

2025 Native & Heirloom Plant Fest

List of Confirmed Speakers, Vendors, Information Booths, Food Trucks

(as of 4/2/25)

Speakers:

- 9am – Back to Our Roots: A Return to Sustainable Farming --- Josh Baker of Wise Ass Farms (heirlooms & natives)
- 10am – Why You Should Make the Switch to Native Plants -- Melanie Lawless from Joy of Natives Native Plant Nursery
- 11am – Attracting Pollinators with Native Plants – Linda Porter of Garden Club of Kentucky

Vendors:

- Brad Wilson (Heirloom Seeds)
- Joy of Natives Native Plant Nursery (Native Trees and Perennials)
- Sylvatica Forest Farm (Native Trees & More)

Information Tables:

- Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners
- Pulaski Co NRCS
- UK Master Naturalist Program & Invasive Plants
- Pulaski Co 4-H
- KY Department of Fish & Wildlife (Private Lands Program & Prescribed Fire)
- Lake Cumberland Native Seed Swap
- Wise Ass Farms
- Citizen Science opportunities

Food Trucks:

- Big Foot BBQ
- Cumberland Roots Coffee
- Forcht Bank Ice Cream Truck
- The Dirty Boba

Workshops/Demonstrations:

- 11am – In the Kitchen with Heirlooms: Salsa Recipe & Samples

- 12pm – Fun with Luffa: How to Grow & Use Heirloom Luffa Gourds
- Hands-on Heirloom Seed Starting (throughout the day)
- Making Native Seed Bombs (throughout the day)

Artists & Artisans

- Heart Song Farms (Honey)
- Kelly Spiro (Jams & Jellies)
- David Spillman's Wood Turned Crafts
- Ali Thomas of Main Street Flower Co.
- Tab Martin of Heartfelt Wood Crafts