Dear Extension Friends,

It has been a busy and exciting start to the new year! Stay in touch with everything Extension has to offer by visiting our website, blog, social media pages and our app! Mark your calendars in April for our two biggest events of the year—the Spring Garden Festival and 4-H Benefit Auction. You won’t want to miss it!

Sincerely,

Alicia Lamborn
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UF/IFAS Extension Baker County

Upcoming Programs & Events

Mar 10  4-H County Events. 10am, Baker County Extension Office Auditorium. The time and place for members to showcase what they know! Registration is at florida.4honline.com

Mar 12  Starting a Successful Hydroponic Business. Info & registration here; 386-362-1725.

April 7  Spring Garden Festival, 9am—2pm, Baker County Extension Office Arboretum and Gardens (Ag Center). Local vendors will offer a variety of plants, arts and crafts, and more. Kids will have fun with a free gardening activity while parents shop, enjoy gardening exhibits, and stroll through the public gardens on site. The event is free and open to the public. Vendors welcome. For more information, call (904) 259-3520.

April 28  Annual Public 4-H Auction. Entry fee: $5 a person, Baker County Extension Office Auditorium. Doors Open: 4:30pm  Dinner: 5:00pm  Live Auction: 5:30pm. Come out and support 4-H’s annual fundraiser! Entry fee includes fried chicken dinner!
Obedient Plant
Pink to pale lilac tubular flowers are snapdragon-like — Partial sun/shade — Native Florida perennial — 3’-4’ tall — Flower spikes bloom in summer

By: Alicia Lamborn, Horticulture Agent

Lantana ‘Miss Huff’
Pollinator-friendly perennial — 4-6’ tall and wide — Full sun — Flowers change from orange to pink spring to frost — Sterile variety

Sneak Peak
Master Gardener Plant Sale @ Spring Garden Festival

Baby Sunrose
Succulent-like groundcover — 6” tall — Full sun — Red, aster-like flowers — Also great in containers & hanging baskets — Flowers on & off all year

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Sweetspire ‘Henry’s Garnet’
Flowering shrub — 3-4’ tall, 4-6’ wide — Partial shade or sun — White flower clusters May-June last for weeks — Red fall color — Thrives in moist soils, but adapts to dry conditions; prune after flowering

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Autumn Sage (Red & Pink)
Pollinator-friendly perennial — A dependable butterfly/bee magnet — Red or pink flowers — Long blooming season — Drought tolerant — Beautiful when mass planted — Mounding shrub — 3’ tall and wide

Pineapple Guava
Flowering shrub or small tree — Evergreen — 15’ tall & wide — Full sun to partial shade — Edible flowers & fruit — Flowers in spring, fruit ripens Aug-Oct — Needs cross-pollination

Pentas ‘Starburst’
Tropical perennial — Attracts hummingbirds & pollinators — 2-3’ tall & wide — Pink & white flowers bloom spring through fall — Full sun or light shade
County Events will be March 10th, 2018 at 10:00am. Location: Ag Center Auditorium. Register at florida.4honline.com by March 7th!

**Annual 4-H Auction**

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Extension Office Auditorium

We need donations! Please contact the 4-H office to sign up for a business to contact about an item for the auction. The annual auction helps to provide funding for scholarships, volunteer screening, and a van to transport youth. If you know of a business that would like to donate, please send them our way!

Going with the Kentucky Derby, our theme is *Big Hats & Bow Ties*!

The Criminal Justice Academy is having a collection drive for items for the Sheriff’s Office Victim Advocacy Program. They help when people’s houses burn down, when there’s an abusive situation, etc. We are collecting diapers, wipes, children’s clothing, blankets, stuffed animals, toiletries, backpacks, and more for the month of March! Drop off items at the Extension Office!

We no longer have individual club Facebook pages. In an effort to streamline communication, all clubs will now be hosted on the main Baker County 4-H Page. Please like us on Facebook! [http://facebook.com/bakerco4h](http://facebook.com/bakerco4h)

**Download our App!**

Search Baker County 4-H on your device!

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**4-H Activities & Club Meetings**

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Spring Garden Festival
Held in the Arboretum & Gardens
1025 W. Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny FL
Saturday, April 7, 2018
9 am - 2 pm

plant SALE

KIDS Activities
gardening EXHIBITS
FREE ENTRY
Florida-Friendly Landscaping ADVICE
LOCAL VENDORS

Info: (904) 259-3520

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