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Advanced Gardener Series at the Library Continues in February

Newton, NC – The Catawba County Library System is your place to learn, act, and grow as it hosts a new Advanced Gardener Series in February. The February presentation will be, “Spring Veggies – Get Growing Before the Heat”.

Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director Dr. George Place will lead the presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16 at the main County Library at 115 West C Street in Newton. This presentation will also be featured at the Maiden Library at 11 South A Avenue in Maiden, on Tuesday, February 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The City of Hickory Library is also partnering in the series, and this segment will be presented on Thursday, February 11, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library at 375 3rd St NE, in Hickory, NC 28601

The Advanced Gardener Series will play an integral role in the Farm and Food Sustainability Plan passed by Catawba County in 2013, which lays out clear action plans in working for a healthier county, while creating a local food system and preserving farmland.

Participants that attend all eleven presentations and conduct twenty hours of community garden service in 2016 will receive certification as Advanced Gardeners. In addition, they will receive gardening incentives, such as coupons and gift certificates from local garden supply businesses, and an Advanced Gardening T-shirt! More information on this program will be provided at the first session.

The 2016 series curriculum will be as follows:

February – Spring Veggies – Get Growing Before the Heat

March – Summer Veggies – Fresh Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and More

April – Garden Insects - Identify and Manage Pests and Beneficials

May – Weed Management – You Can Win the Weed War

June – Garden Diseases – Identify and Manage Diseases and Disorders

July – Fall Veggies – Harvest From Your Garden Before and After the Frost

August – Food Preservation for the Garden – Eat Your Harvest All Year

September – Cover Crops – Grow Your Own Fertilizer

October – Seed Saving – Techniques to Maximize Seed Quality and Germination

November – Garden Berries – Grow and Pick Your Own

For the latest in library news, visit <http://enewsletter.catawbacountync.gov/library/> or stop by your local branch.

About: *The Catawba County Library is our community's place to connect, explore, and grow. We empower lives and build our community by bringing people, information, and ideas together. The library, headquartered in Newton, serves the community with seven locations throughout the county and is a year-round, integral provider of early literacy and lifelong learning resources and programming. The library also provides a full complement of computer and digital services, classes, and support to bridge the digital divide, empower job seekers, and enhance community quality of life and economic health.*

