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Mississippi Farmers Market to Host Native Plant Fest on April 26

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Farmers Markets will celebrate Native Plant Month by hosting Native Plant Fest this Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This family-friendly event will feature interactive booths, educational exhibits and live demonstrations focused on the importance and beauty of native plants.

To kick off the morning, the Mississippi Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform live from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Garden Club of Jackson, Twelve 2 Farm and Keep Mississippi Beautiful will host information tables to help visitors learn how native plants benefit pollinators, beautify landscapes and support sustainability. Yazoo Honey Bee Farm will lead a captivating bee demonstration, offering children and families a fun, up-close look at pollinators and learn how honey bees help in agricultural landscapes.

Special guest Felder Rushing, horticulturist and past president of the Mississippi Native Plant Society, will showcase his famous garden truck and share expert tips on growing high-quality native plants and wildflowers in everyday landscapes. Rushing, the host of Mississippi Public Broadcasting's The Gestalt Gardener and author of over 30 books, was recognized by Southern Living as one of "25 people most likely to change the South."

Celebrate Native Plant Month at the Mississippi Farmers Market and discover how native plants can transform your garden and community. Shop, learn and enjoy the beauty of locally grown plants with the entire family.

The Mississippi Farmers Market, a division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, is open 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday. For additional information about the Mississippi Farmers Market, visit www.msfarmersmarket.com or follow the Mississippi Farmers Market on Facebook, Instagram and X.

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Flyers attached.



NATIVE PLANT FEST

**Come join us at the Mississippi
Farmers Market for a day to shop
and learn about native plants.**

April 26, 2025

At 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Mississippi Farmers
Market**

**929 High Street
Jackson, MS 39202**



The Garden Club of Jackson

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