

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.

THE SOOTY MOLD ON CRAPE MYRTLES COMES FROM APHIDS

Crape myrtle, *Lagerstroemia indica* L., is an exotic ornamental plant introduced to the U.S. from Asia. Its beautiful summer flowers and interesting growth have made it one of the most popular ornamental plants in the southern U.S. and grows in USDA Hardiness Zones 7-10. It has summer blooms available in colors of red, pink, white, purple or lavender. Powdery mildew is the only disease of any consequence.

The crape myrtle aphid, *Tinocallis kahawaluokalani* (Kirkaldy), is the most prominent insect pest in the mid and lower South. Crape myrtle aphid is host specific to crape myrtle so it does not feed on any other plants. These aphids reach high populations during mid summer. They excrete honeydew copiously as they feed on the plant sap, which in turn serves as food for the fungus, sooty mold. Sooty mold colors crape myrtle foliage and the wood black, prompting many people to apply insecticidal controls for the aphids. STOP and consider the following before you control the aphids! Black sooty mold is not a disease; it is a secondary result of an insect infestation. These sap-sucking aphids, mealybugs, scale, leafhoppers and sharpshooters use their hypodermic like mouthparts to puncture and extract the sweet, sugary juices of the plant. The insects absorb what they need and excrete the rest. The excretion is still a sweet, sugary substance that deposits on the leaf and stem.

Aphids and their sugar-laden honeydew on crape myrtles serve as food for twenty to thirty species of beneficial insect predators (good bugs that feed on other bad bugs) and countless bees and wasps. The crape myrtle flowers also attract and provide nectar and pollen to many important pollinating bees.

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FROM AROUND THE CORNER



President's Notepad

I have some important stuff to tell you this month. By the time you are reading this, I should be in Paris. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the May meeting but it should be a good one. If you are certified and want to have a say in who nominates our next group of officers, be sure to attend the May meeting. If you are an Intern, this will be a great way to see our election process.

At the last meeting we were given a slate of four nominees for the Nominations Committee and received one nomination from the floor. The nominations for this committee are closed. You will be voting on your four (4) choices at the May meeting. Rather than printing a ballot in this newsletter it seems much easier to just bring the ballots to the meeting and only publish the names of all the nominees. Since we don't know who will bring a ballot and who won't, we will have to print enough for all certified members anyway. Also some members like to keep their newsletters for reference. So, we will print the ballots and bring them to the meeting. The nominees are:

Ginger Bason, Sharon Chastain, Marietta Kane, Charlie Shiner, Susan Stanek

The other item you will be voting on is changing the scholarship to include recipients outside of Tarrant County Master Gardeners. Those outside recipients must be enrolled in Horticultural classes and may apply for a scholarship up to \$1000. There is currently \$2000 in the budget for Specialist and Advance Training; this

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May 1, 2008 Monthly Program

The beautiful program by Gailon Hardin and Bill Hopkins was enough to convince the most staunch holdout that there is something to this idea of 'going native'. And didn't you love the video of seeing a prairie come to life? What more timely information as the wildflowers will be a bloomin' as you read this newsletter.

Big thanks and a 'job well done' to the projects who displayed their boards and gave us an update in the afternoon.

Union Gospel Mission – Gay Larson,
FWBG Children's Garden – Susan Miller
and Thistle Hill – Emily Ward.

The interns enjoyed learning about the projects and the rest of us enjoyed seeing the progress you have made since your last update. We will definitely do this again in the fall with other projects.

Our speaker for May will be Justin Allison. The program will be Landscaping with Native Plants and Xeriscaping. Justin's first career was with BRIT and he has recently begun his second career as an independent landscape consultant.

9:30-10:00	Sign in and coffee
10:00-11:00	Landscaping with Native Plants
11:00-12:00	Business meeting and snack lunch
12:00-1:00	Native Plants and Xeriscaping

— Susan Stanek, 1st VP Programs

Tarrant County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes April 3, 2007

The program was on Wildflowers by Tarrant County Master Gardener, Gailon Hardin. President Tammy Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. A total of 218 Master Gardeners and Interns were in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Total Income:	\$6,286.15
Total Expenses:	-4,222.15
Checking Acct:	12,128.64
Savings Acct:	18,828.07
Total Assets:	\$33,020.71

Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Carl Trehus reported that new Federal rules now require that TCMGA file a tax return. The TCMGA Executive Board will seek professional help in filing both the 2006 and 2007 taxes. Motion made, seconded, and carried to allow the Board to do so.

Also, Carl stated that he will bring all reports to the monthly meetings for the perusal of members. A complete quarterly report will be published in the *Sharecropper*. Certificates of Deposits were closed and will go into a Money Market account at the new bank, Compass Bank. Carl is in the process of resolving the various Employer Numbers given to the bank accounts over the years. Carl recommends maintaining a reserve amount equal with our organization's annual expenses.

Nominating Committee

President Edwards submitted the following for appointment to the Nominating Committee:

Chair: Ben Oefinger; Ginger Bason, Marietta Kane, Charlie Shiner, and Susan Stanek.

President Edwards called for nominations from the floor. Sharon Chastain was nominated from the floor. Due to five members of the committee exceeding the number allowed in the Bylaws, Parliamentarian Edith Pewitt stated that a written vote is required to select four of the five nominees. Motion made, seconded, and carried to postpone the written vote to the May 1 meeting.

Motion made to change the bylaws to five Nominating Committee members failed to get a second, so the motion died.

Scholarships:

- Judy Butler, Scholarship Chair, asked that the TCMGA Scholarships be reopened to persons

outside of TCMGA who are studying Horticulture related subjects in the amount of up to \$1000.

- It was pointed out that Scholarship was not in the 2008 TCMGA Budget. Therefore the discussion was tabled until the May Meeting.
- TCMGA Executive Board will discuss and then present a revised Budget.

Announcements:

- Steve Chaney distributed shoulder bags from Tarrant County as a token of its appreciation for the work of the members of TCMGA.
- Contact Carolyn Barnard or Tammy Edwards if you need to change your office phone sign-up.
- Vendor tables will be available two times each year at \$10 per table. See Susan Stanek. Also, if your TCMGA group needs a table for display purposes, see Susan Stanek.
- During the meeting, three TCMGA Projects had displays and brief oral presentations were made: Thistle Hill, Union Gospel Mission, and Trial Garden at FWBG.
- The Austin Tour bus is full with a waiting list, see Kay Gunn.

Steve Chaney announced

- Laura Miller is the new Horticulture Agent and interviews are taking place for a new Administrative Assistant.
- TCMGA members worked 47,105 hours. There are 336 TCMGA members. There were 640 speaking engagements and 4,200 phone calls were answered by Master Gardeners at the office.
- Sign-up for Pizza Ranch was available at the Secretary's table.
- New Time Sheets, Project Renewal Forms, lapel shovels, Directories, and membership cards were available.
- Members were reminded that The Community Garden is beautiful, and to take a look on the way home.
- The MG office construction work will be completed in the next 2 weeks and will be ready for moving back to the 5th floor.
- A reminder that the Campus Drive speed limit is 20 mph.
- An Enabling Committee meeting in Classroom B was held.

— Submitted by Secretary Joyce Quam

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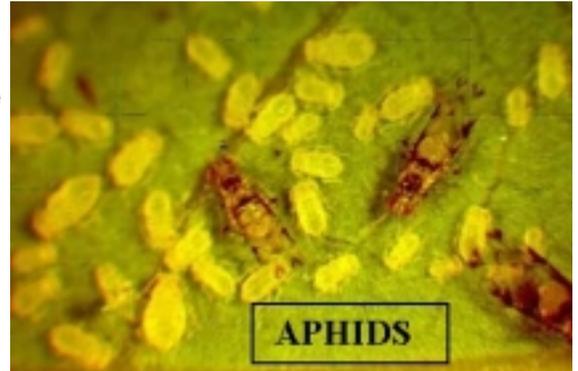
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Crape myrtle and its aphids attract these beneficial parasites and predators to crape myrtle and other plants in the surrounding area. The large numbers of aphids encourage the beneficials to remain in the area.



Sooty mold appears as a black film or powdery coating on leaves and stems. The blackened plant parts are often the most obvious sign of aphid infestation. When this is seen, check the undersides of leaves and if aphids are present, you will see many of these small yellow or greenish insects. Although it is unsightly, sooty mold itself does not directly harm the crape myrtle. This layer of black fungus can however shade the leaves and interfere with photosynthesis. When plants are under heavy aphid infestation there is a potential for reducing long term vigor.

Once there are no more aphids present to provide honeydew, this black layer will break down through the actions of sun, rain and wind. Sprays containing insecticidal soap or ultra-fine spray oil for aphid control also help to loosen and remove sooty mold.

—by Derald Freeman

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is the scholarship money. For the past three years, at least, there have not been any requests from members that completed specialist training, been certified in the specialist field and then applied for a scholarship. Judy Butler, as head of the Scholarship Committee, has asked for this change. If this passes, the committee will contact local colleges to make sure the Horticultural Departments know about the funds.

I would say I will be missing you all, but I'm pretty sure I'll be sitting at an outdoor café with my 11 friends drinking a glass of wine. Perhaps we'll give a cheer for you. I am so pleased by the large turnout for our monthly meetings. Keep up the good work.

—Tammy Edwards

On the border of Pakistan/Afghanistan...

On the border of Pakistan/Afghanistan sits a small town called Salerno. This is a small base camp with many brave Americans who are making all of us look good. In a unit of 200, LCDR Alexander Harper works with many to help train the Afghanistan Army in logistics, engineering and supply. Here is part of an email I received from LCDR Harper:

"I just received a second letter from you today about Victory Boxes. I think I replied to you earlier, but things got a little crazy around here around the time of that letter. We received two rocket attacks in as many nights, followed a few days later by my convoy being hit by a rather misguided fellow driving a car bomb. No Americans were seriously hurt in any of those attacks, but several local adults and two young children were killed. Lately, there has been a very odd, and tragic, trend in Taliban attacks- it seems the locals are being hurt and killed with alarming regularity. I can't imagine a time when Victory Boxes would be more needed or more welcome. I usually serve as the turret gunner when convoying from base to base around here. While many



discourage the practice, I often throw juice boxes, granola bars, or nuts to the many, many impoverished children I see lining the roadways. Even that small of a thing really seems to make a difference."

I don't have a tally on the last of the Victory Totes that will be mailed in April but we will push out more this month - then it will be too hot there (and here!) and while we could still collect things for the totes perhaps I could ask everyone to bring a can of food and I will ship them to LCDR Harper?

I can't thank you enough for all you've done!

—Mary Margaret Halleck
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MAY GARDEN TIPS



May is your last chance to get in some showy flowers before the heat of summer hits. It is a good time to tidy up the corners of your yard and take a good look at how things are growing.

Planting & propagating:

May is the time to plant caladium tubers, impatiens, coleus, begonias, and pentas in well-prepared shady areas. Set out plants of hybrid portulaca (purslane) in sunny areas. Make cuttings of your favorite colors of portulaca or your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss. Cover cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for 5 or 6 days to prevent wilting.

It is not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles, and gourds. Achimenes, cannas, dahlias, and other summer-flowering bulbs can also be planted in May.

Tidying up:

Take a walk through your yard to enjoy the garden and visit your flowerbeds with an eye for fine-tuning. Replace or replenish mulch materials in flowerbeds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth. Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, well-branched plants with more flowers. Check for insects and diseases. Destroy badly infested plants. Aphids and spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control, or use insecticidal soap.

The daffodils, narcissus and other spring-blooming flower have finished their show,

but allow the foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to mature and yellow in the beds. This allows the plant to store energy for next year's blooms. You can tie up bundles of the leaves with a pretty yellow ribbon for garden interest.



Prune climbing roses as they complete their spring bloom season. Remove dead or weak wood as needed. Continue to fertilize roses every four to six weeks with small amounts of a balanced fertilizer.

Continued care & planning

Now is the time to look at your garden as it approaches its peak. What is working and what needs to be fine-tuned or changed entirely. Take photos and make notes of how you think it can be better arranged, what needs to be cut back or removed. Keep a look out for possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members.

Mulch-mulch-mulch

As the heat of summer approaches, soil moisture becomes essential for good plant display. Water is a precious resource, so it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. A good mulch will retain essential moisture, act as food for the plants, keep the soil cooler, and improve overall gardening success. Apply mulch 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. As the mulch decays it releases nutrients slowing for plant roots to take up.

—By Marilyn Sallee

EVENTS IN MAY

May 1—Thursday.

May Day is a celebration of Spring. May Day has a long and notable history as one of the world's principal festivals.

The origin of the May Day dates back more than 2000 years. And like many ancient festivals it too has a Pagan connection.

For the Druids of the British Isles, May 1 was the second most important holiday of the year, because it was when the festival of Beltane was held. It was thought that the day divides the year into half. The May Day custom was the setting of new fire and the fire itself was thought to lend life to the burgeoning spring-time sun. Men, with their sweethearts, passed through the smoke to bring good luck. By the Middle Ages every English village had its Maypole. The bringing in of the Maypole from the woods was a great occasion and was accompanied by much rejoicing and merrymaking. The Maypoles were of all sizes. And one village would vie with another to show who could produce the tallest Maypole.



May 5—Monday.

Cinco de Mayo.

May 11—Second Sunday in May.

Mother's Day: The custom of honoring mothers goes back at least as far as 17th-century England, which celebrated (and still celebrates) Mothering Sunday.

In the United States it originated in 1872 with Julia Ward Howe, a writer, abolitionist, and suffragist who wrote the words to "Battle Hymn of the Republic."



May 17—Third Saturday in May.

Armed Forces Day. Each branch of the military had their own day of celebration, but on August 31, 1949 Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day.



President Harry Truman also announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation on February 20, 1950. All branches of the military were asked to celebrate on this day and they complied on the first Armed Forces Day which was held the following year on May 20, 1950.

May 26—Last Monday in May.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, originated in 1868. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.



Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

May 27—Tuesday.

Pentecost is an important Jewish and Christian feast.

—by the editor

THE WILDSCAPE AT VETERANS PARK, ARLINGTON

Veterans Park is located in west central Arlington at 3600 W. Arkansas Lane, Arlington, and consists of 103 acres. Within Veterans Park is an environmental project for Master Gardeners known as the Wildscape. The four acre area includes all of the ecosystems: woodland, seasonal wetland, riparian (creek), and mini-prairie. There is also a butterfly, hummingbird, and songbird garden. Trails throughout the Wildscape are either paved or covered with woodchips. Several kiosks are on display to give directions and describe what to see in the Park. A covered pavilion is a favorite resting place for visitors and volunteers. Compost bins are set in one area for compost demonstrations. Classes taught by Master Gardeners and/or Master Composters are taught once a month. These sessions are open to the public. The resulting compost is used in the Wildscape.

In 1995, a half acre of the Park was designated as the Wildscape. The original plan for the site was created with assistance from Landscape Architect Rosa Finley. In 2005, this area officially became known as the Molly Hollar Wildscape.

The mission of the Park is to educate the community in the use of native plants to: conserve resources, attract wildlife, and connect with nature. From personal experience, I can verify that there is a lot of wildlife. It is not unusual to see a roadrunner (who hardly resembles the cartoon character of the same name), dragonflies, birds, rabbits, squirrels, anole lizards, turtles, and snakes. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has designated this area as a Wildlife Habitat Demonstration Site.

One sign at the front of the garden perfectly describes the desire to preserve the Park in its natural state.

“Leave No Trace—
Tread lightly, leaving only footprints, taking only photographs and memories.”

Molly Hollar, who celebrated her 80th birthday in February, continues to supervise the Wildscape. All of the plants used in the landscape are native Texas plants. They need half of the water usage required by exotic plants. In Arlington, there is a year-round watering restriction, so native grasses, wildflowers, inland sea oats, coralberry, and wild rye (just to name a few) are used to conserve water. Volunteers take indigenous plants from the Park, as well as collected seeds and cuttings, to the Parks Department’s Greenhouse at the back of Randol Mill Park in north Arlington. At the Greenhouse, these plants are grown to be returned to the Wildscape landscape. Some of the surplus has been sold at plant sales to benefit the Park. Master Gardeners have been involved in these sales. It has given our organization the opportunity to educate the public about native plants. Master Gardeners can volunteer at the Greenhouse on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. They can also work in the Wildscape on the first Saturday of the month or every Tuesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Hours are subject to change in summer months due to the Texas heat.

There are few locations in our urban sprawl that have retained their connection with nature. The Wildscape is such a place. Whether you visit it as a volunteer or a nature lover, come and “walk on the wild side.”

—Submitted by Jo Poppelreiter

Who are the Volunteers?



Volunteers are people who give up much of their time for the benefit and pleasure of others. They are not reimbursed monetarily. They reap the benefits of knowing they are helping others but sometimes that is lost in the myriad of seemingly meaningless duties that they perform from habit.

Their job is to provide their contribution, repeated month after month, and often without praise. The little amount of praise they receive is savored like a mint left on the bed pillow and sometimes brings a tear to their eye to know that somebody recognized their efforts.

Some ways that have been used to show appreciation are trivial, but meaningful.

- Put a survival kit (a band-aid, coffee packet, pacifier, etc) together and present it to a particularly harried volunteer as a perk up.
- Leave candy kisses with a humorous card at their desk or table with their name on it.
- Name the coffee pot each month after a volunteer who has "served" us well.

The people who make the coffee, bring the cups, set up tables, arrange the food, those who see that the vendors are in the right place, arrange the monthly program (try just one time getting speakers to a meeting), get people signed in at each monthly meeting, do the raffles and see that people are greeted are all important and should be acknowledged.

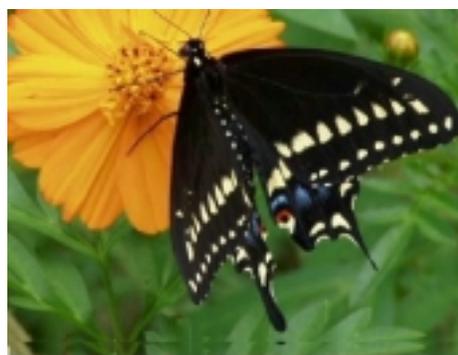
Other people meet with the advisory board, contribute to the newsletter and help get it published and delivered, find speakers for garden clubs, manage the finances, membership, organize and work at the demonstration garden and all the other projects, and do all the other work that is never seen by members. They are no less appreciated.

Let's declare May a "Volunteer Appreciation Month" and just a mere "Thank-You" will do.

--The Editor

March Butterfly Beauties

It was a dark and stormy day all day. Rain and more rain. But lots of enthusiastic Botanic Garden volunteers (including many MGs) enjoyed the equally enthusiastic visitors of the famous Fort Worth Butterflies in the Garden. The staff and volunteers are to be commended for their hard work, courtesy, and nature's gift of butterflies from around the world.



On my first day of work I asked the outgoing visitors what they enjoyed the most. One very enthusiastic 6-year old named Travis said he didn't want to go home—he wanted to stay there and watch the butterflies and his personal favorite, the catfish. A daughter and her elderly mother also didn't want to leave. The mother said she could stay all day and watch the butterflies. A number of visitors commented on the beauty of the plants in the conservatory. Others with disabilities remarked on the new walkways. A five-year old celebrated her birthday with her friends "dressing up" as butterflies. Several families braved the rain to visit the Fuller Garden. Many visiting adults enjoyed the beautiful display boards and wanted to learn more.

When the net cage was brought into the conservatory with the about to be released new butterflies, everyone was excited. What a great educational gift to the community.

—by Pat Durda

GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Spring has sprung and bulbs are blooming at Grapevine Botanical Gardens. Many volunteer opportunities are available this time of year. Docent training is scheduled on Tuesday, April 15. This is a great time for new docents to begin work in our gardens and current docents should attend to update their books with recent changes. We will meet at the Mitchell House at the Gardens on 411 Wall St., Grapevine. Please RSVP to Shari Stanfield as we would like an estimate of those attending. Negative replies would also be appreciated.

Several youth tours are scheduled next week April 8 – 10. They will have an “Adventure Tour” and story time in the Pe-witt Educational Pavilion.

Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:00 – 12:00 are scheduled workdays to change out the color bed annuals.

“Saturdays in the Garden” will be scheduled throughout the summer. We would like to have two gardeners each Saturday from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 to answer questions from the visitors.

The new “Compost Corral” will be dedicated on April 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Shari Stanfield by phone or email. Hope to see many of you soon.

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Birthdays for this month

- 5-2 Jackie Peel and Blas Villarreal
- 5-3 Carl Trehus
- 5-5 Amanda Kowalski
- 5-6 Taylor Stephens-Parker
- 5-8 Joe Sanders and Maureen Gonzalez
- 5-9 Joan Schmidt and Lynn Hayes,
- 5-12 Judy Ratzlaff and Pat Higgins
- 5-15 Janice Beavers
- 5-25 Imelda Castro and Susan Cullen
- 5-27 Judith Kelly
- 5-28 Gay Larson
- 5-29 Linda Witherspoon
- 5-31 Joyce Colgrove

—by LaVonne Nowlin
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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

It was great to see some of the new Master Gardeners at the Landscape Design Course at College Station on Feb.18-19, 2008. Attendees included Susan Dimaline, Debbie Patriquin, Leeann Wilhelmi, Larry and Mary Matl, Jackie Peel, Laura Hunter and Emily Ward.

—by Emily Ward

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 9 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)		
Barn beds:	Charlotte Berck, wrberck@peoplepc.com		817-426-6417
Compost:	Charles Shiner, mcshiner@sbcglobal.net		817-488-6123
Enabling beds:	Tom Scott, trutexen@aol.com		940-433-2601
Greenhouse:	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Herb Garden:	Rita Hottel, aescom@charter.net		817-295-2883
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401 Composting Demo	1 st Sat.	Don Graves	817-465-1667
	2 nd Sat.	Charlie Shiner	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
	3 rd Sat, 8:30 a.m.		
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		
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

May 5-7	Pizza Ranch
May 13	Interpretation of TCMGA Community Garden for
May 19-21	Waterama
May 21	Bus trip to Austin to Lady Bird Wildflower Center
June 11	Field Trip on Garden Water Features
Jun 18-20	Southern Regional MG Conference—Oklahoma City, OK



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