

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

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Mission Statement

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

EAT BAIT!

What is the worst thing that you could encounter, the most dreaded event you can imagine? Possibly losing your balance and staggering down the steps at a ball stadium with a hotdog in one hand, a cold drink in the other and eventually going "splat" on the steps while the entire event is shown on the big stadium screen. Oh, how about a door closing on your fingertips and it hurts until you turn sick while looking at those flattened digits. The one I dread the most is walking accidentally into a fire ant mound. Ah yes, don't you know that hurts.

Fire ants are nearly a year round problem, from March through October. So, what can you do about the problem? I treated individual mounds for years with various chemicals only to see a new mound appear about six feet away within a few days. There are some truths about dealing with fire ants.

1. No matter how much pesticide or bait you use you NEVER kill all of them.
2. One treatment a year is not enough.
3. Using "Kill all" pesticides is not the best solution.

Fire ants normally live in raised mounds of clay soil without holes. In sandy areas they will nest in the ground. When the colony is disturbed they rush out by the thousands and sting anything they can find that appears to be a threat. That's you.

The granddaddy of all questions is "How do we deal with them?" In early spring when I see the first mound I say "Let's Dance!" and I do the Texas Two-step.

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**The ants are marching.
Knock them down with the
Texas Two Step.
Learn how on pages 1 & 5.**

FROM AROUND THE CORNER



President's Notepad

I love this time of year! It is starting to be warm enough to get out in our gardens to work on those great plans we made all winter when it was too cold to do anything but make plans.

As I walked around my garden with two of my grandsons this morning, we spotted gold finch at the thistle feeders and also loads of other birds and animals. Plus we saw evidence of animals digging in the garden. We spotted new leaf buds and some plants coming back to life and popping up through the mulch. We saw bugs and butterflies, oh my! We were all very excited with our discoveries and full of questions about the things that live in the garden. The boys seemed most excited about the bugs and butterflies. I was just happy to see everything coming back to life through their eyes.

I love our garden and really enjoy sharing it with others. I had better get outside to work on some of those plans I mentioned earlier so it will be ready to share with others who happen to bless us (and the garden) with their visit.

I hope you all have fun working on your plans and are able to share them with others.

Tammy Edwards
President - TCMGA



March 13, 2007 Monthly Program

Kudos to Marilyn Sallee for her informative and entertaining presentation of Invasive Plants of the DFW Area. If you did not jot down those wonderful websites, they are:

www.texasinvasives.org
www.wildflower.org/invasive/

This month, Mike Whisenand, owner of Whiz-Q Stone will be showing us how to use water features to enhance our landscapes. Mike will also share with us his role in the expansion of the original water feature at the Grapevine Botanical Garden.

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| 9:30-10:00 | Sign in and coffee |
| 10:00-11:00 | Water Features in the Garden |
| 11:00-12:00 | Business meeting and snack lunch |
| 12:00-1:00 | Water Features in the Garden (cont.) |

REMINDER – REMINDER – REMINDER

The meeting is on the SECOND Thursday of March, the 13th. If you come on the first Thursday, everyone hug each other and go home and come back the following week. We will have a show of hands at the business meeting to see how many were creatures of habit!

— Susan Stanek, 1st VP Programs

Tarrant County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes February 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Tammy Edwards at 10:55 a.m. on February 7, 2008. There were 209 Master Gardeners and Interns in attendance.

President Edwards welcomed the 2008 Intern Class and visiting TCU Students.

The minutes of the January 2008 meeting were approved as published in the Sharecropper.

Bob Ross, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the Audit Committee (Rita Hottel and JoAnn Hahn and Bob Ross) had met on January 16 to audit the books of the organization. Everything was found to be in excellent order and Treasurer Tammy Edwards was complimented on her handling of the books.

Raelene Darling, Master Timekeeper, explained the new timesheets and advised of the new timekeepers. They are:

A-B	Vera Beck
C-F	Diane Carllyse
G-I	Pam Jewell
J-Ma	Donna Morris
Mc-P	Judy Childers
Q-S	LaVerne Henry
T-Z	Debbie Rasmussen

Members were asked not to hold timesheets, but to turn them in monthly. The new timesheet is expected to be on-line soon. Copies of the new timesheet were provided to the membership. Timesheets are not to be turned into the Extension Office, but should be mailed or e-mailed to the member's designated timekeeper.

Steve Chaney advised:

New membership cards were available at the meeting along with shovels for those with over 100 volunteer hours in 2007. The 5, 10 and 15 year pins were also available. A new Horticulture Agent, Laura Miller, has been hired and will be on staff soon.

The Master Gardener Telephone area has been moved temporarily to the 3rd floor of the Taylor Street building.

Carl Trehus, Treasurer, presented the budget for 2008. It was approved by the membership. He also advised that the TCMGA directories will be available in March.

The membership was advised the Texas Master Gardener State Convention will be held April 24 through 28 in Conroe, Texas.

—Submitted by Judy Butler for Secretary Joyce Quam

REMEMBER! MARCH MONTHLY MG MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED

The March meeting date has
been changed.

Instead of the MG meeting being on
the first Thursday of the month
**we will meet at our usual location
on Thursday, March 13.**

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Heaviest concentrations of fire ants are in Texas, Florida, and Louisiana, but these have spread into Alabama and Mississippi. A queen can result in the production of thousands of offspring and until every mound, everywhere is treated at the same time they will continue to exist.

STEP 1: I use a broadcast fire ant bait and spread it around the entire yard, lawn and in the landscaping as well. **Amdro** works best for me. Everything gets a treatment. The soil temperature should be between 70-90 degrees when fire ants are foraging. These baits appear to be food to the ants and are taken into the colony.

Baits work more slowly than Insect Mound Treatment (IMT) chemicals and will take 2 to 6 weeks to provide colony control. The baits kill the queen and the mound cannot continue to reproduce. Broadcast the bait on the landscape and lawn. Spectracide and Amdro are reasonably safe for use around pets, kids, and other animals. Others are Eliminator, Extinguish, Award and Logic. You can expect 80-95 percent control.

STEP 2: The second step is to treat the mounds with an IMT application, but I recommend waiting a few days after the bait treatment. Why? You want to give the fire ants time to bring the bait into the colony. Apply IMT quick knockdown products on and around the mound for a 3-foot radius. Most mound treatments are granular or powder and kill within hours to a few days. The best for me is **Sevendust**. Other products are Bayer Advanced, Orthene, and Spectracide.

Note: Dursban and Diazinon products are no longer sold but are listed in some publications. Remember, IMT applications do not eliminate the colony, but can knock it down fast.

You should use the following safety precautions.

- Wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants.
- Wear nonabsorbent disposable gloves.
- Wear a protective dust mask or respirator.
- Wear boots with pant cuffs outside.
- Wear safety goggles or glasses.
- Wash off skin with soap if bait contacts your skin.
- Wash clothing separately.
- Keep bait away from vegetable gardens, orchards, and food producing areas.
- Store baits in a cool, dry place.
- Always read labels and follow directions.

—By Derald Freeman

PRUNING PRACTICES, PERKS, AND 'PINIONS

Generally over three-fourths of the pruning in the landscape is done incorrectly or isn't needed at all. Often it is done by inexperienced homeowners or landscapers who have an idea of how something should look. The landscaping service often does more damage than the homeowner because they top off trees and cut off too much of shrubs. Few are trained. Ask for references.

To quote Douglas F. Welsh, Extension Horticulturist, "Proper pruning enhances the beauty of almost any landscape tree and shrub, while improper pruning can ruin or greatly reduce its landscape potential."

Plants are pruned to train the plant, to maintain plant health, to improve the quality of flowers, fruit, foliage or stems, and to restrict growth. Crape Myrtles, Wax Myrtles, Hollies, and others are often pruned to train a tree shape by cutting off the lower limbs.

Listed below are some of the award winning mistakes that are often made with comments on the correct way to do the job.

Pruning at the wrong time of the year.

Plants have their own seasons and all are not the same. Roses that bloom one time during the year are pruned after the blooming is over. The same is true for spring-flowering perennials, shrubs, and vines. Any pruning on these in the spring will remove the blooms. Evergreens, shade trees, fruit trees, and repeat blooming plants like roses are pruned from late winter to February.

Pruning cuts and stubs

When removing a large limb, over three inches, make a cut from 6-12 inches away from the trunk on the bottom side about half way through. Now make a cut on the top side about 3-4 inches further out on the limb. The weight of the limb will cause a fracture that will peel down to the bottom cut and break off there. This eliminates bark peels that would go down the trunk. Now cut the stub off about 1/4 inch from the collar on the trunk. Paint with non-lead

paint or tree-wound dressing if you wish.

Do not remove seed heads that remain after the blooming period. If the tree does not need them nature will take care of the task for you.

Pruning for height and size.

If you are constantly pruning that large shrub or small tree because it is too tall or wide well you planted the wrong specimen. Repeated pruning not only distorts the shape of the plant but also leaves exposed wounds that are subject to insect



infestation and disease. Topping off crape myrtles gives them a crew-top look and stubs that become knobs. Letting them grow naturally results in plants that look like trees instead of arthritic fingers. Repeated pruning causes a healthy plant to become deformed, weak, and often die.

Formal vs. natural landscaping

Some people like the formal look of plants and others the natural. It all depends on your landscape design and time. Formal design requires trimming every few weeks during the growing season to keep the appearance. This appeal can be accomplished by dwarf Yaupons and other small rounded plants that need no grooming at all. You still need to trim the tops of those Burford Hollies that grow in front of your windows to keep order in the appearance and to keep size under control.



The rule is "Think before you cut".

—by Derald Freeman



March Garden Tips

By Marilyn Sallee



Winter is definitely over. March 16th marks the average last killing freeze date for our area. But note that word "average" -- killing freezes can occur after this date.

PREPARE BEDS: It's time to prepare beds for planting warm-season flowers and vegetables. After clearing winter plantings or lifting perennials for dividing, prepare the bare soil for new growth. Work in several inches of organic material such as compost, pine bark, or sphagnum peat moss.

ANNUALS: In Tarrant County there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-doors when danger of frost is past. Try some of the following annuals as transplants: ageratums, cockscombs, fibrous rooted begonias, coreopsis, cosmos, cleomes, marigolds, nasturtiums, petunias, phlox, portulacas, salvias, sweet alyssums, sunflowers, and zinnias.

PERENNIALS: Divide existing clumps of fall-blooming perennials, such as chrysanthemums, autumn asters, Mexican marigold mint, and obedient plant. Separate the clumps into individual plants and set them 8-10" apart in groupings of 5 or more. Be sure to prepare the bed area well by spading in 3-5" of organic material into the top 8-10" of soil. For long lasting fertility add 3-5 pounds of cottonseed meal or slow release fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area



WEED KILLERS: Many trees and shrubs are damaged or killed each year by the careless application of weed killers, including those found in mixes of fertilizers and weed killers for lawns.

Always read and follow label directions very carefully. Don't let your favorite flowering shrub be a victim of your war on dandelions.

GROUND COVERS: Beds of ground covers, such as Asiatic jasmine, can be mowed or sheared back just as it comes out of dormancy to encourage new growth from the base.

PRUNING: Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering shrubs should stop in early March.

Spring-flowering shrubs bloom on last season's growth and should be pruned soon after they bloom.

This allows for vigorous summertime growth and results in plenty of flower buds the following year. Some examples of shrubs that bloom on last season's growth are: Redbud, Japanese Quince, Fringe Tree, all Forsythia species, Honeysuckle, Indian Hawthorn, Rambling Rose species, early white Spirea species, Viburnum species

Some shrubs that bloom after June usually do so from buds which are formed on shoots that grow the same spring. These shrubs should be pruned in late winter to promote vigorous shoot growth in spring. Examples of shrubs that bloom on current season's growth include: Abelia, Butterfly Bush, Shrub Althea, Saint-Johns-Wort, Crape Myrtle, Bush Rose, Chaste Tree

For complete information on pruning shrubs, consult the website

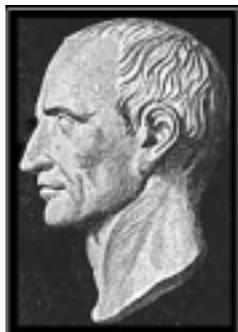
[Http://www.aggie.horticulture.tamu.edu](http://www.aggie.horticulture.tamu.edu)

EVENTS IN MARCH

March 9, 2008 - Sunday - Daylight saving time (DST) begins. We will move their clocks ahead one hour. From 1986 to 2006 this has been the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October, but starting in 2007, it is observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. To remember the setting on the clocks is to think "Spring forward, fall back".

March 15 - Saturday.

The soothsayer's warning to Julius Caesar, "Beware the Ides of March," has forever imbued that date with a sense of foreboding. But in Roman times it was simply the standard way of saying "March 15."



March 16 - Sunday - Palm Sunday.

March 17 - Monday - St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day is for the patron saint of Ireland who was born in Wales about AD 385. The day has been honored in America since the first days of the nation. Perhaps the most notable observance is the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City.



There is an ancient tradition, passed down through centuries of Irish lore, that leprechauns are the self-appointed guardians of ancient gold treasure left by the Danes who devastated England and Ireland eleven centuries ago. If caught by a mortal, so the legend goes, a leprechaun may offer to tell you where his hoard of gold is hidden in return for his freedom.

From the Irish come many notable quotes that we still use.

"One man's meat is another man's poison."

"The wearer best knows where the shoe pinches."

"If the cap doesn't fit, don't wear it."

"It is better to be lucky than rich."

"Long churning makes bad butter."

"It's no use boiling your cabbage twice."

"Every dog is brave on his own doorstep."

"A little dog can start a hare, but it takes a big one to catch it."

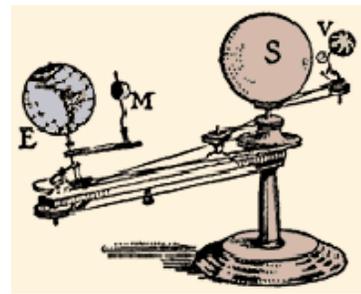
"Put silk on a goat and it is still a goat."

"Talk of the devil, and he will appear."

"Constant company wears out its welcome."

March 20 - Vernal Equinox.

Spring begins at precisely 8:07 P.M. EDT (March 21, 00:07 Universal Time), the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. This moment is known as the **vernal equinox** in the Northern Hemisphere. Translated literally, *equinox* means "equal night." Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinoxes.



March 21 - Good Friday.

The Friday before Easter.

March 23 - Easter Sunday.

It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or next after the vernal equinox and is therefore celebrated between March 22 and April 25 inclusive.

—the editor

Group's Boxes Help Win Hearts, Minds

By Samantha L. Quigley/American Forces Press Service

A U.S. service member helps a boy in Tikrit, Iraq, try on a new pair of shoes he received in a package from the Victory Boxes organization. Shoes are Victory Boxes' most requested item. Photo courtesy of Victory Boxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23, 2008 reports "Folks in the Lone Star State are doing their part to help troops in Iraq and Afghanistan win hearts and minds with 'Victory Boxes'."



"Our mission is to actively engage the American people to assist our military by having them send a service member a Victory Box containing goods needed by the Iraqi (and) Afghan people, primarily the children," said Mary Margaret Halleck, president of the Texas-based group called Victory Boxes.

The boxes contain a variety of items aimed at providing local citizens with practical, but not always attainable, goods. Those goods include hygiene, comfort and food items, and most importantly, they contain toys and school supplies for the children.

The Garden Council of Fort Worth and the Tarrant County Master Gardeners worked together to send 200 "Victory Gardening Totes that also contained seeds, gardening tools and gloves," Halleck said. "The fabric totes were ... sent to the commander of the Marine civil affairs (unit) in Ramadi, Iraq, in November 2007."

Another 200 garden-themed totes are being assembled for shipment to Kabul, Afghanistan, next month.

Selected service members distribute them to orphanages, schools and hospitals in areas hardest hit by conflict, Halleck said.

In an effort to reach out to the local population, a colonel and his team in Kabul have adopted three orphanages. "They have purchased hand-crank sewing machines to help the children learn to sew," Halleck said. "We send him lots of fabric and sewing supplies."

"(Army) Sgt. David Padron, just home from Baghdad, wrote and thanked me for sending him the Victory Boxes," Halleck said. "He said it helped him and his men keep a humanitarian look at things and, in the end, it helped them not only get information they needed from the people, but it really put smiles on the faces of the people for them to know these things came from the American people."

"I am hoping with Victory Boxes as a (supporter) of America Supports You, the Victory Box will be introduced to many more people," Halleck said.

Gardening Items for Afghanistan

The second batch of 200 Victory Gardening Totes will soon be arriving in Kabul, Afghanistan. There the team of soldiers at Camp Phoenix will hand the little children a seed of hope along with these totes. The children who receive so little will be full of awe and wonder just like our children who open their Christmas Stockings. Please keep us in mind as we need 200 gardening tools, hand towels and bars of soap to supplement the April gardening totes.

So remember to bring these items to the March meeting.

—Mary Margaret Halleck

TCMGA FIELD TRIP— We're Going to Austin!



We have two fabulous destinations – the **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** and the **Natural Gardener** nursery. The date is Wednesday, May 21st.

The Wildflower Center, which emphasizes the importance of native plants, encompasses 279 acres that include beautiful theme gardens, wildflower meadows, ecology research plots, hiking trails and a rainwater collection system. You will learn about the sustainable use and conservation of native wildflowers, plants, and landscapes as you explore at your leisure. Then we will have box lunches waiting to enjoy while enjoying the grounds. You can shop in the store for art, books, apparel and children's toys, all with a nature theme.

The second stop is John Dromgoole's Natural Gardener. Here you will learn about organic, time-tested gardening practices and see many

demonstration areas, including an herb garden, vegetable gardens, orchard/vineyard, butterfly garden and Xeriscape. You can even walk the labyrinth. The garden shop offers native and adapted plants.

Yes, this is a **bus trip**. We will leave the Resource Connection parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. The total cost for the day is \$30.00, including bus, entrance fee to the Wildflower Center and lunch. **We must have a minimum of 40 people.**

Reservations taken at the March and April meetings for TCMGA members only. If any seats remain open after April 25th, we can take reservations for spouses and friends. Checks or cash only please. So start planning now. Any questions? Contact:

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APRIL PLANT SALE

Southside Preservation Hall is asking for some volunteer Master Gardeners for the plant sale on April 24-26, Thursday-Saturday. This would be non-certified hours per Steve. Call Vonne Bourke, MG, @ 817-738-3132 if you are interested.

QUART-GALLON POTS NEEDED

The Grapevine Garden Club "Diggers" are in need of gallon and quart pots to put our heritage plants in for our sale in April. These pots are the kind used by nurseries for plants. E-mail Joyce Quam at jarquam@sbcglobal.net and we'll arrange pick-up.

MARCH SALES

Don't forget to bring money to the March meeting.

Caladium Sales: Caladiums may be ordered at the March TCMGA meeting. This will be the last opportunity to order.

Fertilizer Sales: Orders will be taken for the 100% nitrogen fertilizer. Pay at the March meeting and pick up at the April meeting.

Vendor Tables: Vendor tables will be available at the March meeting at a cost of \$15.00 per table. Reserve your table/tables by calling Bill Hall at 817-737-9890 by March 10th. (Please do not call before 10:00am)

Bill R Hall, Ways and Means Committee
 817-737-9890

RESOURCE CONNECTION COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

In our on-going attempt to keep TCMGA members up-to-date on what is happening and planned at the Community Garden, Nancy Curl, Greenhouse Project Leader for TCMGA, has provided the following information on the greenhouse. The goal is to have the greenhouse up and running by spring.

To date, the following has been accomplished:

- A foundation and a cinder block stem wall has been built for the side walls.
- The greenhouse has been placed in the cinder blocks and cemented.
- The ground has been trenched to run water lines to the greenhouse.

Future plans for the greenhouse include:

- Run PVC pipes for water, and trench and run electrical conduit for electricity.
- Lay a foundation for the ends of the greenhouse
- Install fiberglass sheets on the ends and doors on either end then complete the sides
- Install water faucets on the interior
- Lay weed block on the entire floor and lay cinder block caps for walk-ways
- Set up potting tables
- Install circulation fans, exhaust fans, cooling system, heaters and misters.

The some of the short-term and long-term plans for using the greenhouse are:

- Holding propagation classes for the public and TCMGA groups
- Holding classes on greenhouse management
- Provide a location for classes for the TCU students and hopefully many future projects!

—Judy Butler



Birthdays for this month

- 3- 1 Debbie Mims, Susan Haynes, Betsy Norman, and Linda Fogle
- 3-4 Robbie Crawford and Billy Joe Gabriel
- 3-5 Jody Morris and Charlotte Krystinik
- 3-6 Moira Brunken
- 3-10 Susan Miller and Kay Lewis
- 3-11 Samantha Hosti
- 3-12 Bob Ross and Emily Ward
- 3-14 Pat Oliver
- 3-15 Millie Ruby
- 3-16 Peg Surber
- 3-17 Judy Melton and Susanne Mills
- 3-26 Sharon Nice and Marshall Harris
- 3-28 Jo Ann Perdue
- 3-29 Susan Stanek and Bernice Ramsbottom
- 3-31 Jo Poppelreiter and Kim Freeman

—by LaVonne Nowlin
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Bring Money for MG Plant Sale at April Monthly Meeting

In April there will be the Victory Box Plant Sale. If you have grown any extra plants or have some you can dig up and donate to help us raise money for the sale we could really use them. We also can use one gallon pots.

Bring MONEY to buy things at the Victory Box table! Any donation of over \$50 can be submitted to Victory Boxes for a tax Receipt towards 2008 taxes.

Thank you all for making such a difference in the lives of our soldiers and the children they want to help.

—Mary Margaret Halleck 817-251-1201

Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
311 BG Perennial Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Cindy Woelke	817-421-4201
312 BG 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
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
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TCU students:	Pat Higgins, Ragdollpatb@sbcglobal.net		817-294-2414
Greenhouse:	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Compost:	Charles Shiner, mcshiner@sbcglobal.net		817-488-6123
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Herb Garden:	Rita Hottel, aescom@charter.net		817-295-2883
Orchard and Berry	Renee Beckum jrbeckum@sbcglobal.net		214-914-6597
401 Composting Demo	1 st Sat. 2 nd Sat.	Don Graves Charlie Shiner	817-465-1667 817-448-6123
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 2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
406 Veterans Park-Wildscape	1st Sat, 9-12 Tues 1-3:30 p.m.	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598
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

Feb 29—Mar 2	Neil Sperry Home & Garden Show
Mar 13	Monthly MG meeting (2nd Thursday instead of 1st Thursday)
Mar 14-16	Will Rogers Home & Garden Show
Apr 5	Earth-Kind Rose Symposium—Cleburne
Apr 11	JMG Advisory Board Meeting
Apr 19-20	Chamblee's Rose Adventure—Tyler
Apr 24-26	Master Gardener State Conference in Conroe www.texasmastergardenerconference.com
May 5-7	Pizza Ranch
May 13	Interpretation of TCMGA Community Garden for Tarrant County Commissioners Court
May 19-21	Waterama
Jun 18-20	Southern Regional MG Conference—Oklahoma City, OK



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