

Practice Advance Story

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Memphis Botanic Garden to Host Fall Plant Sale

There will be a selection of more than 200 varieties of trees, shrubs, perennials, unusual native plants, wildflowers and old-fashion garden favorites at Memphis Botanic Garden's annual fall plant sale on Oct. 8, 2022.

Rick Pudwell, horticulture director at Memphis Botanic Garden, said that fall is the ideal season for planting trees and shrubs.

"The roots can get well established and get a head start on next year's growing season," he said.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features guest speakers Josh Brown, botanist and horticulturist, on "How to Plant Trees and Shrubs," Sally Hastings, landscape designer, on "How to Prune Shrubs," and Marion Walter, herbalist from Little Rock, Arkansas, on "Winterizing Your Herb Garden."

"Marion Walter is a master herbalist," said Pudwell. "She can answer all kinds of questions on the types of hardy herbs that will thrive in the Memphis area throughout the winter."

Admission to the event is free and complementary food and beverages will be provided.

The annual plant sale is also a fundraiser. Last year, \$36,000 was raised. This year, a larger goal has been set at raising \$45,000 with 3,500 attendees.

The garden is located in Audubon Park in East Memphis, west of Perkins Road and north of Park Avenue. There are 96 acres to explore, including exhibits such as the Japanese Garden of Tranquility and 20 other formal gardens.