

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Black Light Fun Run, 6 pm

### Thursday, October 16

Blues in the Gardens  
Membership Drive, 6-8 pm  
Featuring Alphonzo

### Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Winter Wonderland of  
Lights, 5:30-6:30pm

### Saturday, April 18, 2015

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gardening  
Workshop, 9 am

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## Friends of Wister Gardens Board of Directors

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Advisory Board)  
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Manager and Ex-officio)

***“The mission of the Friends of Wister Gardens shall be to support and to encourage the development of the goals and projects of the Gardens, to serve as ambassadors, to advance the awareness of the Gardens, and to enhance the experiences of visitors.”***

## What's New in the Gardens

On behalf of the Board of the Friends of Wister Gardens, I would like to thank you for your support and membership over the past year. We are grateful for your contributions that have helped with the general maintenance of Wister Gardens, added a new gravel drive to the parking area, purchased plates and wine glasses for

rental income, renovated the fountain area, added new lights, trees, etc. to the Christmas lighting, and many other needs at Wister Gardens.

Please come out and support our fundraising events. We are always open to new ideas for fundraisers.



## Here's What's Cooking

One of the perks to becoming a member of Friends of Wister Gardens is the variety of our Cooking Demonstrations. Delta area chefs and renowned home cooks kindly donate their time to cook, entertain, and serve the guests who attend.

Our Cooking Demo Committee, Diedre Barret, Liz Barret, and Melissa Townsend, have done an excellent

job of planning these fundraising events. They cost \$40 per person and begin at 6:30 p.m. These events are so enjoyable for a night out with good food and entertainment from some of the Delta's best cooks!

To sign up for events, contact Liz Barret at 662-571-7300. Seating is limited at these events, so call in your reservations early.

## Check Out Our New Website

Wister Gardens has a new website! Visit us at [www.wistergardens.org](http://www.wistergardens.org) for the latest news and events. We also have a new email address: [friendsofwistergardens1440@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwistergardens1440@gmail.com). We are building an email base for all members of Friends of Wister Gardens to keep you updated on events.

## Upcoming Demos:

### September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Chris Byrd**, Chef at Viking in Greenwood

### October 13<sup>th</sup>

**Bill Allen**, Belzoni native and renowned cook



We thank you for your continued support.

Membership for Friends of Wister Gardens is \$25 annually.

Larger donations as well as Memorials and Honorariums for loved ones are welcomed.

Checks should be made payable to:

**Friends of Wister Gardens**  
**PO Box 657**  
**Belzoni, MS 39038**

## ***Right in Our Own Backyard***

Wister Gardens is a beautifully maintained garden paradise with wonderful facilities for events such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, family reunions, business meetings, and luncheons.

The rates are reasonable and include amenities such as tables, chairs and Viking kitchen facilities. The Garden Manager, Lynn Howard, does a fabulous job with the upkeep of our grounds

and facilities. Spread the word to your friends about Belzoni's hidden treasure, "The Delta's Garden."

To book events, contact Lynn Howard at 662-836-6471.

## ***Remembering Our Friend***

*On a sad note, the Board of the Friends of Wister Gardens is grieving for the loss of our fellow Board member and dear friend, Janette Crawford. Janette was President of the founding Board of Friends and still served on our Board up until her death. Janette will be sorely missed by all. We appreciate her dedication and many years of service to Wister Gardens.*

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