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Coming Events

Wed., Sept. 8, 10 a.m.
So You Want To Be A Master Gardener?
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Wed., Sept. 15, 9 a.m.
PLANT SALE! ONLINE ONLY!
Sale will go live at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15
Hit the link to check out the plants:
[MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE](#)



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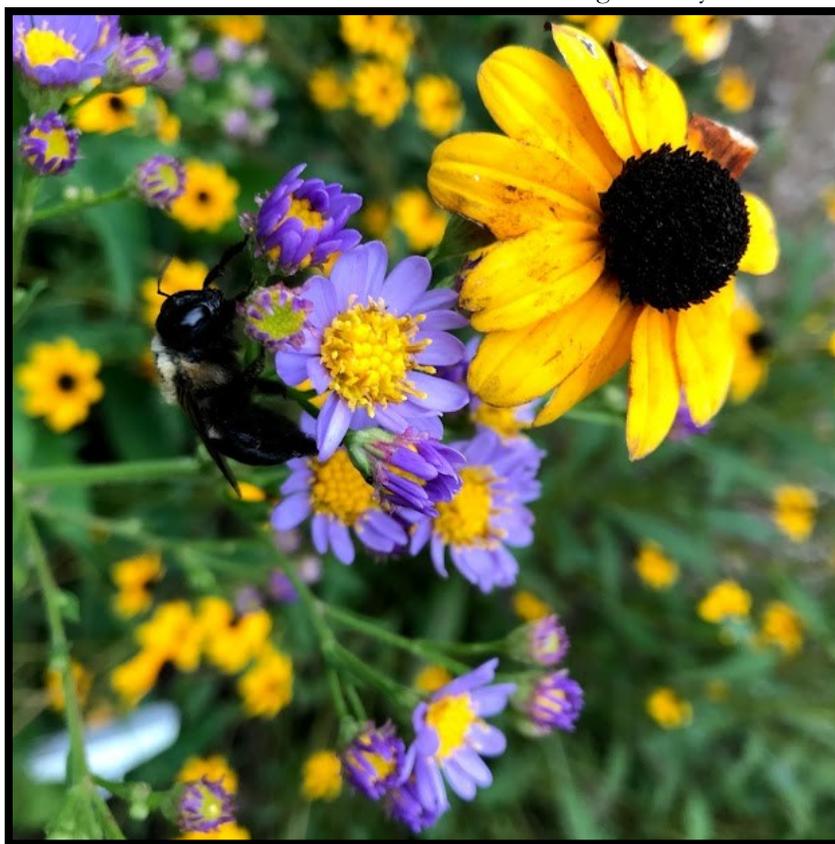
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11th Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale

You loved it so much, we're doing it again!

We are so pleased to be able to offer the 11th Annual Extension
Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale ONLINE again this year!



With an emphasis on native perennials and other pollinator favorites, we have an excellent selection of plants propagated from Arbor Gate Teaching Garden as well as from the Master Gardeners' own yards. Of course, all proceeds from the plant sale will go toward Alamance Extension Master Gardener programs and the maintenance and improvement of Arbor Gate Teaching Garden. Browse the plant selection [here](#).

The sale will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, September 15. After you have completed your order (credit cards only), we will call you to set up a time for you to pick up your plants curbside at the Agricultural Building, 209 N. Graham-Hopedale Road, Burlington.



So You Want To Be A Master Gardener Volunteer?

The 14-week Extension Master Gardener Volunteer course begins January 19, 2022.

Find out all about it at an in-person information session Wednesday, September 8, 10 a.m. in the Agricultural Building, 209 N Graham-Hopedale Road, Burlington, NC. Registration required.

[Click here to register for the session](#)



Come on! Release your Inner Gardener!



New interns are required to complete

- 50 hours of education, including the Master Gardener Course (42 hours)
- 40 hours of volunteer service in Alamance County

Recertifying EMGVs are required to complete

- 10 hours continuing education
- 40 hours of volunteer service in Alamance County



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Poa annua
annual bluegrass

September Garden Tips

Root geranium cuttings for color next summer. Take 4-inch cuttings of terminal growth, making an angled cut just below a node. Dip the cut end into rooting hormone. Use a pencil to poke a hole in moistened potting medium then insert the cutting. Water well and place the pot in a plastic bag and close the top with a twist tie. Keep out of direct sunlight until rooting occurs (in 2 to 3 weeks), then remove the pot from the bag and place it in a sunny window in a cool room (55 – 65 degrees). Pinch the young plants back at least once for bushier growth.

Discontinue pruning at this time except to remove dead or broken branches and spent flowers. Spring-blooming plants have already formed their flower buds, and pruning of any plants may encourage new growth that won't have time to harden off before winter.

Harvest herbs to preserve for winter use. Use your microwave oven to dry herbs. Heat them between paper towels for about one minute,

or until the leaves are crisp. Chives store well in the freezer. Alternatively, pot up chives, parsley and other herbs in six-inch containers to grow in a sunny window.

Now is the best time to reseed, overseed and start new fescue lawns. Overseed at the rate of 3 to 4 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Sow new cool-season lawns in prepared ground at the rate of 7 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Fertilize established cool-season lawns this month, according to the results of your soil test. In the absence of a soil test, use a balanced fertilizer and apply at the rate of one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. (Example: 10 pounds of 10-10-10 per 1,000 square feet)

If annual bluegrass spoiled your lawn this year, now is the time to spread a pre-emergence herbicide on your lawn. **WARNING! DO NOT** do this if you intend to or have already overseeded your lawn this fall. Pre-emergence herbicides may be applied to your shrub borders to prevent chickweed, henbit and other annual spring weeds.

Plant mustard, onion sets and radishes until the middle of the month. Sow onion seeds all month.

Dig, divide and re-plant overcrowded perennial beds or start a new bed now.

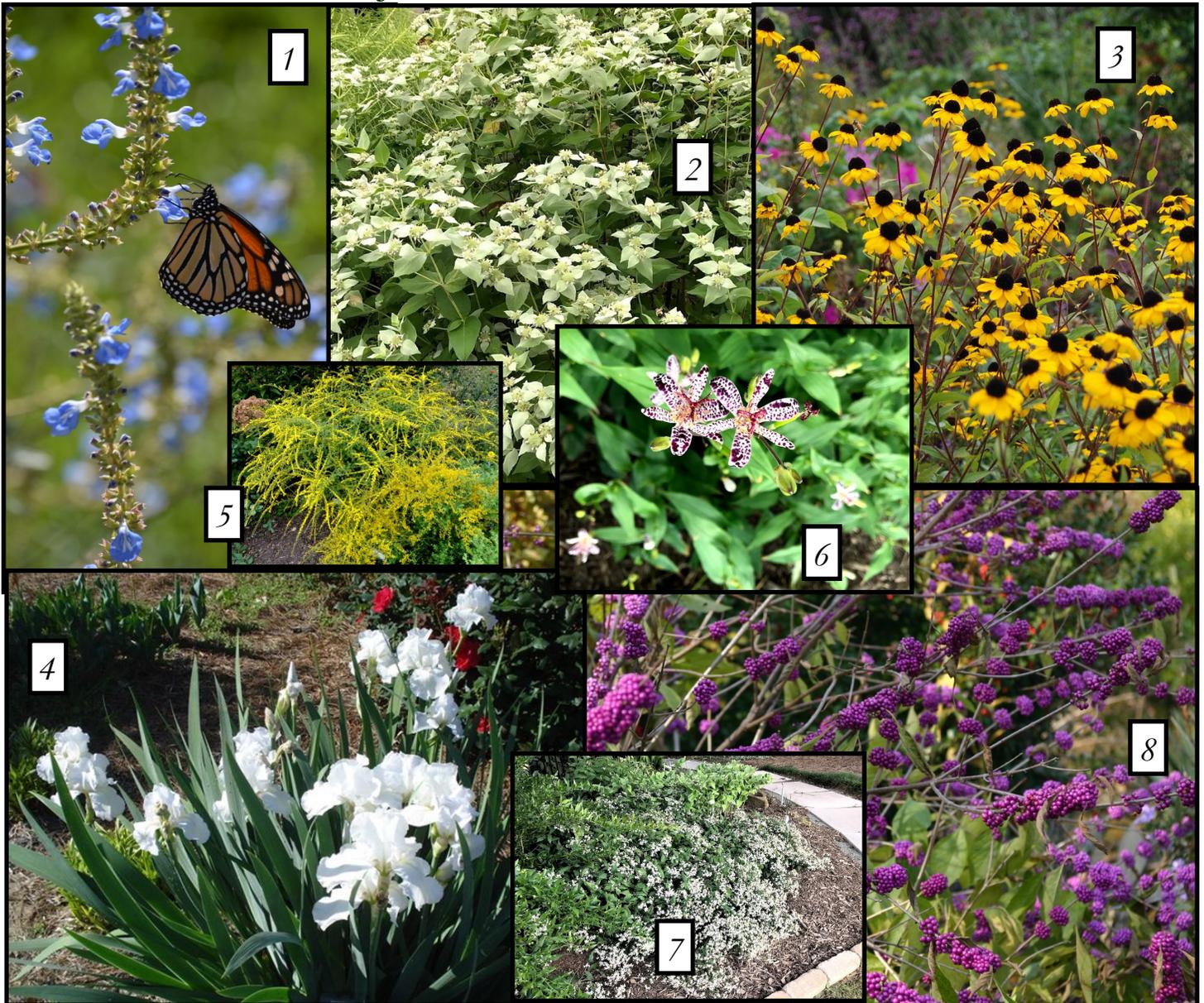
Shop online for new perennials, including many North Carolina native plants. Browse the website [here](#), then shop beginning Wednesday, September 15 at 9 a.m.

Once you've completed your order, we'll call you to arrange a time for touch-free curbside pickup. Many of these plants have been propagated from favorites at Arbor Gate Teaching Garden, and some from the Master Gardeners' own gardens, but *all* have been nurtured by Extension Master Gardener Volunteers!



Our native butterfly weed

Arbor Gate Plants of the Month



Some of the Late Bloomers Available at the Sale!

These are just a few of the fall-blooming beauties now showing at Arbor Gate Teaching Garden. Find these and many others, all available for just \$5.00 each during our 11th annual Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale! Go [here](https://www.arbogateteachinggarden.com/) to browse all of the plants, then shop beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15. <https://www.arbogateteachinggarden.com/>

By the numbers:

1) *Salvia uliginosa*—Sky blue sage, 2) *Pycnanthemum muticum*—Mountain mint, 3) *Rudbeckia triloba*—Brown-eyed Susan, 4) *Iris germanica*—reblooming iris “Immortality”, 5) *Solidago rugosa*—“Fireworks” goldenrod, 6) *Tricyrtis formosana*—toad lily, 7) *Eurybia divaricate*—white wood aster, 8) *Callicarpa americana*—beautyberry, 9) *Aster tataricus* “Jin dai”.

