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Anoka County Master Gardeners host plant sale May 14-15, 2024

ANDOVER, Minn. (April 11, 2024)—Let a team of Master Gardeners help you select plants for your garden this year! Stop by the Anoka County Extension Master Gardener public plant sale May 14-15 at the Anoka County fairgrounds where hundreds of Minnesota grown plants will be available. Varieties include native plants, sun and shade perennials, annuals, vegetables, and flowers for pollinators.

The Anoka County Extension Master Gardener plant sale will be open from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. Cash, credit cards and checks will be accepted. Returning for a third year is the 'Last Chance Sale' from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. Prices on remaining plants will be marked down, with up to 50% off the original prices. Come early for the best selection.

The Master Gardener annual plant sale, which started in 2003, is a key fundraiser for the Anoka County volunteer program. Funds help support Master Gardener volunteer activities and projects. Those include educational garden programs at county libraries, community vegetable and flower garden support, insect diagnostic clinics held throughout the summer at the Bunker Hills Activities Center in Andover, and the annual Home Landscaping and Garden Fair that features 16 educational speakers, craft vendors and resource organizations that offered science-based information and products to help residents grow successful and sustainable gardens.

The Master Gardener program, supported by University of Minnesota Extension, trains local volunteers in research-based horticulture information and practices. In turn, volunteers provide educational outreach and lead horticultural projects in their communities that promote and support healthy living and healthy environments. "It's important we provide the right kinds of plants that our native insects and birds can use for food and habitat," says Eva Knudsen, Anoka County Extension Master Gardener, and plant sale coordinator. "We teach people which plants are best for creating beautiful and edible gardens, while supporting wildlife at the same time."

This year marks forty-one years since the inception of the Anoka County Extension Master Gardeners. "Shoppers will have the opportunity to purchase healthy plants chosen specifically for growing in our area. If they have questions about gardening or need assistance at the sale, Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to help them. Community outreach is a key role of the Master Garden Volunteer Program," adds Nancie Klebba, Program Coordinator for the Anoka County Extension Master Gardeners.

For more information on the UMN Extension Master Gardener program in Anoka County, visit: anokamastergardeners.org

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