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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



Tarrant County MGs Win Eight State Awards

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Sixty-two Tarrant County Master Gardeners attended the 2011 Texas State Master Gardener Conference. It was a grand affair well orchestrated by Somervell and Granbury Master Gardeners.

Being the very capable organization we are, Tarrant County proudly accepted 8 award plaques out of the 9 award categories for which we submitted. Following is a list of the awards our organization won in the “large” county category:.

- First Place** - Project - Native & Adaptive Grasses of Texas - A Demonstration Garden
- First Place** - Newsletter – Sharecropper April edition
- First Place** - Graphic Presentation - Pick 'em, Plant 'em, Keep 'em
- First Place** - Mass Media - Giving Back
- First Place** - Master Gardener Association
- Second Place** - Education - Education Curriculum Tarrant County Community/Demonstration Garden, Phase 2
- Second Place** - Exhibit describing the multiple projects of the whole Association to support AgriLife and the Community
- Third Place** - Poster – Solving the Rain Garden Puzzle, Alice Carlson Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE) Project

Ginger Bason won the Shari Lanza Ambassador Award for her work and dedication in the state organization that was judged by the State Executive Board as "above and beyond".

Tarrant County also won a ribbon for having the largest percentage of attendees at the State Conference.

Congratulations to all who participated in these awards and thanks to the awards committee for their excellent efforts. We could not have won without them!

**Dear Gardener Friends**

Have you had a minute to catch your breath during this busy time of year? There have been a record number of requests for Master Gardeners in so many different areas. As they say, “it is great to be needed.” Thank you to you all for answering those needs!

We knew our TCMG association was a great organization, but it was wonderful to earn recognition from the Texas Master Gardener Association as the best large association in the state! The TCMGA also earned recognition for the most members attending the state conference. Our association is made up of an amazing group of talented people who enjoy their association and are dedicated to the MG mission of education.

The 2010 State Conference was jam-packed with great speakers, fun classes, activities and interesting vendors for 3 days in Glen Rose and Granbury. We anticipate some of our members who attended classes at the conference will be offering information and instruction in classes to our members shortly.

Congratulations to Carolyn Critz, Gay Larson, Marilyn Sallee, Jackie Heidinger, the TCMGA Class of 2010, and all of the MGs who taught a class at the TCMGA Garden on awards for their categories. Congratulations to Ginger Bason on her recognition from the state for her many hours of dedication to the Master Gardeners at the state level.

Thank you to Eleanor Tuck and the members of her dedicated committee who spent many hours completing and fine-tuning the documentation for each award submitted. Start thinking about what you could submit for an award for 2011!

Congratulation to our new specialists; Bill Hall and Donna Fry, Compost Specialists; Theresa Thomas, Irrigation Specialist; and Debbie Bollinger, Greenhouse Specialist. Consider becoming a specialist in a topic you would like to learn more about. Look for specialist training, dates and locations listed in the Sharecropper and on the TMGA website.

Extension director Dr. Ed Smith, Doug Welsh, and Jayla Fry provided information about the Partial-Cost Recovery initiative that is being implemented in every extension agency in the state. While local MG associations will not be required to submit money from their budget, members may be involved in helping each agent identify ways to generate funds for this program. Don't hesitate to give your ideas to Steve or one of your TCMGA officers. We hope Extension will be successful with this program.

Our schedules are busy and calendars full, but don't forget to have fun along the way!

See you in the garden!

**Nancy Curl, President
Tarrant County Master Gardeners**

The general meeting started at 10:20 a.m. to allow members to shop the vendor tables. President Nancy Curl called the business meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. with 195 members, interns and guests in attendance.

Gay Larson, who holds dual MG membership in both Tarrant and Parker Counties spoke on Evergreens. "Tropical John" Campbell, the horticulturist at Into the Garden, spoke briefly in the afternoon.

The minutes of the April, 2011 meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.

Treasurer, Pat Higgins gave the Treasurer's Report for April, 2011.

March, 2011 Money Market Balance:	\$23,338.55
March 31, 2011 Checking Account	<u>4,399.02</u>
Total Accounts	\$27,737.57
Deposits during April, 2011	14,338.31
Checks written during April, 2011	<u>(9,080.23)</u>
Money Market and checking balance at April 30, 2011	<u>\$32,995.65</u>

Way & Means, John Stanley requested members pick up items previously ordered.

Hospitality, Natalie Wistrand and Theresa Thomas thanked all members who donated food for the May luncheon. A sign up sheet is being circulated for food contributions to the June meeting.

Plant Sale, Carol Lally and Linda Winn, reported the results of the plant sale:

Total Sales	\$8,193.55
Expenses	<u>\$4,237.50</u>
Net Profit	\$3,956.05

All who volunteered to help at the Plant Sale were recognized. Attendees appreciated the beautifully maintained garden as well as the knowledgeable people who worked. Plants left over from the plant sale are in the hoop house and available for purchase. Plants in one gallon pots or larger are priced at \$1.00. Plants in containers smaller than one gallon are \$0.50 each.

Membership, Steve Purdy, 2011 membership directories are available for pick-up.

Activities, Pam Braak, announced the next field trip is on Wednesday, May 25, to Butterflies Unlimited. A box lunch is available for purchase (\$12.50). An extensive tour of BRIT is scheduled for June 21st.

Community Gardens, we continue to receive requests for help with different community gardens. Information will come to members through the eblast. Members are encouraged to help with community gardens. If more information is needed about specific projects, contact Susan Harper at sharprone@swbell.net.

Historian, Jackie Peel requests photos of project events.

There was neither any unfinished business nor any new business.

Announcements

TCMGA won 10 awards at the 2011 Texas Master Gardener Association State Conference:

- 1st Place** - Project - Native & Adaptive Grasses of Texas - A Demonstration Garden
- 1st Place** - Newsletter - Sharecropper April edition
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Tarrant County Master Gardeners Association won as the county with proportionately the most members in attendance: 62 members attended!

In all, 133 award packets from 33 counties were submitted.

TCMGA meeting schedule for the next two months will be June 2nd, the 1st Thursday of the month. The July meeting will be July 14th, the 2nd Thursday of the month. An update on the parking status will be eblasted to members prior to the meeting.

Garden Conservancy Tours will be May 21st in Dallas and October 9th in Fort Worth. Sign-up sheets to help with the Oct. 9 tour has begun. A sign-up sheet was posted on the bulletin board.

Native Plant Society will not meet tonight. The meeting will be next week.

Minutes of the TCMGA General Meeting— Cont'd)

Assist with irrigation installation: Jerry Tuttle can use some volunteers to assist in the installation of an irrigation system at Samaritan House, a satellite project of Union Gospel Mission. The next work date is Friday, May 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Share your harvest: Gardeners with an over abundance of crops who would like to share their harvest, please contact Jackie Peel. Jackie will designate where your surplus will go.

State Announcements

State newsletter is available to all members. Register online at www.txmg.org.

Chapter Requirements: Statewide, 11 counties have not submitted all three requirements for recertification: dues, officer roster and charter.

State Conference, 2012 will be held on the San Antonio Riverwalk.

Specialist Training: TMGA will partially reimburse members (\$50.00) upon completion of requirements. The request must be made within one year of completion of Specialist Training course. Reimbursement form can be downloaded from www.txmg.org.

Dr. Sam Cottner, Vegetable Specialist agent passed away.

Doug Richards will assume the position of First Vice-President, treasurer which was recently vacated.

Partial Cost Recovery Program (PCRP) is asking Extension/Agency, not MGs, to charge for educational classes such as, initial training for MG, short courses, workshops, field days, conferences, etc. Dues, organization dollars, plant sale or other fund raising events are not included in the PCRP. MGs are encouraged to work with their agent to generate partial funds to go into the agency. Note: Speakers Bureau, educational classes that charge a fee to defray the cost of the class or a part of a fundraiser are not impacted by the PCRP.

TMGA is facing a \$10 million deficit. The PCRPP is looking to recover \$4.3 million over the next 2 years. No designated amount has been assigned or is expected. Of the state budget, 90% is people, i.e., salaries; the remaining 10% is overhead.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer
Secretary

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TMGA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2011

I. Call to Order

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes - approved

III. Treasurer's Report – posted on the website

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Awards – results revealed at the Thursday evening Award's dinner (139 Awards submitted , 33 counties)
- B. Newsletter – subscribe online to receive newsletter all MGs encouraged to subscribe sign up at the TMGA website
- C. Nominating Committee – refer names to the state committee; consider serving as a committee chair, director, officer
- D. 2012 TMGA State Conference – San Antonio; visit Pearl Brewery, Farmer's Market, River Barge Ride, Botanical Garden with largest Children's Garden in the country, New Earth-one of the largest recyclers, biggest wholesale nursery-Peterson's Nursery, hemisphere tower...www.bexarcounty.org

V. Unfinished business

- A. 11 counties have not sent in all 3 requirements; dues, officer roster, charter

VI. New Business

- A. Specialist Training – TMGA will partially reimburse (\$50) upon completion of requirements. Form is on the TMGA website. Request must be made one year within completion of Specialist training requirements
- B. Dr. Sam Cottner, Vegetable Specialist agent passed away; scholarship fund will be set up, discussion at August meeting
- C. TMGA website – rosters are on the website, TMGA Executive board recommends this email roster only be used for TMGA business; will consider a disclaimer be placed on the website
- D. 1st VP , treasurer resigned; Doug Richards is the replacement

XIII. Meeting Adjourn

Texas Master Gardener Program The Texas A&M University System

Message from Dr. Ed Smith, Doug Welsh, and Jayla Fry

*Dr. Ed Smith, Ag Economist, Director of Extension from A&M

- 73% of extension is funded from government funds; federal, state, and county
- 90% of the budget is people (salary) 10% operation
- Uncertainty about the budget; Budget cuts will impact people
- Dilemma – 6,000 volunteers, 1,000 professionals, 254 counties reach 25 million people in the state – facing \$10 million shortfall over the next 2 years.
- Options –
 - Downsize the program – cut personnel – layoff 146 positions out of 1,500, 60 agents would go if goal not met; Aug. 31 deadline if cost recover does not happen
 - Explore Partial-Cost Recovery
- Goal – Recover \$4.3 million annually out of cost recovery
- Consider charging \$10 or 10% of education classes
- Cost Recovery will NOT impact MG meetings or Speaker's Bureau, fund raisers-plant sales, if educational classes charge a fee to defray the cost of the class or they are a fund raiser
- Would impact initial MG training, Specialist training, 4-H, etc.
- Decisions about charging for classes or events should be determined by the agent and the organization
- If Extension is hosting the event; charge for it; cost-recovery
- Extension hosts event – MG event – no charge – no cost recovery
- There is not an individual goal set per county

Message from Doug Welsh

- Extension has a \$151 million dollar budget
- 73% funded by government-federal, state, and

county

- 27% grants and fee-based classes
- \$10 million cut = 10 – 11% of budget

Partial-Cost Recovery

- No longer a state agency – now a state-assisted agency
- The hope is this is cyclical – not a trend
- Goal is to generate money to be more inflation proof

Goal

- Sept 1 – Aug. 31 - Fiscal year
- \$4.3 million needed in partial-cost recovery to save jobs
- 6 months is a “test” to see if the agency can generate \$4.3 million
- Admits poor communication at the start.

Guidelines NOT Mandates

- Expect county agents to make decisions
- Extension will NOT charge for everything we do, still report contact hours
- Charge where appropriate
- Determination to charge a fee will start with input from MG and Agent – local decisions
- Determination based on expense of event and value – Do you have expenses? Do you have a net income? 10% or \$10 per person to A&M
- Will we charge Kiwanis Club to speak? No
- Never charge for Speaker’s Bureau; If donations are given, yes, turn it over
- Not charging for garden clubs, schools, etc.
- Master Gardener talks and classes – local decision
- MG fund-raising events – NOT part of partial recovery; plant sales-fund raiser, garden calendars-fund raiser, cook books-fund raiser, garden tours-fund raiser
- Initial training of MGs-YES, part of partial recovery, money through county agents
- Internal training for MG re-certification hours – no cost to MG
- Ex. A&M Landscape class – will cost more – be part of partial cost recovery
- Major educational events – will be a part of partial cost recovery
- All areas of extension affected – 4-H, Master Naturalists, Home group, MG
- No specific amount required from each county
- Cuts to agency – vehicle fleet downsized, central admin – mileage
- Consider more distance learning initiatives

Agents NEED to be in the middle of all of this!

The following guidelines are provided for better understanding of Texas AgriLife Extension Service’s Partial Cost Recovery initiative in regard to

Texas AgriLife Extension’s Partial Cost Recovery Initiative Guidelines for the Texas Master Gardener Program

the Texas Master Gardener program. Determination to charge a fee for an event will start locally with the County Extension Agent with input from Master Gardeners, District Extension Administrators, and Regional Program Directors. To determine the amount to charge for an event, when applicable, will be based on expenses of the event, value of the event to the clientele, and the cost recovery fee of \$10 or 10% whichever is greater.

Guidelines

- Speaker’s Bureaus and CEA presentations (e.g. Garden Clubs, Civic Clubs, Schools) generally would not charge a fee.
- Master Gardener Volunteer-presented lectures and talks generally would not charge a fee.
- MG Association fund raising events (if the major purpose of an event is to raise funds) would not be subject to cost recovery.
- Initial Training for MG Certification will be charged cost recovery fee.
- Internal Training of MG Recertification is generally not subject to a fee. CEAs will conduct or identify recertification events to meet the 6 hours of required continuing education; these events would generally not have a fee for Master Gardeners.
- Major educational events (e.g. short courses, workshops, field days, conferences) where expenses are common (food, speakers, travel, etc.); Cost Recovery would be budgeted into the event fee.
- Membership dues for state and local associations will not be subject to cost recovery.

Jayla Fry, Texas MG Coordinator, 5/2/2011



Hardy Perennials Great for Area's Hot Conditions

By Steve Chaney, County Extension Agent,

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 on 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 roadsides, 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 to tall, flop over and die!

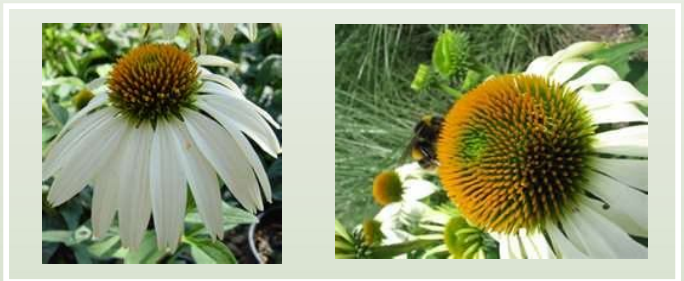
Each flower is a dramatic combination of a thumb or golf ball sized bristly orange cone (often described as the shape of an old beehive) and long, thin pink or white ray petals held above multiple-branching flowering stems. Some varieties droop, others stick straight out. These 'noses' persist well into 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 some kinds with scraggly pink ray flowers; endangered forms including the Tennessee coneflower (*Echinacea tennesseensis*), a low growing mound with an interesting green-



ish-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. This method often produces flowers 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.

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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 with many stiff yellow ray petals sticking straight out. Each flowering stem, up to about 2 feet high, is many 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!





For its first field trip of the year, Master Gardeners visited three very different private gardens in Colleyville and Grapevine. There were take-away lessons to be learned from each one.

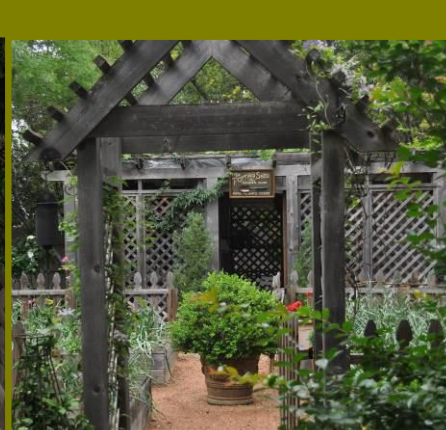
Our own Steve Purdy's back yard looks straight out of "Southern Living" magazine, but that carefully manicured look started as a blank slate – a fence-to-fence St. Augustine lawn. From there the Purdy's created colorful spots of annuals and perennials with berms, flagstone paths and water features. The area has adapted over the years as the many planted trees grew and created shady spots that were once sunny. Clever design sets off niche areas such as raised vegetable beds, an herb garden and compost pile. The heavily mulched beds are a testament to water conservation.



Joetta King's home is also an example of a beautiful, low-maintenance yard with no grass. It features an endless variety of native and adapted plants that thrive in her shaded front and back yard. She's not afraid to give a plant a nip and a tuck to fit a desired space as tidy paths meander through beds of perennials, ground cover and shrubs – some of which were serendipitous finds. It's a place you want to sit and linger awhile and Joetta provides plenty of resting spots along with interesting yard art to delight the eye.



Dr. Pat Stanton's four-acre city lot reflects his love of pass-along plants and plant propagation. His raised, marked planting beds include old-fashioned plants he has collected from his family's home gardens. A rose lover, he also has a story to tell of the devastation of rosette disease on 80 of his prized heritage roses. The tour included wildlife habitat areas, including a pond and domestic birds. Unique yard art punctuates the various planting areas.





TCMGA Nominating Committee Needs Committee Members

Names are now being accepted for persons willing to be on the Nominating Committee. The Committee's task is to create the slate of officers for the Executive Board for 2012. This committee consists of the Chair, who has been appointed by the TCMGA Executive Board, and four other Certified Members "in good standing" who are voted in by the Certified membership. The Executive Board has appointed Mike Warren as the Chair.

Now we need people willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee members must have been certified for one year or more to qualify. Please email your nominations for the Nominating Committee to Mike Warren at mwarren@tarrantcounty.com. The deadline for names is June 2, at the Membership meeting. The membership will meet the announced candidates for the Committee on June 2 and the Chair will accept any floor nominations. Four members in good standing" will be elected at the July 7 Membership Meeting.

Mike Warren
Nominating Committee Chair

Union Gospel Mission/Samaritan House Fund Raiser!

The adjacent picture shows six note cards that master gardeners have for sale for \$10 to raise money for education and activities at Union Gospel Mission and Samaritan House rainwater harvesting project. Vegetables are original artwork done by a local artist. Carolyn Critz is heading up this fund raiser. These note cards would make great gifts and can be used as thank you notes.

They can be purchased by contacting Carolyn at carolyncritz1954@att.net



August 4th— MG Garage Sale

A Few Ideas Regarding The Garage Sale:

- It's time for fall cleaning – bring clean and usable items to the drop off area at the N.E. entrance.
- This is a great way to recycle items that other master gardeners can and will use. Let's keep it out of the landfill.
- Do not price items. The Raffle Committee will handle that for you.
- Tax donation receipts are available.
- If you are donating an item \$20 or higher contact Susan Stanek and let her know.

Bring lots of money!

Susan Stanek
Raffle Committee Chair





New Certified Specialists!

Composting—Bill Hall and Donna Fry
Greenhouse—Debbie Bollinger
Irrigation — Theresa Thomas

Congratulations!

Our own Diane Spradling has been named the 3rd place winner in the Keep Texas Beautiful Volunteer of the Year Award!

This state award recognizes individuals who, during 2010, supported the mission of Keep Texas Beautiful through extraordinary efforts and contributed to the betterment of their community. We nominated Diane for all her hard work last year on the Common Ground NRH Community Garden and work with Keep NRH Beautiful.

Please congratulate Diane on this well deserved honor! She will receive her award at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Austin in June.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

June Birthdays

- 1 Tillie Ransom, Rosalinda Osborn
- 2 Carol Turner, Carol Tipton
- 3 Ginger Bason
- 9 Penny McCook
- 10 Nancy Jarrett
- 11 Phil Welch
- 12 Debbie Vedro
- 13 Paula Billman
- 14 Mary Matl
- 15 Joyce Hammill
- 18 Vera Beck, Janet Robey
- 22 Faye Dale
- 27 Marcia Lambert
- 28 Donna Morris, Camille Thomason
- 29 Sharon Duquemin
- 30 Loma Matthews, Earnest Wilson

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

Membership & Directory Updates

Please note the following updates in your membership directory:

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Report any changes or corrections to Steve Purdy at spurdy06@sbcglobal.net or at 817-545-7888.



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Upcoming Events

Community Garden Classes

Saturday, May 28—Drip Irrigation

Upcoming June Classes (dates to be determined):

How to Make Cement Leaves
How to Make a Butterfly Puddler

Contact Nancy Curl at
nl_curl@yahoo.com

Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Event

Saturday, May 21—Herb Society Festival

A delight for all the senses, the Herb Festival fills the Botanic Garden Center with the wonderful aromas of live herbs. Beautiful displays of organic soaps, herbal concoctions, and a variety of tasty snacks are all awaiting you. Indulge! Admission is \$5.00, children under 12 free.

MG Specialist Training



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.

Master Gardener Specialist –Composter

June 22-24, 2011

San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place,
San Antonio, TX

In an effort to provide training, the Master Gardener Specialist-Composter Training was created as an 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 Earth-Kind® educational programs. The class focuses on composting for the home gardener with insight to commercial compost production and recycling.



**Botanical Research
Institute of Texas**

Join us **Saturday, May 21st 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 or 817-332-4441 ext. 215.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH
Butterflies Unlimited
1732 S Hampton Road
Glenn Heights, TX
10 a.m.



Learn about raising BUTTERFLIES, their lifecycle and the best plants to attract them

Meet & Carpool from:

9:00 a.m. Botanic Gardens parking lot or

9:15 a.m. Park & Ride – I-20 & Park Springs, Arlington

Tour begins at 10 a.m.

Afterwards visit THE GREENERY in Waxahachie & shop for plants, pots, garden art and more

BOX LUNCH served on the patio \$12.50 – MUST BE PAID BY MAY 19th

TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST
BRIT

Botanic Research Institute of Texas

(across the parking lot from the Moncrief Garden Center, Fort Worth Botanic Gardens)

10 a.m.

Come see what all the excitement is about!



Commercial Greenhouse

Tuesday, September 20th

Activities Committee



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	817-261-1420
		semiller@sbcglobal.net	
303 Community Garden			
Community and Demo Garden Chair	Steve Chaney, s-chaney@tamu.edu		817-884-1945
Project Leads			
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	Frank Durda		817-292-2270
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 st , 3 rd 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
<u>Environmental Projects:</u>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin	817-581-1850
	2 nd 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 nd 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
<u>School Gardens:</u>			
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!



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