

Tarrant County Master Gardeners



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Durham Intermediate

Hi Lorie!

Just wanted to forward some photos from Durham Intermediate. A small group of us is still working in the garden Thursdays from 9-11am. The garden is glorious and we are taking advantage of some extra time to clean up the arbor and plant many new perennials which we are bringing in from other gardens. Even though we have no students, we will be harvesting our annual potato crop May 28 which will include weighing of 4 different types of potatoes to determine the yield from when we planted back in February.

We also have a 12 foot Agave bloom that we call our “quarantine bloom” because it started in early April. It continues to grow taller each week!

Sian

A note from the Editor:

This month we’re continuing with letting each other know how and what we’re doing during this time of “coronacation.”



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Durham Intermediate photos continued



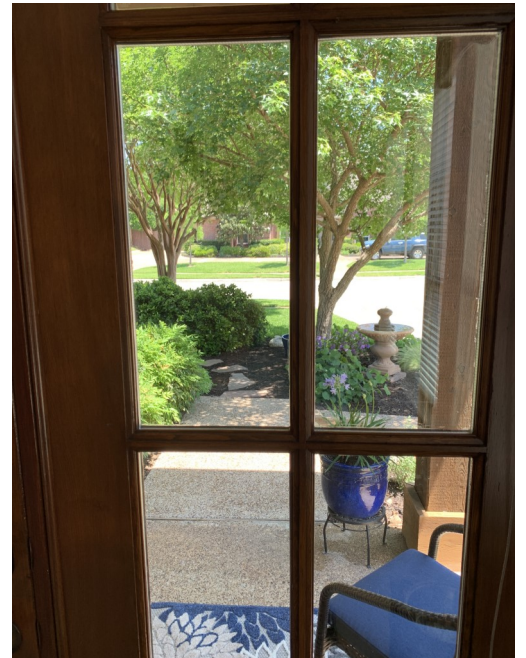
Staying at Home

A Fresh Start at My Kitchen Porch
By Donna Detzel

Welcome to my kitchen porch--where it's all happening! It's the site of pick-ups and drop-offs, friends and neighbors dropping by. The staging area for walks with my two 80 lb. Goldens. Where I wait for my sons to come home from college or my neighbor's son to bring his new puppy for a visit. It's where bunnies come for dinner and toddlers come to walk the stone path. We eat dinner at our kitchen table each night while watching the same blue jay flap his wings in the fountain outside the door.

For years our covered kitchen porch seemed lackluster, despite the typical chair and potted plants. Finally, I have a light-bulb moment! I refinish the stained ranch style double door, clean the windows and light fixtures and purchase a half-price indoor-outdoor Target rug to ground the space. That rug defines the blue/grey/tan color scheme. I pot a small Gingko tree with various plants sitting about, a neighbor's gift of agapanthus, my MG caladiums, a fan flower and a navy Sunbrella cushion from Costco. It all pops against the white Austin stone. I breathe a sigh of relief.

I should have taken a hint from the blue jay!



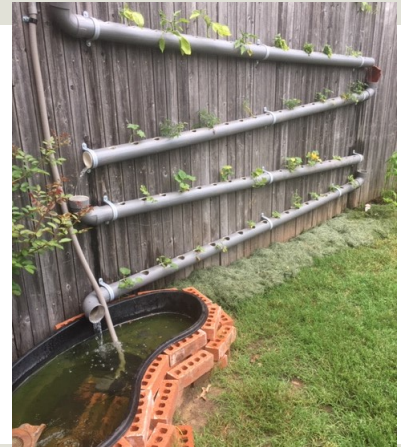
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Good morning.

My son and I have been working on a hydroponic, and when we get some fish, an aquaponics garden during this stay at home time.

Cindi Jenkins



Isn't it fun when we walk around our gardens and are reminded of our friends and loved ones all over the place? Whether it is Aunt Maxine's iris, Nancy's daffodils, or Marie-Jose's bee balm, our gardens are memory havens.

Lorie Grandclair-Diaz



This is my Wanda Stutzman & Margaret Shuping curve in the path. The spotted Manfredi came from Margaret. The bonsai crepe myrtle, cranes, and rusty birdbath came from Wanda's digging and scrounging.

The bee balm came from Marie-Jose Smith.

Staying at Home

Attached is a copy of a bit written by Marilyn Sallee—she is a former member who moved to Wisconsin! These days, I think so many of us are thinking about things that are really important to us. This piece approaches that subject from a very unique angle, I think!!

Use if you choose!

ET (Eleanor Tuck for those of you who don't know. LOL)

The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Beers

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you."

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you asked. The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend."

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Garden Delights

These are pictures of the Southwest Regional Demo Garden (Hulen) taken this week.

I will work on my things tomorrow.

Theresa (Thomas)



Content for the next 7 pages was provided by Theresa Thomas.

Hardy Hibiscus



(Including Confederate Rose, *Hibiscus Mutabilis*)

By Dr. William` C. Welch Professor and Landscape Horticulturist Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
Sharecropper, June 2006

The giant rose mallow has the largest flowers of any hardy perennial. Some of the hybrids may be one foot in diameter. Rich, moist soil and full sun bring the most vigorous growth, but mallows are very accommodating, and will tolerate light shade and less desirable soils. Giant rose mallows will flower from seed the first year if started very early in spring. Favorite cultivars may be rooted from cuttings during the growing season. Colors range from crimson, white, pink, rose, and in-between.

Giant rose mallows are relatives of the native hibiscus found in Louisiana and other Gulf South states. They are among the most spectacular and easily grown plants for use in the border. The plants freeze back to the ground each fall following the spring and summer growing season. Old stems should be cut back to a height several inches above the ground. New shoots emerge by mid-spring, and the plants quickly develop handsome mounds of foliage and flowers by early summer. Individual flowers last only a day, but each plant may flaunt several flowers at once. Numerous seedling selections, such as 'Southern Belle' and 'Frisbee' are offered in good seed catalogs. Few garden plants provide so much enjoyment for so little care.

Seeds of giant rose mallows are available from catalogs, while container-grown plants are usually in stock at Texas garden centers and nurseries. Color selection is possible when you purchase blooming-size plants. If growing giant rose mallows from seed, it is important to start them early in the season so that they will have adequate time to develop before freezing weather sets in.

Hibiscus Mutabilis is an old-fashioned perennial or shrub hibiscus better known as the Confederate rose. It tends to be shrubby or treelike in Zones 9 and 10, though it behaves more like a perennial further north. Flowers are double and are 4 to 6 inches in diameter; they open white or pink and change to deep red by evening. The 'Rubra' variety has red flowers. Bloom season usually lasts from summer through fall. Propagation by cuttings root easiest in early spring, but cuttings can be taken at almost any time. When it does not freeze, the Confederate rose can reach heights of 12 to 15 feet with a woody trunk; however, a multi-trunk bush 6 to 8 feet tall is more typical. Once a very common plant throughout the South, Confederate rose is an interesting and attractive plant that grows in full sun or partial shade, and prefers rich, well-drained soil.

Hibiscus coccineus is better known as the Texas Star Hibiscus. It has large, single, red flowers about 3 to 4 inches in diameter that appear atop branches of palmate lobed leaves with three to seven segments. Culture is very easy, with well-drained soil, an annual application of fertilizer in spring or early summer, and a sunny location being most important. Texas Star Hibiscus may be propagated from seed or cuttings. Mulching the plants in wintertime prevents root injury during very cold weather. Old stems, if they freeze, should be pruned back to the ground in early spring. Even if frost damage has not occurred, it is still a good idea to prune back and shape the plants before growth begins.

Consider hardy types of hibiscus for the back of flower borders where their impressive flowers can appear over other summer flowering plants. Some gardeners and landscape professionals plant daylilies, lantana, gomphrena, zinnias, portulaca, purslane, celosias or other summer annuals and perennials in front of their hardy hibiscus groupings.

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Sun Safety

By Patsy Miller
Sharecropper, June 2015

Master Gardeners spend a lot of time in the sun whether it is in our own gardens or volunteering in another. For most of us, we enjoy being outdoors and watching how sun, water and proper care make things grow. But while the sun is a friend to plants, it can be the enemy to gardeners. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, says the American Cancer Society, diagnosed more often than all other cancers combined. Since most skin cancer is caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays – mostly from the sun -- it is important to limit our exposure to sunlight.

Leeann Rosenthal, project lead at Fitzgerald Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment, has learned this truth first hand. Like many of us, she *usually wore a hat and sometimes slathered on sun screen – but not regularly or diligently. Recently diagnosed with skin cancer, she has become intent on telling everyone – including the students in her Fitzgerald Garden Club and her MG volunteers –about the importance of sun safety.* Leeann says she is continually exposed to two kinds of sun exposure. A member of three tennis teams, she is exposed to the sun from above and reflective sun from the tennis court. Plus she spends many hours a week in her own garden and in the OLE at Fitzgerald, where the sun also reflects off the crushed granite pathways. Her first warning was a spot on her leg which would catch as she shaved. Despite pre- cautions, it just wouldn't heal. Also, a mole had changed and itched. She had raw spots on her face and hands that were suspicious. She did some research on the Internet and made an appointment with a dermatologist. "He checked me thoroughly and oddly some of the spots I thought were suspicious, were OK. He was more concerned with tiny bumps on my neck that I could barely see," she stated.

Leeann did have precancerous and cancerous areas on her skin and was prescribed chemotherapy cream. While that sounds easy enough, "it makes you look diseased and really burns. It attacks the bad skin cells but doesn't affect the good cells. I used the cream for two weeks, but the effects lasted three to four weeks. It is very painful – and I had to treat my neck twice

Of course, while having the treatment, she had to stay out of the sun, not an easy thing to do in Texas. "I was really fortunate that we had a lot of rain days during my treatment period!"

It has made her a convert to diligent sun protection. "We have such a backwards view of the risks of sun exposure. In our culture, being tanned equates to being healthy, but in reality, a tan is just damaged skin cells. With all the knowledge we now have about skin cancer, I'm amazed that tanning salons still exist. There is still so much misinformation about skin cancer. When I was telling the kids about my treatment, one of them said 'Yah, but skin cancer isn't real cancer.' So, I told them the story of my friend who had a little bump on her chest that she ignored for too long. The cancer spread to other parts of her body and she died last year. So, yes, skin cancer is very real and if left unattended can kill you."

Sun Safety continued

Leeann's tips – and the American Cancer Society.

- When possible, avoid the sun during the most intense times of the day – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - Wear a long-sleeve shirt and long pants (look for clothing brands that have SPF protection)
 - Wear a broad-brimmed hat
 - Wear wrap-around sunglasses to protect your eyes and eyelids (eyelid cancer can spread quickly).
 - Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least 30 SPF. Use a palm full of sunscreen and apply liberally to face, neck, arms and legs – all exposed areas. Apply sunscreen often; every two hours is not too often.
 - And don't forget to protect your lips with a high SPF lip balm. Sometimes these are hard to find, so Leeann often uses the sunscreen sticks marketed for babies on the sensitive skin of her lips as well as other areas of her face.
- These are rules to live by for every activity from running errands to a day at the lake. It is important for children to learn these safety precautions early as they are likely to be outside for long periods of time.

Signs and symptoms of skin cancer:

- Any change on your skin, especially the size or color of a mole, growth or spot, or a new growth (even if it has no color).
- Scaliness, roughness, oozing, bleeding or a change in the way an area of skin looks .
- A sore that doesn't heal.
- The spread of pigmentation (color) beyond its border, such as dark coloring that spreads past the edge of a mole or mark.
- A change in sensation, such as itchiness, tenderness or pain.

Leeann also says, "People should be aware that skin cancer can even start in an area not exposed to the sun, such as between the toes, bottom of the feet and genitals – even your belly button. And everyone, no matter what their skin color, can get skin cancer. Don't be afraid to go to the doctor and have *anything checked out, the sooner the better.*"

Helpful websites: <http://www.skincancer.org/>

<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer/galleries/skin-cancer-images#1>

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Pantyhose—A Gardener's Best Friend

7 Ways to Recycle Pantyhose to Get a Leg Up in the Garden

By Diane Geiser, MG

Sharecropper, July 2015



Gardeners are a thrifty bunch—we save seeds, recycle plant debris into nutrient-rich compost, and capture fresh water in our rain barrels. We're also more comfortable in overalls than pantyhose (*isn't everyone?*), so why not recycle nylon pantyhose as clever garden tools? Try these seven ideas to give you a leg up in the garden this summer.

- 1. All Tied Up** Cut pantyhose into 1-inch strips and use as garden ties for staked tomatoes or climbing roses. The soft material won't damage plant stems and the stretchiness allows for future growth.
 - 2. Bird Be Gone** Stop the birds and caterpillars from stealing the first bite (*and second and third and...*) of your tomatoes. Slip the pantyhose section or knee high over the tomato or cluster of tomatoes, step back and watch the confusion that ensues.
 - 3. Bulb Bag** Looking for the perfect way to store next season's bulbs? Simply insert each bulb into a cut-off pantyhose leg, then tie a knot between the bulbs to ensure they do not touch each other while in storage. Nylon provides excellent air circulation and easily expands to fit your stash. Place in a crate or cardboard box in a cool dry place.
 - 4. Sweet Smells** If your garden produces an abundance of fresh herbs, harvest and dry them for aromatic gifts or self-indulgent luxuries. Use knee-high nylons, or cut and tie pantyhose sections into sachets, and fill with dried herbs. Experiment with different colored nylons as well. These fragrant sachets are perfect for lightly scenting a drawer or adding to a warm bath.
 - 5. Lumpy Legs** Master Gardener Henry Cole shared this idea: Fill pantyhose legs with potatoes, onions, or garlic making a knot between each harvested item. Hang in a cool dry place. When you need an item, simply snip one off the chain, leaving the rest for later.
 - 6. Take a Load Off** Cantaloupe can be a real space hog in the garden unless you think *up rather than out*. Trellis your cantaloupe vine and when the melon is golf ball size, insert it into the toe portion of your nylon. Tie it to the trellis. The nylon will expand as the melon grows and take the weight off the vine.
 - 7. Screen Saver** Line the bottom of a pot with pantyhose and fill with soil. Water will drain, but the nylon screen won't allow soil to escape out the hole in your pot.
- So what are you waiting for? Dig out that old pantyhose and put them to work in your garden today!

A Blast from the Past

RESOURCE CONNECTION COMMUNITY/DEMONSTRATION GARDEN RIBBON CUTTING ON APRIL 9, 2007
Sharecropper May, 2007

It was a cold day, but the welcomes were warm for the official Ribbon Cutting at the Resource Connection's Community Garden. Over 100 people were in attendance. These included members of the Tarrant County Master Gardener Association including Agent Steve Chaney, County Commissioner Roy Brooks and his staff, Congressman Michael Burgess and his staff, nursing and nutrition students from TCU and other TCU staff members including Dean Dr. Burns and the Director of Nursing and Nutrition Linda Curry. Many of the Resource Connection's agencies were represented including WIC, Senior Citizen Services, State Health and Human Services, the Center for New Lives School, Juvenile Services and Director of the Resource Connection Judy Ketchum and her staff. Also, in attendance were many members of the Resource Connection's Facilities Crew who have been instrumental in the progress of the garden.

Prior to the official ribbon cutting remarks were made by Judy Ketchum who recognized TCMGA President Ginger Bason and TCMGA volunteer Jim Nelson for all their efforts in getting the garden started. Commissioner Roy Brooks, Linda Curry, Director of Nursing and Nutrition at TCU, Mark Tipps from the School of Nursing and Shea Brumley from the School of Nutrition also spoke.

In Commissioner Brooks' remarks, he noted that the garden currently has 1.8 acres, 18 raised beds that will be increased to 30, plans to complete the greenhouse by mid-summer and completion of the enabling beds by fall. Commissioner Brooks stated that he would like to see the garden expanded across the driveway to allow access by schoolchildren.

After the ribbon cutting, refreshments and gardening information were available for the attendees. Door prizes were also provided.



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Nora's Notions – Whack-a-Dillo Time: My Week-long Descent into Nuttiness

By Nora Carlson – Sharecropper, April 2015

Disclaimers: The events described below occurred prior to the time that becoming a master gardener was a nascent thought. And, in defense of Mr. Chaney, I did not disclose this episode to him during the interview.

It all began with a few small diggings in my backyard. Probably a squirrel retrieving a forgotten nut. Larger excavated patches appeared in my previously relatively manicured lawn over the next several days, grouped in about a fifteen-foot square area. Now I'm convinced an armadillo is the culprit, an idea solidified by a perimeter search which revealed a newly dug access hole under the west fence line. I plugged the hole with a brickbat, smoothed dirt over that, and went to bed that night visualizing a frustrated armadillo with broken toenails. Slept like a baby.

The next morning, fresh coffee in hand, I carried my morning paper out to the back deck for an anticipated victory party. My husband arrived on scene to witness his agitated, bathrobe-clad wife traipsing around the yard attempting to repair the new damage barehanded and damning armadillos to the seventh circle of hell. His annoyingly calm inspection of the west fence line revealed a new access hole about three feet from the previous one.

Blame for what happened next rests squarely on my husband's shoulders since it was he who first mentioned that only a concrete barrier would keep armadillos out of the yard. For the next three days, I mixed bag after heavy bag of Sakrete, slowly filling a trench under about 30 feet of fence line. Should you ever want to do this, one bag covers only about 4 feet of fence. The more I dug the less concerned about perfection I became. China seemed an appropriate depth, and that's what I aimed for. Task completed; I invited my husband onto the deck for a victory glass of wine.

Next morning: Yes, armadillos are officially brighter than I. They had moved operations to the east fence line. Before I could embark on another expensive trenching operation, my husband volunteered to stay up that night, flashlight & bat in hand, prepared to catch the offending animals red-handed and bash them to smithereens. I briefly feared he might catch leprosy in the process but assumed that by now the biblical disease was probably curable.

John's smug smile the next day surely foretold a successful mission. Not so. Now even larger patches of turf had been peeled back. Since no dead armadillo appeared in the ruined area, I hurled an accusing, "You fell asleep, didn't you!" to my husband. He simply handed me a cup of coffee and steered me to a comfortable chair in the living room to tell his tale.

"I did not fall asleep," he declared and went on to describe the large raccoon that meandered into the yard and with its human-like, opposable-thumbed hands peeled back the sod and dug through the soil feasting on the bugs beneath. Apparently more fascinated than outraged, John watched the critter repeat his peeling actions several times before chasing him off. I complained that surely, he could have gotten the message before so much damage was done.

The consensus from nearby garden stores was that I had a serious grub worm problem, which you probably already knew. I spent the afternoon poisoning every square inch of my lawn, front and back, a process only marginally cheaper than concrete trenching.

Nora's Notions – Whack-a-Dillo Time: My Week-long Descent into Nuttiness

I'm sure the planet sighed with relief when I signed up for Master Gardening classes. Remorse at my own ignorant actions has turned me into an assertively familiar shopper in the insecticide department. When I see someone reaching for the grub control chemicals, I blurt with confidence: "You do know not to treat your whole yard with that stuff, don't you." Then, whether they ask or not, I'm likely to give them the whole check-a-square-foot-area-for-grubs spiel.

The Catholic side of me, ever mindful of the importance of doing penance, will now-a-days just show up at any garden store wearing my Master Gardener logo shirt. The visit then becomes an impromptu question answering session, much like phone duty. If I don't know the answer, I just give them the handy www.aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu reference and the all-important 817-884-1944 phone number. If only I had met up with one of you Master Gardeners when I made my first grub control product purchase...

TCMGA Online Plant Sale a Success!

By Debra Rosenthal

The 2020 TCMGA on-line plant sale was a big success! Debra Rosenthal and Theresa Thomas led the effort, which resulted in sales of more than \$13,600 worth of plants. They both say that it wouldn't have gone as smoothly or have been the success it was without the help of so many other Master Gardeners. Proceeds for the sale help fund Master Gardener projects throughout Tarrant County as well as our TCMGA Demo Garden - and are essential ways for the TCMGA to connect our members with the community.

After posting the sale online, orders were accepted for about a week. Interestingly, individual orders ranged in value from less than \$10.00 to over \$1,100.00! Big sellers this year included butterfly- and bee-attracting perennials.

More than 3000 plants were received from our wholesale nursery very early on Wednesday morning, May 20, 2020. The greenhouses also contributed scores of plants and herbs that were sought after by our buyers. More than a dozen "helpers" worked throughout the day to organize the plants by individual order. With orders ranging from just a few to over a 100 plants, the team recognized that taking the time to organize their inventory this way would really speed up the delivery process.

Covid-19 made Committee preparations particularly important this year, as special care was taken to make pick-up as quick as possible. Thursday's drive-up deliveries wound up being efficient and safe, as our TCMGA "traffic patrol" organized the waiting cars and helped load plants into cars and trucks.

By early afternoon, Plant Sale Committee volunteers had successfully delivered thousands of plants to our members and their relatives and friends. Everyone involved appreciated the many kind words of thanks and the smiles they got throughout the day. It really was gratifying to have had such a big success. And many thanks to everyone who made the sale such a big fundraiser this year.



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Sitting down on a rainy day, pondering my newsletter report my first thought was TCMGA's very successful online plant sale. What an exciting surprise to see how many Master Gardeners and the community just seem to be ready to buy a new plant or two for their gardens. There were approximately 138 individual orders. Debra Rosenthal, our 2nd VP - Ways and Means, volunteered to manage this annual event and what an outstanding and organized job she did. I was going to say she spent a lot of hours but that is wrong she spent a ton of hours on the computer organizing the plant list, sale and delivery of all the plants. Many Thanks, Debra. There were many MGs volunteers behind the scenes that worked alongside Debra, the plant committee, the greenhouse team, Leads Pat Higgins & Claire Alfred, and the volunteers helped with set-up, picking up plants and delivery on Thursday. What a great job they did as always. Our village was smaller than usual this year because of the CDC requirements.

If you have been out to 1801 and the demonstration garden have you noticed the 3000-gallon Rainwater Collection Tank at the Green Works Greenhouse. It is being installed and by the time you read the newsletter it will be up and working. The greenhouse will be using the rainwater from the tank instead of city water when it is all said and done. The tank was funded by a grant from the Resource Connection.

Volunteers at the Demo Garden. **Good news!!!!** There will be keypad on the green barn for the volunteers that work at the garden and need to get in the barn. Randy and all the leads will have the code. I am not sure when this will happen because the Resource Connection's Management Office just started back to work the 1st of June. But won't it be nice when it happens.

If you have not heard the June Meeting has been cancelled. There is a limit of only 80 people in the gym and 1 or 2 speakers at this time. We will be moving forward to July and the rest of the year.

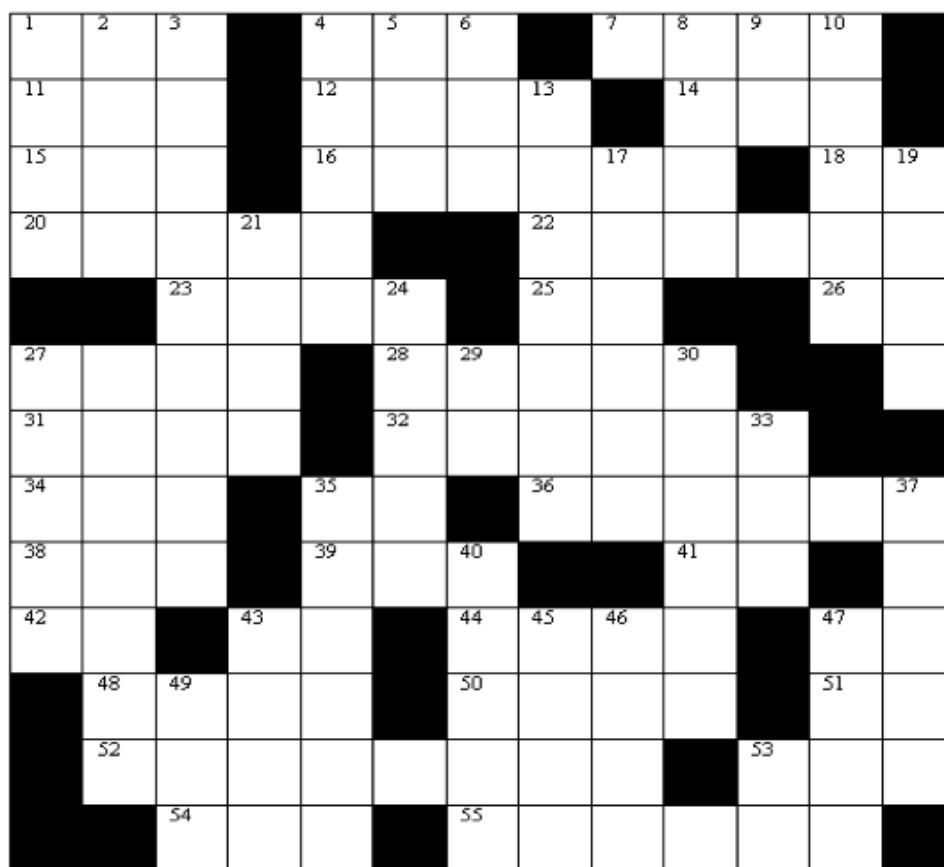
Telephone Duty and Training is cancelled till the end of June.

Master Gardener State of Awards for 2019 – The State Awards Committee has yet to met to finalize the winners for 2019.

It was great to see all the Master Gardeners as you drove by at the Plant Sale on last Thursday. Thank you for purchasing so many plants and making it such a success.

Be safe
Theresa

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows
Doug Larson



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ACROSS

1. Fido
4. Acorns follow me
7. Out of Control
11. Promise
12. Not exactly
14. Neither (alt)
15. Wide expanse
16. Texas summers
18. "It will be ___ before"
20. Andrew (fr.)
22. Time and space
23. Dry, withered
25. Yes (sp.)
26. Southeastern state
27. Parasitic insect
28. Garden seasoning
31. Icon
32. Border measure
34. Also
35. The (sp.)
36. Conveyance trip

38. Building extension
 39. Cash stop
 41. SE (oppos.)
 42. NE State (abbr.)
 43. Above
 44. Landscape trip
 47. Geometric formula
 48. Water can coating
 50. Bamboo stalk
 51. Because
 52. Chemical effect
 53. Walks in January
 54. Canvas frame
 55. Weasel
- DOWN
1. Leaning attraction
 2. First garden
 3. Fleshy fungi
 4. Firstborn
 5. Ventilate
 6. Cornerstone of success

8. Summer pest
9. Absolute never
10. Hiker's paradise
13. Oak tree malady
17. In any case
19. Lightning strike results
21. Hose receptacle
24. Reputation
27. Bishop headdress
29. 50th State
30. Merited
33. Unseasoned
35. Furry feline (2 wds)
37. *Chrysanthemum maximum*
40. Combine flower beds
43. Unravel
45. *Cervidae* animal
46. Pesky microbe
47. Lineal measure
49. Business designation
53. Not out



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We're reopening! The Fort Worth Botanic Garden is gradually reopening to the public starting June 1. We look forward to welcoming you back! The Fort Worth Botanic Garden will open with capped numbers and timed tickets on Monday, June 1. For more information on reopening, visit www.fwbgbg.org.

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A final chuckle from Claire Alford

You know you are in Master Gardener refrigerator when you open a grocery bag to find seeds in stratification.



You know you are in a Master Gardeners car because you have to wait for them to move hats and tools for you to have a space.



And one more from Lorie

You know you're in a Master Gardeners house when there is a blower and hedge trimmer in the living room.

