



**APRIL 2011**

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**TCMGA APRIL  
MEETING  
MOVED TO  
APRIL 14!!!**

## Hardy Perennials Great for Area's Hot Conditions

*By Steve Chaney, CEA-Horticulture*

There are great perennials for North Texas, now is a great time to get some in the ground. A large number of colorful perennials do well with the hot sun, minimal water and poor soil of this area. Here are a couple of my favorites, just wanted to share a few tidbits of information about them with you.



Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) takes full sun to light shade. This plant is quite possibly one of the hardiest native perennials of them all. Found growing in prairies and along road-sides, it is nearly indestructible in home gardens – unless you try to pamper it with good soil, fertilizer and lots of water which simply cause it to grow too tall, flop over and die!

Each flower is a dramatic combination of a thumb or golf ball sized bristly orange cone (often described as the shape of an old beehive) and long, thin pink or white ray petals held above multiple-branching flowering stems. Some varieties have drooping petals, others stick straight out. These 'noses' persist well into the winter and are favorite sources of nutty seeds for goldfinches and other small winter resident birds. Native plant enthusiasts obsess over yellow forms and kinds with scraggly pink ray flowers; endangered forms, including the Tennessee coneflower



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**Dear Gardener Friends,**

The weather is warming up and so are the opportunities for Master Gardeners. Have you been volunteering at the various TCMGA projects and community outreach activities? If not, check out the Sharecropper calendar for activity dates and project workdays. Then schedule some time to visit and see what's new.

Did you know the **Botanic Garden Perennial Garden** is one of the most popular sites to visit in the BG? Adults and kids visit this garden every day to enjoy the beauty, learn the names of the plants and get ideas for their gardens. It is also a popular site for photo opportunities, weddings and even memorials for loved ones. Cindy and her team have re-claimed some areas adjacent to this garden and are working to re-claim and beautify even more.



Gay and her group of Master Gardeners volunteering at the **Union Gospel**



**Mission** continue to create a landscape that rivals gardens in up-scale neighborhoods. The residents of UGM appreciate a wonderful environment to learn and heal. The MGs at UGM teach gardening and related classes to the residents and their children with information they can take with them as they move forward with their lives.

The Master Gardeners who volunteer at the **TCMGA Community Demonstration Garden** at the Resource Connection have created gardens that provide information and gardening opportunities for the public. Propagators provide plants for projects while the herb team, the orchard and demo veggie beds provide produce for the Food Bank. The compost area, rainwater collection, barn beds, grassland, and perennial beds all educate the public.



If you haven't been to any of these gardens or any of the other TCMGA projects recently, check them out. You will gain more knowledge, more TCMGA volunteer hours, meet more MG friends, and have more fun! Don't forget to turn in those hours!

Have you signed up to help with the **TCMGA Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, April 16**? This is another great opportunity to educate the public.

One final reminder to make your reservation to **attend the TMG State Conference in Glen-Rose-Granbury April 27 -29**. Early registration is ending soon. With your attendance the TCMGA could be a winner with the most members present at this conference!

See you all there!

**Nancy Curl**  
**President**

President Nancy Curl called the business meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. She welcomed 253 Master Gardeners, Interns, guests from New Mexico, Illinois and the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, who were in attendance.

Members were reminded that caladium bulbs, fertilizer and MG gear ordered today would be available for pick-up at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**It was announced that the April meeting would be held on the second Thursday of the month, April 14, 2011.** Due to scheduling conflicts at the Resource Connection this year, several of our meetings have had to be rescheduled. Other months affected are July and November. President Curl will announce the schedule changes as we get closer to the dates in question.

**Secretary**, Sue Ellen Schlitzer, asked for corrections to the January, 2011 minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved as published in The Sharecropper, February, 2011. A correction was made to the November, 2010 minutes. **The checking account balance for the October 31, 2010 meeting was incorrectly reported as \$31,302.08. The combined total for the Money Market Fund and checking account balance as of October 31, 2010 should have been reported as \$34,576.44.**

**Treasurer**, Pat Higgins, gave the Treasurer's Report for the months of January and February 2011.

December 31, 2010 Money Market Balance:	\$29,318.78
December 31, 2010 Checking Account	<u>777.35</u>
Total Accounts	\$30,096.13
Deposits during January 2011	361.35
Checks written during January 2011	<u>(1,269.66)</u>
Money Market &	
Checking Balance at Jan., 31, 2011	<u>\$29,187.82</u>
Deposits during February 2011	366.06
Checks written during February 2011	<u>(1,704.49)</u>
Money Market &	
checking balance at Feb. 28, 2011	<u>\$27,849.39</u>

**Audit**, Jack Gerloff, announced the audit of the books for 2010 was completed on January 26, 2011. The committee cited Pat Higgins for keeping "all records in excellent order." Pam Braak, Carol Norfleet and Joanne McClendon served on the committee with Jack.

**Activities**, Pam Braak, announced the first field trip of

the year will be a tour of gardens in Colleyville and Grapevine on Thursday, April 21. Steve Purdy's garden will be featured on the tour.

Other field trips being planned will be the newly built BRIT building, a butterfly ranch in Glen Heights, Texas and a tour of Seville Farms, one of the largest wholesale nurseries in the area. Dates for these field trips have not been finalized.

**Membership**, Steve Purdy, has 2011 Membership Directories available for distribution.

**Local Awards** committee will be chaired by Rocky Deutscher.

**Bulletin Board** committee chair is Candy Umberson.

**Community Gardens** committee will be chaired by Susan Harper.

**Hospitality** thanked the membership for providing food for the March meeting. Steve Chaney grilled hot dogs for those in attendance. As an incentive to encourage members to bring food for the monthly meetings, it was announced that all food contributors will be given a raffle ticket.

**Ways & Means**, John Stanley, needs previously placed orders to be picked up.

**Plant Sale**, Carol Lally and Linda Winn, are seeking volunteers to set up tables on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for the day of the sale, Saturday, April 16, to assist customers and demonstrate various gardening techniques. Members are encouraged to donate heritage plants in 4-inch, 1 quart and 1 gallon containers. Hanging plants are also needed. Plant name and color, where applicable, should be provided on a label. The plant sale hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Speakers Bureau**, Camille Thomason, introduced Starr Krottinger, who invited members to be a part of the Speakers Bureau, either as speakers or as behind-the-scenes supporters and resource providers for those who do speak. With a reminder that our mission is to educate, interested members were encouraged to contact Camille Thomason.

**State Director**, JoAnn Hahn, informed the audience about the relationship between the State and local Asso-



ciations. The State provides: seed money (\$5,000.00) for hosting the State Conference; a web site; a newsletter; State Awards to recognize local associations and MG's; two people per region to serve as Outreach personnel to assist local associations when needed, help with conflict resolution and serve as liaison between the State and local association.

**State Master Gardener, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**, Ginger Bason, reminded members to register for the State Conference (April 27-29, 2011) to be jointly sponsored and held in Glen Rose and Granbury. A prize will be given for the Association with the most members in attendance. Steve has his eye on the prize.

**Garden Conservancy**, Ginger Bason, reported there are six private gardens on tour. Gardeners can get lots of ideas from touring these gardens, which are all very different. Docents are needed for the day of the tour, Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow.

### **Announcements**

**Alice Carlson Outdoor Learning Environment**, Sharon Chastain, announced that the OLE is participating in an online contest, The Intelligent Use of Water Award, is sponsored by Rain Bird.

The winning application will receive \$5,000.00, money that OLE can use to construct a living roof project, a dinosaur dig and make repairs to the 5,000 gallon rainwater harvesting system.

The grant is awarded based on the number of online votes the project receives. Members are encouraged to go to [www.iuowawards.com](http://www.iuowawards.com) and vote for Alice Carlson. You can vote once per project per day.

**Fort Worth Botanic Garden**, Larinda Smith, thanked TCMGA's Master Gardeners for volunteering at the Garden. Volunteers are needed to prepare the Children's Garden for planting. A Family Volunteer Day is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Children's Garden.

**Dirt! The Movie** will be shown on March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Visit [Dirtthemovie.com](http://Dirtthemovie.com) for details.

Larinda reminded volunteers to report hours or ask for assistance in doing so.

Vendors will be invited to have a table at the May MG general meeting. A small fee will be charged for the table(s).

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**Sue Ellen Schlitzer**  
**Secretary**

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## *TCMGA Members Attend Texas MG Board Meeting*

Written by JoAnn Hahn

Eight members of TCMGA drove to College Station to attend the Board of Directors meeting of the Texas State Master Gardeners Association.

Opening remarks by the President stated the goal of the organization is to reach out and make known to all Master Gardeners in Texas what the state association is and how it can help the local associations. One way to accomplish this is through communication, which is essential in any organization.

The state web site and the state newsletter provide information about what is happening in our area, region, and statewide, and it informs us of upcoming classes (did you know if you take a Specialist class and certify, the state organization will reimburse you \$50.00). The site also gives us a venue to promote local events and to advertise our accomplishments.

Another is though the awards committee, which recognizes the work we all do. Our state convention hosts are given seed money to help them get started, and a book is being assembled with insights, advice (do's and don'ts), contacts, etc. to be passed on to each new host city. Assistance is available to counties who need help in entering awards, obtaining their 501Cs status, forms needed for IRS, and when you need a Floral License and which one etc.

An outreach committee has broken the state into 12 regions and has 2 representatives for each region. They can help with problems such as training officers, finding local speakers, and such.

Our State Co-coordinator from A&M is always present, bringing us the latest information from A&M, giving encouragement, advice and assistance to make the Texas MG the best in the country.

Our job as Directors is to represent you at the meetings, update our association on events, new programs, or problems that could affect MG locally, statewide or even nationally.

Look at the State web site and read the newsletter, and if you have questions or suggestions please feel free to ask us.

TCMGA State Directors - JoAnn Hahn and Nancy Curl

TCMGA Alternate State Directors - Ron Schlitzer and Eleanor Tuck

***Alice Carlson Needs Your Help!***

Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center in Fort Worth can win a \$5,000 grant from Rain Bird with your help! This money will be used to construct our living roof project and to repair the 5,000 gallon rainwater harvesting system. The grant is awarded based on the number of votes the project receives so we really need your help to win.

Here's how to vote:

1. Go to <http://www.iuowawards.com>
2. There are a couple of buttons that say "Find and Vote on Projects" Click on one.
3. A search window comes up. Type in Alice Carlson Fort Worth Texas to find our project.
4. Cast your vote!

Voting does not require registration and any individual can vote. Participants can vote once per project, per day. A limit of ten votes per day from a single server. For example, if everyone from your firm is using the same server, only the first ten votes will be counted for a given day. Some of our gardeners reported they put it on their daily calendar so they get an email reminder to vote each morning. You can also mark the page as a favorite so it's easy to log in each day.

The projects with the most votes in each funding categories by March 22 will receive the funds. This is something you can do for Alice Carlson OLE each day without leaving your desk! Help us by enlisting friends and family to vote!

**Sharon Chastain**  
**Alice Carlson OLE Project Leader**

***TCMGA Plant Sale***

The annual **TCMGA Plant Sale** will be held on **April 16**. To assist with this sale, we encourage you to divide or start plants from your garden or greenhouse. In addition to the cannas, iris, liriop, and amaryllis that you are dividing, please pot other plants such as:

Oxalis	Carolina Jasmine
Purple Heart	Moses in a Boat
Antique or old roses	Ferns for patio plants
Wood ferns for the yard	Ruellia
Angel Wing begonias	Dragon Wing begonias
Hyacinth beans	Kalanchoe
Lamb's Ear	Larkspur

We do need them to look hardy and be full so people will want to purchase them. If you start now, they should be beautiful. **All pots must be labeled with the common name.** Please add the botanical name, if you know it. Thank you for your participation, please contact us should you have any questions.

**Carol Lally & Linda Winn**



***America the Beautiful:  
Celebrate Our National  
Parks: Grand Canyon***

Volunteers needed to assist park rangers and others with a variety of ecology-themed programming or directing school groups throughout the 3-hour event.

**Fort Worth Botanic Garden**  
**May 2, 3, 4**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**  
**9:45am to 1pm**  
**In the Garden Center**

Contact  
[gail.manning@fortworthgov.org](mailto:gail.manning@fortworthgov.org) or  
[beth.dulle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beth.dulle@sbcglobal.net)

***PIZZA RANCH 2011 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!***

This year Pizza Ranch will be on Tuesday, May 3rd & Wednesday, May 4th, 2011 Volunteer training will be held on Monday, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Will Rogers Complex, John Justin Arena, Coburn Room.

To sign up for Pizza Ranch 2011 please contact Sonia Benavides at [smbenavides@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:smbenavides@ag.tamu.edu) or call 817-884-1946 .

## Speakers Bureau Needs You!

What is your favorite thing about gardening? Are you into perennials, or maybe you are a native plant person? How about grasses or propagation or even bugs, er, I mean insects. Whatever your passion, you are an "expert" in that area whether or not you have the tag-line. When you are in a group of people who love to garden or want to learn more about it, don't you naturally talk about your favorite things? Why don't you take that a step further and talk to groups about it as a speaker for the TCMGA Speakers Bureau?

Remember that in preparing and presenting a topic, you will learn even more about the topic you love. Maybe you don't think you are a good speaker. If that is the case, team up with a friend and make the presentation together. All presentations should be based on research but many resources are available at the Extension Office. Most speakers like to have Power-Point presentations and handouts prepared for their topics, and there are other Master Gardeners who will help you with that—or maybe your children or grandchildren can help!

Teaching a subject is the fastest way to become an expert in the field. If there is a topic in which you have an interest, please consider volunteering to share this enthusiasm. Contact Camille Thomason at [camille6@charter.net](mailto:camille6@charter.net) or 817-738-3459 to volunteer. The Speakers Bureau needs you!

**Camille Thomason**  
Speakers Bureau

## Vendor Tables Coming!

**MERCHANDISE!**

Vendors can display their wares at the May TCMGA Monthly

Meeting for a meager \$10 per table! If you or someone you know would like a table at our meeting, please contact John Stanley at [nicholasmyra@yahoo.com](mailto:nicholasmyra@yahoo.com)

MGs come shop and see what artistry and merchandise will be available!

## New Volunteer Opportunities!

**Master Gardeners are needed** to provide supervision as new community gardens are started around Tarrant County. Consider joining with members of your Intern group or other Master Gardener friends to help with one or more of these gardens in your area.

- Project Help at First United Methodist Bedford
- Northside Interchurch Agency /La Trinidad United Methodist Church—Fort Worth – **Spanish speaking needed**
- Kids Community Preschool, Arlington
- Cambodian Baptist Church - Fort Worth
- Mission Central—First United Methodist—Hurst
- Volunteers of America—Lake Worth
- YWCA Downtown—Fort Worth
- **March:** TCC Southeast Campus —Arlington
- **March:** First Christian Church of Arlington—Arlington

For more information...contact **Susan Harper** 817-721-7223 or [sharpn@swbell.net](mailto:sharpn@swbell.net)

## BRIT Volunteer Jobs

For volunteer opportunities at BRIT, check BRIT's website

<http://www.brit.org/volunteer>



## TCMGA April Meeting

### Guest Speaker



The guest speaker for the April Meeting is

Tom Galbreath, ASLA, Executive Vice President, Dunaway Associates. Mr. Galbreath is a landscape architect and is the Executive Vice President of Dunaway Associates and has over 25 years of experience. He serves as operations manager of Dunaway Associates, a 50+ year old North Texas firm offering engineering, survey, landscape architecture and environmental services. He has responsibility for the soundness of the firm's processes, programs, and personnel. In addition to firm leadership, he provides insight and support to the firm's project managers on a daily basis. He is actively involved in regional development organizations and serves as a liaison between private sector development and municipal agencies charged with development standards and guidelines. In addition to his corporate management responsibilities, he also serves as project lead on several assignments and maintains relationships with key clients.

Mr. Galbreath will speaking on the **iSWM Water Quality System for Rayzor Ranch Marketplace: a new approach to storm water management.**

The iSWM Water Quality System for Rayzor Ranch Marketplace in Denton is among the first instances in North Texas in which new parameters for post construction iSWM were used in a major retail development setting. The goal of iSWM (integrated Stormwater Management) is to use a more natural (ie., vegetative) approach to stormwater management, versus the more traditional approach of using concrete and/or pipelines. The iSWM approach offers a more environmentally friendly solution, with a dual benefit of enhanced landscaping for the site. The Marketplace is a 100-acre parcel within the Rayzor Ranch development, a privately-owned, 400-acre mixed-use development in Denton Texas. The Rayzor Ranch Marketplace iSWM project is one of the first to be established in the City of Denton, and as such serves as good "test scenario" for the program.

The **2nd hour of presentation** will be a viewing of "Dirt the Movie" from the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

**Bill Vandever,  
1st Vice President**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

### April Birthdays

- 1 Charlotte Berck
- 2 John Stanley
- 6 Emily Beyette
- 8 Danielle Fromer, Jaime Hart
- 10 Fatima Gameiro, Steve Prenger
- 13 Margaret Anderson, Shirleen Martin
- 14 Susie Earnest
- 16 Pat Hanshaw, Wanda Estes
- 20 Linda Turner, Mary Lynn Haines
- 21 Doug Montgomery
- 23 Larry Matl
- 24 Debbie Bollinger
- 25 Berry Bock, Teresa White
- 26 JoAnn Hahn
- 28 LuCurtis Williams
- 29 Rhett Cervantes
- 30 Leeann Rosenthal

If your birthday is this month and you don't see it, please contact **Doris Hill, (817) 337-8484** or email [artanddorishill@verizon.net](mailto:artanddorishill@verizon.net).

### Membership & Directory Updates

Please note the following updates in your membership directory:

*No updates this month*

Report any changes or corrections to Steve Purdy at [spurdy06@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spurdy06@sbcglobal.net) or at 817-545-7888.



(*Echinacea tennesseensis*) which is a low growing mound with an interesting greenish-pink cone and rays that stick straight out, are becoming more commercially available through specialty mail-order catalogs. Most gardeners tend to go for the big, bold varieties, including Magnus, Bravado and the rosy-purple Bright Star. White flowering forms include White Swan and White Lustre.



Propagation is easy and fast from seed collected and sown in midsummer or early fall, which often will flower the next season. They are also very easy to dig and transplant as small seedlings in the winter. When blooms with central cones and 'ray' flowers (purple coneflowers, black-eyed Susan, sunflowers and zinnias) fade, seeds are already forming but will not be ripe for a few days. Wait until all the ray petals are completely brown and dry, then snip the cones from the stems and put them in a paper bag where they can continue to dry without scattering seeds everywhere. The seeds of the coneflower are light colored; the black bits are chaff.



Rudbeckia or Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida* Goldsturm) take full sun or light shade. Felder Rushing, a friend of mine and a great garden writer, once described this

plant as unkillable. This was a perennial that he had found flowering profusely in a pot at a Texaco gas station in North Carolina in broiling hot sun and lots of reflected heat, covered in butterflies.

The typical Black Eyed Susan is 3 inches or so across, with a dark brown cone surrounded by many stiff yellow ray petals sticking straight out. Each flowering stem, up to about 2 feet high, is multi-branched with so many flowers in June and July and into August that a lizard could walk from one side of the mounded plant to the other without bending a petal. A few flowers will go into fall occasionally, giving you an interesting fall color. Brown cones are packed with small nutty seeds loaded with nutrition and plant fat for birds migrating into the area for winter.

Several different rudbeckias are available through specialty mail-order catalogs, including cut-leaf coneflower with deeply lobed leaves (*Rudbeckia laciniata* Hortensia or Golden Glow is a popular old pass-along plant with double flowers.



Goldquelle is more compact and spreads less aggressively). There are many others as well, some more or less hardy than others. Propagation is very simple from seed, much the same as the purple coneflower and others like it discussed above.



Remember, heat loving perennials are perfect potted plants for patios, porches, and along walks and pools where full sun and all-night residual heat can wilt even the hardiest plant. Purple coneflower, rudbeckia, liatris and many other perennials found at your local nursery or dug up and given to you from a friend's garden will serve you well for many years to come with a minimum of water and care!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 8a Heritage Elem.. 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 2:45p Heritage Elem	5 8:30a CG Veggie 9a Randall Mill PK Greenhouse 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	6 8a BG Perennial 9a Veterans Park 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9:30a Thistle Hill 1:30p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	7 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	8 8:30a JPS Meditation Garden	9 9am Compost Demo—River Legacy 9am SW Crthse
10	11 8a Heritage Elem 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 2:45p Heritage Elem	12 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a CG Veggie 9a Randoll Greenhs 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	13 8a BG Perennial 9a Veterans Park 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 1:30p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	14 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial <b>TCMGA Monthly Meeting!</b>	15	16 <b>TCMGA Plant Sale!</b>
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**January 29, 2011–May 29, 2011**



**Nature Bound:  
Illustrated Botanical  
Books**

Enjoy a rare opportunity to view spectacular illustrated botanical books from the collections of the Amon Carter and its new Cultural District neighbor, the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT). Held at the Amon Carter Museum.

***Community Garden Classes:***

**Saturday, March 19**—Rainwater Harvesting and Hot to Build a Rain Barrel

**Saturday, March 26** —Spring Vegetable Gardening and How to Build a Raised Bed

**Contact Nancy Curl at  
nl\_curl@yahoo.com**

***Ft. Worth Orchid Society Sale***

**March 26 - 27**—Fort Worth Orchid Society Sale at Fort Worth Botanic Garden—Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.. Go to [www.fwbg.org](http://www.fwbg.org) for more information.



**The Garden Show** *green gardening*  
presented by the Collin County Master Gardeners

**March 26-27**—Collin County Master Gardener Garden Show. For more information click [The Garden Show](http://TheGardenShow.com).

**April 2nd, 9a-2p**—North Central Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas will have their Spring plant sale at the Ft. Worth Botanic Gardens. For more info contact Pat Lovejoy @ [palovejoy@att.net](mailto:palovejoy@att.net)

***MG Specialist Training***

***Irrigation Efficiency Specialist Training***

**March 28, 29, 30 (San Antonio)**

**Registration fee: \$200**

**Optional irrigation demonstration box: \$200**

This training will cover hands-on practices for determining irrigation efficiency, setting controllers, soak and cycle method, minor irrigation repairs, system trouble shooting, catch-can test, converting spray head irrigation to new water conserving heads, converting spray irrigation to drip irrigation and other water conservation practices.

Registration. Deadline: **March 21, 2011.**

Details and [registration](#).

***Master Gardener Specialist –  
Plant Propagation***

**May 20-21, 2011**

**Montgomery County Extension Center  
Conroe, Texas**



In an effort to provide advanced training, the Master Gardener Specialist – [Plant Propagation Training](#) was created as a hands-on, intensive multi-day training that will empower Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas AgriLife Extension Service efforts in educational programs.



**Texas Master Gardener  
Association**

**2011 State Conference**

**April 27-29, 2011**

**Glen Rose, Tx**

**Co-Hosted by**

**Somervell County**

**Master Gardeners and Lake  
Granbury Master Gardeners**

***COME TO THE COUNTRY  
Somethin' You'll Never Forget!***

**2011 Texas Master Gardener Conference**

**April 27-29, 2011**

**at the Somervell County Expo Center  
in beautiful Glen Rose, Texas!**

**co-hosted by  
Somervell County Master Gardeners  
and Lake Granbury Master Gardeners**

**Still Time to Register!**



**FIELD TRIPS****THURSDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>****THREE RESIDENTIAL GARDENS IN GRAPEVINE  
& COLLEYVILLE****Get new ideas****Learn new plants****Ask the owners questions**

Outdoor living ideas



Domestic birds and Peacocks

**Meet at:**

1. **9:00 a.m.** Fort Worth Botanic Gardens parking lot or
2. **9:30 a.m.** Albertson's parking lot, 4000 Glade Road, Colleyville

**Addresses provided at meeting spots****Join other MGs for lunch afterwards at a local restaurant****Visit Marshall Grain Nursery****WEDNESDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>****BUTTERFLIES UNLIMITED\*****GLENN HEIGHTS, TX**

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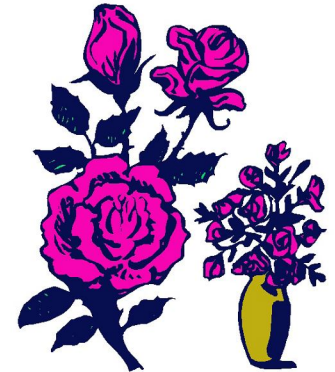


Dale Clark will give us a tour of his butterfly  
**gardens** and his butterfly **ranch**.

**Activities Committee**

# TARRANT COUNTY MASTER GARDENER COMMUNITY AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

**Annual Plant Sale**  
**April 16**  
**9 am to 2 pm**

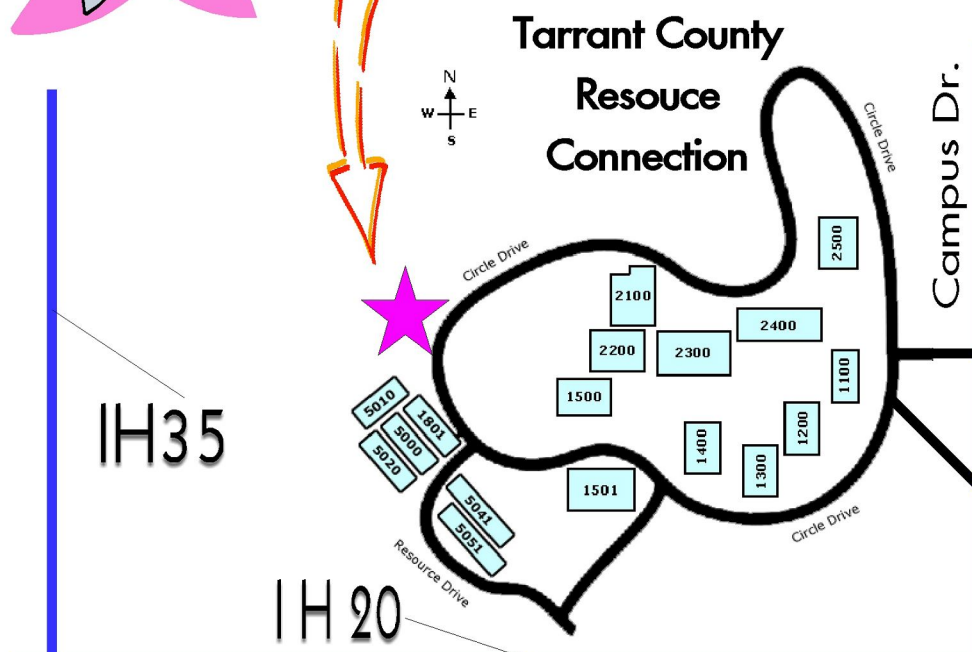


From I 20  
North on  
Campus Drive

(Raymon Barber Dr.)

Left Joe B.  
Rushing Rd., left  
on Circle Dr. to  
garden

(Next to bldg. 1801)



Perennials, Earthkind Roses, Herbs, Annuals, Native Grasses, Trees, and many more, plus heritage plants from the landscapes of Master Gardeners. Demonstrations of composting and planting containers for patios.

Bring plant and landscape questions to the "Ask a Master Gardener" table.



Improving Lives. Improving Texas.

For more information

Carol Lally yca@sbcglobal.net

Linda Winn mwinnclan@aol.com



## SPIN Into SPRING Garden Tour

April 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 Southlake, Texas 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.



Six beautiful gardens showcasing a variety of landscapes and gardening styles are being presented jointly by SPIN, Keep Southlake Beautiful, and the Perennial Garden Society of Southlake. In addition to an opportunity to view some of the premier gardens in Southlake, SPIN Into SPRING traditionally strives to provide tour participants with information and understanding of responsible gardening related practices. Tarrant County Master Gardener's will be located in each garden to answer questions along with demonstrations and handouts on related topics.

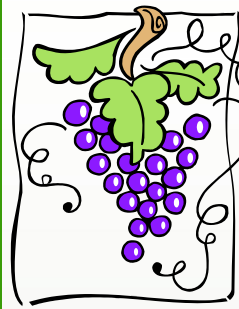
Advanced tickets are \$8 and will be available at Calloway's locations in Southlake, Hurst, Arlington and Flower Mound. Tickets will also be available at Central Market in Southlake, and the Southlake Library starting March 25th. Tickets sold the day of the tour are \$10 at any of the gardens and the locations mentioned above. Go to [www.keepersouthlakebeautiful.com](http://www.keepersouthlakebeautiful.com) for locations of the gardens.

Contact: Beckie Underwood,  
Event Coordinator  
[underwoodbj@msn.com](mailto:underwoodbj@msn.com) 817 488-6689



## Botanical Research Institute of Texas

Join us **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 6pm** as we celebrate the Grand Opening of our beautiful new campus. There will be food, entertainment, touring of the new campus, children's activities and more. For more information contact Regan Haggerty, [rhaggerty@brit.org](mailto:rhaggerty@brit.org) or 817-332-4441 ext. 215.



## PLANT SALE

### GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30,  
2011**

**8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**At the Farmer's Market by  
the Gazebo  
On Main Street, Grapevine,  
Texas**

Featuring the versatile, colorful, verbena

Annuals and Perennials

Texas Natives

Heirloom- from Members Gardens

Plants for Sun and Shade

Herbs ... and Much More!!

Proceeds Benefit the Club's Scholarship Program and Grapevine Civic Projects



Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call Chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
302 BG Perennial Garden	Wed. 8:00 am	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Trial Garden	Thurs. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller	
		semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community Garden			
<b>Community and Demo Garden Chair</b>	<b>Steve Chaney, s-chaney@tamu.edu</b>		<b>817-884-1945</b>
<b>Project Leads</b>			
Barn Beds	Charlotte Berck, caberck@dot11net.		817-426-6417
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting	Ron & Sue Ellen Schlitzer, s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net		817-294-1329
Community Vegetable Beds	Bill Vandever, bvandever@sbcglobal.net		817-244-1580
Demonstration and Enabling Beds	Kim Freeman bamagirlntx@sbcglobal.net		817-292-3775
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com		817-557-6122
Enabling Garden	TBA		
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Wednesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-295-2883
Hospitality (Cook-outs)	Beverly Beazley, babeazley@tx.rr.com		817-483-7080
Orchard	Renee Beckum, jrbeckum@sbcglobal.net		817-790-8575
Perennial Garden	Ginger Bason & Joann Hahn, gbason@hotmail.com, joannhahn@att.net	817-838-7321/817-923-9250	
Plant Sales	Carol Lally & Linda Winn		
	lallyca@sbcglobal.net, mwinnclan@aol.com	817-656-2736/817-581-4486	
Potting Shed	Pat Lovejoy, palovejoy@att.net		817-447-7924
Rain Barrel Construction	Claudia Teague, cteague@flash.net		817-444-2247
Rose Garden, Tuesdays	Nan Garvin, garbre@hotmail.com		817-477-2867
Topiary (children's garden)	Peg Surber, txsurber@aol.com		817-232-5035
Treasurer	Donna Morris, morrisd1@swbell.net		817-560-7767
304 Thistle Hill	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds. 9:30 am	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 am	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 8:30am	Bernice Ransbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden			
Docents	Call Chairman	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
<b><u>Environmental Projects:</u></b>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin	817-581-1850
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat., River Legacy, Arlington	Charlie Shiner	817-488-6123
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	3rd Wed. 9 am	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-5281
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Southlake Liberty Garden	Call Chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Tues., 8-11 am		
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Tues. 9-12pm Randoll Mill Pk.	Greenhouse	
	Wed. 9-12pm, 1:30pm-4pm	Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
	1st Sat., 9-12 pm		
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd, Wednesday, 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<b><u>School Gardens:</u></b>			
306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE	Wed. 3:15 pm	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 Heritage School OLE	Mon. 8-10am	Jackie Peel	817-581-0977



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**200 Taylor St., Suite 500**  
**Fort Worth, Texas 76102-7308**



## ***Important Websites to Know!***



<b>Our local TCMGA website:</b>	<a href="http://www.tarrantmg.org/"><u>http://www.tarrantmg.org/</u></a>
<b>State MG Website and TMG news:</b>	<a href="http://www.texasmastergardeners.com"><u>http://www.texasmastergardeners.com</u></a>
<b>State Newsletter:</b>	<a href="http://www.tmganewsletter.org"><u>http://www.tmganewsletter.org</u></a>
<b>Our RC Demo Garden Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123"><u>http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123</u></a>
<b>Native Plant Society of Texas</b>	<a href="http://txnativeplants.org"><u>http://txnativeplants.org</u></a>
<b>Aggie Horticulture:</b>	<a href="http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu"><u>http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu</u></a>
<b>Earthkind:</b>	<a href="http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind"><u>http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind</u></a>
<b>Texas Superstars:</b>	<a href="http://texassuperstar.com"><u>http://texassuperstar.com</u></a>
<b>Fort Worth Botanic Garden:</b>	<a href="http://fwbg.org"><u>http://fwbg.org</u></a>
<b>Wildscape:</b>	<a href="http://thewildscape.org"><u>http://thewildscape.org</u></a>
<b>Urban Solution Center:</b>	<a href="http://urbansolutioncenter.tamu.edu"><u>http://urbansolutioncenter.tamu.edu</u></a>
<b>Botanical Research Institute of Texas:</b>	<a href="http://www.brit.org"><u>http://www.brit.org</u></a>