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**DARE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS GARDENING SERIES
PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DARE COUNTY LIBRARIES**

Are you interested in gardening? Here's a way to make your winter blues go away! Start planning your spring garden now with the Winter Library Garden Series presented by the N.C. State Extension's Dare County Master Gardeners in conjunction with the Dare County Libraries.

This year all programs take place on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and will be offered in-person at the Kill Devil Hills Library as well as virtually. Presentations will last approximately one hour, and people can choose to attend one or all of the programs that are of interest to them. For 2023, we hope you will join us for many brand-new never-before offered programs as well as some of our most popular topics from years past. Pre-registration is required whether you plan to attend in-person or virtually.

The 2023 Garden Series will kick off with *Plants that Survive & Thrive on the Outer Banks*, a familiar topic, but this year with all new plant selections. Dare County Master Gardeners have chosen plants that have done well in the tough conditions of the Outer Banks. Impatiens, Black-eyed Susan, Shasta Daisy, Little Bluestem, Cast Iron Plant, Rose of Sharon, Hollywood Juniper. Join us for *Plants that Survive & Thrive on the Outer Banks*, Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 11:00 am. To register for this program, please visit www.dareNC.gov/enrichment.

The basics and more for successfully starting seeds in your home and having them flourish will be covered in an all-new program *Propagation-Start with a Seed*. Join us in person or virtually on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 11:00 am. To register for this program, please visit www.dareNC.gov/enrichment.

We're excited to present another brand new, never before offered program – *Nonnative Invasive Plants-Know Before You Grow!* There are many nonnative plants that do well here on the Outer Banks, but there are a few that have become very invasive and threaten our native plants. This program is offered Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 11:00 am. To register for this program, please visit www.dareNC.gov/enrichment.

OBX'scaping is a combination of methods to reduce water use and enhance your landscape. As gardeners, we are challenged here on the Outer Banks with salt laden winds, sandy soil, heat & humidity, not to mention intense coastal storms. Another all-new program, *OBX'scaping* will be presented Wednesday March 8, 2023 at 11:00 am. To register for this program, please visit www.dareNC.gov/enrichment.

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Drought Tolerant Plants will present low maintenance plants that need little water and how they are a great addition to any landscape especially here on the Outer Banks. This program provides information on a number of plants that are considered drought tolerant and will add to any landscape. Please join us *Drought Tolerant Plants* on Wednesday, March 12, 2023 at 11:00 am. To register for this program, please visit www.dareNC.gov/enrichment.

The 2023 Winter Garden Series will wrap-up with another brand new program - *Firescaping for Your Home*. Fire is a natural part of southeastern landscapes and will always occur. It is not a matter of IF a wildfire will occur, it is a matter of WHEN. Can a homeowner or community be prepared when it does? Learn more about what homeowners can do to reduce one's fire risk. *Firescaping for Your Home* will be presented Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 11:00 am. To register for this program, please visit in-person at the Kill Devil Hills Library www.dareNC.gov/enrichment.

If you are attending virtually, the program link will be emailed out to registrants the day before the program is scheduled to take place. For more information, please call the Dare County Library in Kill Devil Hills 441-4331, Hatteras Library at 986-2385, or Manteo Library at 473-2372 or stop by the library to pick up a program brochure. The presentation schedule and more about the Dare County Master Gardener program may be accessed on Dare County's NC State Extension website at <https://dare.ces.ncsu.edu/events/>

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