

# GARLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NEWS AND VIEWS

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### CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY!

**April 22nd, 2022 10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Garland County Library**

**1427 Malvern Ave**

**Hot Springs, AR 71901**

Species: Shumard oak, baldcypress

*Limit 5 seedlings per person, please.*

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Friday events statewide:



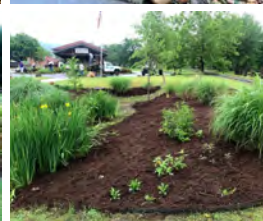
## Welcome-Davin Anderson Board Director



Mr. Davin Anderson was born in Hot Springs and has been a lifelong resident of Garland County. Davin has served the community as a firefighter with the Hot Springs Fire Department for 23 years. He and wife Jamie have been married for 18

years and together have two children; Allie, 15 and Brady, 11. The Andersons operate a small cattle farm in the Highway 290 area on which they have utilized conservation programs offered through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). These programs have been beneficial to the operation's various conservation goals. Davin looks forward to further serving the community as a director of the Garland County Conservation District board and working along with NRCS and other related partners to promote responsible natural resource management and conservation education.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## Pollinator Garden Farmers and Artisans Market

GCCD assisted the Garland County Master Gardeners and the City of Hot Springs Parks & Trails Department in the development of a pollinator garden located near the Farmers and Artisans Market, 121 Orange Street. The garden was dedicated and a bench placed in the honor of late Master Gardener Gene Lichliter. It was Mr. Lichliter who originally initiated the project to transform what was an unsightly drainage area into something that is beautiful as well as beneficial for the community. The Master Gardeners recently named the pollinator garden as Project of the Year for Garland County as well as for the entire state!!



## Garland County Master Gardener Plant Sale & Garden Show

The Garland County Master Gardeners will host their annual **Plant Sale and Garden Show** at the Garland County Fairgrounds April 22nd through April 24th. Join the Master Gardeners, with various guest speakers, for educational presentations and demonstrations Saturday and Sunday in the Garden Show buildings. Experienced Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer advice at both the Plant Sale and Garden Show. Join Leslie Cooper, Monarch and Pollinator Coordinator for Quail Forever USDA-NRCS, as she presents "Bringing Butterflies to Your Yard" Saturday at 10:15.

### **Master Gardener Garden Show**

April 22nd	12:30-5:00
April 23rd	9:00-5:00
April 24th	12:30-5:00

### **Master Gardener Plant Sale**

April 23rd	9:00-until all plants are gone
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**Garland County Fairgrounds**  
**4831 Malvern Ave Hot Springs, AR**

## GCCD Scholarship

Thinking about studying agriculture, environmental science, natural resources, wildlife biology, agronomy or another related discipline? Current high school seniors who hold a 2.5 GPA or higher, reside in Garland County, and plan to pursue one of the before mentioned fields of study, are eligible to apply for our scholarship in the amount of \$500. Visit [www.garlandcountycd.org](http://www.garlandcountycd.org), the district office, or your school counselor for an application. All materials be postmarked by **April 30, 2022**.

## Equipment For Rent

### **TYE NO-TILL DRILL**

7-foot with hydraulic remote outlets  
Minimum tractor size: 55 HP  
\$7 per acre  
\$50 minimum

### **PASTURE SPRAYER**

300 gallon  
\$40 per day

### **LOG SPLITTER**

35 ton  
Vertical or Horizontal splitting  
\$50 first day  
\$25 each additional day

### **GARDEN SPRAYER**

25 gallon  
\$25 per day

## Earth Day-April 22nd Invest in Our Planet



For the past 52 years, Earth Day has been celebrated by billions of people all over the world. First observed on April 22, 1970, when an estimated 20 million people took part in rallies nationwide. These events were held with the intent to bring awareness to the environmental issues facing the US. The Earth Day movement gave rise to the creation of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and the Environmental Protection Agency. In 1990 the first International Earth Day was celebrated with over 200 million people from 141 countries taking part. Today, Earth Day is marked by more than a billion people as a day of action to change human behavior and create policy change.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Plant a tree native to your area
- Use CFL or LED lightbulbs
- Go for a hike, picking up litter along the way
- Make every day Earth Day!

## Unlock the Secrets of Soil Health NRCS Arkansas

Soil is not an inert growing medium-it is a living and life-giving natural resource. It is teeming with billions of bacteria, fungi and other microbes that are the foundation of an elegant symbiotic ecosystem.

**Soil health is defined as the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans.** Healthy soil gives us clean air and water, bountiful crops and forests, productive grazing lands, diverse wildlife, and beautiful landscapes. Soil does all this by performing five essential functions:

- *Regulating water*- Water flows over the land or into and through the soil.
- *Sustaining plant and animal life*
- *Filtering, buffering potential pollutants*- The minerals and microbes are responsible for filtering, buffering, degrading, immobilizing and detoxifying materials
- *Cycling nutrients*- Many nutrients are stored, transformed, and cycled in the soil.
- *Providing physical stability and support*- Soil gives support for plant roots and human structures



### **The main principles to manage soil for health are:**

- Maximize Presence of Living Roots
- Minimize Disturbance
- Maximize Soil Cover
- Maximize Biodiversity



# Pass the Peas Please!



The warmer weather and extra sunshine of Spring bring a variety of vegetables to life! Of those, peas are the first act of the new growing season. The freshest peas are those that are picked early, while they are young and tender. Prime pea pods will be bright green, without brown spots or wrinkles and look "swollen" with what is inside. Fresh peas should be cooked quickly after picking. While sugar snap and snow peas can be frozen in their pods, garden peas should be shelled and blanched before freezing. Some pea varieties are completely edible; pod, tendril, flower and all!

## Crostini with Ricotta & Peas

Little Rock Cooks, Junior Auxillary

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 baguette
- 1-2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil, as needed
- 1 cup fresh peas
- 1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 8 mint leaves, shredded (or more to taste)
- 1/2 lemon, grate only the zest
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- salt & pepper, to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### CROSTINI

1. Preheat oven to 340. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Using a serrated knife, cut the baguette into thin slices (1/2 inch or so). Lightly brush each side of slices with olive oil.
3. Place slices on baking sheet in a single layer. Bake until crisp and lightly golden, about 6-7 minutes. Remove and let cool.

#### TOPPING

1. Bring a small pot of water to a boil and blanch peas for about 1 minute or until tender. Drain, then rinse immediately with cold water, drain well.
2. Place the peas in a bowl and add lemon zest, mint leaves, olive oil and salt and pepper. Adjust seasoning to taste.
3. Spread a thick layer of ricotta on top of each baguette. Top with pea mixture and drizzle with olive oil. Serve immediately.

## Pea Salad

Courtesy of Carolee Pafford

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh or frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup green olives, sliced
- 1/4 cup dill pickle, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, thinly sliced
- 4 ounces cheddar cheese, cubed
- 2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp ranch dressing
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- salt & pepper to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Crisp cook peas then drain well.
2. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, ranch dressing, garlic powder, and salt and pepper, mix well.
3. In a larger bowl combine peas, olives, pickle, celery, cheese, and egg.
4. Pour dressing over and stir well.
5. Place in refrigerator until thoroughly chilled.

## Pollinator Week June 20-26, 2022



Pollinator Week was initiated 14 years ago by the Pollinator Partnership. Observed the last full week of June each year, Pollinator Week is a time to celebrate and raise awareness for pollinators' health and protection. Birds, bees, bats, butterflies, beetles and other small mammals pollinate plants and are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food. Over 75% of all flowering plants on the earth need help with pollination-without pollinators that would not be possible! Here are a few things you can do to help save our pollinators:

**Avoid the use of pesticides try using plants that attract beneficial insects for pest control**

**Allow material from dead plants to remain for nesting sites**

**Support local bees and beekeepers by buying local honey**

**Use pollinator-friendly plants that are native to your area**

**Plant for continous bloom from spring through fall**

**Conserve resources; use less and reduce your impact**

**Place a shallow dish of clean water with half-submerged stones for perches**

**Utilize small spaces by planting in pots or window boxes**

