

Sharecropper

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

Mission Statement

To provide horticultural and environmental research based information and techniques. To volunteer in area horticulture projects.



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and encouraged.

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2009 / 2010 TCMGA Officers



Outgoing 2009 officers have served us well. Many thanks and much appreciation for their dedication. (from left to right)

Carl Trehus, Tres.
Dotty Bucy, Sec.
Eleanor Tuck, V.P.
Bill Hall, V.P.

Susan Stanek
continues on as
2010 President.

Welcome in the 2010 Officers! (from left to right)

Treasurer:
Pat Higgins

1st VP:
Nancy Curl

Secretary:
Sue Ellen Schlitzer

2nd VP:
Bill Vandever

President:
Susan Stanek



2009 Award Winners

Special Merit Award



Eleanor Tuck

Volunteer of the Year



Kim Freeman

Thank you all for your
dedication and hard



2009 Master Gardener of the Year
Congratulations Nancy Curl!

Educator of the Year



Mary McCoy

Extra Mile Award



Joy Lease

Intern Extra Mile



Molly Hollar
Rocky Deutscher

Over 500 Volunteer Hours Award Winners



Marilyn Sallee

Jim Nelson

Judy Ratzlaff

Bill Vandever

Sharon accepting for
Leann
Rosenthal

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Intern of the Year



Ron Schlitzer

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TCMGA office 817-884-1944

Project Profile: Alice Carlson Junior Master Gardeners

by Melinda Massey

Location: 3372 W McPherson Ave. Fort Worth
Corner of Stadium and McPherson, just north of the TCU campus.

Every Friday morning the third through fifth graders at Alice Carlson are exploring a subject of their own choosing called an enrichment cluster. Janice Richardson and Melinda Massey meet with sixteen of the students who have chosen "garden club". Being retired teachers, this volunteer effort is a pleasurable way for these ladies to continue spending time with kids. Each



semester these students earn their Junior Master Gardener pins. The morning begins with a children's book used to springboard facts about gardening. Discussion, then activities, follows which reinforces lessons about plants. To earn their JMG pins the students must complete at least twelve activities, a community project, and teach another student group a lesson. The students have read *The Legend of the Bluebonnet*, *Brother Eagle, Sister Sky*, *Plantzilla*, *Miss Rumphius*, *The Gardener*, *Tops and Bottoms*, *Weslandia*, and more. Some of the activities have been to make seed balls to place in the Outdoor Learning Center, plant cuttings in recycled containers, make "Sproutzillas" to observe and then eat. In this picture, they created giant flowers to demonstrate the parts of a flower.



Workdays every Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Contact Sharon Chastain, 817-926-2575.



President's Message

January - newsletter

Happy New Year and another year of happy gardening with the best volunteers in the world! Thanks again to our Awards, Raffle, and Photography committees for a wonderful job at the Holiday Luncheon. Special thanks to outgoing 1st VP Eleanor Tuck who made all the arrangements and those who helped her behind the scenes.

Welcome to the incoming Executive Board! Your new officers this year are 1st VP Education (Programs) Nancy Curl, 2nd VP Ways and Means Bill Vandever, Treasurer Pat Higgins and Secretary Sue Ellen Schlitzer. Folks – the line-up does not get any stronger than this!

Be sure to attend the January membership meeting. We will be presenting and voting on the 2010 budget. Our agent, Steve Chaney, will also share with the membership about the new State charter for Master Gardener associations. Steve will explain how this came about and what it means to us.

Finally, we have all committee chairs seated and we plan to have the directory finalized and to the printer as you are reading this newsletter. This directory should be available to pick up at the February meeting.

It's going to be a great year! Make a resolution to start it off well by turning in your timesheet each month on time and attending the wonderful education programs offered at each monthly meeting.



Happy New Year!
Susan Stanek,
President

January Monthly Program

January 7th Speaker "I KNOW TREES"

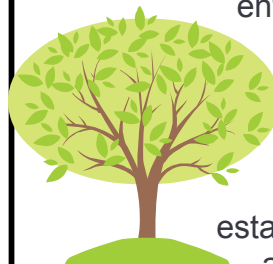
Kerry Kellam will be our January speaker (Jan 7, 2010). Many of you might remember his Saturday articles in Star-Telegram entitled "I Know Trees" — to this



day, that is his email address! Kerry was an arborist with his own business before

Certification for Arborists was established in 1990. He had been an active member of

International Society of Arborists before the Certification was instituted.



Interestingly, Mr. Kellam began, just out of high school, as an herpetologist at the Ft Worth Zoo and after 3 1/2 years, he found an interest in tropical plants so he went to work at Botanic Gardens where he worked in every department. Like a few of us, he decided to pursue college courses at Tarrant County Junior College and under tutelage of Mark Schusler and Larry Schaapveld, he graduated with his Associates Degree in Horticulture.

He will talk to us just as he does when he first enters a homeowner's property to discuss their trees; structure and their needs. We will probably set up the Noon session to be his question and answer period.

Upcoming Community/Demonstration Garden Classes

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|------------|--|
| January - | "How to Build a Cold Frame" |
| February - | "How to Propagate Roses" & "How to Prune Roses" |
| March - | "Spring Vegetable Gardening" & "How to Build a Raised Bed" |

TCMGA Meeting Minutes **December, 3 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Stanek with 138 members present. The meeting was the annual Christmas luncheon and was held at Diamond Oaks Country Club.

The November Minutes were approved as published in the Sharecropper.

Carl Trehus presented the Treasurer's report.

Checking account balance:	\$ 6,638.18
Money Market balance:	<u>20,756.45</u>
Total Assets:	\$27,394.63

Pat Higgins, Incoming Treasurer, and Carl are working to transition the position. Project leaders were reminded they need to spend their budgeted funds and turn in their reimbursement requests by the end of the year or lose the funds.

President Stanek had the following items to present to the Membership:

Three days prior to the Garden Conservancy tour, the Mira Vista security announced the residents were to be billed \$322.86 for extra security during the tour. That amount is \$222.86 over funds already budgeted for expenses. The Executive Board has recommended and the Chair moved that we reimburse the home owners for the additional \$222.86. There was no opposition and the motion was adopted.

In past years there has been no consistent software used for keeping the organization's financial books. Each Treasurer has used his own software for the job. The Executive Board has recommended that the organization spend \$200 to purchase QuickBooks Pro software to be used on an ongoing basis by upcoming Treasurers to maintain consistency in record keeping and so that past records will not be lost. The Chair made the motion and as there were no objections, the motion was passed.

The meeting was suspended at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Steve Chaney made the presentation of Awards for Volunteering Over 500 hours in 2009:

Molly Hollar, Jim Nelson, Judy Ratzlaff, Marilyn Sallee, Ginger Bason, Pat Higgins, Bill Hall, Lee Ann Rosenthal, Bill Vandever, Sharon Chastain.

Judy Ratzlaff presented the following Intern awards:

Extra Mile Award – Rocky Deutscher
Extra Mile Award – Molly Hollar
Intern of the Year – Ron Schlitzer

Volunteers who worked at the Community Garden in 2009 were recognized.

Sharon Chastain presented the following Master Gardener awards:

Merit Award–Extra Mile — Joy Lease
Special Merit Award – Eleanor Tuck
Educator of the Year – Mary McCoy
Volunteer of the Year – Kim Freeman
Master Gardener of the Year– Nancy Curl

President Stanek presented a Special Award to Barbara Thompson of Herrmann's Nursery for her contributions and assistance.

Special recognition was given to Judy Butler who postponed her out-of-town move until after our meeting.

Special thanks was given to Eleanor Tuck and others for organizing the Christmas luncheon.

Current and incoming Officers were recognized.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Bucy, Secretary

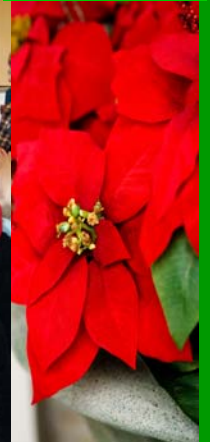
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2009



Thanks to the Christmas Luncheon Committee!



A good time
was had
by all!





January 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2
3	4 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	5 9a Randall Mill PK Pk Greenhouse 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie	6 9a Veterans Park 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9a BG Children's 9:30a Thistle Hill 3:15p Fitzgerald	7 8:30a Alice Carlson 10a TCMGA MEETING	8 8:30a CG Veggie 8:30 am JPS	9 9am SW Crthse 9am Compost Demo 9a Wildscape Class: Importance of Backyard Wildscapes
10	11 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 2:45p Heritage Elm.	12 9a Randolmill Pk Greenhouse 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie <i>Intern Class Orientation</i>	13 9a Veterans Park 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9a BG Children's 3:15p Fitzgerald	14 8:30a Alice Carlson <i>Intern Class Soil, Compost</i>	15 8:30a CG Veggie	16
17	18 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel <i>MLK Day, Office Closed</i>	19 9a Randoll Mill Pk Greenhouse 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie <i>Intern Class Field Trip</i>	20 9a Veterans Park 9a Hulen Library 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9am SW Crthse 9a BG Children's 9:30a Thistle Hill 3:15p Fitzgerald	21 8:30a Alice Carlson TCMGA Board	22 8:30a CG Veggie 8:30 am JPS	23
24	25 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 2:45p Heritage Elm	26 9a Randoll Mill Pk Greenhouse 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie <i>Intern Class Horticulture</i>	27 9a Veterans Park 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9am SW Crthse 9a BG Children's 3:15p Fitzgerald	28 8:30a Alice Carlson <i>Intern Class Vegetables & Herbs</i> <i>An Evening with Felder Rushing</i>	29 8:30a CG Veggie	30
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UP-COMING EVENTS

NOTE: for this month's events, see back cover

2010

- Jan. 1 Holiday - New Year's Day
- Jan. 7 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Jan. 12 Intern Class - Orientation
- Jan. 14 Intern Class - Soil, Compost, Organics
- Jan. 18 Holiday - MLK Day, Office Closed
- Jan. 19 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Jan. 26 Intern Class - Basic Hort. & Botany
- Jan. 28 Intern Class - Vegetables, Herbs, Perennials
- Jan. 28 An Evening with Felder Rushing Southlake
- Feb. 2 Intern Class - Plant Pathology
- Feb. 4 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Feb. 4 Intern Class - Meeting (am) Pruning (pm)
- Feb. 9 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Feb. 10 BRIT Brown Bag Botany
- Feb. 11 Intern Class - Entomology
- Feb. 15 Holiday - President's Day
- Feb. 16 Intern Class - Landscape, Xeriscape, Container
- Feb. 18 Intern Class - Turf
- Feb. 23 Intern Class - Plant Propagation
- Feb. 25 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Mar. 2 Intern Class - Fruit & Nut
- Mar. 4 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Mar. 4 Intern Class - Meeting (am), Field Trip (pm)
- Mar. 9 Intern Class - Rainwater Harvesting, Irrigation
- Mar. 10 BRIT Brown Bag Botany
- Mar. 11 Intern Class - Trees & Shrubs
- Mar. 16 Intern Class - Native Plants
- Mar. 18 Intern Class - No Class
- Mar. 23 Intern Class - Photography & PowerPoint
- Mar. 25 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Mar. 29 Holiday - Cesar Chavez Day
- Mar. 30 Intern Class - Make-up Day if needed
- Apr. 1 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Apr. 2 Holiday - Good Friday
- Apr 8-10 **Texas MG Conf. - Dallas**
<http://www.2010tmgconference.org>
- Apr. 14 BRIT Brown Bag Botany
- April 17 2nd Annual MG Plant Sale
- May 6 **TCMGA MEETING**
- May 12 BRIT Brown Bag Botany
- May 31 Holiday - Memorial Day
- June. 3 **TCMGA MEETING**

Announcements/Going On

Holidays on Calendar: holidays listed on the events calendar are the official County days; the office will be closed.

Project Workdays: contact the Project Chair for times and details - see page 15.

Field Trips: Contact Field Trip Chair P.Braack.

FWBG Events: See calendar at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens for more information.

State, Regional & International MG Conferences, MG Specialist Training: See State MG website for more information: <http://www.texasmastergardeners.com/>

Wildscape Classes: Start times will change in May. Usual workday is first Saturday at 9 am at the Molly Hollar Wildscape in Veteran's Park, Arlington, following Saturday volunteer workday. Also Composting demo/class.

BRIT (Botanical Research Center of Texas) phone 817-257-7132 or 817-871-7682.

Composting Classes: 2nd Saturday of each month 9-11 am 703 NW Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington 817-459-6778.

NCNPSOT: native plant meeting at Ft W Botanic Garden 7 pm. See topic at their website.

Free Organic Classes: 1st Wednesday every month Ladies of the Garden, 5208 Hidden Oaks Lane, Arlington 817-572-0148.

Note: This list of items of interest to MGs may not be automatically approved for hours. Please confirm approval with Steve Chaney.

Below are clickable links in the electronic version. Another reason to get this via email.

Our local TCMGA website
<http://www.tcmga.org/>

State MG Website and TMG news:
<http://www.texasmastergardeners.com>

State Newsletter:
<http://www.tmgnewsletter.org/>

Our RC Demo Garden Website:
<http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123>

Speakers Bureau

By Lucurtis Williams,
Speakers Bureau Chair

The function of the Speakers Bureau is changing in surprising ways. The purposes of the changes are to ensure that Steve Chaney, our Extension agent, is somewhat protected regarding uncertified content. With each speaker's enthusiasm about his or her subject, sometimes things may be said that are not supported by the research of any US accredited University or major researcher. As MGs, our mission states "*To provide horticultural and environmental research based information and techniques.*"

In addition, we are supporting quality standards which previous leaders have espoused. Some of those standards have been updated for the size, professionalism and conditions of the group. These are standards which all Master Gardeners statewide are being asked to comply.

Presently the Speakers Bureau Committee consists of Claire Alford, Nan Gavin, JoAnn Hahn, Marilyn Sallee, and Warren Tingley. The changes we are planning involve a new brochure, revamping the website to make it easier to access speakers and their topics, and enhancements to presentations. We want to have classes to teach both experienced and inexperienced speakers how to use the A-V equipment. We also will provide a safe supportive atmosphere in which speakers can practice or present themselves for the first time or present a new topic.



We are asking all speakers, experienced or not, to provide the Speakers Bureau with their

speaking points, handouts and copies of Power Points (PPT) for all topics.



Those who wish to have control over how their information and pictures are disseminated must mark it with "copyright" or ©.

The committee, who has access to that information, will contact the creator of the photos or PPT for permission to share their work, if requested. As members of the Master Gardeners our objective is to educate the community.

In addition to having access to speakers PPTs, etc., the committee wants to view each speaker's presentation style, either in person or video. Either we can videotape a speaker while they are giving a public presentation or the speaker may do that themselves. There are also other ways the Speakers Bureau Committee can view a speaker. Gay Larson, of the Union Gospel Mission, has given permission to use some of the cameras collected by that group. Once we have viewed the video then the original is returned to the speaker -- we do not keep a copy. We want to have this part of the project completed by mid to end of May, 2010.

All vetted speakers for the Speakers Bureau will have badges which can be attached to the official Master Gardener (MG) badge identifying that speaker as an official member of the MG Speakers Bureau. This badge means only that the speaker is supported by the Speakers Bureau and that we have a copy of that speaker's work. For new speakers who have not gone out to speaking engagements before and want some experience, we are asking that more experienced speakers help the new people by sharing their time, wisdom and podium experience.

So those of you who are eager to share your knowledge, please let me or a member of the committee know that you are interested and let's get started. You do not have to be a specialist to share your knowledge.



The Herb Garden

By Rita Hottel, Master Gardener
Photos by Nancy Curl

One of my favorite food network shows a few years ago was a show called "Follow That Food". It showed the origins and final culinary use of many different types of food in the world. So follow with me as we trace the origin of the Herb Garden section of the Tarrant County Master Gardener Community/Education Garden and where the herbs grown there end up for culinary and other uses.

Two years ago a section of the garden was designated as the herb garden. This approximately 30' x 55' plot was nothing but scruffy grass, an even scruffier old black jack tree, a monstrous green concrete bench, and no top soil. As the leader for this garden, I drafted a plan and, along with a few very dedicated volunteers, we formed the herb team. Through their determination and hard work we



now have a beautiful herb garden. The Community Workers laid the pavestone and brick to form the circular walkway through the garden. The first attempt (we called our train wreck) for a circle became, shall we say, a bit untidy. The next attempt was successful and the bones of the garden were formed. Next the team and some TCU students laid yards and yards of newspaper, topped with compost and mulch. By the time this was all completed, summer was upon us and between the heat and the new compost many of the plants met their demise. Fall plantings were more successful and by this past spring it was rocking. A beautiful garden divided into four quarters; culinary, medicinal, silver, and butterfly herbs. The center of the circle became the thyme garden adorned with a custom made bird bath.



As Master Gardeners, we have had a successful year. The Herb Team has acted as docents leading groups through the herb garden to educate them about how to grow herbs. We have taught classes on developing an herb garden, growing herbs, culinary uses of herbs, and how to make pesto. Still we knew there was something missing. Who would use these beautiful herbs? Then, Nancy Curl, one of the directors of the Community Garden, came up with the answer. She contacted the Tarrant County Food Bank to see if they could use fresh herbs. Their Executive Chef, Vedat Lika, brought his class to the garden where the students learned first hand about growing herbs. They gathered many bags of herbs to take back to the Community Kitchen where the chef would teach them about preserving, drying and cooking with herbs.

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Committee Profile: Newsletter Committee

As my last act as editor of the *Sharecropper*, I'd like to thank all the MGs who have contributed to making the *Sharecropper* such an outstanding publication over this past year.

When I was asked to take over as editor, I was given a specific mission to fill the newsletter with all the varied projects and activities we do as Master Gardener volunteers and to encourage members to write articles and profiles about the internal goings-on. Its purpose was to keep our huge group well informed on all the various things happening in all the corners of our organization and acquaint all members with the leaders at all levels. Its intended purpose was to focus inside the organization and be eyes everywhere, since no one member could possibly know everything that was going on.

I agreed to take on the job of editor – for one year. I think I have succeeded with that mission and it is now time for me to move on. Now it's time to let you in on all the marvelous people who have made the last year such a success.

To all the people who have written articles or sent photos (you will find their dozens of names in every issue as bylines and photo credits), thank you so much. An editor's worst nightmare



Hospitality Team

We would love to have you serve on the Master Gardener Hospitality Team. Tasks include arriving a little early to the meetings to make coffee, organizing the food on the tables, sampling wonderful new recipes, and quickly clean up after lunch is served. It is also a great way to meet other Master Gardeners. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Natalie Wistrand at 817-614-6008 nattie57@yahoo.com.

is not having enough to fill the pages with quality. I am delighted to say that almost every month I had too much and had to cut articles or bump them to a later issue. You all gave me a wealth of information and articles to fulfill that mission every month.

Especially, I am grateful for the proofreaders – many times they are the same as the contributors who got to not only proof their article, but often read the entire newsletter before publication and sent corrections and suggestions. I'd also like to thank two special proofreaders – Devanie Fergus and Eleanor Tuck – for their many suggestions and error catching over the entire year.

And I'd like to give special credit to our most invisible but crucial volunteer—the mailing committee who picks up the printed newsletters, labels, stamps and mails them. This job has been performed for years by Ginger Bason, along with so many other invisible but crucial services she does for MGs.

I now get to turn over the newsletter to the new editor – Jackie Heidinger – with hopes and wishes that the great crop of writers and photographers will not only continue, but grow under her direction.

Lastly, I offer a reminder to the entire membership that the *Sharecropper* is YOUR newsletter, intended to carry the news of OUR organization. It is not the personal journal of one or even a few individuals, but a voice for all the members. If you know what's going on in your corner of a committee or project, share it with the full membership. Write an article or snap a few photos so we all can see what's going on all over our great organization. And from now on – send it to the new editor, Jackie Heidinger.

Thank you, everyone.

— Marilyn Sallee, Sharecropper Editor 2009

Committee Profile: **Project Committee**

The Project Committee was established at Steve Chaney's request to review the criteria, processes and forms related to defining and administering the Tarrant County Master Gardener projects and determine the standards a TCMGA project must meet. The Committee is composed of Judy Ratzlaff, Chairperson, and members Steve Purdy, Nancy Searl, and Charlie Shiner. To gather information about the current projects and about the strengths and weaknesses of the current processes, the committee visited each Master Gardener project site and spoke with the project chair or representative about the specifics of their project.

The review resulted in a published set of guidelines that apply to all Master Gardener projects.

For example, Projects must meet three standards:

- Qualify for non-profit designation;
- Be accessible to the general public; and
- Be affiliated with a supporting sponsor.

Projects must have the following:

- A stated educational objective;
- An identified audience;
- Monetary and material support;
- A specified project Category (see below), and
- A specified onsite work schedule with a minimum two-hour work period (i.e., Tues, 8:30 – 10:30am).

There are three categories of projects:

- Short-term projects (projects with duration less than one year): These projects will transition to the sponsoring organization for on-going maintenance and/or be identified as needing additional Master Gardener involvement. Examples: beautification of public areas or CASA House.

- Long-term projects (projects with duration longer than one year): These projects involve horticultural and environmental education for

targeted populations. Example: school gardens.

- Docent Projects: Projects that provide ongoing community education and satisfy speaker's bureau requests. Example: Grapevine Botanical Gardens.

In addition, each project must be chaired and co-chaired by Certified Master Gardeners, they must display a TCMGA sign, and they must identify the plant material used in the garden.

The committee's work was needed to ensure that all Tarrant County Master Gardener projects are in compliance with the Master Gardener Project Requirements, as set forth by the State Master Gardener Coordinator, Doug Welsh. In addition, the secondary objectives were to simplify and standardize the processes and forms and thus to lessen the administrative workload of the Project Chairs.

Anyone interested in developing a new TCMGA project can go to the TCMGA website, click on Member's Hot Key and click on Project Forms and follow the directions. They can also call any of the Committee's members and we would be happy to help.

The Sixth Edition of the Texas Master Gardener Handbook is now available!

New features include:
Chapter 3 Earth-Kind Landscaping
Weeds and weed management
Updated plant lists

Master Gardeners can purchase the latest edition through their Master Gardener Coordinators at a price of \$43.00. The 6th edition —Text Only (no binder or tabs) can be purchased for \$28.00.

Master Gardeners, please contact your MG Coordinator to order this edition, publication number B-6217T.



An excerpt from the Community Kitchen brochure explains their benefits to our community: Meals prepared in the Community Kitchen make an immediate difference for community members in need of nutrition, and, at the same time, empower the culinary arts students to escape the cycle of poverty and hunger. These non-traditional students become remarkable learners and achieve not only culinary skills, but also the necessary job and life skills to help them build self-esteem and to be more successful in the workplace.

The missing link was now connected. Now, beyond educational purposes, we have helped to fulfill a much greater need. Chef Lika plans to bring all future classes on a tour of the garden and the herb team is committed to providing fresh herbs to the Community Kitchen.

The TCMG Community/Educational Garden is a garden created by Master Gardeners to benefit the community through learning and education. It is an ongoing effort. Our current plans for the herb garden include; labeling the herbs, painting the bench, building a new herb bed next to the building, and developing a lemon herb section, and of course, growing more herbs. Other plans include building a new fence and removing the old chain link so that the herb garden is included with the rest of the garden. The herb team works most Wednesday mornings, weather permitting.

Take the EARTH-KIND Challenge!



Is your landscape contributing to a healthy and sustainable environment? There's one way to find out - take the Earth-Kind Challenge. It's easy. Just answer a series of on-line questions about the cultural principles and practices used in maintaining your landscape. The higher the score, the more you are doing to help preserve and protect the environment in which we live. The Earth-Kind Challenge link is <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/EARTHKIND/>

Happy Birthday, Master Gardeners!

January Birthdays

- 1 Patti Gordon, Concha Jones
- 2 Nancy Bannow and Linda Winn
- 4 Joy Lease
- 5 Beverly Adkins
- 7 Barbara Weidler (I), Kathy Glen
- 8 Derald Freeman
- 9 Jerry Tuttle
- 10 Barbara Durnan
- 12 Sandy Flory
- 13 Paula Wilbanks
- 14 Tom Scott
- 15 Sally Harris (I)
- 18 Dave Wilson
- 20 Demetra Larremore
- 21 Nancy Dozier
- 22 Mary Edholm and Betty Floyd
- 23 Eleanor Tuck
- 27 Glenda Page, Joy Perry, Pat Woodall
- 29 Liz Moyer (I)
- 31 Dolores Geisel.

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

Directory Updates

Please note the following updates in your membership directory:

Brown, Patty – new e-mail address is pbrown10@att.net.

Larson, Gay – new e-mail address is gaylarson@ymail.com.

Launius, Dorothy – new phone number is 817-797-5047.

Report changes or corrections to Carl Trehus at c.trehus@gte.net or 817-481-3435.

Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
302 BG Perennial Garden	Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Trial Garden	Tues. 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Susan Miller	817-261-1420
303 Community Garden	(Contact area coordinators below)		
Project Co-chairs:	Nancy Curl and Tom Scott		
	817-319-1795 817-427-9009		
Barn beds:	Charlotte Berck, wrberck@peoplepc.com		817-426-6417
Compost:	Sue Ellen & Ron Schlitzer s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net		817-294-1329
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Enabling beds:	Jeanette Berggren, jberggren@sbcglobal.net		817-249-6815
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Vegetable garden	Tues, & Fri. 8:30 a.m.		
304 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 9:30 a.m.	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 a.m.	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 a.m.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Friday 8:30 am	Kay Lewis	817-281-6600
304 Casa House	Call coordinator	Rocky Deutscher	817-991-7171
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden			
Docents	Call coordinator	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
<u>Environmental Projects:</u>			
305 Composting Demo	2 nd Sat.	Charlie Shiner	817-488-6123
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	3rd Wed. 9 a.m.	Devanie Fergus	817-861-1932
		Evaline Woodrey	817-295-5281
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat, last Wed. 9 a.m.	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Liberty Garden	Call chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.		
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Tues. 9-12n Randoll Mill Pk. Greenhouse		
	Wed. 9-12n, 2nd Sat, 9-12 a.m.	Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
305 Bob Jones Nature Center			
<u>School Gardens:</u>			
306 Alice Carlson	Mon/& Thurs 8:30 a.m.	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald	Wed. 3:15 p.m.	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 BG-Children's Garden	Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598
306 Heritage School OLE	2nd & 4th Mon. 2:45 p.m.	Jackie Peel	817-581-0977



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Calendar of This Month's Events



- Jan. 1 Holiday - New Year's Day
- Jan. 7 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Jan. 12 Intern Class - Orientation
- Jan. 14 Intern Class - Soil, Compost, Organics
- Jan. 18 Holiday - MLK Day, Office Closed
- Jan. 19 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Jan. 26 Intern Class - Basic Hort. & Botany
- Jan. 28 Intern Class - Vegetables, Herbs, Perennials
- Jan. 28 An Evening with Felder Rushing

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