

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association-Tarrant County, Texas

November 2004



Mission Statement

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



November Monthly TCMGA Program

Now that we know how to plant our gardens the 'English way', we can learn how to decorate them with some garden art ideas from **Rose Marie Mercado**.

Hear the morning program, **Artfully Inclined**, and then get our hands involved in the afternoon doing your own creations to take home to your gardens. We will have lots of ideas for things to make for the coming season.

So come with your note taking pad and pen and plan to do hands-on in the afternoon. See you November 4th!

9:30 Sign-in and coffee

10:00 Rose Marie Mercado will present **ARTFULLY INCLINED**. She will show us how to use new products to decorate our gardens and homes and how to use 'old' products in new and innovative ways. There will be lots of ideas for gift making for the upcoming season.

11:00 Business Meeting & Social

12:00 Try these products yourself during a hands-on workshop.

Ginger Bason



Holiday Meeting & Awards Ceremony December 2nd, 2004

It's time to talk pumpkins and soon turkeys and that means holiday parties! Our December Awards Celebration will be here soon, so get those holiday sweaters and socks out of mothballs and join the TCMGA festivities.

The December 2nd meeting will be our Holiday Awards Celebration. We will meet for brunch at The Club at Fossil Creek at 10:00 am; the awards/meeting will follow. **Tickets MUST be purchased by November 19th for the brunch, no late reservations can be made.**

Tickets will be available at the November TCMGA meeting for \$15.00 per member. Please join us for a delicious brunch, fellowship and awards presentation.

Just in Time for the Holidays.... Vendor Tables in November

There will be vendor tables at the November 4th TCMGA meeting. Tables are available for \$15.00 and are only available to TCMGA members.

Contact Ann Couch
at 817-732-7103 to reserve your space.

**Tarrant County Master Gardener Association
Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President **JoAnn Hahn** at 11:00 a.m. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the Sharecropper.

Treasurer **Warren Tingley** gave the Treasurer's report reminding members to use the form developed for collecting monies. He also has the Tax Exemption Form needed for purchases. Therefore, members will not be reimbursed if they pay sales tax as the Tax Exemption Form needs to be used for all purchases.

The new Tarrant County Horticulture Agent, **Steve Chaney**, was introduced to the members.

It was determined that a required quorum of members was in attendance. This allowed the election of officers for 2005 to be held. The following members were unanimously elected to their respective offices: **Warren Tingley**, President, **Ginger Bason**, Vice President, **Ann Couch**, 2nd Vice President, **Rita Hottel**, Treasurer and **Judy Butler**, Secretary.

New Tarrant County Master Gardener member, **Ernie O'Donnell**, a Master Gardener from Conway, Arkansas was introduced.

Debbie Bollinger provided forms for nominations for the annual Recognition and Awards (for both Certifieds and Interns) that will be announced at the December meeting.

A Bylaws Review Committee was announced. The Committee will consist of: **Eleanor Tuck (Chairman)**, **Pat Lovejoy**, **Ben Oefinger**, **Judy Butler**, **Emily Ward**, **Joann Hahn** and **Joy Lease**.

Raffle fund forms for projects are available from **Joy Lease**, and must be turned in at the November general meeting.

The website is to be up and running by the 15th of October and will be implemented and maintained by **Carolyn Barnard**. This website will be open to the public as it is not a closed website. The calendar will be updated monthly on the website.

A proclamation from the Southlake City Council designating October 5th as Tarrant County Master Gardener Day was read. It was given in appreciation for the designing, planning, and continual upkeep of Liberty Garden.

Eleanor Tuck has requested pictures for the yearbook.

Tom Ward, a 2004 Intern, died last week and a card and book memorial will be provided in his honor.

A sign-up sheet was available for members to help with The Wildflower Project effort headed by Project Chair **Leeann Rosenthal**. Planting will be held on October 29th. Volunteers were also requested for a project at the Fort Worth Nature Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 for lunch.

Submitted by **Judy Butler**, Secretary

News from Texas Cooperative Extension with Dotty Woodson

Junior Master Gardener Program

The Junior Master Gardener Program is an international youth gardening program started by Texas A&M University to provide teachers, parents, youth group leaders and after school providers with an innovative method to teach science, math and language arts. Tarrant County's award winning JMG program has about 36 JMG groups reaching about 3,000 youth.

Extension provides training for teachers, parents and volunteers interested in starting a JMG program. The training provides information about starting and maintaining a garden and using the JMG curriculum to teach science, math and language arts. JMG training is set up as an in-service for individual schools, ISDs or community groups.

One of the longest continuing JMG programs meets at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. MGs **Judy Sargent, Marlene Deaton** and several others meet with teachers and students from several schools at the FWBG on Wednesdays for several hours. If you are interested in helping with this program call **Marlene Deaton** 817-596-3863.

Every day the Extension office receives requests from teachers for education programs. In order to provide more educational programs for students, Extension is going to establish a JMG Presenters Bureau modeled after the Master Gardener Speakers Bureau. Currently, several Master Gardeners are going to schools to make presentations or taking an activity box to the school to do one of the JMG activities. Sometimes a Master Gardener will make one presentation to one class and other times a Master Gardener will make the same presentation to several classes in one visit to a school. Just like the MG Speakers

Bureau, every JMG Presenter will have an opportunity to select the subject, when and how many times they make presentations. Currently, there are 6 activity boxes available and as the demand grows more activity boxes will be created. If you want to be a JMG Presenters, join **Dotty Woodson** for:

JMG Presenter Training

November 17, 10:00 to 12:00

At the Extension Office

Call **Mary Benavides**, 817-884-1296 to sign up for the training. If you cannot attend this training but would like to be part of the JMG Presenters, call **Dotty Woodson**, 817-884-1944.

Project Funding Requests Due November 4th

Reminder - Project Chairpersons must have all funding requests submitted to the Raffle Committee by November 4th.

If there are any questions, contact **Joy Lease**, Raffle Chair.

Thistle Hill - Immediate Need

There is an immediate need for one gallon pots to plant the lifted Iris' in while waiting for the new planting area to be available.

Contact Emily Ward.

<u>Project Code & Name</u>	<u>Work Days/Times</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Managers Phone</u>
102 Perennial Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Patsy Johnson	817-292-5358
111 BRIT Activities	2 nd & 4 th Tues.	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
121 Composting Demo	1 st Sat.	Don Graves	817-465-1667
	2nd Sat.	Charlie Shiner	817-548-7117
123 Liberty Garden	call chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
124 FW Nature Center	call chairman	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
125 FW Library at Hulen St.	will not be working the 4th Thursday until January		
	Tues Nov 30th 10AM	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-4683
126 TC SW Sub Courthouse	Nov 13 and 23rd	Gailon Hardin	817-457-4703
127 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Nov. 6 and all Tues	Gailon Hardin	817-457-4703
129 Willow Park DemoGarden	2 nd Thursday	Judy Ratzlaff	817-441-6726
131 Henrietta Creek Orchard	1 st Mon. or 3 rd Wed.	Sue Short	817-439-3202
132 Teen Challenge	every Wed.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
133 Thistle Hill	Wed. 9:30 a.m.	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
134 Union Gospel Mission	every Mon. 9 a.m.	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
135 Mansfield Main St. Proj.	3 rd Wed. 9 a.m.	Lindsey Hannah	817-477-1696
161 CEMAP	call chairman	Benita Reese	817-483-5950
162 TX Smartscape Demo	call chairman	Michael Warren	817-531-6765
303 Trial Garden Maintenance	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Tues.	Carole O'Connell	817-921-0713
303 Trial Garden Data	2 nd & 4 th Tues.	Carole O'Connell	817-921-0713

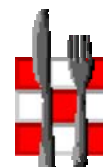
School Gardens

172 Alice Carlson	8:30 Mon/Thurs	Sharon Chastain	817 926-2575
172 Bransom	call chairman	Glenda Page	817 447-8348
172 Brewer	2 nd & 3 rd Thursday	Joyce Hallbauer	817 367-3582
172 Fitzgerald	3:15 p.m. Wed	Leeann Rosenthal	817 237-7180
172 Oakhurst	Contact Ginger	Ginger Bason	817 838-7321
172 South Davis	9 a.m. Sat Oct. 16	P.J. Lockwood	817 860-1680



HOSPITALITY NOTES

from Joyce Quam



The lunch at the October Master Gardener Meeting was wonderful! Thank you to all the folks who brought the goodies! I will be calling/e-mailing to remind those of you who signed-up for our November 4th food. The sign-up sheets for providing food are always at the beginning of each table, so don't miss YOUR opportunity to sign-up for our January 6th meeting! As you know, the December 2nd meeting is our Holiday Brunch and is catered. Happy Gardening!

Plants for Fall and Winter Color

by Dotty Woodson

Herbaceous Perennials

Fall Asters (*Aster* spp.); Perennial; blue, pink; fall bloomer; 18" to 24"; sun.

Autumn joy sedum (*Sedum* 'Autumn Joy'); Perennial; fall bloomer; pink; 12" to 24"; sun.

Hardy cyclamen (*Cyclamen* spp.); Perennial; winter bloomer; white or pink flower; goes dormant in summer; 6"; sun to part shade.

Copper Canyon Daisy; Perennial; fall flowers, yellow/gold, 24"; sun.

Ornamental grasses; Annuals and Perennial.

Mexican mint marigold (*Tagetes lucida*); Perennial; fall bloomer; yellow, 18" to 24"; sun.

Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*); Perennial; beautiful soft gray foliage all winter and summer; 6" to 12"; sun.

Dusty Miller (*Centaurea cineraria*); deep cut silver/gray foliage all winter and summer; 12" to 24"; sun.

Lenten or Christmas Rose (*Helleborus* spp.); Perennial; flowers in winter; white or red flowers 12" to 18"; shade.

Oxalis or wood sorrel (*Oxalis* spp.); Perennial; pink or white flowers in fall and spring; green or red foliage; goes dormant in summer.

'Bowler's Mauve' Wallflower (*Cheiranthus*); Perennial; flower in fall and spring; purple/blue flowers; 8" to 24"; sun.

Annuals

Johnny jump-ups; reseeding annual; flowers all winter; purple and yellow; 4" to 6"; sun.

Snapdragons (*Antirrhinum*); Annual; flower fall to spring; red, pink, yellow, white; 8" to 24"; sun.

Dianthus (*Dianthus*); Annual; flowers fall to spring; red, pink, white; 8" to 10"; sun.

Alyssum (*Alyssum*); Annual; flower fall and spring; White, purple; 2" to 6"; sun to part sun.

Flowering kale, Annual; beautiful purple, green, white foliage all winter; 12"; sun to part sun.

Flowering cabbage, Annual; beautiful purple, green, white foliage all winter; 12"; sun to part sun.

Pansies; Annual; flowers all winter; red, purple, pink, white, yellow, blue; 6"; sun.

Copper plant (*Acalypha wilkesiana*); tropical plant used as annual; gorgeous fall foliage; 24" to 36"; sun.

Candlestick tree (*Cassia alata*); Annual; yellow flowers in fall; 6' to 8'; sun.

Shrubs

Possum Haw Holly (*Ilex decidua*); Bright red berries on a deciduous holly; sun.

American Beauty Berry (*Callicarpa americana*); Purple or white berries in fall and winter on a deciduous shrub; sun.

Camellia; flowers in late winter; evergreen; 4' to 6'; shade.

Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera albiflora*); white flowers in February; deciduous; 6' to 8'; sun.

False Aralia (*Fatsia japonica*); white flower in February; evergreen; 4' to 8'; shade.

Why Should I Volunteer?

It's not for the money; it's not for the fame,
it's not for any personal gain.

It's not for love of fellow man,
it's just to lend a helping hand.

It's just to give a tithe of self,
That's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not for medals worn with pride,
It's for that feeling deep inside.

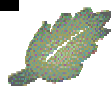
It's that reward deep down in your heart,
It's feeling that you have been a part of
helping others, far and near

That makes you a VOLUNTEER.

- Unknown



Update on Urban Plant Detectives

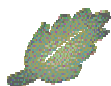
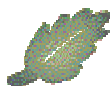
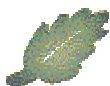


The project is winding down and the last team will have finished it's turn spraying the five treatments on the crepe myrtles behind the Botanic Gardens Conservatory by the time this newsletter is printed.

We have literally watched the seasons change as we began in the heat of summer and watched the powdery mildew set in as the rains returned and the temperatures became cooler. Fall has begun to the turn the crepe myrtle leaves those gorgeous yellow, orange and red colors! Well, except for the shriveled leaves with the mildew!

The project will finish by turning in their weekly data observations, rating the presence of powdery mildew on the crepe myrtles. Dr. Ong will consolidate the data and tabulate the results for each participating county. This will complete the first goal - 'to equip Master Gardeners with the knowledge of doing basic research'. In November, we will conclude the current project with a review of the results, with the aim of accomplishing the second goal - 'to equip Master Gardeners with the knowledge to interpret the data scientifically.'

If you are interested being a part of a study like this, Dr. Ong will have another project with training beginning in February 2005. More information



NEW TCMGA WEBSITE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Submitted by Carolyn Barnard

The new TCMGA website is open for business! Various 'feature' pages will be added over the next two months. Be sure to check regularly for the latest surprise!

At the top of each page is the email address for the Page Sponsor who will be coordinating the content. You can send them any item you want to post or have featured.

Urgent requests for volunteers will appear on the first page, so we can all be aware of how we can serve the immediate needs of the horticultural community.

The calendars have been updated with projects and events. If you are a Project Chair or see some problem with the description or would like to see more detail, please email **Devanie Fergus** or **Dixie Norwood** with the correction. Click on an event to see detail information on contacts, special instructions etc.

Again, all comments or ideas are appreciated! Please email them to cbarnard@abacinc.com.

**To make a great garden plan,
one must have a great idea
or a great opportunity.**

Sir George Sitwell

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee would like to remind all of the TCMGA members that if you know or hear of someone that is ill or has a death in their immediate family, we would like to know about it so we can send them a card. Please contact LaVonne Nowlin at lavonne@ev1.net.

Happy Birthday, Master Gardeners!

Dick Oliver 11-6; Ben Oefinger 11-7;
Jane Dunkelberg 11-7; Katie Kowierschke 11-8;
Penny Yost 11-10; Marianne Wilkinson 11-12;
Hester Schwarzer 11-15; Carol Norfleet 11-16;
Kathryn Beeler 11-21; Barbara Lind 11-21;
Lou De Santis 11-21; LaVonne Nowlin 11-22;
Warren Tingley 11-22; Janet Riley 11-30.

This is a monthly feature. If your birthday is in November and you don't see your name and date of birth, it is probably because **LaVonne Nowlin** does not have it. Please email your birthday - month and day only - to lavonne@ev1.net.

TCMGA Membership Changes published November 2004

Additions to the Directory:

none

Deletions to the Directory:

none

Changes to the Directory

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Note: Master Gardeners are welcome to submit articles to the newsletter for consideration.

All non-regular features should be submitted to **Linda Hardy** at hardyjandl@netzero.net.

The newsletter editorial staff reserves the right to edit articles submitted
for content, brevity, and correctness.

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Fall 2004 Calendar of Events

November 4 TCMGA Monthly Meeting

November 17 JMG Presenter Training (see page 6)

December 2 Holiday Meeting and Awards Ceremony

For up-to-the-minute TCMGA news visit: www.tcmga.org
More state news: www.texasmastergardeners.com