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## Jenks' Local News

### Herbal carpet rolled out

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**Every April thousands of gardeners and fun seekers from a four-state area visit the charming town of Jenks for the annual Herb & Plant Festival. The family-friendly event indeed promises something for every member of the family and does not disappoint.**

Serious gardeners will be pleased with the huge selection and variety of herbs, and plants - many grown by local organic gardeners. New items added this year include cacti and water plant.

The festival food is an attraction in itself as is the entertainment. Many shoppers make a beeline for the Jenks Garden Club booth which offers pass along plants from local gardens.

JGC members can be spotted among the crowd wearing this year's new t-shirts designed by local artists Delores Creekmore which will be for sale.

Many non-gardeners come just for the small town ambience and the opportunity to sit in the sunshine and enjoy the food and music.



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The children are not overlooked with special entertainment planned just for them in a special kids area provided by the First Baptist Church.

Of course, admittance to the festival is free. Traffic is rerouted and several downtown streets become pedestrian walkways.



Sponsors provide funds used by the Jenks Garden Club for the annual Connie Neal Scholarship presented to an outstanding Jenks High School horticulture student. Helping underwrite the festival this year: Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, Southwood Landscape and Nursery, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Wallace Properties, Lawyer Chiropractic Clinic, BancFirst and Bella Latte Restaurant & Gelato, Jenks Public Schools, Edward Jones, Jenks Veterinary Clinic, Peace Frogs, Brooks Cleaners, and Harris Chiropractic Clinic. Jenks First Baptist Church supports the festival and allows use of its property.

Funds raised by the Garden Club also are used for various community beautification projects which include the gardens of Jenks City Hall, Jenks Chamber of Commerce, Veterans Park Memorial Garden, Park West entry, plantings at the Oklahoma Aquarium and the decorative pots lining Main Street or any of the many others efforts our members volunteer to enrich and beautify Jenks.

JGC members working hard to make this year's event a success include: Kaye Maclaskey, Vicky and Jim Bailey, Bill and Dixie Grahlman, Nikki Jiles, Shari Keathley, Helen Madden, Donna Maledon, Amy McAbee, Ron and Ruth Meyer, Mari Migliore, Betty Puckett, Vicky Roberts, Bill and Sandra Twilley, Donna Voglepohl, and Julie Watson.

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The Jenks Garden Club is open to anyone interested in gardening and enjoys learning from experienced gardening professionals that are featured speakers at the monthly meetings. The club meets the last Monday of the month at the Jenks Library, Main & "B" street, 7 p.m., September-May.

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featuring award winning sisters,  
Emma Jane & Marina Pendleton

9:15 . -The Dixieland Dudes  
featuring Frank Buller, Jimmy Jerrels,  
Roger Hale, Jim Campbell & Clyde  
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10:15- "TERRIFIC TOMATOES" Mr.  
Lew Melone, Master Tomato  
Gardener. Mr. Malone is in demand  
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10:45. - Miss Anna Massey  
A rising country singing star!

11:00 - " COOKING WITH HERBS" Donna Vogelpohl,  
of The Peppermint Dragon Organic Gardens

11:30 - Soul'd Out Band, upbeat Christian music, featuring Martha & Matt Meadors,  
Mark Combs, Lisa Gillilan, Mike Daulton & Melinda Acevedo .

12:30 - "BLUE BIRD BOB" Bob Walshaw, Local birding authority. He'll answer all  
your questions about attracting and keeping these lovely birds in your garden.

1:00 - The Duncaneers- Bluegrass & Country  
featuring Jenks own celebrity fiddler, Jake Duncan

2:00 - Our Master's Voice -Upbeat Contemporary Christian& Blue Grass featuring  
Jordan Lindsey & Paul Bohnwagner

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