

**2017
Calendar**

5/11 6pm LMG
Annual Picnic,
at Connie
Maxwell Farm
Picnic Shelter.
Potluck sides.
Hamburgers,
hot dogs,
drinks
provided.
Directions with
flyer below.

6/02 5/30-8:00
Topiary and
Tastings Wine
Walk for an up
close look at
the topiaries.

6/03-04
Festival of
Flowers Garden
Tours 10-4, see
newspaper for
directions.



MAY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our annual plant sale is history. Thank You to Annie Keith and all the other volunteers for all the hard work and planning that helped make it a success. The two day sale brought in a record \$1829.00. Attractive staging and bold pricing brought in the record sales. We also snagged three prospective new MG's for the August class, one returning member, and one possible transfer (I've got to talk to this one a little more).

The plant sale is not only our only fund raiser it is always a big chance for the general public to ask a Master Gardener their burning plant questions. They brought in baggies with branches of plants to be identified, the mysterious pecan sprouting up in the middle of the flower bed, Thank You Mr. Squirrel. The Gentlemen trying to grow grass in a shaded yard, James had the HGIC print out for that one. Being a MG doesn't mean you know it all but that you know where to go to find the answers.

We are working hard to keep the LMG in the public eye. Our work with the city will be hitting the streets soon. The living roof Birdhouses will be placed in the next few weeks, the light pole baskets on Maxwell Avenue were planted the last week of April. Working on the baskets allowed us to go in and talk to several merchants. We showed them how we planted the baskets, the plants we used and how to care for them. We also introduced them to a moisture meter and how it works. Hopefully we planted the gardening seed.

Next on the list is our picnic May 11 @ 6:00. In a few short weeks our Jeep will be rolling onto the square and bringing the rest of the topiaries with her. There will be a few surprises this year too.

LMG'ers HARD AT WORK BUYING (oops!), SELLING PLANTS





*Lakeland's Master Gardener Picnic and Plant
Swap**

*Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 6:00 pm
Connie Maxwell Farm Picnic Shelter*

Drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers are provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Families are welcome

Please RSVP your attendance and dish selection by

Friday, May 5th to:

Candy White

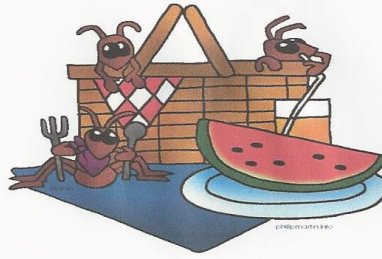
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**Please bring a plant to participate in the plant swap and be sure to label it.*





Directions to the Connie Maxwell Farm

From the North:

- Turn South onto Calhoun Rd. from US-72 Bypass (first red light W of Walmart.)
- At the next red light, Calhoun Road becomes SC-225 Bypass (go straight through the light.)
- At the next red light, cross SC-10 (go straight) and cross a railroad overpass.
- The farm is located on the left just past the overpass. There is a fire station on the right.

From the South:

- Turn left onto SC-225 Bypass from US-25 (there is a big Shell station on the left of this intersection.)
- Continue N on SC-225 Bypass through the intersection with US 221.
- About 2 miles N, there is a red light at W Alexander Ave, (go straight.)
- The farm is located on the right about 1 mile N of W Alexander Ave. (fire station on the left.)

FOLLOW THE ARROW SIGNS TO THE MEETING SITE.

SEE YOU THERE!

NEW PLANTERS FILLED ON MAXWELL



FARMERS MARKET PLANTING AND GREEN ROOF BIRDHOUSE PLACEMENT

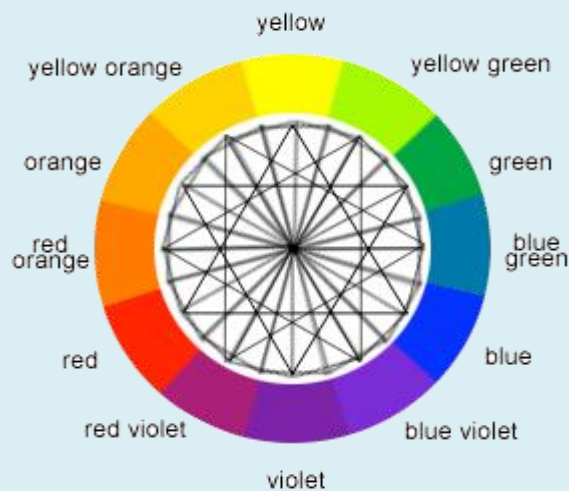


CONTAINER GARDENING CONSIDERATIONS- Jimmy McInville

The garden centers are filled with so many great things to choose between, blooms in every color and containers in every shape imaginable. Container gardens are what I want to talk about. Recently, a sales person told me that as long as you remember the 3 rules of containers you couldn't go wrong. The 3 rules she told me were 1) Spiller, something to spill over the edge of the pot, 2) Thriller, something big and flashy 3) Filler, Something to fill in the pot. While it's true that covers the basic idea of a container garden but well thought out choices makes it a great container garden. Along with the basics like making sure your choices have similar growth requirements, you also figure out your color scheme. It's true that every color in the rainbow goes together but putting the right ones together in a container can make the difference between a smash and trash. You can go and pick what catches your eye first and

then walk around trying to find another plant that looks good with it. Colors should inspire you and help create the mood you are aspiring to in your home and garden.

The color wheel is a tool you can use to help decide which colors work well together. Here is some history and information on the color wheel. The color wheel is a chart representing the relationships between colors. Based on a circle showing the colors of the spectrum originally fashioned by Sir Isaac Newton in 1666, the *colour wheel* he created serves many purposes today. Painters use it to identify colors to mix and designers use it to choose colors that go well together. The classic color wheel shows hues arranged in a circle, connected by lines or shapes. The colors include primary colors (red, yellow, and blue), secondary colors (orange, green, and violet), and tertiary colors (yellow green, blue green, blue violet, red violet, red orange, and yellow orange). Secondary colors are created by mixing primary colors. For example, mixing red and yellow creates orange; mixing yellow and blue creates green.



Complementary color schemes use two opposite colors on the color wheel. For example if you choose yellow then follow the line straight across to violet.

Monochromatic color schemes use three different values of the same color. For example three shades of blue you could use the two shades on each side blue violet and blue green or maybe lighter tones of blue.

Split complements use a color and the two adjacent tertiary colors of its complement. For example if you choose violet you follow the line straight up to form a Y to find yellow orange and yellow green.

Triadic color schemes use three evenly spaced colors on the color wheel. For example if you choose red you follow the lines to yellow and blue to form a triangle.

Play with your combinations. Try a tropical with your annuals or a small evergreen shrub tucked into a large planter surrounded with perennials. Try a hydrangea, maybe limelight or vanilla strawberry or a large succulent as a feature in a pot. Don't forget the container why confine yourself to the same old pots. Try a salvaged item like an old urn, a shipping crate or maybe grandma's old wash tub. As long as it has drainage or can hold a pot you can make use of it. We are only limited by our imagination and that is limitless.

WALKING ON THE WILD SIDE WITH JIMMY'S COLOR WHEEL-Sandy Orr



The Keukenhof Flower Festival outside of Amsterdam was at its peak on April 20th. These photos are unretouched and were taken by a fairly lousey photographer. The vividness of the flowers overcame all deficits. The Dutch are all Master Gardeners. They don't leave a tree unshaped. It seemed everyone had a pollarded tree in their yard. All scraps were used from this pruning process. The "brashings", or thin whips, are used to support perennials or make wattle fencing. Tree stumps are piled to create walls. I could just about live there, except you have to wash your windows every morning.



Pollarded trees are fence stakes with wattle between.



Contraption to force tree to pollarded umbrella shape.

UPTOWN PLANTING CREW READIES FOR TOPIARY PLACEMENT



Jimmy, Chris, Julie, Cora, and Sherry meticulously measure chevron placement of plants

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