

# The Crosby Arboretum

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## ROSEN PAVILION PLANNED FOR CROSBY ARBORETUM GUM POND

Earlier this year, Yvette Rosen, former Crosby Arboretum Foundation board member, Ruth Cook, Foundation president, Professor Bob Brzuszek, MSU Department of Landscape Architecture, Director Pat Drackett, and Yvette's daughter, Anne, held meetings to discuss a lasting gift the Rosen family planned to contribute to the Arboretum. Yvette and husband John were enthusiastic about the design of a small interpretive pavilion that could be built into an exhibit. Ed Blake, Jr., the Arboretum's first director and designer of the site Master Plan, had planned for a number of small structures in different areas of Pinecote that would serve to interpret the landscape around them. It was decided that the Yvette Rosen Pavilion would be sited at the newly constructed Gum Pond Exhibit at the north end of the site.

For the pavilion design, the Crosby Arboretum Foundation engaged Robert Poore, a landscape architect with a firm in Flora, Mississippi called Native Habitats, Inc. Robert was involved in the early conceptual design of Crosby Arboretum with Ed Blake, which became formative to his later projects, including the outdoor spaces for the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, the Mississippi Children's Museum, and the Mississippi Museum of Art. Robert has a keen appreciation for the work of Fay Jones, architect of Pinecote Pavilion, and often reinterprets his style.

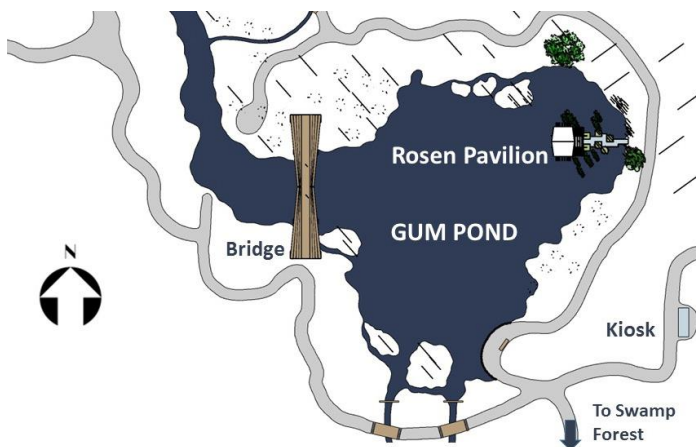


*Elevation view of the Rosen Pavilion by Native Habitats, Inc.*

Poore and his colleague Rob Anders sited the Rosen Pavilion on the dark, shallow waters of the Gum Pond. It is a simple pavilion that reflects the image of Pinecote Pavilion, but is much smaller in size, just large enough to contain a few benches for seating, creating an intimate space at the water's edge. The Rosen Pavilion is a representation of a black gum dominated hummock, with the pavilion nested in among the trunks. The pavilion columns reach up out of the water, as trees reach for sunlight, forming an understory canopy comprised of beams and a broad thin roof. The pavilion will be accessed by a short bridge winding between the thin grey trunks of the numerous planted black gum trees for which the exhibit is named. Fittingly, placing the pavilion on the water with the bridge passing between the sinuous gum trunks perfectly captures early visions Ed Blake had for the gum pond area.

The Rosen Pavilion will be an important structure that will give visitors an enhanced opportunity to visit the north end of the site and to experience the newly completed Swamp Forest Trail. But more than that, the Rosen Pavilion will be a fitting tribute to an inspiring lady who fully believed in the educational importance of the Crosby Arboretum, and who dearly loved the natural world.

*Donations can be made in Yvette's memory to "The Crosby Arboretum Foundation" c/o Suzan Wilson, First National Bank of Picayune, 721 Cooper Rd. Picayune, MS 39466. Please reference the Yvette Rosen Pavilion.*



*Plan view of Rosen Pavilion by Native Habitats, Inc.*



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### Director's Notebook:

The Arboretum pathways are currently aglow with color, as it has been an exceptional year for a show of autumn leaves. We have also had a very active quarter, with one result being the abundance of photos that show our visitors enjoying the many fall events and programs, including BugFest, the Fall Native Plant Sale, Family Pawz Day, and the Piney Woods Heritage Festival. Take a look at this winter's program calendar and you will see that another outstanding season is awaiting your exploration, such as the annual Forge Day in January, and programs that will help you plan your spring garden and learn about winter botany and native plants.

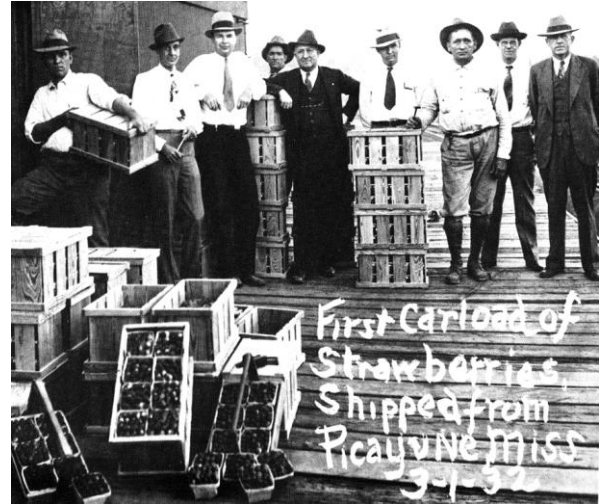
Planning and implementation is underway for numerous projects and site renovations. These include the new bridge in the Gum Pond Educational Exhibit, the upgrade of our interstate and Ridge Road signs, as well as signage in the Arboretum's parking and entrance areas, and the overall trail system. A pathway renovation project for our Woodland Trail was carried out in October as an Eagle Scout project by Arboretum volunteer **Bleu Wilkinson-Jenkins** and his team of Scouts from Poplarville Troop 28. And finally, we are all tremendously excited about the recent **Yvette Rosen Pavilion** project, a gift from the Rosen Family, planned for the Gum Pond Exhibit!

- **Patricia Drackett, Director**

*The Crosby Arboretum, MSU Extension Service*



**Dr. Cathy Shropshire** presented a riveting portrayal of Mississippi's Pioneering Conservationist, **Fanny Cook**, at the Opening Event for the Arboretum's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Piney Woods Heritage Festival on November 9. During her reenactment, Dr. Shropshire, who never came out of character, presented a glimpse of the life Ms. Cook had lived. Ms. Cook was the driving force behind the development of the **Mississippi Game and Fish Commission**, the **Mississippi Museum of Natural Science** and the protection of many important natural areas in our state, including the barrier islands.



*The Crosby Arboretum land was once home to a Depression-era strawberry farm, operated by the Crosby Family.*

### Curator's Corner:

With the end of the year approaching, it is time for us to finish our Oral History Project, the final activity associated with our **Mississippi Gulf Coast Heritage Grant**. For our purposes, an oral history is defined as an audio recording of a personal interview that documents the experiences and recollections of a person who grew up in the area around the Arboretum during the early or mid-twentieth century (1920 through the 1970's).

In order to document how land uses have changed over time in the community that the Arboretum is located in, we would like to interview elders of our community who are familiar with our site and who remember what the area used to be like. We would also like to interview those who remember stories their older relatives told them about the area. For instance, we know that at one time a strawberry farm was located on our site; but, we would like to know more about how people who lived in the area nearby utilized the land. If you would like to be interviewed for this project, please call Jennifer at (601) 799-2311, or email [Jennifer.Buchanan@msstate.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Buchanan@msstate.edu) as soon as possible. (Don't let the word interview scare you. It will be more like a friendly conversation.) Upon completion of your oral history, the recording will be archived with a local historical society or university, and you will be provided with a digital copy of your interview. I look forward to hearing from many of you in the near future. Have a safe and joyous holiday season!

- **Jennifer Buchanan, Educational Programs Coordinator**  
*The Crosby Arboretum, MSU Extension Service*



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## REMEMBERING YVETTE ROSEN



*Yvette and husband John Rosen. Submitted family photo.*

Some memories are so crisp that you feel like you are right there, with all the colors, feelings, and tastes of the day still etched in your mind. Like the time in the 1980s when I sat on a fallen log with Crosby Arboretum designers Carol Franklin and Ed Blake Jr., and botanist Chris Wells, when they discussed the future Gum Pond Exhibit. Or the first Crosby volunteer meeting that I attended when I met a woman who spoke with a lilting French accent, and whose eyes sparkled as she talked about bolete mushrooms and plants that produce dyes. Her name was Yvette Rosen.

Yvette and her husband John lived in New Orleans. They would visit their south Mississippi home on weekends, and she loved the Arboretum. Yvette was an active volunteer and would readily help with any task at hand, from planting pitcher plants and trees to leading schoolchildren on group tours. After the Rosens moved permanently to the nearby Henleyfield community, she became a member of the Crosby Arboretum Foundation board and spearheaded campaigns to build an Education Center. She was a tireless worker and brought many of her friends and neighbors to visit the Arboretum. Yvette passed away on October 11, 2018. She was an avid outdoorsman, backpacker, spinner, gourmet chef, gardener and naturalist, and was married to husband John for over 60 years. Please see page one of this publication for a description of the Rosen Pavilion being planned for the Gum Pond Educational Exhibit.

- Bob Brzuszek



*Picayune Memorial H.S. Class of 1954.*

*Photo by Diana Thornton*

## Picayune Memorial High School Class of 1954 Reunion & Memorial Tree Planting

On October 13, the Picayune Memorial High School Class of 1954 held a reunion and tree planting ceremony in memory of their deceased classmates. Persons from the 1954 class who helped organize the event were **Karl and Carolyn Scott, Mary Joy Wylie Jopes, and Lynn Crosby Gammill**. A Southern Magnolia was planted near the Pinecote Pavilion. The group presented **Mrs. Katherine Moak Furr** (right) with an enlargement from their yearbook naming her (their class sponsor) as “The Senior’s Sweetheart”.



*Photo by Diana Thornton*



*A group from the Picayune Memorial High School Class of 1973 toured the Arboretum Sept. 8 during their 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, including Foundation board members Reba Beebe (L) and Suzan Wilson (front, second from R).*



The Arboretum would like to thank **Mary Donahue**, the Arboretum's volunteer coordinator, and her sisters, who recently donated a beautiful butterfly-shaped bench for our Children's Garden. The bench was dedicated in honor of their parents, **Dr. and Mrs. John Paul Muhleisen**. The Muhleisen's spent many enjoyable hours at the Arboretum, especially during its first years of operation.



Family Pawz Day on Oct. 27 was a hit! Thank you for your assistance and donations: The Pearl River County SPCA, Diana Thornton Photography, Paul Bounds Feed Store, Picayune Pet Sense, Sho Nuff BBQ, Sweet Moments Snowballs, Author Judy Glover Smith, For Bullies Sake Bully Breed Rescue, Home Away from Home, Catherine Terranova Hayden Century 21, Rachel Latuso Young Living Essential Oils, Patricia Gaunt DVM Mississippi State University, Mary Donahue, Shirley Muhleisen, Brenda Nirenberg, Terry and Kim Johnson, Alex and Roxann Gort, Marcia Fox, and Crosby Arboretum Volunteers, Members and Staff, especially Sherri Lowe.



We received many unique entries for the fall scarecrow exhibit! The "Fisherman" submitted by Arboretum members, the **Livengood family**, was voted crowd favorite, but the "Photographer" by Pearl River County Art League at the site entrance also received many positive comments.

### Crosby Arboretum MEMBERSHIPS Make Great Holiday Gifts!

Crosby Arboretum memberships include admission privileges and discounts at over 300 other public gardens through the **American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program**. Call Sherri Lowe at 601-799-2311 to order.

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### Membership Application

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed. For more information call: (601) 799-2311 or print form online.

_____	Student (send copy of student I.D.)	\$ 20.00
_____	Individual	35.00
_____	Individual - Senior	30.00
_____	Family	45.00
_____	Donor	100.00
_____	Patron	250.00
_____	Benefactor	1,000.00
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_____	Sweetgum	100.00
_____	Sassafras	250.00
_____	Live Oak	500.00
_____	Bigleaf Magnolia	1,000.00

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# Crosby Arboretum Program Schedule

December 2018 – January 2019

## WINTER GALLERY EXHIBIT

Claude Gipson  
Sculpture & Photography



Program & Gallery Opening Event  
Saturday, December 8, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sculptor, photographer, and a self-described ordinary man with four extraordinary grown children, Claude Gipson will begin with a short program on how he first learned about bald cypress knees at his cabin in the Mississippi Delta, and how he later discovered – and has made it his mission to reveal – the hidden beauty beneath their bark. An opening event for the gallery exhibit will follow. Both events are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Exhibit runs through February 28.

## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: FAMILY HOLIDAY CRAFTS

*Saturday, December 15, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

Families will love sitting down together to create craft items of their choice. Great for gifts! All materials will be provided in this workshop led by **Kim Johnson**, just bring your creativity and imagination! Program includes snacks and refreshments. Members \$4 per child; non-member child \$6. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for adults). Reservations requested.

## KIDS' WORKSHOP: CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

*Saturday, December 15, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Children will enjoy designing and decorating a stocking for themselves, or a pet, family member, or friend, with **Kim Johnson**. All materials will be provided. Program includes snacks and refreshments. Members \$4 per child; non-member child \$6. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (no charge for adults). Reservations requested.

## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: KIDS SOCK CATERPILLARS

*Saturday, January 5, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

Come enjoy the return of this popular workshop with **Kim Johnson**! Children will create their very own stuffed caterpillar and will receive a birth certificate to place the caterpillar's name on. All materials will be provided. Adult must be present to assist. Includes snacks and refreshments. Members \$4 per child; non-member \$6. No charge for adults. Reservations requested.

## FAMILY BINGO

*Saturday, January 5, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Who doesn't like to play BINGO? This is a fun way for families to spend time together. Cool prizes for all ages! Bring a friend! Includes snacks and refreshments. Members \$2 per person; non-members \$3. Reservations requested.

## CONTROLLING WILD HOGS

*Saturday, January 12, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

Feral hogs are a non-native, invasive species which are spreading at an alarming rate, and presenting serious issues for property owners. Learn about the types of damage these nuisance wildlife cause, the variety of control options available, and the history of how these animals came to be such a problem, with Pearl River County Extension Agent **Dr. Eddie Smith**. Program is free to all. Reservations requested.

## CHILDREN'S SIGN LANGUAGE WORKSHOP



*Choose from Saturday, Jan. 19 OR Saturday, Feb. 16  
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. OR 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Have you ever wanted to communicate with the non-hearing or nonverbal person? Learn basic ASL signs to communicate with others. In this workshop with **Kim Johnson** kids will learn some basics of sign language such as "What is your name?" "My name is..." "Want to play?" "Do you need help?" and more. Each child will receive handouts to help them remember what they have just learned. Refreshments and snacks served. \$2 per member child; non-member \$4. Must be accompanied by parent/guardian (adults, no charge).

## WINTER BOTANY FIELD WALK

*Friday, January 25, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.*

Enjoy an introduction to winter botany on a walk through the Arboretum's exhibits with MSU Extension Forestry specialist **Dr. Glenn Hughes**. Learn to identify tree and shrub specimens in the winter by characteristics of their twigs, buds, and bark. Members \$3; non-members, \$5. Reservations requested.

# Crosby Arboretum Program Schedule

## January - February 2019



### **FORGE DAY: Blacksmithing & Metalworking Demonstrations**

**SATURDAY Jan. 26  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Join us for this exciting day of demonstrations by area metalworkers and craftsmen. Learn techniques and tips to get started in metalworking and try your hand at the forge, exhibitors permitting. (Signed waiver form required prior to participation.) Browse items by craftsmen for purchase. Members free; non-members \$5, non-members' children \$2.

### **STORY TIME AT THE ARBORETUM**

*Saturday, February 2, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

Children will enjoy listening to a story read by **Mary Beth Magee** from the Poplarville Storytellers Guild. This will be an indoor program, in inclement weather. Members' children free, non-members' children \$2. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for adults). Reservations requested.

### **KIDS' WORKSHOP: FLOWER PLANTING PROJECT**

*Saturday, February 2, 11:00 a.m. to Noon*

Children will enjoy this program with Master Gardener **Amy Nichols**. "Ms. Flora" will read them a story and teach them about the parts of a flower. For the Sunflower Planting Project, the will plant seeds and making their very own mini-greenhouse to take home. Members' children \$2; non-member children \$4. Must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for adults).

### **PINE NEEDLE BASKETRY WORKSHOP**

*Friday, February 8 (Please choose a time)*

*10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Join **Judy Breland**, Stone County Extension Agent, for this popular adult workshop on pine needle basket-making. Participants can complete a small basket by the workshop's end and will learn methods for continuing with future projects. Wear old clothes. All materials provided. Reservations requested. Limited to 10 persons to avoid overcrowding. Members \$8; non-members \$10.

### **PUBLIC GARDEN TRAVELOGUE: TAKE A TOUR!**

*Saturday, February 9, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.*

Take an "armchair" tour and learn about other public gardens, especially those nearby. Arboretum member benefits include the American Horticulture Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program, giving free or reduced admission to over 300 U.S. public gardens! Enjoy tea and refreshments, see slides, and hear about the great public gardens others have visited. To be part of the discussion contact Pat Drackett at pat.drackett@msstate.edu. Free to all!

### **CHILDREN'S GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT & BUILD A BIRD FEEDER**

*Saturday, February 9, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.*

Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a fun and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Children and their parents will learn how to prepare for participating in this annual citizen-science activity that takes place over Presidents Day weekend. They will also build a bird feeder to attract birds to their backyards. Members' children \$2, non-members' children \$4. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for adults).

### **SMART LANDSCAPES: BIODIVERSE LANDSCAPES FOR WILDLIFE**

*Friday, February 15, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

Learn the requirements and resources for designing landscapes attractive to Mississippi wildlife with Pearl River County Extension Agent **Dr. Eddie Smith**, who will discuss how to use native plants to create sustainable habitat for animals in addition to their other benefits such as protecting water quality, lowering maintenance needs, and increasing property value. Members \$3; non-members, \$5. Reservations requested.

### **MAINTAINING HOME LANDSCAPES**

*Saturday, February 23, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.*

Improve your home landscape and retain or even increase its property value through regular maintenance and proper care, with Pearl River County Extension Agent **Dr. Eddie Smith**. Learn how to maintain a variety of popular landscape plants, recognize various diseases, pests, nutrient deficiencies, how to prepare your landscapes for changing seasons, and how to adapt your maintenance practices to a maturing landscape. Members \$3; non-members, \$5. Reservations requested.

### **NATIVE PLANT FIELD WALK**

*Saturday, February 23, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.*

Join Arboretum director **Pat Drackett** on a field walk to explore plants in the winter landscapes. On our journey we will discuss native plants for the winter garden and their landscape uses, as well as those having a high wildlife value. Bring your camera and dress for walking. Members free; non-members \$5.

Call 601-799-2311 to pre-register for programs as early as possible to guarantee your space. Address: 370 Ridge Road, Picayune. Hours of Operation: Wed-Sun; 9 am to 5 pm.

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Dear Friend of the Arboretum,

This year, in light of the fiscal year budget reductions which affected all State-owned facilities, we are seeking \$10,000 to address our needs for repairs and maintenance of our buildings and grounds, including items such as program supplies, soil and gravel for trail-building, and site maintenance materials and equipment. We have received labor commitments for projects in need from our Arboretum volunteers, and groups such as the Boy Scouts and U.S. Navy community service teams at Stennis Space Center.

Last year's annual appeal was for donations to improve our site signage. This was a substantial renovation project that has been in planning and development throughout the past year. Materials have been ordered and these new signs will be fabricated in December. Signs are being replaced at the welcome area, and along Interstate-59 and Ridge Road. Many new trail signs will be installed along the pathways.

Please consider financially partnering with us by making a special "year-end" contribution toward our current infrastructure needs. Your gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your kind support over the past year. We extend best wishes to you and your family during this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Patricia R. Drackett, Director

**Yes, I would like to help The Crosby Arboretum by making a special Year-end contribution!**

**Please accept my gift to The Crosby Arboretum in the amount of:**

\$10    \$25    \$50    \$100    \$250

\$500    \$1,000    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Please call the office at 601-799-2311 with any Credit Card Donations.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**The Annual Appeal is a separate giving campaign and is not a membership renewal.** Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Join Us!



The Crosby Arboretum

# It's that time of year again to **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

Please join us for another year of outstanding programs and activities! We sincerely appreciate your membership, and for choosing to be a part of our Arboretum family. Through the support of members like you, we continue to be leaders in conservation education and natural area preservation on the Gulf Coast.

Hopefully, you will have taken advantage of one of your best member benefits this year, visiting other public gardens through the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program, giving you free or reduced entry to over 300 U.S. gardens and arboreta. Remember this if you will be visiting family and friends this holiday! Plan a visit to the New Orleans Botanical Garden, Longue Vue House and Gardens, or Mobile, Birmingham, or Atlanta Botanical Gardens. See the RAP website for a list of participating gardens. Arboretum memberships also make great gifts!

Act now to fill out your membership form via [online \(www.crosbyarboretum.edu/support/become\\_a\\_member\)](http://www.crosbyarboretum.edu/support/become_a_member), return the form on the back of this flyer with your support check, or call to pay by credit card, to renew your membership through December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2019.

For questions regarding your renewal,  
please call Sherri Lowe at 601-799-2311 Ext. 104.



• Leashed pets are welcome on the trails and in the gift shop.



• Feed the fish & turtles in the Piney Woods Pond. FREE fish food for members in the Gift Shop!



• Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy your day at the Arboretum under the Pinecote Pavilion!



• Attend a program and learn about Mississippi's native plant species, home gardening, or a variety of other subjects.



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