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Nationally Known Speakers at 2014 Spring Fling Garden Show

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Kick-Off the 2014 Gardening Season with Annual Event



MEMPHIS, TN – Nationally known garden, floral and life-style expert James Farmer will be the headline speaker at the 2014 Memphis Area Master Gardeners Spring Fling Garden Show and Plant Sale. Farmer has been a popular and engaging speaker with gardening groups across the country, and has appeared on the Today Show and in numerous magazines such as *Southern Living* and *Harper's Bazaar*. He is a nationally acclaimed author of five gardening, cooking and interior design books.

Now in its tenth year, the theme of this year's Spring Fling is "Get Out and Grow!" The two-day event offers seminars from national, regional and local experts and enthusiasts; hands-on instruction; farm-to-table cooking demonstrations; and fun children's activities. In addition, more than 50 vendors from six states provide unique plants, accessories and garden-related items in a rare "one stop shop" gardening marketplace. Attendees are also encouraged to bring their gardening dilemmas to the free "Ask A Master Gardener" Clinic for recommended solutions. Spring Fling will take place on March 21st and 22nd from 9am to 5pm at the Big Red Barn at AgriCenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road in Memphis. All events are free and open to the public.

Dr. Chris Cooper, UT Extension Agent for Shelby County, says that the Memphis Area Master Gardeners Spring Fling "is unique. It is the only free garden event in the county devoted entirely to horticulture education and gardening. Many well-known local nurserymen as well as state extension employees support Spring Fling with their contributions and time."

The Schedule of Events is available at:

http://memphisareamastergardeners.org/sfling/mamg_sf2014_program.pdf

For more information on this event, contact Shelby County UT Extension at (901) 752-1207, visit the website <http://www.memphisareamastergardeners.org/sfling.htm>, or youtube video <http://youtu.be/1kguuSgyVfA>.

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Memphis Area Master Gardeners (MAMG): The Master Gardener Program is offered by The University of Tennessee Extension Service. Volunteers undergo extensive training and become certified as Master Gardeners. MAMG projects include a wide range of horticultural activities which promote research-based education within the Shelby County community under the supervision of the University of Tennessee Shelby County Extension Service. <http://www.memphisareamastergardeners.org/>



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