

# Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association-Tarrant County, Texas

October 2004



## Mission Statement

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



### President's Notepad

With the arrival of fall there is so much to keep us busy in the garden: cutting back, cleaning out old beds and rejuvenating for spring, new plantings, and getting ready for winter. Fall also brings garden seminars, offering us a chance to learn new things or maybe just a new twist on things we already know. Check out the bulletin board at our meetings where everyone can post their favorite places to go and learn.

**Susan Stanek** and her newsletter staff have done a tremendous job of trying to keep up with all of this, but a monthly paper can only do so much. We are working on a calendar for our web site that can list weekly, monthly, and even six months out activities that interest **Master Gardeners**. It can be updated and kept more current than the newsletter.

This month we will be electing officers for next year, and they will be looking for committee chairman and committee members. I expect my email will overflow with so many of you sending in your names wanting to learn more about the inter-workings of **MG** and volunteering to be on a committee. I will be happy to pass this information on to the incoming president.

JoAnn

### October Monthly TCMGA Program

Spend the day on October 7th with a real English gardener! Patrick Butterworth will be our speaker. He grew up in the English countryside and spent many hours working in his grandmother's garden.

Patrick now lives and works in Dallas, designing and installing gardens. He refers to himself as a gardener, not a landscaper. He believes in doing things the old-fashioned way and working with nature.

9:30 Sign-in and coffee.

10:00 English gardening with Patrick Butterworth.

11:00 Business meeting and social.

12:00 More on English gardens with Patrick Butterworth!

See you in October!

Ginger Bason

## Holiday Meeting & Awards Ceremony - December 2nd, 2004

Brunch from 10 am to 12 noon at The Club at Fossil Creek.

Tickets available at October and November meetings or mail check to Ginger Bason by November 18th.

Ticket **MUST** be purchased in advance - \$15 per person.

### Tarrant County Master Gardener Association Meeting Minutes - September 2, 2004

The Tarrant County Master Gardener Association met September 2, 2004, at the Resource Connection. There were 117 members in attendance. President **JoAnn Hahn** called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Warren Tingley**, treasurer, announced that dues are due by December 31, 2004, and will be accepted at any time. He also explained the way the budget is set up with Ways and Means and Project Funds reported separately. The report will be filed for audit.

President **JoAnn Hahn** announced that **Carolyn Barnard** is the new **Webmaster**. They are planning long range calendars, feature pages on TCMGA projects, seasonal gardening tips, bargains and free things, links to other gardening sites, Member Q&A bulletin boards. One person cannot maintain this and you do not need to be a computer whiz to help. Talk with her at the break and let her know if you can help. President **JoAnn Hahn** thanked **Lynette LeDoux** for her years of service in maintaining the web site.

President **JoAnn Hahn** reminded everyone of the ongoing project of collecting hotel soap, shampoo and lotion for the shelters.

**Joyce Quam** announced the nominations for 2005 **TCMGA** officers. They are as follows: President, **LaVonne Nowlin** and **Warren Tingley**; Vice President (Programs) **Ginger Bason**; Vice President (Ways and Means) **Ann Couch**; Treasurer, **Concha Jones** and **Dorrita Hottel**; and Secretary, **Judy Butler**. **Concha Jones** and **LaVonne Nowlin** withdrew their names. We will vote in October for the 2005 officers.

Project chairs need to contact **Joy Lease** and request forms for raffle money. We have asked the project chairpersons to give us lists of plants they could use in their projects. We will send it out via e-mail and post it on the bulletin board. When members have extra plants, please bring them (marked for a specific project) to the meeting or call the chairman to make other arrangements.

On September 22 we will have a reception for **Steve Chaney**, our incoming horticultural agent at the **Extension Office** from 12 to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited.

**LaVonne Nowlin** has a card for **Sharon Nice** whose husband died last week. Stop by to sign if you wish to offer your condolences.

We have a tour of the **Texas A& M Research Center** in **Dallas** on **Thursday, September 9**. Contact **Patsy Johnson** if you are interested. There will be two meeting places for carpooling; one for those who live in south Tarrant County and one for those who live in north Tarrant County. There will be speakers and tours.

A special tour of the **Antique Rose Plantation** in **Jacksboro** is planned for **Wednesday, October 20**. If you plan to attend the tea that is being offered, you must pay your \$5.00 in advance. No money will be collected the day of the tour. Stop by the Activities Committee's table to sign up to get map directions or pay for the tea. Contact **Patsy Johnson** if you are interested.

**Gailon Hardin** corrected the date for the Wildscape Plant Sale. It is to be held on September 25 rather than August 28.

**Derald Freeman** has plant identification CD's available to **Master Gardeners** for plant and insect identification. He asked for a minimum donation of \$3.00 to cover the cost.

**Edith Pewitt, Speakers Bureau**, reminded everyone who has taken a program or projector out to please return them in a timely manner, and turn in your paperwork as well.

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**Marlene Deaton** is in desperate need for volunteers for the Children's Vegetable Garden at the Botanic Garden. They will meet on September 8th and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If interested please contact **Marlene** or talk with **JoAnn Hahn** during the break.

President **JoAnn Hahn** welcomed members of Hood County Master Gardeners. On Friday, October 15, Hood County will hold an advanced educational seminar with several excellent speakers. They have fliers and forms available for registration.

**Dotty Woodson** asked for volunteers to participate in her survey after the program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectively submitted by **Shari Stanfield**

### **Nominations for 2005 TCMGA Officers**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Warren Tingley</b>
<b>Vice President (Programs):</b>	<b>Ginger Bason</b>
<b>Vice President (Ways and Means):</b>	<b>Ann Couch</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dorrita Hottel</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Judy Butler</b>

(Note - At their request, nominations have been withdrawn for  
LaVonne Nowlin and Concha Jones.)

### *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.

<u>Project Code &amp; Name</u>	<u>Work Days/Times</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Managers Phone</u>
102 Perennial Shade Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Patsy Johnson	817-292-5358
111 BRIT Activities	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues.	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
121 Composting Demo	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	Don Graves	817-465-1667
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.	8:30 a.m., 4th Thurs	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-4683
126 TC SW Sub Courthouse		Gailon Hardin	817-457-4703
127 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Oct 2 & every Tues	Gailon Hardin	817-457-4703
129 Willow Park DemoGarden	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Judy Ratzlaff	817-441-6726
131 Henrietta Creek Orchard	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. or 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Carole O'Connell	817-921-0713
303 Trial Garden Data	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.	Carole O'Connell	817-921-0713

### School Gardens

172 Alice Carlson	8:30 Mon/Thurs	Sharon Chastain	817 926-2575
172 Branson		Glenda Page	817-447-8348
172 Brewer		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



Another beautiful array of foods at the September meeting! Thank you to all the people who brought goodies! Our October 7th meeting is coming up, so I'll be calling those who signed up to remind them. Thanks again!

## **COME TOUR WITH US ON OCTOBER 14th**

It has been several months since our last TCMGA Garden Tour. We got rained out on the first date we set, so it was late June before we got to tour the gardens of **Joyce Hallbauer, Judy Ratzlaff, and Gay Larson**. Each of them plied us with lemonade. Joyce's garden was not only lovely itself but overlooks a fantastic view. She showed us how easy it is to catch rainwater to help with the watering of our gardens. Judy had just survived a minor flood that came with the rain that kept us from touring the first date. Gay has a lake view to enjoy from her great garden!

Our next TCMGA Garden Tour will be held, Thursday, October 14. We will meet at 8:45 AM in the Eckerd parking lot at 5012 Trail Lake Dr. This is the southwest corner of Trail Lake Dr. and I 20 in the Wedgwood area of Ft. Worth. Directions/maps to the meeting place will be handed out at the TCMGA meeting October 7. We have set one rain date for the tour - October 28. If it rains both days, the tour will not be held.

The first garden on our October tour will feature a home-designed and homemade greenhouse. Come and listen how easy it is to make your plans and build your own greenhouse. Also featured, is a garden dedicated in the memory of a sister.

The second garden features soaker hose watering from an automatic watering system. This garden is on rocky ground where each time you plant you must remove the rocks first.

The third garden is a rose garden. This garden is a public garden that is seldom visited by MGs. It is located on one city block. It has a lovely courtyard garden, which is

landscaped with perennials and antique roses. The head gardener employs a low maintenance approach, yet has a lovely garden to show for it.

Come tour with us Thursday, October 14 at 8:45 AM. Signup and pick up your directions/maps at the Activities & Events table at the October 7 TCMGA meeting. Call **Patsy Johnson**, 817-292-5358 for answers to your questions.

## **ROAD TRIP - ANTIQUE ROSE PLANTATION in JACKSBORO OCTOBER 20th**

October has finally arrived and our trip to the Antique Rose Plantation in Jacksboro is planned for Wednesday, October 20. We will meet at 8:45AM in the parking lot of Albertson's at 6308 Lake Worth Blvd. (Hwy. 199) in Lake Worth. Albertson's is located at the corner of Hwy 199 West and Boat Club Rd. about one block north of Loop I 820. We will have directions/maps at the Activities & Events table at the October 7 TCMGA meeting.

There will be many things to see and do while you are there. The roses should be in full bloom. Owners Mike Price and Tamy Green plan to have many fall annuals from which you can choose. Mike will help anyone who wants to propagate a rose they can take home. And, of course, there is the tea that is planned as the finale of the year.

**Do remember! This is it! The last time you can signup and pay for the tea is at the TCMGA meeting October 7. Money will not be collected the day of the tour and luncheon. No exceptions.**

The tour and tea will take place rain or shine. There are facilities for activities that are protected and the tea will be in a building that will be used for a restaurant.

## News from Texas Cooperative Extension with **Dotty Woodson**

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Volunteer hours for the entire year are due to your timekeeper by November 30. This deadline is very important for the Master Gardener and Extension recognition events in December and January. Please do not make your timekeeper chase you down. If you are short volunteer hours, call me for some suggestions about volunteer opportunities.

### **DATES**

#### **MASTER COMPOSTER TRAINING**

October 4 and 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Presented by the Fort Worth Environmental Department. Call Ellen Schmitz, 817-392-6301

#### **NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE**

Saturday, October 9, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Wichita County Master Gardeners. Multi - Purpose Event Center (MPEC) 1000 5<sup>th</sup> St. Wichita Falls, TX 76301 \$10.00 - For questions and/or reservations call 940-716-5580.

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### **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.

## **Intern Scoop**

The 2004 Interns are in the home stretch with 3 months to go to complete their required 72 hours. As of August 31st, most have completed their hours or are very, very close. They have volunteered over 5200 hours and have spent 1350 hours traveling.

Our Interns have built bridges and fences, and collected just the right boulders for the dry stream at the Alice Carlson Outdoor Learning Center. They have spent hours and hours of general garden maintenance at Union Gospel Mission, Southwest Library, Granbury Rd. Sub-Courthouse, and worked with the women at Teen Challenge.

A new call recording program has been created for the Master Gardener telephone desk plus a plant identification CD for all of us to use. Others have helped with filing, data input and other special projects in the office or for the Junior Master Gardener Program. The Botanic Gardens has benefited greatly from our Intern's participation in the Perennial garden, Trial garden and the greenhouse.

We can't forget those who have spent many hours at the school projects, Henrietta Creek Orchard, Liberty Gardens or answering the Master Gardener telephone. Where would we be without ALL of the 2004 Interns? They are making a mighty impact on our organization. Congratulations and thank you to all of you!

### ***Intern Advisors***

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## **2004 TCMGA Award Nominations**

Nominations for 2004 certified and intern awards will occur only at the October 7th meeting. You must be present at the meeting to submit nominations.

## Native Plant Feature

by Dotty Woodson

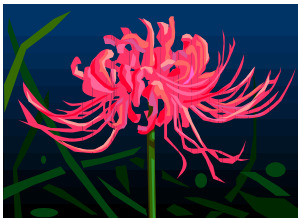
### **Fall Flowering Lilies: Spider Lilies, Oxblood Lilies & Rainlilies**

One indication of an eventual end to our long, hot summer is the emergence of several fall flowering lilies. Spider lilies (*Lycoris radiata*), oxblood lilies (*Rhodophiala bifida*) and certain rainlilies (*Zephyranthes*) species suddenly appear and add color to our tired, heat-weary gardens. These plants are not natives, but are so well adapted; these plants come back year after year and slowly increase in numbers and flower production.

All three of these fall flowering bulbs produce most of their foliage during the winter and spring, go dormant during the heat of summer and then flower in early fall. These plants actually require a dormant period during the heat of summer when little or no water is needed. Artificial watering during this period may be harmful to these plants. Spider lilies and oxblood lilies are especially sensitive to over watering during their "baking period;" therefore, it is best to plant these tough hardy bulbs out of reach of normal sprinkler systems or artificial watering.

Spider lilies are a novelty in the world of ornamental plants. Each spring the strap-shaped foliage appears, ripens and then dies down in the heat of summer. In September, usually after a soaking rain, clusters of red, pink, white or yellow flowers suddenly spring forth from the ground. Stems may reach 18 to 24 inches, and they are topped with spidery-like flowers with wavy-edged segments and long stamens. Spider lilies are very easy to grow. The red form (*Lycoris radiata*) is much more common than the others and is the easiest to grow. You can see these wonderful plants flowering at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden around the clock and in the Fuller Garden.

Oxblood lilies are an introduction from Argentina.



A German-Texas plantsman named Heinrich Oberwetter, an early colonist in central Texas, brought oxblood lilies to Texas. Oxblood lilies are well adapted to heavy clay or deep, sandy soils. The flowers resemble small red amaryllises and are borne several to a stem. Foliage is strap-like and emerges after flowering to flourish through the winter, and then it yellows and disappears by summer.

Among the large and diverse group of plants known as rainlilies, the most common cultivated form is *Zephyranthes candida*, the white rainlily, which is sometimes called "Autumn Crocus" because of the tendency to bloom profusely in the fall. The foliage somewhat resembles thin dark green monkey grass and is useful as an edging plant in the garden during the fall, winter, and spring when its foliage is most abundant and attractive. White rainlilies are native to the shores of Rio de la Plata, the River of Silver, in Argentina. Flowers appear mostly in late summer and fall, usually beginning with the first autumn showers.

Rainlilies, oxblood lilies and spider lilies are propagated by dividing mature clumps of the plants. Division is successful at any season, but transplanting just after the foliage starts dying down in late spring or early summer is less likely to interrupt their bloom cycle. These plants are not always available at local nurseries but be sure to ask. I ordered my *Lycoris* from a bulb catalog. A friend from Lake Worth gave me my Oxblood lilies. I purchased my rainlilies from Weston Gardens. The Fort Worth Botanic Garden is having a plant sale Saturday, October 23. Rain and oxblood lilies will be available at the FWBG Plant Sale.

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### **Thistle Hill Project Meeting Oct 20th, 9:30 a.m.**

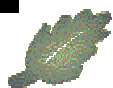
Please join us as we discuss new ways to address opportunities in the gardens of this wonderful historic home. We will discuss variable workdays, groups adopting specific beds, and other ideas to maximize our manpower. For more information, contact **Emily Ward**, Project Chair.

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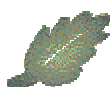
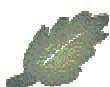
## Update on Urban Plant Detectives



The Crape-Myrtle mildew study is in full force and welcomes **Emily Ward** to the project. The four volunteer teams have been spraying and observing for several weeks now. The five different treatments are being sprayed on twenty crape-myrtle plants behind the conservatory at the Botanic Gardens.

These volunteers are learning a lot about measuring, mixing and sprayers. **Patsy Johnson's** team (includes Patsy, **Devanie Fergus**, and **Cindy Woelke**) was the first team to spray. Some of the things they passed on to the next team were the measurements for mixing the chemicals to create no more than needed and tips for care of the sprayers. There are five more weeks of spraying and data observation, along with two additional training sessions with Dr. Ong. The project will end with summarizing our results and submitting those to Dr. Ong for consolidation with results of other participating counties.

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 regarding this project will be available in January.



## A 'NEW LOOK' FOR TCMGA WEBSITE COMING IN OCTOBER

Submitted by **Carolyn Barnard**

Have you ever wanted one place to see what is happening in the gardening community in our area? One place to see what is happening today if you have an unexpected free day or have forgotten the meeting place for that field trip you signed up for?

One highlight of the new TCMGA website will be a multi-month group of calendars. Daily, weekly, monthly calendars of project work schedules, intern events, educational opportunities, and community and TCMGA gardening events will be available online and kept up to the day! You will even see what classes are offered months in advance so you can plan to get those CEU hours!

Other highlights of the restructured website, debuting in mid-October, are a featured Master Gardener project each month, a featured TCMGA member each week, and even a featured plant! There will be a section to post 'pass alongs' and even monthly and seasonal gardening tips. The Latest Scoop page will contain last minute volunteer calls or really important info - like field trip changes or cancellations.

Two of our members have volunteered to keep our calendars up-to-date, so please forward event schedules for intern events to **Dixie Norwood** and all other events to **Devanie Fergus**. **Barbara Munn & Judy Ratzlaff** will be coordinating the featured projects while **Jolene Hetrick & Donna Turner** will be managing 'Meet the Member'. **Rita Hottel** will be taking the pictures we'll publish.

Please send any questions or ideas to the Webmaster at [cbarnard@abacinc.com](mailto:cbarnard@abacinc.com).



## 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](mailto:lavonne@ev1.net).

## Happy Birthday, Master Gardeners!

Mary Margaret Halleck 10-3; Karl Keffer 10-4; Kyle Pettit 10-6; Valerie Freund 10-8; Jim Woodlief 10-9; Diane Clark, Linda Hardy 10-11; Gailon Hardin 10-13; Julie Shaw 10-14; Susan Kingeter 10-17; Frank Durda, Jack Mitchell 10-18; Cathy Hiles 10-19; Don Blanton, Judy Butler 10-22; Janet Shupe 10-23; Lynn Horvat 10-24; Hope Porter 10-27; Dee Grant, Kay Yount 10-29; Shirley Helmick, Hugh Ross 10-30.

This feature will be monthly. If your birthday is in October and you don't see your name and date of birth, it is probably because **LaVonne Nowlin** does not have it. Please email her your birthday - month and day only - to [lavonne@ev1.net](mailto:lavonne@ev1.net).

*Did you ever think how a bit of land shows  
the character of the owner.....*

*Laura Ingalls Wilder*

### TCMGA Membership Changes published October 2004

#### Additions to the Directory:

none

#### Deletions to the Directory:

none

#### Changes to the Directory

**Derald Freeman**      [derald@grreatideas.com](mailto:derald@grreatideas.com)

**Dorothy Launius**      [dlaunius@comcast.net](mailto:dlaunius@comcast.net)

**Glenda Page**      817-447-8348

### TCMGA Website Password

Current userid is 'wild' and password is 'flower'.

### Newsletter on the TCMGA Website

Each month the TCMGA newsletter, including any names, addresses, and phone numbers, is posted on the TCMGA website. Please contact the Newsletter Committee if you prefer your information not be included on the website.

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](mailto:hardyjandl@netzero.net).

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

# Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

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## Fall 2004 Calendar of Events

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| October 7  | TCMGA Monthly Meeting                      |
| October 14 | TCMGA Garden Tour                          |
| October 20 | Tour - Antique Rose Plantation - Jacksboro |
| October 28 | Rain date for TCMGA Garden Tour            |

For up-to-the-minute TCMGA news visit: [www.tcmga.org](http://www.tcmga.org)  
More state news: [www.texasmastergardeners.com](http://www.texasmastergardeners.com)