

## Upcoming Events

### **October 5 – 31, 2015**

*"Wister Goes Pink"*

for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Lights are on 6-9 pm.

### **Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

*"Blues in the Gardens"*

Membership drive 6-9 pm.

Featuring Alphonso Sanders.

### **December 4 – January 2**

*"Winter Wonderland of Lights"*

December 4: Open House at 5:30 pm and countdown to lighting at 6:00 pm. Santa will be present. Lights may be viewed nightly from 6-9 pm.

## Friends of Wister Gardens

## Board of Directors

Joy Bellipanni, *President*

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Lynn Howard (*Gardens Manager and Ex-officio Member*)

*"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."*

## Annual Membership Driving Coming Soon

The Friends of Wister Gardens will host the annual Blues in the Garden membership drive on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. We invite everyone to come out to Wister Gardens and enjoy an evening of blues music by Alphonso Sanders, enjoy delicious refreshments and sign up for your annual membership to Friends of Wister Gardens. Dues are only \$25 per person annually.

**Thank you...** to our sponsors of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wister Gardens Workshop in April. Without your support, the Gardening Workshop would not have been the success it was. We had a grand turnout, in spite of a rainy forecast. Our sponsoring businesses were:

BankPlus	Fountain's Green Grow-cery	Planters Bank
Bellipanni Eye Clinic	Garrard & Trotter	Sanders Seed
Belzoni Garden Club	Gresham-McPherson	Scott Petroleum
Courtney's, Inc.	Guaranty Bank	SuperValu
David Smith Construction	Majestic Metals	Wade, Inc.
Farm Bureau	Pitts Farms	Y-D Lumber

## Here's What's Cooking

One of the perks to becoming a member of the 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 is Diédre Barret, Jessica Sandifer, and Melissa Townsend, and they have done an

excellent job of planning these fundraisers. The cost is \$40 per person and, they 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 Jessica Sandifer by calling 662-836-8738. Seating is limited at these events, so make your reservations early.

## Upcoming Demos:

We have no firm dates to report for cooking demos at this time, but will post these on our website as they are scheduled. Check [wistergardens.org](http://wistergardens.org) for more information.



We thank you for your continued support.



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

Checks should be made payable to :

Friends of Wister Gardens  
P. O. Box 657  
Belzoni, MS 39038

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

*Mark Your Calendars*  
for the  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Gardening Workshop  
April 30, 2016

## Right in Our Own Backyard

Wister Gardens is a beautifully maintained garden paradise conveniently located with wonderful facilities for events such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, family reunions, business meetings, and luncheons. The rates are very reasonable and include amenities such as tents, tables, chairs and Viking kitchen facilities. 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 best hidden treasure, "The Delta's Garden."  
To book events, contact Lynn Howard at 662-836-6471.



### Keep in Touch

If you are a member of FOWG and do not receive emails of events, please send us your email address so we can add you to our email base. Contact us at [wistergardens1440@gmail.com](mailto:wistergardens1440@gmail.com)

## What's New in the Gardens

We thank all members of the Friends of Wister Gardens for your support. The funds we have raised over the last year have allowed the Friends to fund many projects to improve and maintain our beautiful gardens. Some of the projects include a new parking area and pavilion, information signs, lighting of the entrance and parking area, plantings and a new ice maker for the kitchen.

## WISTER GARDENS

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BELZONI, MS 39038



We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.wistergardens.org](http://www.wistergardens.org)