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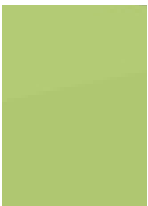
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In Memoriam

Pete Newton

Pete's love for Hilltop was palpable. As we've done so many projects over the years, Pete was there with a vision and a guiding hand. The genius of his landscape design will always be seen at Hilltop. His work on our master plan and our mission of design, horticulture, and outreach was his love. He shared the passion and inspiration of Emory Smith and faculty of the LSU Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture who founded Hilltop. Think of Pete when you stroll the Arboretum. So much of the beauty that you see is due to his landscape company and his attention to detail. Fitting for a landscape architect, he gave us a strong foundation of support for the future. We enjoyed knowing Pete and miss him greatly.



2024 Spring Fling Plant Sale

Wednesday, April 17, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (

Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The LSU Hilltop Arboretum will hold its annual Spring Fling Plant Sale on Saturday, April 20 and Sunday,



Upcoming Programs

Discover Nature Lecture Series

Through a partnership with the Louisiana Master Naturalists of Greater Baton Rouge (LMNGBR), Hilltop offers monthly programs featuring local and national experts who are in touch with nature and are

Volunteers provide the power that sustains Hilltop Arboretum! We are always welcoming new volunteers. Below are some ways you can help. Click on the QR code to view opportunities and learn more.

Hodge Podge Nursery – Emory Smith shared and encouraged the sharing of plants, particularly those native to Louisiana. The Hodge Podge has followed Emory's lead by giving arboretum friends the opportunity to scour their gardens for plants in need of a new home. From its humble beginnings in a quiet corner at the annual plant sale, the Podge has blossomed into a volunteer small-nursery operation. The Podge gathers most Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – noon to propagate plants, weed, water, create plant signs, maintain the nursery, and plan annual plant sales. The day ends with a potluck lunch. *All are welcome!*

PlantFest and Spring Fling Plant Sales – Work begins long before these events occur annually in April and October. *Please visit page 6 for more information on how to sign up!*

Storm and Hurricane Cleanup – After major storm events, we rely on nearby volunteers to help with initial storm clean up, making the parking lot and paths accessible. Hilltop and community volunteers are then called upon to clear out tree debris and further clear the pathways. If you can safely access Hilltop, we always appreciate the extra help (and tools!). *Let us know if you'd like to be added to our storm cleanup list!*

Meadow – Volunteers are called upon to assist with removing invasives and reseeding Hilltop's beautiful 3-acre meadow. Interested in working year-round to help tend to our meadow and help us identify and log the sprouting? *We invite those with a knack for native plants to become a Hilltop Meadow-keeper.*

Site Work Days – Hilltop hosead os D in the pathways, including tree removing clearing spots and f include A in various areas to ensure the site is maintained. A t!

Site-Specific Work – Maintaining the on-site projects, or

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