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Women Who Weld Part 2—Debbie Key By Lorie Grandclair-Diaz

What made you want to learn to weld?

I wanted to take a class on welding mainly because my son Jeff wanted to. He had dabbled in the field of welding but had never taken lessons. Since he would be there to help Mom I thought it would be fun. Besides, I was tired of asking my neighbor to “spot weld” items that needed repair.

What did you think that you would do with the skill?

Welding can be used in creating metal art or in repairing things that break. I had a darling metal bunny in my yard that had a broken ear for years. Ear back on! My family has a farm in East Texas and I made a fire pit for our homestead. Everyone loves sitting around a fire pit and enjoying a cook out together.



The fire pit that Debbie made for her East Texas family homestead.

How does it relate to your life as a gardener?

As a gardener, I love to add interesting items to my yard. One of my first projects was a metal flower. Many years ago I would sell craft items at art shows. Metal is just another medium to work with.

How did you go about beginning your training?

My son and I have taken three welding classes. These classes are offered at Mansfield ISD. They offer adult continuing education classes twice a year. They had great instructors and are extremely helpful.

Is this a difficult skill to learn?

Anyone can learn this skill especially if they have good instructors. At first it seemed very dangerous, but with safety guidelines you quickly realize if you follow the rules, you will be safe.



Debbie poses with her first welding project.

What is the hardest thing about learning to weld?

The hardest thing about welding is the realization that with practice, you will get better. My son reminded me that the better my welds were, the less grinding I would have to do. Oh, this is so true!

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The President's Corner



Judy says “Bon Voyage!
I’ll see you after the cruise!”

A special welcome to the newest group of Mod-Squad interns! We’re glad you’re joining our team!



Vendor Day at the May 4th Master Gardener Meeting! Don't Miss it!

A Chilly and Busy Day at the Plant Sale!



The Plant Sale Team would like to thank all of the many helpers who worked so hard to make our Plant Sale a success!

Master Gardeners in the Kitchen—from the kitchen of Rita Hottel

Roasted Tomato Salsa

8 plum tomatoes
3 cloves garlic crushed
1 cup chopped onion
1 jalapeño pepper, sliced and seeded
1/2 tsp sea salt
1 tsp smoked paprika
Olive oil
Spread tomatoes, garlic, onion, jalapeño on a shallow

baking list. Sprinkle with salt and paprika. Spray or brush with olive oil. Bake @375 for 30 minutes. Cool, then place on food processor. Add 3 Tbls fresh limejuice
1/2 cup fresh cilantro
1/8 tsp pepper
Process until smooth or slightly chunky.



Look What We Dug Up!

Digging by Lena Goff



Union Gospel Mission volunteers still meet every Monday to garden. Contact Gay Larson to get involved.

A photo from November of 2000. Master Gardeners building a flower bed at Union Gospel Mission.

Important May Dates

**Thursday, May 4 Master Gardener
Monthly Meeting**

Friday, May 12 Field Trip to Waco

**Thursday, May 18 Advisory & Ex-
ecutive Board Meeting**

**Monday, May 29 TCMGA Office
will be closed for Memorial Day**



By volunteering at community events, Master Gardeners have a wonderful opportunity to educate the public on gardening success, protecting our environment and water conservation. Many of you first heard about Master Gardeners when you stopped by our booth. You educate the public, you learn new information and you make new MG friends.

Using handouts, you will be providing information on general horticulture, especially drought tolerant plants and water conservation tips.

WE HAVE SOME IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS. With more than 400 MGs who need to earn hours – there is a place and time you can fill.

******* MAYFEST, May 4 –May 7 — Entry Passes Provided *******

Thurs, May 4 — Shift 1-3:30—5:30 p.m., Shift 2-5:30—8 p.m.

Friday, May 5 — Shift 1-3:30—5:30 p.m. Shift 2-5:30— 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 6— Shift 1-10 a.m.—2 p.m., Shift 2-2 p.m.—5 p.m., Shift 3-5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Sunday, May 7— Need volunteers, Shift 1-11 a.m.—2 p.m., Shift 2-2 p.m.-5 p.m.

******* Home and Garden Show, May 19-21, Will Rogers. *******

Friday, May 19 — Shift 1, 1:45 –4:30 p.m., Shift 2 — 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, May 20— Shift 2, 1-4 p.m.; Shift 3—4-7 p.m.

Sunday, May 21— Shift 2, 2—5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, Cowtown Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Weatherford Traffic Circle, Fort Worth

Contact Patsy Miller if you want to volunteer.