MCCA Members- \$35.00
- Non-MCCA Members- \$45.00

The following Vaccinations will be available for an additional \$10.00 charge IBR, BVD, PI 3, VIBRRO AND LEPTO, BLACKLEG AND WORMING.

\*\*Please Call the Marshall County Extension office at 662-252-3541 with the number of bulls that you plan to bring

# BULL SOUNDNESS EXAM

March 23, 2024

8:00 am -12:00 pm

Marshall County Fairgrounds



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION



SAVE THE DATE

# LADY LANDOWNERS

TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

"EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING FEMALE  
LANDOWNERS AND STEWARDS."



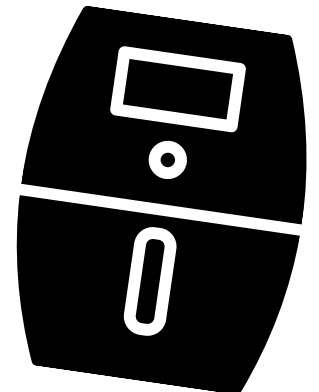
## SERVSAFE COURSE *Certification*

SAVE THE DATE

April 11, 2024  
Holly Springs, MS



Led By:  
**Kelsey Martin,**  
Marshall County Extension Agent



Pictured to the far right--"All About Air Fryers" The women of the First United Methodist Church of Holly Springs enjoyed a program led by Mrs. Kelsey Martin. They learned about air fryers then got to practice using them by making three different recipes.



Byhalia Lions Club and  
Marshall Co. 4-H Shooting Sports



**May 9, 2024**

## **SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT**

4 Person Team - 100 Targets - Bring Gun & Shells

Lunch 12:00-1:00pm provided by Northcentral

**Mallard's Croft**  
**2867 Hwy 309 N. Byhalia MS 38611**

Byhalia Lions Club is hosting a fundraiser sporting clay tournament to raise funds for Marshall County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Contact information is below if you'd like to enter a team. If you'd like to help sponsor the event, reach out for a sponsorship form.

### **Door Prizes**

1-Day Deer Hunt at Fox Den Legacy Outdoors

Two Shotguns

Team Entry \$400

Golf carts available for additional \$50

**ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS DUE BY MAY 1st**

Payments made to: Byhalia Lions Club PO Box 345 Byhalia MS 38611

Lions Club Contact: Lion Bubba Brown 901-734-7525

email: [sbrown38611@gmail.com](mailto:sbrown38611@gmail.com)

2024 TREE PLANTING WEEK

# HAPPY ARBOR DAY



OUR AGENTS LEMON PHELPS AND KELSEY MARTIN, SOME OF THE MARSHALL COUNTY FORESTRY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS ALONG WITH FORESTRY COMMISSION EMPLOYEES BRIAN JAMES AND DRU ROBERTS VISITED MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS' 3RD GRADE CLASSROOMS TO TALK ABOUT ARBOR DAY, PLANTING TREES AND WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT. EACH STUDENT RECEIVED A TREE TO TAKE HOME AND PLANT.

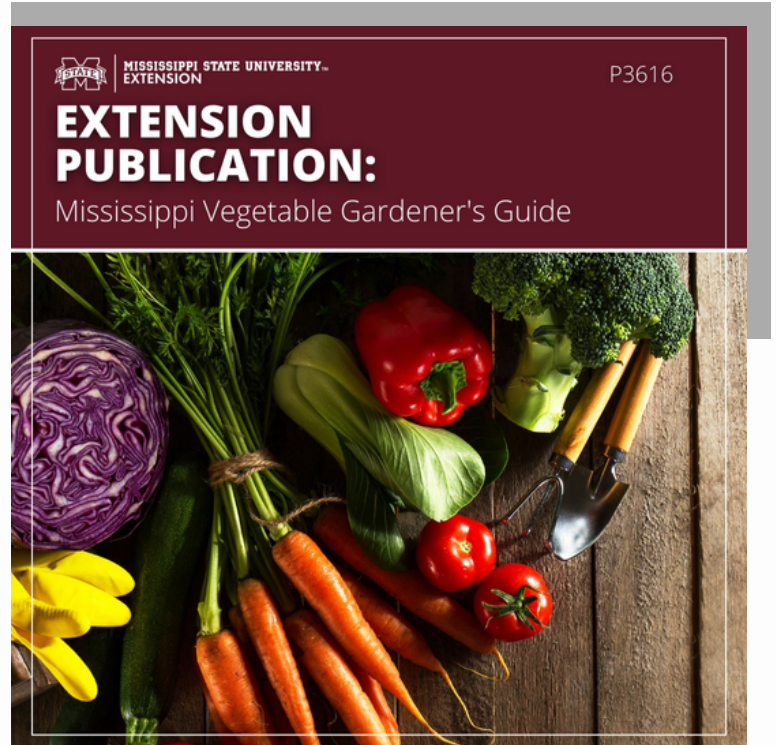


## SUMMER GARDENING

If you're making plans for your summer garden, then you need to read our Mississippi Vegetable Gardener's Guide! Everything you need to know from A-Z.



Scan for the  
Mississippi  
Vegetable  
Gardener's  
Guide



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## GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH AND APRIL



### March:

- Set out most shrubs and trees.
- Divide mondo grass, liriopse, cannas, chrysanthemums, coreopsis, and phlox.
- Start seeds for tomatoes, bell peppers, hot peppers, and eggplant.
- Set out herbs such as thyme, lemon balm, oregano, chives, sage, and winter savory.
- Shrubs may be moved at this time. It is best to take a large root ball to save the current root system.
- Fertilize all ornamental shrubs and trees according to soil test results, or use a slow-release fertilizer. Top-dress azaleas and camellias with acid-loving fertilizer.
- Spray new rose leaves for black spot disease weekly once leaves are fully emerged. A soil-drench rose disease control product can be used after leaves are fully developed.
- Trim mondo grass and liriopse to 4–6 inches tall. Dispose of trimmings.
- Apply pre-emerge to turf to prevent crabgrass and other summer weeds.
- Mulch all landscape bed areas—3 inches in new beds and only 1 inch in existing beds.

### April:

- Set out most shrubs and trees.
- Divide violets, Shasta daisies, liriopse, ajuga, mums, and other perennials.
- Plant okra, melons, peas, corn, beans, eggplant, cucumbers, and tomatoes.
- Set out summer annuals after danger of frost has past.
- Plant summer/fall blooming bulbs: callas, cannas, dahlias, gladiolus, and gloriosa lilies.
- Fertilize vegetables at planting according to recommendations.
- Fertilize shrubs if not done in March.
- Prune azaleas and other spring-flowering shrubs after blooming.



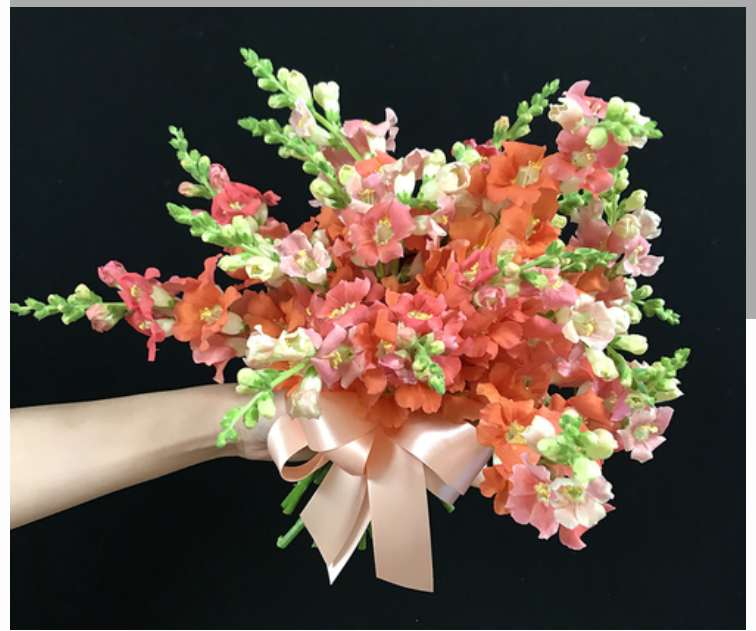
# EXTENSION FLORAL DESIGN

## MASTER FLORAL DESIGNER

The Master Floral Designer (MFD) program teaches all the basics of floral design, including proper care and use of fresh flowers, dried flowers and numerous mechanics and accessories. Discover and understand what makes a floral design beautiful! This program is offered using energetic video and in-person components. We maximize your learning of design principles and elements, basic floral designs, and care and handling information. The MFD Program is created for beginners as well as those who want to learn more and improve their flower arranging.



Use the QR Code for more info on the MS Master Floral Designer Program.



MFD consists of three phases:

- Phase I consists of an online course developed and delivered by Dr. DelPrince. Topics include best practices and research-based information on floral care and handling, design principles (balance, proportion, rhythm, scale, unity, dominance, harmony), design elements (color, pattern, form, texture, space, line, fragrance, light), and numerous mechanics and accessories.
- Phase II involves creating all the basic floral designs via hands-on, intensive classes. This studio course meets four consecutive days and each participant will learn how to make a bow, corsages, a hand-tied bouquet, symmetrical and asymmetrical designs, topiary, and more using a variety of mechanics.
- Phase III provides the opportunity to share what you learned, complete 40 hours of Extension volunteering, and put what you learned into action. This service component can involve different, non-profit activities that promote the benefits of floral design.



Use the QR Code to register for classes. Please note: classes are on the MS Gulf Coast.

We encourage participants to complete all three phases to earn the MFD certificate from MSU Extension. Participants do not have to be Mississippi residents.

# March

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3 Shooting Sports practice 2:30 pm	4	5 MCCA 8am Bee Meeting 6pm	6	7	8	9
10 Shooting Sports practice 2:30 pm	11	12	13 Jr. MG Kick Off 11am	14 MCFA 8am Quilting Demo Ashland, MS 10am	15	16
Happy St. Patrick's Day Shooting Sports practice 2:30 pm	18	19	20 MHV at 10am	21 MCFA Quarterly 6pm	22	23 Bull Soundness Exam 8am
24 Shooting Sports practice 2:30 pm	25	26 Jr. MG Meeting 4pm	27	28 MCMGA 10am	29 CLOSED	30
31 HAPPY EASTER	1	2	3	4	5	6

# April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2 MCCA 8am	3	4	5	6
7 Shooting Sports practice 2:30 pm	8	9	10	11 MCFA 8am  Servsafe	12	13  Plant Sale 9am
14  Shooting Sports practice 2:30 pm	15	16	17 MHV at 10am	18 MHV Regional Meeting	19	20
21  Shooting Sports practice 2:30 pm	22	23 Jr. MG Meeting 4pm	24	25 MCCA Quarterly 6pm	26	27 District Shooting Sports West Point, MS
28	29	30	1	2	3	4