

# Sharecropper

## Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



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Your input is always welcome!



### Agents Corner

### Landscaping Your Bottom Line

By Laura Miller, CEA-Horticulture, Tarrant County



A well designed landscape makes any building more attractive and enjoyable. Plants are attractive, but shouldn't be thought of as extras or luxury items. A small investment in landscaping can offer big returns. Good landscaping

benefits your bottom line in two significant ways: by reducing energy consumption and associated energy costs, and by increasing the value of both residential and commercial properties.

### Made in the Shade Trees



Strategically placed deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in winter) can reduce cooling costs in the summer while allowing for passive heating from the sun in the winter.

In warm climates, over half of the residential energy consumed is used for air conditioning. An American Forests study in Dade County (Miami) Florida found that trees provided direct energy savings equaling 3.3% of total consumption. The same study estimated that the addition of one mature tree in the right place per residence would provide an additional 6.4% energy savings.

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# President's Message

## September Newsletter



### *What is going on that's important?*

First – it's September! Only two months left for timekeeping this year. What can I say to encourage you to be up-to-date (or get caught up) on your time? The MG elves will soon start contacting those with no hours turned in to see if we can help in any way. If you have a special situation, please let Steve Chaney know. Steve determines who is recertified.

Second – it's September! Time to pay dues. By the time you read this, dues notice will have been mailed or will be shortly. Please return those either at the September or October meetings, or drop it back in the mail. Dues are due by October 31<sup>st</sup> and per our own Bylaws, a late fee is required to be paid after that time. Mail it early – that's my motto!

Third – it's September! The Nominating Committee will be presenting it's slate of candidates for the 2011 Executive Board at the September meeting. Additional nominations will be welcome at that time. The plan is also to have the 'first reading' of the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rule changes before the membership. This is a very important meeting and all members are respectfully asked to attend and participate.

We are a better association when we all participate in decisions that affect us all. Please get in the timesheets and be up to date, please pay your dues on a timely basis if you intend to be a MG next year (and let us know also if you do not plan to recertify) and come to the next meeting and be informed and participate.

Hope to see each of you in September!

Susan Stanek,  
President

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# TCMGA Meeting Minutes

*August 5, 2010*

The program on herbs was presented by Ann McCormick, Herb 'n Cowgirl. The afternoon program, How to Establish an Herb Garden, was presented by Rita Hottel.

President Susan Stanek called the business meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with 190 members and interns and two guests in attendance.

The July minutes were approved as published.

The Treasury Report for the month of July, 2010 was presented by Pat Higgins, Treasurer:

June 30, 2010 Money Market Balance:	\$17,274.79
June 30, 2010 Checking Account	8,946.45
Total Accounts:	\$26,221.24
Deposits during July, 2010	3,614.12
Checks written during July, 2010	<u>-(1,692.27)</u>
Money Market Fund &	
Checking balance July 31, 2010	<u>\$ 29,143.09</u>

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$7,000 was transferred to the Money Market account from the Checking Account.

## Committee Reports

Beverly Beazley, Activities, reminded the membership of the field trip to Tierra Verde Golf Course in Arlington on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sharon Chastain reports the Nominating Committee will be sending an e-blast to the general membership with a list of their nominees for the 2011 Board.

Steve Purdy, Bylaws Committee, outlined the procedure for reviewing and adopting changes to the Bylaws. The committee looked at eight specific areas that needed to be changed. There were no rewrites. If the Advisory Board makes no major revisions, the changes will be read and copies distributed at the September General Meeting. The General Membership will have a 30 day period, between the September and October General Meetings, to comment. At the

October General Meeting, a second reading of the Bylaws with any changes and comments will be read, followed by a vote.

There was no unfinished old business. There was no new business.

## Announcements

Judy Sargent is accepting volunteers for the Home and Garden Show at the Will Rogers Coliseum on August 27, 28 and 29, 2010.

President Stanek reminded the membership that **all volunteer hours to date should be re-reported to timekeepers and current by this time of the year.** Invoices for 2011 dues will be sent to members soon. Dues will be collected at the September and October meetings. Deadline for payment of dues is October 31, 2010, after which time a late fee will be added.

Nancy Curl announced Randy Weston of Weston Gardens will speak at the September meeting in the morning. Steve Chaney will be our afternoon speaker.

The Community Garden will be having an EarthKind Rose Sale at the September and October meetings. There will also be a Spring Bulb Sale at the same time the roses are offered.

Steve Chaney thanked the general membership for their valuable contributions of time and labor. Lunch was provided on behalf of Tarrant County and Texas Agri-Life Extension as a token of their appreciation. A special thanks went to Natalie Wistrand who did the shopping for the lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer  
Secretary



**Union Gospel  
Mission is green and  
lush thanks to all the  
volunteers!**



Photos Courtesy of Gay Larson



# Union Gospel Mission

Photos courtesy of Gay Larson

Nancy Curl and Bill Hall conduct a pickle class at UGM.



Pickle Class at Union Gospel Mission



Carolyn Critz



Claire Brown and Mary Jane Goad



Theresa Thomas and Carol Lally

# TCMGA Announcements

## TCMGA September Meeting Guest Speaker



The TCMGA September meeting morning guest speaker will be **Randy Weston**, owner of Weston Gardens. His topic will be “**Hardy Hibiscus**”.



Randy is originally from Spearman, in the Texas Panhandle and his wife is from Canyon. They have one son, Jackson.

After several years of crunching numbers Randy Weston traded it in for his green thumb. In 1984, he and his wife, who also has an accounting/financial background, opened a nursery.

When the nursery opened, little did they know it was across the street from what once was known as Dripping Springs, a popular destination during the depression years. The Westons bought it in 1988, renamed it Weston Gardens, and once again it is a great destination for area gardeners. It took a couple of years to uncover the gardens and haul away overgrowth.

Today, Weston's 17 acres have been featured in *Southern Living*, *American Gardener* and *Texas Highways*. Randy says, “We call our style English Gardens Texas-Style, with plants acclimated to Texas.”

Randy's philosophy is that he'd rather people know what plants will work in this climate, rather than trying something fancy they saw in a magazine and being disappointed.

The afternoon speaker will be **Steve Chaney**, our own Texas AgriLife Extension agent. His topic will be **important updates in the AgriLife Extension agency and the TCMGA**.

Nancy Curl,  
1st Vice President



*A big thanks to  
Steve Chaney for  
providing lunch at  
the August TCMGA meeting. It  
was wonderful and enjoyed by all!*

## Earth-Kind Challenge



Be sure and take the Earth-Kind Challenge at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/>

and see how knowledgeable you are? Each module taken counts for one hour of volunteer time (use CEU 102 on your timesheet). It might be fun to take when it's too hot outside. The web site keeps track of how many take it and from what county, that is about the only area we don't shine on as an Association. It would be really cool if everyone in our group took the Earth-Kind Challenge one month, just think of the bragging rights we would have then!!



## TCMGA Announcements

### *Tribe of the Traveling Chipper/Shredder*



Traveling  
Chipper / Shredder  
Available

Need a chipper/shredder, but are they too expensive for one person to buy? Join the Tribe of the Traveling Chipper. Here's the deal – a Master Gardener left this when she moved away with instructions that anyone who needed it could use it and then pass it to the next MG as needed. So, if you want to use it, you get to keep it until the next MG wants it. It can even live at one of the projects that has a storage shed.

It is a 5.5 HP Yard Machine by MTD with Briggs & Stratton motor. In-hopper (right side of photo) can be lowered to the ground for raking in or raised for feeding in small branches. Expeller can discharge wood chips onto the ground (red chute) or up into a pile (black chute) or into included bag (left edge of photo). It has a wood pusher to keep hands safely out of the chute.

It has been shared back and forth by three MGs over the last couple years, but it is available to any MG who asks. The chipper currently lives at the Marilyn Sallee home – phone or email if you want it. Just in time for that fall clean-up when the temperatures finally get pleasant to be outdoors again.

Marilyn Sallee

### *Membership Dues*

Membership dues notices are being mailed this month. Dues may be mailed or paid at the September and October meetings. Dues are payable by check or money order only. No cash will be accepted.. The deadline for payment of dues is October 31, 2010. Any payments received after that date will incur a late fee. Members whose dues are received after November 1, 2010, will not be printed in the Directory. Thanks for your cooperation.



### *Membership Directories*

Membership directories have been distributed. Members who have not picked up their 2010 directory and wish to receive one should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, measuring at least 5 ½" by 8 ½" to Sue Ellen Schlitzer, 3421 Ashford Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76133. Postage is \$1.22. Additional copies of the directory are available for \$2.00 each (plus postage). Checks or money orders only please.



## Master Gardener Information



The TCMGA Herb Garden team presented at the August TCMGA meeting! From left to right, the team presenting was

Linda Stuard, Imelda Castro, Penny McCook, Wilda Turner, Rita Hottel, Nan Garvin and Demetra Larremore.

### *Membership & Directory Updates*

Please note the following updates in your membership directory:

**Joe McCreary's** new e-mail address is [joe\\_mccreary@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_mccreary@yahoo.com).

**Sandy Williams**, 408 Verna Trail N., Fort Worth, TX 76108-4301, Phone 817-246-2013. E-mail remains unchanged.

Report any changes or corrections to Sue Ellen Schlitzer at [s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net) or 817-294-1329 .

 Happy Birthday,  
Master Gardeners!

### September Birthdays

- 1 Claire Alford
- 3 Lema Worley
- 5 Deirdre Pope
- 6 Kate Kilmurray
- 7 Debbie Whiteman
- 8 Dinah Eivens
- 9 Shari Stanfield
- 10 Maurine Wood
- 11 Betty Cupps
- 12 Judy Sargent, Allison Sonneberg,  
Linda Hawkins
- 13 Jennifer Trevino-Long
- 15 Rachel Clark, Rocky Deutscher
- 16 Taddie Hamilton, John Tinsley,  
Jessica McCraw (I)
- 17 Elizabeth Snider
- 18 Steve Smith
- 19 Kathi O'Riordan (I)
- 20 Vicki Moore
- 22 L.J. Williams, Margaret Duncan
- 23 Barbara Mann, Patty Brown
- 24 Jack Matthews
- 26 Lance Jepson, Nan Garvin
- 28 Danielle Page

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



## *Landscaping Your Bottom Line (cont'd)*

The US Department of Energy reports that an outdoor air conditioning unit operating in the shade uses about 10% less electricity than one operating in the full sun. When installing plants to shade an air conditioning unit, be sure to allow plenty of room for air circulation around the unit.

Trees and shrubs on the northwest side of a building can also serve as a windbreak, lessening the impact of those winter cold fronts that blow through North Texas.



### *Valuable Property*

In today's extremely competitive real estate market, owners of residential and commercial properties are looking for ways to stand out from the crowd of options for buyers and lessees. Landscaping is one of the few property improvements that actually increases in value over time. Other renovations usually return less than the amount invested.

Both homes and businesses can benefit from better landscaping. A study conducted by the University of Washington showed that customers were willing to travel greater dis-

tances to shop in landscaped shopping districts. They perceived customer service to be 15% higher in these shopping districts (perhaps the improved landscaping improved employees' attitudes) and were willing to pay 11% more for products.

What do consumers value most in a landscape? A United States Department of Agriculture-Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service funded survey conducted at home and garden shows in seven states including Texas gave consumers 16 different computer generated landscape options for the same home. They were asked to assign values to each option. Here are some of the results of this survey:

- Design sophistication accounted for 42% of the value added to the home. It pays to curve those bed lines and add island plantings.
- Plant size accounted for 36% of the value added. That's why landscaping appreciates in value over time.
- An investment of less than \$250 in color plants—flowering annuals and perennials—added nearly \$1000 to home value, a 400% return on investment.

***Do-it-yourself*** or go the **Do-it-for-me** route, investing in landscaping can reduce energy consumption and increase property values. When looking for ways to improve your bottom line, think outside the building!

## Project Profile: TCMGA Community/Demonstration Garden—Brings Back the Past

*By Jackie Heidinger, Photos by Bill Vandever*

**Remember** as a young child growing up on the farm, or in the country, where you helped your parents raise a garden? Those are fond memories of tending the gardens, watching the crops grow and produce. Then experiencing the unforgettable taste of homegrown tomatoes, greens, cantaloupes and watermelons. Memory tells you that homegrown just can't be beat.

Over the past four years, the TCMGA Community/Demonstration Garden (CG) has provided the opportunity to once again experience these childhood memories and enjoy the bounties of homegrown produce. CG offers up to thirty beds to the public. In 2007, Texas Christian University Nutritional and Nursing students contributed by installing additional raised beds, which have been a hit with the community. In the early days of CG, Jim Nelson was one of the key leaders and was very instrumental in establishing and supporting the garden. Today, Bill Vandever is the Project Lead working in tandem with the public as they plant and tend their crops. Several other MG's, such as Pat Higgins and Kim Freeman lend their knowledge and services to the public on a regular basis.



Jean Richardson

This summer all thirty beds are being utilized by the gardening public. One of those gardeners is Jean Richardson who gardened as a child with her sister Bonnie Davis. This is



their second year planting their beds with turnip, collard and mustard greens, onions, tomatoes, etc... Bonnie had good luck with cantaloupes and cucumbers this year. They typically try to go to the garden a couple of times a week. Jean takes her produce home and preserves them for later use. She also shares with family and friends. They are looking forward to planting their fall crops and want to try some different plants. MG's assist them with fertilizing, composting and planting. Both Bill Vandever and Pat Higgins have been very helpful in their endeavors. Jean passes her gardening experiences down to her two grandchildren who are allowed to grow their own plants in her bed. Jean says the grandkids love to watch their plants grow and ask if they can go to the garden frequently!

Lois Booker discovered CG through her involvement with the Resource Connection Senior Citizens services. Pat Higgins advised Lois of the new raised beds and she couldn't resist! She likes growing greens, turnips, corn, okra, sweet potatoes, on-



Lois Booker



## Project Profile: TCMGA Community/Demonstration Garden—Brings Back the Past (cont'd)



ions and winter squash. She also plans to plant a fall garden. She gardens twice a week, when she can due to some health problems. As a child she gardened on a farm, so professes she is knowledgeable about gardening. Even though, she loves getting more education on plants and trying different types of plants. She consumes some of her produce and shares the remainder with family and friends. Her long-term desire is to donate to the Food Bank. She believes the exercise she gets from gardening aids in keeping her young. Although, she proclaims CG is not just for the elderly as there is a young child, around eleven that tends a bed as well.

Finally, Cecil and Hilda Ray planted two beds at CG this year. They planted tomato, squash, onion, bell peppers, cantaloupe, watermelons and peas. They take a good amount of their produce to the Food Bank. They tend their beds at CG two to three times a week. Cecil grew up in the country



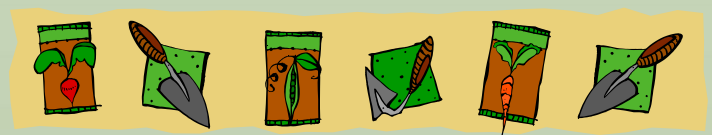
so is quite familiar with gardens. Cecil enjoys the process of raising and donating their crops. Cecil said the MG's make it convenient to garden at CG, providing tools and assistance.

It was very enjoyable speaking with these gardeners. They were enthusiastic about reliving memories of their childhood and the benefits provided by the gardens, whether it be the crops produced, the exercise or the opportunity to learn more about cultivating their crops.



They all have plans for fall gardens and want to test growing unique, unfamiliar plants.

Needless to say, it is quite an accomplishment to have all the beds being utilized by the public. Congratulations to the CG team and all the MG's who have volunteered and assisted the public with their gardens and for helping the community "bring back the past" and enjoy their gardens.



# September 2010 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> <i>8a Veterans Park</i> <i>8a BG Perennial</i> <i>9a Teen Challenge</i> <i>9:30a Thistle Hill</i> <i>1p Veterans Park</i> <i>3:15p Fitzgerald</i>	<b>2</b> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i> <b>10a TCMGA MG</b>  <b>NCNPSOT Class-Ferns of Texas</b>  <b>Citriculture Specialist Training</b>	<b>3</b> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i>   <b>Citriculture Specialist Trng</b>	<b>4</b> <i>9am Compost Demo—Veterans Park</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>8a Heritage Elem.</i> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i> <i>9a Union Gospel</i>  	<b>7</b> <i>8a Randall Mill PK Greenhouse</i> <i>8:30a BG Trial</i> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i> <i>8:30a CG Class—Landscaping</i> <i>10:45-CG Class-Composting</i>	<b>8</b> <i>8a Veterans Park</i> <i>8a BG Perennial</i> <i>9a Teen Challenge</i> <i>1p Veterans Park</i> <i>3:15p Fitzgerald</i>	<b>9</b> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i> <i>CG Class—Living Wreaths</i>   6:30p Urban Sol. Class—Tree Selection and Planting	<b>10</b> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i> <i>8:30a JPS Meditation Garden</i>	<b>11</b> <i>8a Wildscape Class: - Urban Wildlife: Situations and Solutions</i> <i>9am Compost Demo—River Legacy</i> <i>9am SW Crthse CG Class-How to make a Cement Leaf</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>8a Heritage Elem.</i> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i> <i>9a Union Gospel</i>	<b>14</b> <i>8a Randoll Greenhs</i> <b>8a Liberty Garden</b> <i>8:30a BG Trial</i> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i> <i>8:30a CG Class—Vegetable Gardning</i> <i>10:45-CG Class-Herb Gardening</i>	<b>15`</b> <i>8a Veterans Pk</i> <i>8a BG Perennial</i> <i>9a Teen Challenge</i> <i>9a FW Hulen Library</i> <b>9:30a Thistle Hill</b> <i>1p Veterans Park</i> <i>3:15p Fitzgerald</i>	<b>16</b> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i>	<b>17</b> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i>	<b>18</b> CG Class-How to paint your Cement Leaf
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>8a Heritage Elem.</i> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i> <i>9a Union Gospel</i>  <b>FIELD TRIP!!!</b>	<b>21</b> <i>8a Randoll Greenhs</i> <i>8:30a BG Trial</i> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i> <i>8:30a CG Class—Rainwatr Harvestng</i> <i>11:45-CG Class-Container Garden</i>	<b>22</b> <i>8a Veterans PK</i> <i>8a BG Perennial</i> <i>9a Teen Challenge</i> <i>1p Veterans Park</i> <i>3:15p Fitzgerald</i>	<b>23</b> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i>	<b>24</b> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i> <i>8:30a JPS Meditation Garden</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>8a Heritage Elem.</i> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i> <i>9a Union Gospel</i>  <b>Tree Stewardship Specialist and Entomology Specialist Training</b>	<b>28</b> <i>8a Randoll Greenhs</i> <i>8:30a BG Trial</i> <i>8:30a CG Veggie</i> <i>8:30a CG Class—Propagation</i> <i>10:45-CG Class-Fruit&amp;Berry Orchd</i>  <b>Tree Stewardship Specialist and Entomology Specialist Training</b>	<b>29</b> <i>8a Veterans PK</i> <i>8a BG Perennial</i> <i>9a Teen Challenge</i> <i>9am SW Crthse</i> <i>1p Veterans Park</i> <i>3:15p Fitzgerald</i>  <b>Tree Stewardship Specialist and Entomology Specialist Training</b>	<b>30</b> <i>8:30a Alice Carlson</i>   <b>Entomology Specialist Training</b>		



## 2010 Up-Coming Events (cont'd on page 14)



### Upcoming Events

#### September 2—The Ferns of Texas: Surprises About These Ancient Plants—

*George M. Diggs, Jr.* - Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Austin College at Ft. Worth Botanic, by NCNPSOT. **7pm at Ft. Worth Botanic Garden.**

#### September 9—Tree Selection and Planting—

Dr. Melanie Kirk, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist - Urban Forestry, starts 6:30pm at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Urban Solutions Center in Dallas, Texas.

#### September 11— Urban Wildlife: Situations and Solutions - Bonnie Bradshaw, *Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator*, **8am at the Wildscape**

### October

#### October 2 — Shade Gardening with Texas Native Plants - Ruth Kinler, Owner of Redenta's Garden, **9am at the Wildscape.**

#### October 9—Urban Farming—The Ultimate Backyard Experience—4th CENTRAL TEXAS GARDENERS CONFERENCE, 8:00am–4:15pm 1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg 5, Schertz Civic Center Schertz, Texas

### November

#### Nov. 6 – Benefits of Trees - Matt Churches, Forester from Arlington Parks and Recreation Dept. **at the Wildscape.**

### TCMGA Community & Demonstration Garden Classes

**Thursday,**

**September 9** - Living Wreaths - Succulents - \$50

**Saturday,**

**September 11** - How to Make a Cement Leaf - \$15

**Saturday,**

**September 18** - How to Paint Your Cement Leaf - \$10

To register - contact: Nancy Curl at [mgfriendedofthegarden@gmail.com](mailto:mgfriendedofthegarden@gmail.com)

The following classes have been scheduled at the TCMGA Garden at the Resource Connection Center for TCU nutrition students. All TCMGA members are invited to audit these classes at no charge, however, please contact Pat Higgins or Nancy Curl if you plan to attend.

**Tue., Aug. 31**

8:30 -10:00 **Building a Cinder Block Raised Bed**

10:15 – 12:30 **Soil, Soil Testing, Fertilizing & Mulching**

**Tue., Sept. 7**

8:30 – 10:30 **Landscaping**

10:45 – 1:00 **Composting**

**Tue., Sept. 14**

8:30 – 10:30 **Vegetable Gardening**

10:45 – 1:00 **Herb Gardening**

**Tue., Sept 21**

8:30 – 11:00 **Rainwater Harvesting**

11:45 – 1:00 **Container Gardening**

**Tue., Sept. 28**

8:30 – 10:30 **Propagation**

10:45 – 1:00 **Fruit & Berry Orchard**

## 2010 Up-Coming Events cont'd

### ***DON'T MISS OUT !! FIELD TRIP MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>***



**TIERRA VERDE GOLF COURSE,  
ARLINGTON, TX**

**TOUR CONDUCTED VIA GOLF CARTS  
Gather at 9 – Tour begins at 9:30 a.m.**

Golf courses generally get a bad rap for using too much water and chemicals but not the award winning Tierra Verde. The theme at this city owned golf course is **conservation** – from the dense natural habitat and wildlife corridors to **composting** and **water saving efforts**. The course uses **natural fertilizer**, their own **bio-fungicide** to control weeds and saves grass clippings for composting.

Brunch following the tour at the Ventana Grille in the Club House. \$15. You must pre-pay at the September meeting or make arrangements.

**Please carpool – meet at 8:30 at:  
Ft Worth Botanic Gardens or  
Joann's in Grapevine**



Stay tuned for more information about the October field trip.

### ***Upcoming Specialist Training***

**Citriculture Specialist Training** - Sept 2-3,  
San Antonio, Texas

**Tree Stewardship Specialist** - Sept 27-29,  
Palestine, Texas

**Entomology Specialist Training** - Sept. 27-  
Oct 1, San Antonio

**Irrigation Efficiency Specialist** - Oct 27-29,  
Dallas County

**Purpose:** To provide advanced training whereby a corps of Master Gardeners can obtain a specialization which supports or expands specific county educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

**Guidelines:** The primary purpose of a Specialist program is not to designate “experts” in a field of study or topic; rather, it is designed to identify Master Gardeners who have received special training to support specific county educational programs or projects. Specialist training should be designed to empower the Master Gardener with the knowledge and skills required to effectively support designate programs or projects. This may include administration of projects, training of Master Gardeners, clientele presentations, and/or applied research and demonstrations.

**For more information on Specialist Training click:**

**<http://www.texasmastergardeners.com/>**



# 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. 8:00 am	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Trial Garden	Tues. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community Garden Community and Demo Garden Chair	Steve Chaney, s-chaney@tamu.edu		817-884-1945
<b>Project Leads</b>			
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 Beds	Kim Freeman bamagirlntx@sbcglobal.net		817-292-3775
Education	Nancy Curl, nL_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Pat Higgins, ragdollpath@sbcglobal.net		817-946-6278
Enabling Garden	TBA		
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Wednesdays	Rita Hottel, aescom@charter.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	817-817-838-7321/817-923-9250	
Plant Sales	Taddie Hamilton, taddieh@sbcglobal.net		817-534-3440
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 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Kay Lewis	817-281-6600
304 Casa House	Call Chairman	Rocky Deutscher	817-991-7171
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
<b><u>Environmental Projects:</u></b>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat., River Legacy, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin Charlie Shiner	818-581-1850 817-488-6123
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	3rd Wed. 9 am	Devanie Fergus Evaline Woodrey	817-683-3332 817-295-5281
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Liberty Garden	Call Chairman 2nd Tues., 8-11 am	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Tues. 8-11am Randall Mill Pk. Wed. 8-11am, 1st Sat., 8-11 am	Greenhouse Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	Call Chairman	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<b><u>School Gardens:</u></b>			
306 Alice Carlson	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald	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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### ***Important Websites to Know!***



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