

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association December 2007

Mission Statement

To provide horticultural and environmental research based information and techniques. To volunteer in area horticulture projects.

**Deck the Halls with Live Plants
 Special Holiday Edition**

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

What would Christmas be without the Christmas tree? For something new and longer lasting, a living tree will decorate your home for the holidays, and then move out into the yard to beautify the landscape for years to come.

Consider the following living trees: Aleppo Pine, Japanese Black Pine, Japanese Yew, Loblolly Pine, Deodar Cedar, Juniper, or other coniferous evergreens. Perhaps you prefer a broad-leafed tree: American Holly, Burford Holly, Compact Cherry Laurel, or Yaupon

Or maybe a plant in a tub to remain inside after Christmas, such as Norfolk Island Pine, Kumquats, Calamondins, or Yews. Plant your tree in an appropriate container that allows at least an inch of peat moss, potting soil, or compost around the root ball to prevent drying out. For decorative accent, the potted tree can be placed in a tub, ceramic pot, or even a lined wooden box. All containers should be well drained to prevent damage to the roots caused by excess moisture. Place a pan underneath the container to prevent floor damage.

Find a good place to display the tree that is not in drafts or near a stove or radiator. The plant should be watered when dry. After Christmas, plant the tree in the landscape and keep well watered and mulched. These trees can add to your landscape, and serve as an outdoor Christmas tree next winter.

POINSETTIAS

The Christmas Poinsettia is the number-one best selling plant in the U.S.; over 70 million Poinsettia plants are sold nationwide each year. It is native to Mexico. Several University

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 that changed history?
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FROM AROUND THE CORNER



President's Notepad

The holidays are here and for many of us it is a time for giving and receiving. All you have to do is go to your mailbox, look at the paper, listen to the radio, turn on the TV and you will see or hear something about gift buying. They all promise that theirs is the best gift; it will last forever and keep on giving. We all want to give gifts that communicate a feeling. As gardeners we like to receive gifts for our gardening habit: tools, plants, containers etc. What do we give? We give many items but the thing I see given more than anything, and all year long, is ourselves. Gardeners are by nature a giving group of people. We give plants, time and advice. We give to anyone who will take and look for places to give.

This group of Master Gardeners has given me many things since 2002 and an extra share has been given in the last two years. You have helped me to learn many things and to discover things I did not know about myself and gardening. Together we have accomplished more than I ever thought we could and in my mind we will always be the Master Gardener Association of Every Year.

Thank you to all of you that have given so much to TCMGA. You make being a part of this group the best gift ever.

—Ginger Bason



December 6, 2007 Holiday Luncheon

Our annual holiday luncheon serves as our final meeting of the year, and we're planning a great celebration! Awards, prizes and surprises, great fun and good cheer for all. It's the one time of year that we liberally pat each other on the back and say, "Good job!"

If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, mail a check for \$20 to Joy Lease to insure your reservation – and we have some seats left, so tickets for spouses may also be purchased.

All sales will be closed November 29, so don't delay.

WHEN: Thursday, December 6, 2007
11:00 – 1:00

WHERE: Texas Star Golf and Country Club

1400 Texas Star Parkway
Euleless, Texas 76040

HO! HO! HO!

— Joy Lease

Tarrant County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes November 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Ginger Bason at 11:05 a.m. at the Resource Connection. 163 were in attendance.

The minutes of the October 2007 meeting were approved as published in the Sharecropper.

The Treasurer's Report was given as follows:

Income:	\$ 5,378.00
Expenses:	\$ 2,498.19
Checking acct. balance:	\$ 8,175.31
Savings acct. balance:	\$ 2,570.54
CD total:	\$15,905.93

Announcements:

- President Bason reminded members that 2008 dues are past due as of today, and that today's meeting is to be credited for 2008.
- Christmas Luncheon is Thursday, Dec. 6 at Texas Star in Euless. Tickets are available today for \$20.00.
- Victory Boxes – TCMGA is trying to assemble 200 Victory Gardening Boxes for children. A workshop will be held Nov. 7 & 8 at Devania Fergus' home. Members are encouraged to come and help cut fabric and sew aprons and bags and assemble the boxes. More boxes will be assembled after the Garden Club Council of FW meeting on Nov. 14 at the FWBG. Funds from the sale of Amaryllis bulbs benefits Victory Boxes.
- Extension Phone duty: Call the office if you are not able to work on the day you signed up for.
- Funds from the raffles will be awarded at the December Luncheon, Dec. 6. Forms to apply for those funds are available on the TCMGA website or from Joyce Colegrove. Receipts from 2007 raffle fund recipients

are due to Tammy Edwards ASAP. Reimbursement forms are also on the website.

- Senator Ken Bremmer visited two TCMGA projects recently and was very favorably impressed with the work being done.
- Native Plant Society of NC Texas will meet tonight, 7 PM at FWBG.
- Steve Chaney applauded those members who assisted Little Hands on the Farm at the State Fair of Texas. Over 725 volunteer hours were clocked, reaching over 6,000 children with their parents.
- Steve also shared the thanks of the many visitors to the Garden Conservancy Tour in October to the TCMGA members who helped at each of the gardens on the tour.
- Pat Higgins requests members sign up for food for the January 2008 lunch.

After a moment of silence, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

—Submitted by Joyce Quam, Secretary

Following the 2nd half of the program, Pat Higgins recognized the 13+ TCU Nursing and Nutrition students who have been taking classes on gardening and working in the Resource Connection Community Garden as well as Nash Elementary School. Each student was presented with a certificate of recognition. The TCMGA membership joined Pat in thanking the students for their work.

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studies have shown that Poinsettias are NOT poisonous, however the latex sap may irritate sensitive skin.

Buying a Poinsettia: Look for plants with mature, expanded and colored bracts. Dark, rich foliage all the way down the stem is a sign of good plant health. Select plants with stiff stems, good bract and leaf retention, and no signs of wilting, breaking, or drooping. Be wary of plants displayed in sleeves; a Poinsettia needs its space. Check the soil – too wet and it may be waterlogged and develop root rot, too dry and it can become stressed and wilt. When transporting the plant, protect it from chilling winds by keeping it in a sleeve or a large shopping bag.



Care for Poinsettias: The Poinsettia thrives on indirect, natural daylight for at least six hours daily. If in direct sun, diffuse with a light shade or sheer curtain. Daytime temperatures should not exceed 70 degrees F. Avoid placing plants near drafts, excess heat, or the dry air from appliances, fireplaces, or ventilating ducts. Poinsettias require moderately moist soil. Water the plants thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry to the touch, and allow excess water to drain. It is not necessary to fertilize the Poinsettia when it is in bloom.

After the Holidays: Keep the plants in indirect sun and water regularly. In spring, after outside night temperatures average 55 degrees F. or above, place your plants outdoors. When the bracts age and look droopy, usually in March or April, cut the Poinsettia back to about 8 inches. By the end of May you should see vigorous new growth. Continue regular watering, and fertilize every 2 to 3 weeks with a well-balanced, complete fertilizer. Around June 1, you may transplant your Poinsettias into larger pot, or into a well-prepared garden bed. Be sure the soil is rich in organic matter and has good drainage. Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Do not prune after September 1.

Re-flowering: The Poinsettia is a photoperiodic plant, meaning that it sets bud and produces flowers as the autumn nights lengthen. The plants will naturally come into full bloom during November or December.

CHRISTMAS CACTUS

The Christmas Cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgesi*) is a favorite holiday season houseplant, but needs care to flourish and flower again. These are jungle forest cacti that, in nature, live in the crotches of jungle trees. Christmas Cactus thrives in a well-drained, sterile potting medium high in organic material, with a little sand for weight and drainage. A pH of 5.5 to 6.2 is

optimum for growth.

When the holiday flowering show is over, keep the plant in a sheltered place until danger of freezing is over. Water carefully; soak the potting medium, then allow the plant to become almost dry before watering again. Fertilize with a water-soluble balanced fertilizer with trace elements. Occasionally, leach out excess fertilizer salts with plain water.

Although 70 - 80 degrees F is considered ideal for growth, plants will tolerate Texas temperatures in the 90 to 100 degrees F range. In August, reduce water and fertilizer for bud development. The shorter fall days and cooler night temperatures of late October should produce new buds. Encourage bud set by adequate watering, and keep from cold drafts, unvented heaters, or rough handling. Night temperatures above 70 degrees F may inhibit bud development.

As the cactus becomes larger, shorter tip portions may be broken off and rooted in loose, sandy medium. Mealy bugs, scale and aphids may be rubbed away with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol. With good tending, Christmas Cactus may thrive and bloom for many years.



DECK THE HALLS WITH HERBS

Texans can enjoy a special celebration of Christmas greenery, since many of the plants in our gardens have holiday traditions.

The Holly and the Ivy:

Christmas decorations began as a Roman custom of sending a gift of boughs to friends to celebrate the winter solstice. The Druids brought boughs of holly intertwined with ivy to invite nature spirits to share their warm homes. Our Texas native holly (*Ilex opaca*) or Yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) with its red berries, make it a wonderful addition to holiday garlands. Ivy, twined with sprigs of holly and branches of fir, makes a



beautiful wreath.

Mistletoe:

Druids believed that mistletoe protected them from evil and sent it around the village to announce the coming of the new year. It was hung in the doorway for those who passed under it to exchange a kiss of peace, symbolizing their hope for harmonious relations all year long. In Texas, it is easy to spot clumps of mistletoe in bare tree branches. You'll be doing the tree a favor by removing the plants from its limbs. Use the entire mistletoe plant or create a mistletoe ball by poking stems into a moist florist's foam ball, hang with a red ribbon (keep it moist in the refrigerator until you are ready to hang it).

A Wreath of Rosemary:

Of all herbs, rosemary -- the symbol of remembrance -- is the one most people associate with Christmas. Legend has it that the Virgin Mary, during the flight into Egypt, washed her cloak and spread it on a rosemary bush to dry. The plant's white flowers turned a heavenly blue -- the blue of Mary's mantle.

It has long been the tradition to fashion lush green wreaths or garlands with bay, holly, mistletoe, ivy, and rosemary to decorate the halls of the rich and the cottages of the poor. Use a circle of florist foam soaked in water. Insert twists of Rosemary stems interspersed with trailing ivy and pieces of holly, and accented with a red bow, to form a fragrant wreath for tabletop or wall. Here in Texas, there is no excuse for not having enough rosemary to deck the halls in royal fashion. The plant, in either its upright or prostrate form, is easy to grow and flourishes in most parts of the state.



—by Marilyn Sallee

This is a true story

Being a Master Gardener since 2002, I have had great opportunities to talk to lots of people about their favorite things to raise and how they do what they like best. Mine happens to be vegetables and I have even been called "vegetable lady". I read a lot of magazines and articles concerning raising our own food and began to subscribe to the magazine "The Mother Earth News".

In February, 2007, I wrote an article to this magazine describing how I raise potatoes on top of the ground since I have the black gumbo soil. I described my process this way: I have learned a way to raise potatoes without them rotting before harvest-time. I have a raised bed of black soil, compost, autumn leaves which decompose, and manure. The first thing I do is roto-till the 18-30' raised bed about 10-12 inches down. I then take my seed potatoes and plant them on top of the ground by putting a tomato cage in place and next to the soil put a generous handful of hay. Then I put about 4-5 seed potatoes (not cut) on top of the hay and put another layer of hay on top of the potatoes. Next, I take a coffee can (13 oz) of soil and put in on top of the hay. To finish off the

process, I fill the tomato cage with hay to the top and water thoroughly. As I am watering, the hay settles and I fill up the cage again with hay and finally water the last time during the planting process. This makes the hay lay down and the potatoes can breathe and grow. I water the potatoes daily until the shoots begin to grow and come out and up through the hay. Sometimes the shoots will grow out to the side of the tomato cage while the potatoes are making below the soil so I move them to grow straight up and over the tomato cage.



When harvest-time comes, and potatoes are ready to dig, I move the hay and the tomato cages and begin to dig in the soil and a very good supply of potatoes emerge under the ground.

The magazine is going to publish this method in their January/February, 2008 issue

—By LaVonne Nowlin

Victory Totes for gardening on their way!

It was a marathon finish but we have 200 gardening totes ready to be packed! Major Suttee emailed from Ramadi and said the Marines are ready and waiting to hand them out.

On Wednesday, November 14, a few Master Gardener's and members of the Garden Council will help pack the totes.. Dotty Woodson who came up with the idea of a gardening Victory Box will be there to join us!

Of all the things I have done for the military these past three years this was my favorite. It so reminded me of the stories my parents and

grandparents told me of how the people pulled together during WWII!

I thank every one of you for your part in this big success! Whether you brought supplies to fill the bags or made a donation, helped iron or sew this will reverberate for years!

Enjoy the Christmas season and get ready for in January we will begin to help the children of Afghanistan!

Love YA'!!! - Mary Margaret Halleck
817-251-1201

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

December 7, 2007 - Friday - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day commemorates the Japanese attack on the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor at dawn on December 7, 1941. It crippled the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and caused the U.S. to enter World War II. During the attack at Pearl Harbor, over 2,400

American serviceman and 68 civilians were killed. Five of the eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, and virtually all ships were damaged. The attack was opposed by Japanese admiral



Isoroku Yamamoto, who cautioned against a war with the United States, but he was overruled. After the attack, he said, "We have awakened a sleeping giant and have instilled in him a terrible resolve". On Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, U.S. flags are flown at half staff. On December 8, 1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated in a speech to Congress "...a day that will live in infamy". The U.S. then declared war on Japan.

December 15, 2007 - Saturday - Bill of Rights Day. In 1941 President Franklin Roosevelt declared December 15 "Bill of Rights Day". The Bill of Rights was meant to ensure basic rights during times of war and times of peace, regardless of who is in power. In order to ensure its future, we must keep using the First Amendment and speaking out when our rights are threatened.

December 21, 2007 - Friday - Winter Solstice. Winter solstice is when daylight is shortest and the sun has the lowest arc in the sky resulting from the earth's tilt when the sun shines directly over the tropic of Capricorn. The solstice itself has remained a special moment of the annual cycle of the year since Neolithic times. The noontime elevation appears to be the same for several days before and after the solstice, hence the origin of the word solstice,

Following the winter solstice, the days begin to grow longer and the nights shorter.

The Romans celebrated a festival in the third century of the Birth of the Unconquered Sun when the duration of daylight first begins to increase after the winter solstice.

Early Germans considered the Norse goddess, Hertha or *Bertha*, the goddess of domesticity and the home. During the Winter Solstice houses were decked with fir and evergreens to welcome her coming.

December 25, 2007 - Tuesday - Christmas Day In most places around the world, Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25. In some countries is followed by Boxing Day on December 26.

The Christmas tree is often explained as a Christianization of pagan tradition and ritual surrounding the Winter Solstice, which included the use of evergreen boughs. The modern Christmas tree tradition is believed to have begun in Germany in the 18th century.

—by Derald Freeman



PAMPAS GRASS (*Cortaderia selloana*)

This plant is hardy, drought resistant, low maintenance, easy to find, and inexpensive to buy. It is a giant evergreen grass and is a fast grower. Instead of flowers there will be long stalks with plumes that rise up from the plant starting in late summer. Pampas grass is not picky about its soil, and can take full sun.

I like it! it's got a great soft, flighty look to it. Pampas grass makes a nice barrier, so it can be planted around a spa or used to take up a big corner space. Pampas grass doesn't require much care, but it does need a haircut now and then.

Remember, pampas grass grows to be large, so make sure you have the space to let it spread out. It will reach 6-7 feet tall in the first year. Some people cut it down to a stump of 18-24" in February. Some do it in December. The root system and base spreads each year. In the first year it may be 4" diameter, the second year 9" and the third year 14". You can dig up half of it to be transplanted in another area if you wish, but you need a stick of dynamite if you ever

want to get rid of it permanently. It is classified as an ornamental plant.

I love the majestic plumes that sway like feathers in the wind.
—The Editor



WE NEED YOUR IDEAS

We all love to see other home gardens. Each year we try to have a field trip or two for just that purpose. This is how you can help. Suggest some gardens you know about that you think are especially enjoyable. These can belong to Master Gardeners or friends who are not Master Gardeners. One could even be yours!

Suggestions should include the gardener's name and Address and your name.

Please return your suggestions by January 1 to: Kaygunn2138@sbcglobal.net or call Kay Gunn at 817-346-7261

Many thanks for your suggestions!!

WANTED - WRITERS

People indicated they wanted more current articles in the Sharecropper. If you like to write stories on a project, garden, and plant interests then please submit your articles for the newsletter. Write about current events that would interest us all. Limit articles to one page (with photos), Arial 12 point type, and please attach photos separately.

Submit your articles to Tammy Edwards, tammy.edwards@gmail.com, by no later than the 8th of the month for insertion in the newsletter in following month.

—The Editor

WANTED - SSL WEB PROGRAMMER

There has been requests for ways to pay for membership on the web, to secure data about member's hours, accounts and membership information. I understand databases, but have not had any experience in programming them on the web. It seems that is the only way we can go at this point since even a "member secure site" where only members can login STILL does not address concerns about one person seeing another person's hours etc. Maintaining the web site is really a one person job, but help on the above is needed.

You can give me a call or email me at
cbarnard@abacinc.com

You may have noticed that pictures are now accessed from the Website though www.FLICKR.com. This website allows us to load pictures of interest so that they can be more easily accessed by our members since they are stored on the web. The pictures can be organized into folders and descriptions of photos added. So far I have just uploaded field trip pictures, but there is a real opportunity to share travel and project photos as well as pictures of member gardens and other just plain interesting things! This does not require any special technical skill, since the FLICKR site has lots of instructions and help.

—Carolyn Barnard

PROJECT CHANGES

Please contact Cindy Woelke for the Perennial Garden work project. She has taken over the responsibility from Patsy Johnson. The hours are still 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Phone: 817-421-4201

Email: woelke911@aol.com

TCMGA OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

On a beautiful fall October day, 35 TCMGA members headed for northwest Ft. Worth/Azle to view two gardens. The fact that there were two very different types of gardens added to the enjoyment.

First stop was at LeeAnn Rosenthal's natural habitat yard. LeeAnn has maintained a "do no harm" policy with her yard. It is almost in its natural state with minor tweaks. She identified many native plants that she has allowed to have free rein. A charming wooden bridge greets visitors at the front of the property. She has allowed wildflowers to flourish all along the roadside portion of the property. Her yard has several brush piles for little animals to use as residences. Scattered around her property are many interesting objects including a "blue" area and some found objects that lend much character to the grounds. A big thank you to LeeAnn for hosting us on what turned out to be a wonderful nature talk and visit.

Then we moved on to Tammy Edward's home on the shores of Eagle Mountain Lake. Tammy's large, deeply shaded property contains a water feature that trickles down through the entire back yard ending in a large pool complete with fish. A fountain consisting of four large pots was the centerpiece of a large box-wood maze. Many of the members could be seen walking the maze. Her garden gave off a serene, peaceful feeling as the sun dappled through the deep shade. This is where we enjoyed our box lunches and spent time visiting with our fellow garden trippers on a beautiful fall day. Many thanks to Tammy for overseeing the ordering of the wonderful lunches and allowing us to visit and enjoy her garden.

—Submitted by Judy Butler

Thanks From Hospitality

We have come to the end of another successful year for the Hospitality Committee and I have many people to thank for the year. First I want to thank my committee members: Donna Morris, Kim Freeman, Joanne McClelland, Johnna Reed, Linda Winn and Demetra Larremore. I could not have finished two years as Hospitality Chairman without all their help.

The ones I owe the most success to are the members who brought food to the meetings. Many of them brought food numerous times during the year and I think we have some wonderful cooks in our membership.

Thanks again to everyone and I'll see you at the awards luncheon in December.

—Pat Higgins

HOWDY, GARDENERS

There are now so many people at the monthly TCMGA meetings that we are having trouble meeting and knowing everyone. We have 350+ members and I doubt anyone knows all of them. Most of us sit with friends, fellow project workers or members of our intern class. We are missing out on knowing many interesting people. So at the next meeting, why not sit next to someone you don't know (preferably one on each side), extend your hand and say "Howdy, Gardener". After all, we are in Ft. Worth and that is close to the phrase for which we are famous. It will expand your horizons and you might make a new friend.

—Judy Butler



Birthdays for this month

- 12-1 Carole O'Connell, Sharon Chastain, and Bill Keller
- 12-3 Mary Flanagan
- 12-5 Jerry Sorenson and Judy Childers
- 12-7 Ann Couch
- 12-8 Susan Draper
- 12-9 MiMi Mancuso and Earl Alexander
- 12-15 Candy Umberson
- 12-16 Julie Hames and John Gerloff
- 12-17 J. Howard Davis
- 12-18 Jolene Hetrick
- 12-19 Patsy Johnson
- 12-20 Sandra Johnson
- 12-21 Pam Sustaie
- 12-22 Susan Carter and Nelda McGlinchey
- 12-23 Carolyn Critz
- 12-24 Claudie Cimma and Kathleen McKinney
- 12-25 Rita Hottel
- 12-26 Dick Dobrovoiny and Susan Slagle
- 12-27 Ester Proctor
- 12-29 Joyce Quam
- 12-30 William T. Bryant
- 12-31 Mary Benavides

—by LaVonne Nowlin

CARDS NEEDED

If anyone has extra or unwanted cards such as "get well" or "sympathy" cards, please bring them to the monthly meeting. My supply is depleting rapidly.

Also, please notify me by email, lavonnen@sbcglobal.net or phone 817-581-1850 if you hear of someone who has become ill or of a death that has occurred in the immediate family so I can send them a card from TCMGA.

—Thanks, LaVonne

Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

<u>Project Code & Name</u>	<u>Work Days/Times</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Phone</u>
301 BRIT Activities	Call chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
311 Perennial Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Cindy Woelke	817-421-4201
312 Trial Garden	Tues. 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Susan Miller	817-261-1420
313 BG Cottage Garden	Call chairman	Diane Clark	817-249-2760
321 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 9:30 a.m.	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
322 Union Gospel Mission	First Mon.-Warm Place 10 a.m., 2nd-4th Mon. - Reg. Schedule	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
323 Grapevine Botanic Garden	Call coordinator	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
324 Mansfield Main St. Project	3 rd Wed. 9 a.m.	Gayle van Leeuwen	817-472-7264
		Barbara Gates	817-465-6656
326 Teen Challenge	Every Wed. 9 a.m.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
328 Community Garden	(Contact project leaders below)		
Mowing/Edging:	Jerry Sorenson, jerryasorenson@charter.net		817-427-9009
Barn beds:	Charlotte Berck, wrberck@peoplepc.com		817-426-6417
TCU students:	Pat Higgins, Ragdollpatb@sbcglobal.net		817- 294-2414
WIC herb program:	Jim Nelson, nelsonj2@swbell.net		817-467-2304
Compost:	Charles Shiner, mcshiner@sbcglobal.net		817-548-7117
Roses:	Karen Kologe, KPK@charter.net		817-924-6449
Perennial beds: (developing)	Joann Hahn, johahn@charter.net		817-923-9250
	Ginger Bason, gbason@hotmail.com		817-838-7321
Herb Garden:	Rita Hottel, aescom@charter.net		817-295-2883
401 Composting Demo	1 st Sat.	Don Graves	817-465-1667
	2 nd Sat.	Charlie Shiner	817-548-7117
402 FW Nature Center	Thurs. & Sat 9-12 p.m.	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
403 FW Library at Hulen St.	4 th Thurs, 8:30 a.m.	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-4683
404 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat, last Wed.	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
405 Liberty Garden	Call chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.		
406 Veterans Park-Wildscape	1st Sat, 9-12	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598
	Tues 9-12 p.m.		
408 TX Smartscape Demo	Call chairman	Michael Warren	817-531-6765
<u>School Gardens</u>			
601 Alice Carlson	Mon/Thurs 8:30 a.m.	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
602 Branson	Call chairman	Glenda Page	817-447-8348
604 Fitzgerald	Wed. 3:15 p.m.	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
605 Oakhurst	Call chairman	Carl Trehus	817-481-3435
611 Children's Garden	Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 6, 2007	Holiday Christmas Luncheon
Jan 10, 2008	Spring Intern Class begins
Jan 8	Fall 2006 Intern graduation
Jan 15	Spring 2007 Intern graduation
Jan 19	Neil Sperry Landscape School
Feb 1-3	Fort Worth Home & Garden Show
Feb 29—Mar 2	Neil Sperry Home & Garden Show

Steve Chaney—For up-to-the-minute TCMGA news visit: www.tcmga.org
More state news: www.texasmastergardeners.com

