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Mach 2023 Pulaski County Home Horticulture Newsletter

There's a ton of info in this month's newsletter. Have fun!

And please remember to REGISTER for the programs you'd like to attend by scanning the QR codes or clicking on the graphic.

WORKSHOP

WE SUPPLY:

- INSTRUCTION
- ROOTSTOCKS
- SCIONS. YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN TOO
- GRAFTING TAPE - PARAFILM

\$5 PER
4 ROOTSTOCKS



YOU SUPPLY:

- A SHARP KNIFE
- GARBAGE BAG ONCE HOME

REGISTER HERE:



March 15 @ 4:30pm
Pulaski Co Extension Office



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MUSHROOMS ON LOGS INOCULATION WORKSHOP

March 11 11am to 5pm
Woodstock Community Center, 13215 Hwy 39
No registration required



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- Learn from experienced growers
- Logs and all tools & supplies will be provided
- Come & stay or come & leave, at your convenience
- Mushrooms to be grown include reishi, lion's mane, pink and blue oyster, chestnut, turkey tail, pioppinni, and shiitake
- Participants can opt to buy a log to take home (\$5-small, \$10-large)



BEGINNING BEE KEEPING 101



Saturday, March 11, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Woodstock Community Center

Instructor: Beth Wilson

UK Department of Agriculture
Pulaski County Extension Agent

Come learn the ins and outs of bee keeping. What's needed for a successful operation and more. Class is FREE. Pre-registration is HIGHLY SUGGESTED.

Call (606) 679-6361 or (606) 872-3025 to register.

Upcoming Events

March 11 — Beekeeping 101, 9-11am, Woodstock Community Center. Call the Pulaski County Extension office to register, 606-679-6361

March 11 — Mushroom on Logs Inoculation Workshop, 11am-5pm, Woodstock Community Center, outdoor pavilion. No registration required, just show up at your convenience!

March 20 — [Lake Cumberland Beekeepers Association](#) meeting, 7pm business meeting, 7:30pm program. Pulaski Co Extension Service office

March 25 — Spring Wildflower Hike, 9am, Pulaski County Park PC Park Trailhead

March 29 — [Improving Backyard Habitat for Birds, Butterflies, and Hummingbirds](#), Pulaski Co Extension Service office. Optional nesting box kit may be purchased.

April 1 — Wildflower Hike, 9am, Pulaski County Park Eagle Scout Trailhead

April 8 — [Green Living Fair](#), 10am to 6pm, Center for Rural Development (Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners are sponsors!)

April 16 — Earth Day Celebration at Somerset Community College, 1pm to 4:30pm

Let the Seed Starting Begin!

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SEED MID- MARCH: TOMATO, PEPPER.

EGGPLANT

GROW: 6- 8 WEEKS

TRANSPLANT OUTSIDE: MAY 1- 15



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Request ID-128 Home
Vegetable Gardening in KY

Vegetable Growing Season Begins!

We're right in the middle of transplant season but keep up the good work. Click below to access UK's great Extension publication ID-128, Home Vegetable Gardening in

ID-128



Lettuce
Spinach
Radish
Spinach
Swiss chard

Parsley
Rhubarb
Turnips
Peas
Cabbage (plants)

Potatoes
Carrots
Beets
Onions
Asparagus

**Request Home Vegetable
Gardening in Kentucky ID-128**



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With the exception of cabbage, rhubarb, asparagus, and onions, the vegetables above are planted as seed outside in March

Crabgrass Control Early This Year

With crabgrass, it's never a good idea to have a set calendar date to apply preemergence herbicides to your lawn. Crabgrass physiology dictates that its seed won't germinate until average soil temperatures (2" deep) reach 50F.

[Read More](#)

APPLY CRABGRASS PREEMERGENCE NOW TO TURF IN MOST PARTS OF KENTUCKY



Crabgrass germinates when
average soil temperatures are

50F



This is often the same time as
forsythia blooms emerge



Some current counties 5-
day average soil
temperatures through
2/26/23:

Christian: 55°F

Warren: 53°F

Wayne: 53°F

Fayette: 50°F

Bath: 50°F



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Spring Mowing Tips

- Sharpen & balance your mower blade
- Remove no more than 1/3 of the grass blade at each mowing
- Mow at 3.5 to 4" -- at this height, crabgrass (and other weed seeds) cannot germinate
- Do NOT apply spring nitrogen

Seed Starting Video

Lat winter/early spring is when planting vegetable seed really starts happening. If you're new to it or just need some pointers, watch this video.



Ordering Seed?

Spring may be far away, but vegetable garden planning begins during the cold months of winter. Seed catalogs, store displays, and online retailers present a number of

[Read more here](#)



Deciphering the Seed Catalog

Sometimes seed catalogs are straightforward, but other times they are filled with acronyms that are just hard to understand.

[Learn more here](#)



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WILDFLOWER HIKE SERIES

PC PARK

MARCH 25
APRIL 1
APRIL 15
APRIL 29

1200 State Hwy 3189 Nancy KY

MEET AT THE EAGLE SCOUT TRAILHEAD @9AM

Just show up, no RSVP!

'Cause I'm gonna hike anyways!

Come watch native wildflowers wake up this spring
You may hike on your own or with a local expert
*** DRESS FOR THE WEATHER ***

The map linked above denotes the trailhead where we will be meeting as 'PC Park Trailhead', not Eagle Scout Trailhead.



**Kentucky Extension
Master Gardener**



Master Gardener Updates

Lake Cumberland Extension Master Gardener Kaye Hudson put together a little something called 'Why I Became A Master Gardener'. (in 3 parts)

Part 2

I signed up for the Master Gardener Class with the Pulaski County Extension Service. Guess what? There were not enough signed up to take the class. I was really bummed.

But I continued my habit of bringing dead plants back to life for another year.

Beth Wilson contacted me to say that there would be enough for a class that year if I was still interested in becoming a Master Gardener!

I took the class, became friends with classmates, and enjoyed the class thoroughly. However, I was probably the quietest student in the class. I never asked questions or made comments because I was afraid that it would sound dumb to these experienced gardeners.

But I continued on, passed the test (it was take-home) and became a full-fledged Master Gardener!

To Be Continued.....

[Learn more about the Master Gardener Program](#)



Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays

HWW is on a hiatus but will return in mid-March 2023 with new webinars soon. In the meantime, check out the vast library of recorded webinars.

[Learn More](#)

Soil Test Now

Soil quality determines your success as a gardener. Pulaski County residents get 25 soil analyses for FREE. Soil probes are also available to loan out. Call our office for more details 606-679-6361

[Call the office now](#)



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**Wanna great vegetable garden
next year? Then...**

test your soil now

Contact the Pulaski Co Extension office to find out how
606-679-6361 or beth.wilson@uky.edu

Myth: Pine Straw Will Make Your Soil Acidic

A common garden myth is that when pine needles drop, they acidify the soil. more about the myth by clicking below.

[Pine Needle Myth Busting](#)



[Pine Straw Sales Information](#)



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UK Forestry From the Woods Today

February topics:

- Maple Day Celebration (March 8)
- World Wood Day (March 15)
- White Oak and the Challenges This Important Species Faces (March 22)
- Community Tree Inventory (March 29)

Webinars from the UK Forestry Extension team are available live every Wednesday at 11am. Sign up for email reminders, watch live webinars, or browse the recorded archive.

[Learn More](#)

Recipe of the Month

Take a deep dive into all the UK Plate It Up Kentucky Proud recipes by clicking the button below.

More Recipes



Asian Asparagus Salad

1 pound fresh asparagus

1½ tablespoons low sodium soy sauce

2 teaspoons sugar or artificial sweetener

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 teaspoons sesame seeds

- 1. Snap** off and discard the root ends of the asparagus.
- 2. Wash** remaining stalks thoroughly.
- 3. Slice** stalks into 1½ inch lengths on the diagonal.
- 4. Blanch** asparagus for 1-3 minutes in boiling water, until bright green in color.
- 5. Cool** immediately

under cold water and drain.

- 6. Combine** soy sauce, sugar, olive oil, and sesame seeds in a small glass bowl. **Mix** dressing until sugar is dissolved.
- 7. In** a gallon zip-seal bag, add asparagus and dressing. **Turn** bag to coat asparagus with

dressing and chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. **Turn** bag again and chill for an additional 15 minutes before serving.

Yield: 4, ½ cup servings.

Nutrition Analysis: 70 calories, 4.5 g fat, .5 g sat. fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 250 mg sodium, 7 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 3 g protein.

Buying Kentucky Proud is easy. Look for the label at your grocery store, farmers' market, or roadside stand.



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