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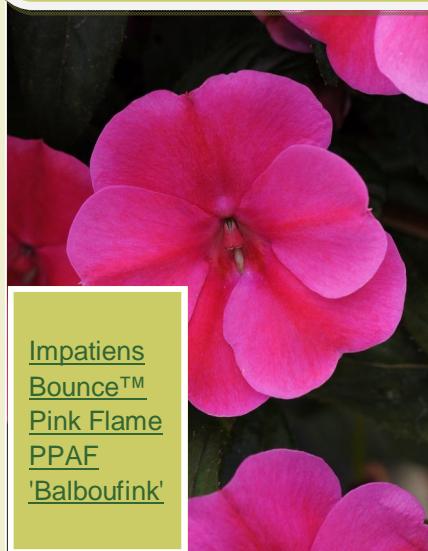
If you have an idea or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Jackie Heidinger jackieheidinger@verizon.net

Sharecropper

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

February 2015

2015 All American Selection Winners



Impatiens
Bounce™
Pink Flame
PPAF
'Balboufink'



Impatiens SunPatiens®
Spreading Shell Pink



Petunia Trilogy Red



Salvia Summer Jewel
White

For more winners and additional information go to
[http://all-americaselections.org/
winners/index.cfm](http://all-americaselections.org/winners/index.cfm)



Marilyn Satterfield,
TCMGA President

President's Message

Howdy Buckaroos!

Yep, the Fat Stock Show has been in town. The rodeos were entertaining and who would want to miss the smell of the livestock barns.

Another great event is on the horizon, the 2015 TMGA State Conference, April 16-18 in Belton, Texas.

You will not want to miss this conference!

There will be some very interesting speakers, including the owner of one of the first commercial olive gardens in Texas, a speaker from the Bats Conservation, the former director of the gardens at Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello", and Fielder Rushing, to name a few.

Constructing a bee hive and floral design will be among the six workshops available.

Fort Hood and Historic Salado are included in the four tours that are offered.

For more information and registration go to the website (www.txmg.org/2015tmgaconference). Be sure to register before the tours and workshops fill up. See you there!!

On another note, there are still committees and committee chairs to be filled. There is a lot of experience and talent among our membership that is needed in our leadership positions, so if you would be willing to step out and share, please get in touch with me.

It is an honor to serve as your President this year, thank you all for your support and advice.



TCMGA General Meeting—January 2015

1. President, Marilyn Satterfield, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. There were 196 members present. Marilyn welcomed the new intern class for 2015 and the interns that just graduated.

2. The December 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes – There were no corrections. Minutes approved as published.

3. Treasurer's Report for December – Starr Krottinger

Beginning Balance on December 1, 2014	\$36,232.13
Checks, transfers and adjustments	(6,531.34)
Deposits	2,554.20
Ending Balance on December 31, 2014	\$34,255.19

Starr presented an overview of the 2015 Proposed Budget

Motion: Richard Kurth made a motion, seconded by Dick Pafford that the 2015 Proposed Budget be approved.

Motion passed

4. Programs, Marianne Levine - Kyle Amato, TCU graduate in Environmental Studies will be the February Speaker. He works as a cultivator in east Fort Worth, works with BRIT and with the other area organizations.

5. Ways and Means, Cecil Ray

Raffle – if any of the members have anything they would like to donate contact Cecil.

Sue Kelly – let members know about the Logo Wear that members can purchase

Fertilizer Sales – will be taking orders this month and next month.

Caladium and Roses Orders - will start in February.

6. Steve Chaney's report

Welcome back for the New Year.

He has the 3, 5, 10, 15 & 25-year pins that members can pick up today.

The AgriLife Extension in College Station is building a garden and greenway on the campus. Total Cost is \$25,000,000. They want a Master Garden Project within the garden and have asked for \$100,000 for naming rights. Texas Master Gardeners are asking each County Organization for a donation which can be paid over a 3-year period. Steve and the Board recommend a total donation of \$6000.00 paid over a 3-year period. Some members express that we put the money put into our local area for education. JoAnn Hahn suggested the money to be used to build a TCMGA Demo Garden in north Tarrant County. She also advised that a donation from the general fund would violate the TCMGA By-Laws. She read the following under Article VIII. Executive Board, Section 9 of the By-Laws - TCMGA funds may be allocated and used based on community needs and in conjunction with programs developed by TCMGA. Steve recommended that 1. a committee be organized to discuss if the TCMGA wants to donate, 2. how much and how the money will be raised within our By-Laws requirements. 3. an article will be written for the Sharecropper considering the Garden. The committee will report back at the March Meeting. If members want to be on the committee see Marilyn.

9. Unfinished Business - none

10. New Business

It was suggested that the yearly budget be eblast to the members before the January Meeting next year.

11. Announcements

Hospitality Committee – Carolyn Lombard agreed to Chair the Committee. She would like about 6 members to help her.

Please let Carolyn or Marilyn know if you are interested.

Lena Goff – said this was the last meeting to have your picture taken for the directory

Home & Garden Show – February 13-15 - Patsy Miller is in charge and will handle the volunteer sign ups and speakers for the show. If you wish to volunteer please let Patsy know.

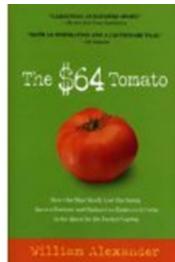
Cindy Woelke had a second hip surgery on 12/31. She is resting and rehabbing.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Going forward, the minutes from the TCMGA meetings will be published in eblasts to the members and will no longer be published in the newsletter.

Respectively submitted by Secretary,
Theresa Kay Thomas

Great Garden Books—by Pam Braak

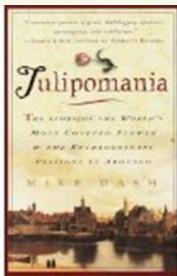


The \$64 Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden

By: William Alexander

Publication Date: March 2, 2007

Bill Alexander had no idea that his simple dream of having a vegetable garden and small orchard in his backyard would lead him into life-and-death battles with groundhogs, webworms, weeds, and weather; midnight expeditions in the dead of winter to dig up fresh thyme; and skirmishes with neighbors who feed the vermin (i.e., deer). Not to mention the vacations that had to be planned around the harvest, the near electrocution of the tree man, the limitations of his own middle-aged body, and the pity of his wife and kids. When Alexander runs (just for fun!) a cost benefit analysis, adding up everything from the live animal trap to the Velcro tomato wraps and then amortizing it over the life of his garden, it comes as quite a shock to learn that it cost him a staggering \$64 to grow each one of his beloved Brandywine tomatoes. But as any gardener will tell you, you can't put a price on the unparalleled pleasures of providing fresh food for your family.



Tulipomania: The Story of the World's Most Coveted Flower & the Extraordinary Passions It Aroused

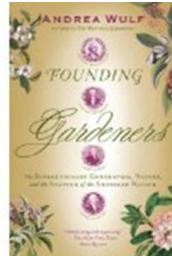
By: Mike Dash

Publication Date: February 6, 2010

In the 1630s, visitors to the prosperous trading cities of the Netherlands couldn't help but notice that thousands of normally sober, hardworking Dutch citizens from every walk of life were caught up in an extraordinary frenzy of buying and selling. The object of this unprecedented speculation was the tulip, a delicate and exotic Eastern import that had bewitched horticulturists, noblemen, and tavern owners alike. For almost a year rare bulbs changed hands for incredible and ever-increasing sums, until single flowers were being sold for more than the cost of a house.

Historians would come to call it tulipomania. It was the first futures market in history, and like so many of the ones that would follow, it crashed spectacularly, plunging speculators and investors into economic ruin and despair.

This is the history of the tulip, from its origins on the barren, windswept steppes of central Asia to its place of honor in the lush imperial gardens of Constantinople, to its starring moment as the most coveted--and beautiful--commodity in Europe. Historian Mike Dash vividly narrates the story of this amazing flower and the colorful cast of characters--Turkish sultans, Yugo-slav soldiers, French botanists, and Dutch tavern keepers--who were centuries apart historically and worlds apart culturally, but who all had one thing in common: tulipomania.



Founding Fathers

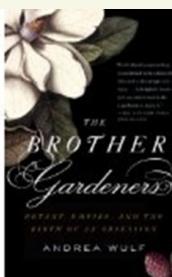
By: Andrea Wulf

Publication Date: March 29, 2011

From the author of the acclaimed *The Brother Gardeners*, a fascinating look at the founding fathers from the unique and intimate perspective of their lives as gardeners, plantsmen, and farmers.

For the founding fathers, gardening, agriculture, and botany were elemental passions, as deeply ingrained in their characters as their belief in liberty for the nation they were creating. Andrea Wulf reveals for the first time this aspect of the revolutionary generation. She describes how, even as British ships gathered off Staten Island, George Washington wrote his estate manager about the garden at Mount Vernon; how a tour of English gardens renewed Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's faith in their fledgling nation; how a trip to the great botanist John Bartram's garden helped the delegates of the Constitutional Congress break their deadlock; and why James Madison is the forgotten father of American environmentalism. These and other stories reveal a guiding but previously overlooked ideology of the American Revolution.

Founding Gardeners adds depth and nuance to our understanding of the American experiment and provides us with a portrait of the founding fathers as they've never before been seen.



The Brother Gardeners

By: Andrea Wulf

Publication Date: March 30, 2009

Bringing to life the science and adventure of eighteenth-century plant collecting, *The Brother Gardeners* is the story of how six men created the modern garden and changed the horticultural world in the process. It is a story of a garden revolution that began in America.

In 1733, colonial farmer John Bartram shipped two boxes of precious American plants and seeds to Peter Collinson in London. Around these men formed the nucleus of a botany movement, which included famous Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus; Philip Miller, bestselling author of *The Gardeners Dictionary*; and Joseph Banks and David Solander, two botanist explorers, who scoured the globe for plant life aboard Captain Cook's Endeavor. As they cultivated exotic blooms from around the world, they helped make Britain an epicenter of horticultural and botanical expertise. *The Brother Gardeners* paints a vivid portrait of an emerging world of knowledge and gardening as we know it today.

Botanical Research Institute of Texas

By Kay Yount and Pam Braak



Picture from BRIT website

Need some hours this winter, or perhaps when it gets really hot again? Volunteer at BRIT. There are many opportunities besides mounting specimens:

HERBARIUM

- BRIT received the gift of a special collection for the study of pollen. Need help to make the collection accessible for research and educational pursuits by organizing specimens, checking inventory, producing signage and interpretive materials.
- Help with digitizing the collection and making the data available online at Atrium.BRIT.org.
- Specimen Searches - Retrieve information from specimens that are filed out into the BRIT herbarium.
- Most of the BRIT mycological collection has been kept in boxes and not been sorted and evaluated. Assist BRIT Research Associate Dr. Denis Benjamin in the assessment of material and make these materials digitally and physically accessible.
- File recently processed (mounted, accessioned) herbarium specimens
- Mounting Repairs to the Heber W. Youngken, Sr. Medicinal Plant Collection. This collection contains mounted specimens collected as early as 1815 that need some repair.

RESEARCH

- Develop a database that will contain information about where botany courses are being taught in the United States to determine where there are botanical gaps in education in the United States.
- Work with the BRIT research team to collect plant samples that will be shipped to a collaborating lab for further analysis and evaluation to identify new agents for treatment of human diseases.
- Edit video presentations and upload these to the BRIT YouTube site.
- Assist the BRIT researchers with various field projects. These can range from the BRIT campus to local ranch surveys.

Most volunteer opportunities are during regular business hours to ensure the best volunteer experience. Complete training on projects will be provided by knowledgeable and friendly BRIT staff. If you are interested in one of these projects but would like more information please contact Julie Donovan, Director of Volunteers and Visitor Relations, jdonovan@BRIT.org or 817.546.1846.

February 2015 Program

Mr. Kyle Amato is a TCU alumni who did environmental apprenticeship at Mariposa Ecovillage west of Amarillo and Mentorship at the former Biosphere in Oracle, Arizona. He served as outreach coordinator for the Clean Water Fund in Austin. He created a small business, Community Cultivators LLC, for sustainable cultivation in the urban setting. He is certified in Green Garden and Master Composting. He has been a research assistant at BRIT. At the February meeting he will talk about community education and empowerment for improving our food systems in the urban setting.

Upcoming 2015 Programs

March 5, 2015

Judy Barrett of Homegrown Texas

Topic-What Makes Heirloom Plants So Great

April 2, 2015

Sam Kieschick of Oliver Nature Park in Mansfield

Topic- All about the Nature Park and the People it Serves

May 7,2015

Larry Womack of Womack Nursery in Deleon, Texas

Topic-Fruit and Nut Trees for Texas

June 4,2015 Garage sale and breakout sessions-TBA

July 2, 2015

Dr. Brooke Best of BRIT

Topic- What We Have Learned from the Living Roof

August 6, 2015

Melinda Adams of the Forestry service

Topic- Care of Trees during Drought Conditions

September 3, 2015

Dell Perry of Dallas Iris Society

Topic-Iris Types and their Cultivation

October 1, 2015

Marilyn Simmons of the Cowgirl Gardeners

Topic-Perennial Gardening

November 5, 2015

Dr. Barney Lipscomb

Topic-Poisonous Plants

**Marianne Levine
Program Chair**



February 2015

- 1 Charlie Shiner
- 3 Andy Crapper, Donna Detzel (i)
- 4 Tamra Novak, Amy Harsha
- 6 Sher Dunaway
- 7 Pat Lovejoy
- 8 Kate Robertson
- 9 Carolyn "Jo Jo" Burnett
- 10 Teresa Moss
- 11 Joyce Wuettig, Nora Alvarez
- 12 Greta Beckler, Thomas W. Blanton
- 13 Betsy Marsh (I)
- 15 Beatrice Stevenson
- 17 Laura Lowe, Ed Vaughan
- 18 Renie Stricklen, Anna Wilkerson (I)
- 20 Terri Mann
- 21 Claudia Blalock
- 22 Mary Lee Hodge (I), Mary Morgan
- 25 Dianne Spradling, Evaline Woodrey
- 26 Donna Bufton, Molly Hollar, Judi Martin
- 27 Debbie Morrison
- 28 Lorraine Castorina
- 29 Toni Hernandez.

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

If you know of anyone who is ill in the Master Gardener Association and/or deaths in their immediate family, please contact LaVonne Nowlin.

Also we are in need of cards to send to our membership. If you could bring any extras you can donate, please bring them to the meetings, it would be so appreciated.

LaVonne Nowlin 817) 581-1850 or email
lavonnen@sbcglobal.net.

A buy, sell and swap column in the Sharecropper



Have I Got A Deal For You!

Now Master Gardeners will be able to buy, sell or swap garden/yard-related items with other members. Simply fill out the online form at

<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1848401-Xn4twek0Da>

Sale Item must be property of MG or immediate family and worth a minimum value of \$10 and a maximum value of \$500.

PROJECT LEADERS NEEDED!

If you love gardening, children and leading, then volunteer to be the next Project Leader for the Alice Carlson Elementary Garden. Sharon Chastain, the current Project Leader, is leaving and needs someone to fill her shoes!

The John Peter Smith Meditation garden also needs a Project Lead, perfect for someone living in the area!

Contact Rocky Deutscher at 817-991-7171 or rdeutscher.1@charter.net for more information.



2015 CALADIUM BULB SALE

Caladium Bulbs will be sold at the February and March monthly meetings or can be purchased online or ordered by mail.

All orders must be prepaid. Payment information is on the order form.

Bulbs will be delivered at the May 7th monthly meeting.

For questions contact Marilyn Satterfield,
fitchfield@yahoo.com.

Order form and online purchase link can be found at
tarrantmg.org

MEMORIAL BRICK

**Order your Memorial Brick for
the Community Demonstration
Garden now!**

Order form can be found at
tarrantmg.org

Newsletter Changes!

- **Beginning March, the TCMGA meeting minutes will be published via eblast only**
- TCMGA Project information is now located on the TCMGA website under the Projects tab.
- TCMGA Leadership information can be found on the TCMGA website: Tarrantmg.org

SPECIALIST TRAINING

Irrigation Efficiency Specialist – Bexar County

March 23, 2015 @ 8:00 am - March 25, 2015 @ 5:00 pm

More info can be found at

<http://txmg.org/event/irrigation-efficiency-specialist-bexar-county/>

Plant Propagation – Tarrant County

May 7, 2015 @ 12:30 pm - May 9, 2015 @ 12:00 pm

More info can be found at:

<http://tarrantmg.org> or <http://txmg.org/?s=specialist+training>

2015 Spring Master Composter Class

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Thursday, April 9

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday, April 10

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, April 11

Pre-registration is required. Registration form on the back.

Deadline is April 2.

\$40 registration fee* for Fort Worth residents.

\$55 registration fee* for non-residents.

Ten full scholarships available to certified teachers with students in Fort Worth.

Training Location:

Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 1700 University Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76107

Participants will receive:

- Excellent training featuring nationally known instructor Larry Wilhelm
- Rodale Book of Composting
- C.E. Shepherd Compost Bin (*if attended class all 3 days*)

Make checks payable to: Fort Worth Botanical Society
Include your email and phone number with payment.

Mail check to:

Fort Worth Botanic Garden
c/o Volunteer Coordinator
3220 Rock Springs Road
Fort Worth, TX 76107

*Couples: Spouse may attend class for additional \$20,
but includes only one set of supplies.



Plant to planet.



Class Registration Questions: (attendance at all three sessions highly recommended)
Call 817-392-5543 or Composting@FortWorthTexas.Gov

Upcoming Events

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FEBRUARY

February 5	9 am – ??am	TCMGA Meeting Social hour starts at 9am , meeting starts at 10am.
February 7	9 am – 11 am	Healthy Lawns With Less Water Space is limited, please register online at SaveDallasWater.com or by calling us at (214) 670-3155. <i>Seminar sponsored by City of Dallas Water Conservation and Texas A&M AgriLife Research.</i>
February 7	9 am – 5 pm	Weston Gardens—Landscape Design Classes 817-572-0549
February 7	9 am – noon	BRIT—Library Task Day 817-546-1846
February 7	11 am –	Hulen Ace Hardware—TCMGA member Jackie Peel presents class on roses. 4551 Sycamore School Road, Fort Worth, 76133
February 11	10 am – noon	BRIT—Seed Starter Information Session 817-546-1846
February 13-15		Ft. Worth Home and Garden Show
February 14	9 am – 5 pm	Neil Sperry's Home Landscape School http://neilsperry.com/store/neils-2015-home-landscape-school/
February 21	8:50 am – 4:30 pm	Comal County Spring Seminar—We Love Vegetables! http://txmg.org/comal/event/seminar/
February 23-24	9 am – 5 pm	Texas Garden Clubs and Texas AgriLife Extension Service Landscape Design Study Courses http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/sglandex2.html

MARCH

March 5	9 am –	TCMGA Meeting Social hour starts at 9am, meeting starts at 10am.
March 7	9 am – noon	Yard Smart—Ft. Worth Botanic Garden
March 7-8	Saturday 9 am – 5 pm Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm	Moonlight African Violet Show/Sale http://fwbg.org/events/333/moonlight-african-violet-showsale/
March 21	9 am – 5 pm	Collin County Master Gardener Association Garden Show or more information contact www.ccmgatx.org/TheGardenShow or call 972-548-4232.
March 24	9:30 am – 5 pm	Grapevine Garden Club Meeting —program is titled <i>The Delight of Daylilies</i> given by Tim Thompson from Three Creek Gardens Location is the Grapevine Convention Center, address is 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine. Accommodations are limited to 20-30 master gardeners.

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APRIL

April 2	9 am –	TCMGA Meeting Social hour starts at 9am , meeting starts at 10am.
April 9	5 pm – 7 pm	FWBG Plant Pre-sale for members
April 9-11		FWBG Master Composter Class http://fwbg.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Composter-Class-Spring-2015.pdf
April 10-11	9 am – 2 pm	FWBG Plant sale
April 11	8 am – 12 noon	SmartScape Water Conserving Plant Sale and Fair - Ft. Worth http://www.txsmartscape.com/events/plantsale.asp
April 16-17		Texas Master Gardener Conference , Belton, Texas http://txmg.org/2015tmgconference/
April 18	8 am - 1 pm	Grapevine Garden Club - SURVIVE and THRIVE – Annual Spring Plant Sale , 411 Ball Street, Grapevine
April 18 – 19	Saturday 9 am – 5 pm Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm	Flowercade and Rose Show and Iris Show - FWBG Moncrief Center
April 25	8 am – 12 noon	TCMGA Plant Sale at Resource Connection
April 25	8 am – 12 noon	Prairie Fest—Tandy Hills Natural Area http://www.tandyhills.org/fest
April 25	8 am – 12 noon	SmartScape Water Conserving Plant Sale and Fair - Southlake http://www.txsmartscape.com/events/plantsale.asp
April 25 – 26	Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 11 am - 5 pm	Spring Festival in the Japanese Garden - FWBG
April 25 – 26		Plano Garden Club presents “Gardens to Inspire and Delight” – a tour of five Plano gardens www.planogardenclub.org



Please let us know if there is an event we missed!
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