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December 2013

Camellias—Southern Charm with a History

By Keith C. Hansen, Extension Horticulturist

Fall and winter bring out the flowers of one of the loveliest blooming shrubs we can grow – camellias. Like many other wonderful plants we grow and admire in the landscape, camellias are native to the Orient. European plant explorers to China, Japan and Korea found many wonderful plants both under cultivation and in the wild, sending them home where they quickly became fashionable in Victorian times.

Many folks are unaware that the leaves of a very close relative of garden camellias are the source of the beverage we call tea! *Camellia sinensis* has been grown and used in China since 2737 B.C., and it became a popular drink in Europe in the 17th century.



Due to the expense of transporting leaves from the Orient, the British became interested in establishing tea plantations in the southern colonies as early as 1744. Early plantings from seed in Georgia were not successful. According to Dr. Bill Welch's research in 'The Southern Heirloom Garden,' which he co-authored with Greg Grant, attempts to grow tea plants from seed in Cat Springs near Bellville, Texas, were also not successful, according to the Cat Springs Agricultural Society records!

A successful commercial planting of tea was finally established by the Lipton Tea Company near Charleston where it is still in production as the only commercial tea plantation in the U.S., currently under new ownership.

The most familiar of the camellias is *Camellia japonica* - often simply called 'japonica' - with varieties blooming from early winter through spring. *Camellia japonica* has been cultivated in the U.S. since about 1800, initially as tender greenhouse ornamental plants in the north. It wasn't until 1819 that *Camellia japonica* was introduced into southern U.S. landscapes through a nursery in Charleston. Today, many large, old camellias grace old plantations and homesteads all across the south, and many fine specimens can be found around Tyler and East Texas.

Camellia japonica flowers are large, often double and very showy. Because they bloom during the winter time, open flowers may be damaged by a freeze. But, if the buds are tightly closed, they are usually protected from freeze injury. The plants themselves are generally quite cold hardy for our area.

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Camellia sasanqua has been cultivated since the mid 1800s. Their individual blooms are not quite as showy as the more popular *Camellia japonica* - but are nevertheless great landscape plants. Of the two species, Sasanquas bloom earlier, which

means their flowers usually escape freeze damage. Their smaller, usually simple flowers which are borne in great abundance, begin appearing locally as early as late September. What the flowers lack in individual substance is made up by the sheer numbers of blooms.

Sasanquas make a stately accent shrub when grown singly near the house, in an opening, or in a mixed border. You can turn a larger specimen into a small "tree" by removing lower twigs and shoots to reveal its attractive, multi-trunk growth. Sasanquas' growth habit also makes them a good candidate for an informal hedge in a partially shady spot.

All camellias prefer a well-drained, yet moisture-retentive, acidic soil rich in organic matter, although sasanquas seem to tolerate poorer soil conditions. Most soils in East Texas support good camellia growth if properly amended. Prepare the soil before planting by incorporating lots of organic matter like compost or composted pine bark. The best time to plant camellias is October through March, although they can be established any time of the year if given proper care.

Plant camellias no deeper than they were grown in the container, digging the hole twice to three times as wide. Planting too deep is a good way to kill a camellia. If you have heavy clay soil, plant high and bring soil in to cover the root ball.

Although the best location for camellias is a partially shaded site, camellias will tolerate either shade or full sun, though growth will be spindly and blooming will be reduced in dense shade and leaf scorch can result in full sun. Flower color and growth is the best under the partial shade of tall trees, like pines. The north or east side of a house will also provide a good exposure.

A thick layer of mulch over the surface of the soil benefits the shallow root system by providing a more uniform soil temperature and moisture level. Established camellias will tolerate a temporary dry spell, but will perform much better if given supplemental water in the summer.

Lightly fertilize camellias after they finish blooming. There are

specially formulated products for camellias and other acid-loving plants which you could use. Do not exceed fertilizer rate recommended on the package instructions. It is better to feed camellias small amounts a couple of times in the spring and early summer rather than one large dose.

Prune camellias, if needed, right after flowering in spring and early summer. Try to retain and enhance the natural form of the plant. Since camellias are rather slow growing, do not prune too heavily. Sasanquas respond well to pruning, and if started young, can be trained as an espalier on a wall or as a dense hedge.

Check camellias regularly for tea-scale on the underside of leaves. These small, sessile, white, thin, sap-sucking insects can build up large numbers if you do not regularly inspect your plants and take corrective measures when scale is first found. Often your first clue will be spotty yellowing on the upper surface of the leaves.

Horticultural oil can be used in the winter time if used before blooming or in spring after blooming. Do not apply horticultural oil when near-freezing temperatures may be expected. Always carefully read and follow pesticide label directions before use.

One disease that affects camellia flowers is camellia petal blight which will rapidly turn entire flowers brown. If a camellia has petal blight, remove and dispose of all blighted flowers both on the plant and on the ground. Discard old mulch and apply a deep layer of fresh mulch to help prevent spores from blowing back onto new flowers.

Another problem that sometimes appears is leaf galls that cause new leaves to grow abnormally thick. This is not a serious problem and only appears occasionally in moist spring weather. A virus is another disease that mottles leaves with various shades of yellow to white. The virus does not injure the plant, but the mottling can cause an objectionable appearance, and there is no cure or treatment.



TCMGA Holiday Luncheon

10:30am-Punch and Coffee, 11:30am - Lunch, 12:30pm -Program

Where: The Woman's Club of Fort Worth
1316 Pennsylvania
Ft. Worth 817-335-3525

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Make your reservations by mailing your check to:

Eleanor Tuck
8328 Patreota Drive
Benbrook, TX 76126

Upcoming Local Events

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Tarrant County Master Gardeners Association

presents

2014 Spring Regional Conference



Tomato Roundup:

All you ever wanted to know about growing tomatoes

Saturday, February 8, 2014

**2300 Circle Drive, Building 2300
Fort Worth, TX 76119**

To register please go to tarrantmg.org or go directly to [online registration](#) for payment via mail-in check, credit card or Pay Pal at



2012 TCMGA Awards

Ever wonder what all the hubbub about awards each year is? Think about it, recognition for our accomplishments is our pay!

The Tarrant County Master Gardener Association committee, who write the State awards, has been at it awhile. We usually start in October-November to meet the deadline in late January-mid February. TCMGA enters all 8 categories of awards, as well as building a poster and exhibit to be shown at the State meetings.

This past year the writing of the JMG awards was also assigned to the committee----who, by the way, is Ginger Basson, JoAnn Hahn, Tammy Edwards and Eleanor Tuck. We drafted Diane Geiser this year to oversee the JMG awards.

As Steve Chaney reported at the meeting, we entered the following categories:

- **Newsletter**, the March edition
- **Education**, the “Great Durham School Experience,” including pictures of their garden
- **Mass Media**, newspaper article “A Community Centrepiece” about 6 Stones Community Garden
- **Publication**, a pamphlet overseen by Charlie Shiner “Serious About Soils” to include his early MG training about soils and he progressed into mulching and began to teach about this important combination
- **Graphics**, “Survive & Thrive in Drought”—a power point originated by Marilyn Sallee
- **Project**, 6 Stones Community Garden—overseen by Annette Lee
- **Association**, Tarrant County Master Gardener Association
- **Individual**, a person nominated by his peers to demonstrate outstanding contributions over the past year—none other than Ron Schlitzer
- **Poster**, designed by Marilyn Sallee to teach about composting—complete with various stages of composting as examples on the table in front of the poster.

- **Exhibit**, designed by Debby Haberly, highlighting the multiple projects within our county which demonstrate carrying out our MG Mission of education—completed with a small train running about the community and an album of pictures of our projects.
- **Junior Master Gardener Awards** entered for 2012 developed and written by Diane Geiser: Tarrant County JMG programs demonstrating/ describing the community approach to JMG
- **The Marva Beck JMG Award** nominee—yep, you guessed her: Bea Wilson.

TCMGA is proud to announce winners of the 2012 awards:



1st Place: Project

1st Place: Graphics



2nd Place: Poster

2nd Place: Association

2nd Place: Publication



3rd Place: Mass Media



**Patsy Miller,
TCMGA President**

**“Ho, Ho,
Ho!”**



President's Message

Ho, Ho, Ho Master Gardeners,

Wishing you all the best this holiday season.

A great way to start is by attending the Master Gardeners Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Woman's Club of Fort Worth. Come for punch and coffee at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy the luncheon. We'll find out who is the Master Gardener of the Year, Intern of the Year and those energized folks earning an amazing number of volunteer hours.

Send your \$20 reservation fee to Eleanor Tuck. She doesn't count you as coming until she gets your check. Spouses are welcome.

While the weather might not be the best for working outside, Master Gardeners are keeping busy in other ways. New officers are learning their job duties, committee chairs are being chosen and plans are being made for 2014.

A change for the new year is there will only be a morning speaker. We will have a brunch at 10 a.m. with the speaker at 10:30 a.m. The business meeting will be held following the speaker. The meeting will adjourn around 12:30 p.m.

The agenda will change from time to time when we have a barbecue or a special speaker that extends into the afternoon. We welcome your comments as we try out this new schedule. The change is a result of comments from those who filled out the survey forms. A majority of you indicated you wanted a shorter

monthly meeting.

Work is continuing on the regional conference, "Tomato Roundup: All you ever wanted to know about tomatoes," February 8, at Building 2300 at the Resource Connection. We took reservations from members at the November meeting, and we are close to having the online registration ready for us to start publicizing the event to the public. We have sent "save the date" flyers to area MG associations and garden clubs. Don't forget to invite your neighbors and friends as this is a topic that has a wide interest. The speakers, Bill Adams and Tom LeRoy, are retired county agents and considered experts on raising tomatoes and vegetables.

Sue Kelley and Dorothy Hildebrand head the goodie bag committee and are looking for items to fill those bags. Contact them if you have a source or idea for a goodie bag item.

Let Bill Vandever, Linda Hawkins and Donna Fry know of possible sources for vendors and sponsors for the regional conference.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and see you at the Holiday Luncheon,

**Patsy Miller
TCMGA President**

TCMGA General Meeting—November 2013

The November general meeting was called to order by President Patsy Miller at 11:18 am with 192 members and guests present. Guests and vendors were recognized by President Miller. President Miller recognized the 2013 intern class who completed class work and volunteer hours. They were giving a rousing applause.

Minutes of the October meeting were published in the newsletter.

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as published.newsletter.

Executive Board

Taddie Hamilton, First Vice President programs, reminded members of the Holiday luncheon at the Woman's Club on Thursday December 5, at 10:30 am. The cost is \$20.00, payable in advance.

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means, introduced all of the vendors who were present for our annual Vendor Day at Master Gardeners.

Steve Chaney, CEA, thanked Eleanor Tuck and her committee of Ginger Bason, JoAnn Hahn, and Dianne Geiser, for the fine work they did on the TCMGA Awards entered for 2012, as listed below.

- Newsletter the March edition
- Education-The Great Durham Middle School Experience
- Individual-Ron Schlitzer-nominated by his peers
- Exhibit-designed by Debby Haberly highlighting the multiple projects within our county which demonstrate carrying out our MG Mission of Education
- Junior Master Gardener Awards entered for 2012, Developed & written by Diane Geiser
- Marva Beck JMG Award nominee is Bea Wilson

Awards TCMGA won at the state conference:

- Mass Media-news article "Community Centerpiece" 6 Stones Comm. Garden - 3rd place
- Publication-"Serious about Soils" - 2nd place
- Association-TCMGA - 2nd place
- Poster-designed by Marilyn Sallee about composting - 2nd place
- Graphics-"Survive & Thrive in Drought"-power point by Marilyn Sallee—1st place
- Project-6 Stones Community Garden—1st place
- Tarrant County JMG programs demonstrating the community approach to JMG - 1st place

Chaney announced certified specialists were awarded in the following categories:

Earth Kind Landscaping, Entomology, Greenhouse Management, Irrigation, Plant Propagation and Vegetable Gardening. Congratulations to these members.

Pam Braak, Treasurer presented the October financial statement showing

Treasurer's Report

For Month Ended
October 31, 2013

Cash, Beginning 10/1/2013	\$33,079.76
Deposits during month	\$7,450.03
Checks during month	<u>\$4,476.89</u>
Cash, Ending 01/31/2013	\$36,052.90

There were no questions and the report is filed for audit.

Braak announced that there was a \$490.00 profit on the Rose Sales, and to remind members that the MG budget year ends 12/31. All requests for reimbursement must be forwarded to the treasurer, with receipts, before December 16.

Treasurer Braak reminded the new Advanced Certification Specialists that they were eligible for partial scholarships for training expenses, and must apply before December 16.

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Committee Reports

Carol Lally, Timekeeping gave an update on the new volunteer hours reporting system on line which is

texas.volunteersystem.org

Starr Krottinger, Speaker's Bureau, spoke of the need for a coordinator for the Speakers Bureau.

Steve Purdy, Membership, is still taking membership dues. Today is the last chance to have photo taken for 2014 membership directory.

Announcements

- Remember Donna Morris who lost her Mother this week. A card was sent.
- Be sure and visit our vendors during lunch.

Early reservations for the Feb. 8 Regional Conf. "Tomato Round-up" are being accepted.

Miller reminded everyone that volunteer sign-up sheets are at the sign-in desk, and they show many opportunities to volunteer and earn hours.

More than 100 people took part in the survey. Suggestions were
1. Shorten the business meeting by having fewer speakers at the microphone
2. Have brunch, followed by 1 speaker and a business meeting.

The 2014 schedule is brunch at 10:00 am then a speaker at 10:30-11:30 followed by the business meeting. Expect to finish by noon to 12:30. Some meetings will have a different format, such as the barbecue, or a special meeting with an afternoon speaker. If anyone wants to see a copy of the survey results and comments, President Miller will email them to you.

We need a hospitality chair or co-chairs.

The community demonstration garden sign is completed. Thanks to Richard Kurth who made the sign, Pat Higgins who did the design, plus Bill Vandever and Dianne Sterling.

The Texas Master Gardener Directors meeting will be Saturday December 7 in College Station.

Door Prizes

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Joanne McClendon
for Donna Morris

Gardening Tips & Tidbits

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Birth Flowers and Their Meaning



December's birth flower is Narcissus which embodies the idea that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. The other December flower is **holly**, which symbolizes your wish for domestic happiness.

You Know You're a Master Gardener When:



Everything you touch turns to "fertilizer".

Name that Plant?

Skill: Easy

Description:

I am a popular, fall- and winter-flowering houseplant native to Brazil. I am available in a wide variety of colors including red, rose, purple, lavender, peach, orange, cream, and white. I flower near Thanksgiving approximately a month before my sister plant blooms. My flowers can last up 7 to 8 weeks if I am kept at 68 °F.

What am I?

Answer: Revealed next month.

Answer to Last Month's "Name That Plant":

Desert Willow



Do you have a "mystery plant"? Write a "name that plant" paragraph and submit to jackieheidinger@verizon.net



Toni's Tips

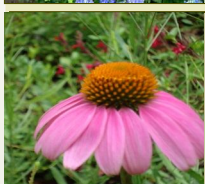
Now that we have had our first hard freeze, it's time to tidy up our perennial gardens a bit. Basically my rule of thumb is, if the plants look bad, I cut them to the ground. If the plants still look good (such as the ornamental grasses) or maybe the plants have some benefit for wildlife (such as seed heads for the birds), I leave them until mid-February. Below are pruning tips on several perennials. We have had some beautiful fall color after the freeze, but now the leaves are falling fast. I like to leave some fallen leaves in the shrub/flower beds for winter protection, but then rake or blow any excess leaves onto the lawn and mulch and bag them with the mower and add them to the compost pile. With the busy-ness of the holidays right around the corner, I hope you take some time to de-stress in your gardens.



Hydrangeas: Do not prune. The only time to prune is immediately after they finish blooming. Pruning now or in the spring will sacrifice next year's bloom.



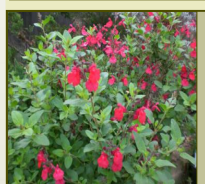
Turk's Cap: Cut down to about 3 or 4 inches tall after a hard freeze



Purple Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susan, Shasta and Ox-eye Daisy: Prune spent flower stalks to the ground now.



Aster oblongifolius (Fall Aster) - You can cut to ground after a freeze. I leave mine until mid-February for winter texture



Salvia Greggii - just give it a "haircut." Save heavy pruning for mid-February



Loosestrife and Lantana - cut to ground after freeze.



Chrysanthemums - cut to ground after a hard freeze.



Hardy Hibiscus: After freeze, cut stems to the ground, then mulch.



Salvia farinacea (mealycup sage), Russian Sage, Salvia guaranitica - cut down to the ground.



Blackfoot Daisy, Calylophus, Pink Skullcap, Dianthus, 4-nerve Daisy: No need to prune.



Salvia leucantha (Mexican Bush Sage) - cut down to the ground, then mulch to protect.



Summer Phlox: After hard freeze, cut to the ground.



Dwarf Mexican Petunia (Katie's Ruellia) - after a freeze, on a dry day, just stomp on them and break the stems off at the ground and remove browned foliage.



Mexican Mint Marigold - Cut to ground after hard freeze and blooms fade.



Ornamental grasses: After a hard freeze, the grasses will turn tan, but just leave them alone until February. The grasses add texture and interest in your garden during the winter.



Powis Castle Artemisia: Wait until February to cut it back.



Columbine - They should start putting on new growth now that the weather is cooler. They will be evergreen through the winter and will bloom in the spring.



Ferns: Holly Ferns and Autumn Ferns are ever-green - don't cut back. Wood Ferns and Japanese Painted Ferns will turn brown after a freeze. Cut them to the ground and mulch.

TCMG EDUCATION—

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**Tarrant County Master Gardener
classes at the
TCMGA**

Community Demonstration Garden

@ Resource Connection of Tarrant County
Circle Drive, Fort Worth, Texas

New Classes coming next year!



Fort Worth Botanic Garden

"Enriching people's lives through environmental stewardship and education"

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 10 am Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Perennial Garden

Members of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Perennial Garden Master Gardener Project conduct an informal tour of the Perennial Garden on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 am. The tour lasts approximately 45 minutes, with lots of time for questions.

The tour is free. No advanced reservations are needed. Just look for the sign in the BG and show up!

Thursday, December 12, 2013 9 am Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Trial Garden

Members of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Trial Garden Master Gardener Project conduct an informal tour of the Trial Garden on the second Thursday of the month at 9 am. The tour lasts approximately 45 minutes, with lots of time for questions.

The tour is free. No advanced reservations are needed. Look for the sign in the BG and just show up!

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Save the Dates—Urban Farming Options

Ever thought of going in to business growing vegetables, fruits, nuts or other horticultural crops? Want to diversify your agricultural production?

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service—Tarrant County invites you to participate in one or more of six webinars plus hands-on activities and tours, addressing the following topics for the small-acreage producer.

Aquaponics: Principles and Practices February 20, 2014 	Composting for the Small Acreage Producer April 24, 2014 	Grafting Vegetables: Principles and Practices June 19, 2014 
Practical Weed Control August 21, 2014 	Food Safety for the Small Acreage Producer October 16, 2014 	Business Planning December 11, 2014 

The goal of the program is to assist producers in evaluating diversification strategies and income opportunities from the production of small acreage horticultural crops.

Bring your questions. A Q/A session is scheduled at the end of each webinar, and there will be time for discussion and networking with fellow producers.

Programs will be held at the Tarrant Plaza Building, 200 Taylor, Fort Worth Room, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102 and on site at various locations.

For additional information please contact
Laura M. Miller, County Extension Agent, Commercial Horticulture,
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Tarrant County, 817-884-1945
lmiller@ag.tamu.edu



Master Gardeners return to Cuernavaca:

In June 2013, the first trip for Tarrant Master Gardeners to the “City of Eternal Spring”, Cuernavaca, Mexico, became a reality. Exploring the gardens of this

Mexican city was but one aspect of the cultural experience. Classes at Universidad Internacional (UNINTER), the school where we meet, offered classes about the architecture and how the gardens are planned. A class on harvesting and cooking herbs and then eating and enjoying their deliciousness is another—ask Steve if he enjoyed stirring the flan? A trip to the Ethnobotanical garden was one to be remembered because of the breadth of its offerings in horticulture. (Did you know that tomatoes comprise over 60% of the vegetable crops in Mexico?).



The trip was organized through the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health, College of Nursing, University of Texas at Arlington. Our bi-lingual tour guide, Dr. Mary Lou Bond, has been taking students to this language school in Cuernavaca over 20 years. She has stayed in many of the homes where we will stay. These friendly and supportive families provide 3 meals a day and transportation to the school.



A second trip is planned for June 13-20, 2014 and gardeners from other counties in Texas will join us. For further information please contact us. We will have a limited number of spaces so please make your plans now!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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6 Caroline DeLaughter
7 Memie Hardie
9 Mimi Mancuso, Earl Alexander
16 Julie Hames, Jack Gerloff,
Angeline Depauw
17 Howard Davis
19 Edward Forrester
21 Pam Sustaire
22 Nelda McGlinchy, Ann McVey
23 Carolyn Critz
24 Claudia Cemma, Kathleen McKinney
25 Rita Hottel
26 Suzi Cook
27 Esther Procter, Cindy Wakeley
29 Joyce Quam

Happy Birthday! December 2013

If your birthday is this month and
you don't see it, please contact

Doris Hill,
(817) 337-8484 or email

artanddorishill@verizon.net

Thank You!

To all Master Gardeners that
shared their time and knowledge
with us.

Thank you all so much for everything you have taught us
in the last few weeks. We have been so excited to take
the knowledge we have learned from you all and apply it
in our own lives and in our communities. Without each
and everyone of you we could not succeed at gardening.

Thank you,

TCU Dietetics Class of 2014

Congratulations New Specialists!

Don't forget that you can receive a scholar-
ship from TCMGA in the amount of one-half
of your tuition.

Also, the Texas Master Gardener Association
will reimburse you \$50 for your specialist
tuition.

See [http://www.tarrantmg.org/
tcmga_new_website_041.htm](http://www.tarrantmg.org/tcmga_new_website_041.htm) for further in-
formation and the necessary forms.

For more information contact Bill Hall.

Directory/Membership Updates

No updates this month, new directories are in-work.

If you have any questions, please call me at 817-545-7888 or email to
spurdy06@sbcglobal.net.



Steve Purdy
Membership

December 2013 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	3 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	4 8a Thistle Hill 9a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter 3:15p Fitzgerald	5 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Christmas Luncheon	6 9a BG BVG	7 8:30a Common NRH 9am Wildscape Composting Demo— Veterans Pk.
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Notable December Events

- **TCMGA Christmas Luncheon—December 5**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Perennial Garden—December 11**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden—December 12**
- **FWBG Backyard Vegetable Garden Classes—None scheduled this month**
- **TCMGA CG Classes—None scheduled this month**
- **TCMGA Field Trip —None scheduled this month**
- **TCMGA Specialist Training—None scheduled this month**

TCMGA Volunteer Opportunities

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Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call Chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
302 BG Perennial Garden	Wed. 9 am	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Backyard Vegetable Garden	Fri. 9 am—12n	Nancy Curl	817-319-1795
302 BG Trial Garden	Thurs. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community and Demo Garden Chair Project Leads	Bill Vandever, bvandever@sbcglobal.net		817-244-1580
Community Garden, Tuesdays			
Barn Beds	Charlotte Berck, caberck@dot11net.		817-426-6417
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting			
Community Vegetable Beds	Pat Higgins, ragdollpath@sbcglobal.net		817-946-6278
Demonstration and Enabling Beds	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com & Pat Higgins	817-557-6122	817-946-6278
Enabling Garden	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Tuesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-929-6847
Hospitality (Cook-outs)	Beverly Beazley, babeazley@tx.rr.com		817-483-7080
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304 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 8 am	Sue Fair	817-266-2514
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 am	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden	Wed. & Sat 8:30am-12n	Dianne Spradling Sandra Totty	817-431-4666 817-281-7877
304 Six Stones/City of Bedford Community Garden-		Annette Lee	214-803-2219
304 The Samaritan House	Tues. 8 am-11 am	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 9 am	Bernice Ramsbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chair	817-488-0035 817-481-4398

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305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin	817-581-1850
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	2nd Thurs 9 am	Bill Hall/ Theresa Thomas	817-737-9890 817-485-6789
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Southlake Liberty Garden	Call Chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Thurs., 8-11 am		
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Wed. 9 am-12 noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
	1st Sat., 9 am-12 noon		
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd Wed. 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190

School Gardens:

306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE	Mon 9 am & Wed 3:15pm	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 Heritage School OLE	Mon. 8-10 am	Pam Braak & Harold Annis	817-488-5665 817-481-6242
306 Durham Intermediate School	Wed 9am	Bea Wilson	817-401-2179

Important Websites to Know!

Our local TCMGA website:

<http://www.tarrantmg.org/>

State MG Website and TMG news:

<http://www.txmg.org>

Our RC Demo Garden Website:

<http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123>

Native Plant Society of Texas

<http://npsot.org>

Aggie Horticulture:

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>

Earthkind:

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind>

Texas Superstars:

<http://texassuperstar.com>

Fort Worth Botanic Garden:

<http://fwbg.org>

Wildscape:

<http://thewildscape.org>

Botanical Research Institute of Texas:

<http://www.brit.org>

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