

Coming: Fall, 2013...

**The Gladeville Post Office
Cedar Glade Garden~
A Celebration of Place**

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Where'd the ivy go?

English ivy is happy to grow in difficult places— like in the dry, shaded area in front of the Gladeville Post Office— and it provides some welcome green in places like that. But it's also happy to grow into buildings, pushing into crevices and expanding them, eroding mortar, and damaging foundations and brick walls. So, the first step in renovating the Gladeville Post Office flowerbeds was to remove the English ivy.

What's next?

- *Mulch*~ to help conserve soil moisture between rains.
- *Get rid of the Bermuda grass.* The mulch will also help us in this part of the project: Since Bermuda grass does not like shade the mulch will slow it down a little. It will also be easier to uproot from damp soil than from sun-baked soil.
- *Plant.* Because the mid-summer heat is so hard on transplants, we will wait until fall to do any planting. Once the weather cools off a bit, we will be putting in varieties of plants native to our local cedar glades.

Why Native Plants?

Using native plants not only celebrates Gladeville's beautiful natural setting, it's practical. These are the plants best-suited to our growing conditions, and they will thrive with less fuss (chemicals, water, pruning...) than many plants with other origins. Since our dual goal is for this garden space to be beautiful *and* low-maintenance, we have chosen to plant the best-adapted plants: local natives.

Who are the Wilson County Master Gardeners?

The Wilson County Master Gardener Program boasts over 100 members who are actively involved in community projects. The Gladeville Post Office Cedar Glade Garden is one of many WCMG volunteer projects. Others include the butterfly garden at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, the flower show (etc) at the Wilson County Fair, WCMG SpringFest, gardens, flowerbeds, and the arboretum at Ward Agricultural Center, and various gardening classes held throughout the year.

Are you interested in learning more or becoming a Wilson County Master Gardener? Numerous volunteer projects and educational opportunities are available each year to suit your gardening interests! Master Gardener intern classes, consisting of 13 weeks of study covering a wide range of topics, are available each autumn. For more information, contact Justin Stefanski at the Wilson County Cooperative Extension Service: (615) 444-9584.