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### **KMCB hosts plant sale**

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Local gardeners and green thumbs can get plants and flowers while helping a local beautification organization.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful will hold its second annual Growing Green plant sale April 10.

Charlotte Harris Chairman of the Board of KMCB said native plants that will flourish in Magnolia backyards and gardens will be sold to help make the care for the plants and flowers easier. She said native flowers like the Echinecea, commonly known as the Purple Coneflower, will also reseed and come back each year and are drought resistant.

"It's not like when you go to a nursery and buy something native to Hawaii and try to grow it in Texas," Harris said. "It just doesn't really work very well. The smartest thing to do is to plant plants that are adaptive to our environment and are able to survive best without a lot of care and fertilizer and water."

At the event the Purple Coneflower will be sold for \$5.

Funds raised during the event will go toward the KMCB grant program.

KMCB is a volunteer group in Montgomery County that focuses on bringing together resources in the county and promoting the resources that are available such as the recycling centers and is committed to the beautification and improvement of the county's natural resources.

Recycling also plays a big part with KMCB. Even the pots the flowers are being sold in are biodegradable rather than plastic.

Harris said eliminating solid waste going into our landfills is very important.

"Recyclable products are wasted resources if they are just being thrown away. Environmentally and economically recycling makes a lot of sense."

Harris said the event had multiple purposes besides selling flowers. She said she wanted to help publicize Montgomery County recycling centers, educate locals about native plants and recycling and demonstrating how to hold a low or no-impact event.

"We encourage people to come and support a great cause and get some plants to plant in their yard and bring their recycling when they come to buy plants," she said.

KMCB also looks to enable groups that are looking for small amounts of funding for projects that they are trying to do.

"We want to be a resource for that," she said. "We spent a lot of time in the past years actually planting plants and doing adoptive spots. We felt that we were more effective by enabling other people to do that then to be actually doing it our selves."

If you are interested in purchasing a flower and supporting the cause, the Growing Green plant sale will be from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on April 10 at Precinct 2 Recycling Center 31354 Friendship Drive Magnolia 77355.