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2014

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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

April 2014



Container Crazy!

By Toni Moorehead, TCMG, TCLP

Spring is finally here!! I'm so excited I can hardly contain myself!! Well, if I can't contain myself, what can I contain? How about some plants!! And that leads me to the subject of this month's article...container gardening. I call myself a "pot freak" because I cannot pass up an interesting container to add to my collection (not to be confused with the '60s and/or Colorado version). At last count, I had 92 pots. Now, I must admit that is a little over the top, but hey, I only have a few pairs of shoes in my closet. So there!

There are so many types of containers on the market today. The most common is a simple terracotta pot; but ceramic, stone, plastic, glazed, fiberglass, wood, hypertufa, and concrete are also available, just to name a few. Pretty much, the sky is the limit when it comes to container gardening. If you can fit enough soil into something for a plant to grow and it has a drain hole, it has now become a container for your garden. How about an old boot? A birdcage, maybe? Step outside of the planter box, and try something unusual for your next container. Different types of containers have their pros and cons. Some are subject to freezing, cracking, or rotting; some will last for years; some are heavy, some are lightweight; some are inexpensive, some a little pricey. I'll let you do the investigating to see what would be best for your budget and design.

As any good gardener knows, our plants will only do as well as the "soil" they are growing in. Mixes for containers are available under a variety of trade names and are usually referred to as "soil-less" mixes. These soil-less mixes may contain peat moss, vermiculite, perlite, bark, or coir fiber (ground coconut hulls). My favorite brand of potting soil is Nature's Guide Organic Potting Soil containing coir fiber and expanded shale. If it is not available, I just buy a good quality potting soil, then I add a little compost to add some "life" to the mix, and I also add a little expanded shale to ensure good drainage. Before adding soil, be sure to cover the container's drain hole with something that allows the water to drain out but doesn't allow the potting soil to escape; for example, coffee filters, broken shards of pottery, window screen, pantyhose, or a coir fiber remnant. Containers should be filled to within about one inch of the top to allow room for water. Your containers will drain better if the soil mix goes all the way to the bottom of your pot and you do not add any gravel or filler in the bottom of the pot.

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Container Crazy—continued

Now for the good part, the plants!!! When planting containers, remember that you want a "thriller" (tall plants), a "filler" (plants to fill in the middle), and a "spiller" (plants that trail over the edge). How about a container filled with a variety of Caladiums, Red Dragon Wing Begonias, and Creeping Jenny for a shady spot. Or try Red Cordyline (Ti Plant), Purple Pentas, and Sweet Potato Vine for a partial sun/shade area. For a full sun spot, try Purple Fountain grass and Sweet Potato Vine, or Variegated Tapioca with Blue Daze spilling over the side. The combinations are endless!

(See list of thriller/filler/spiller plants on next page.)



Purple
Fountain
grass and
Sweet
Potato
Vine



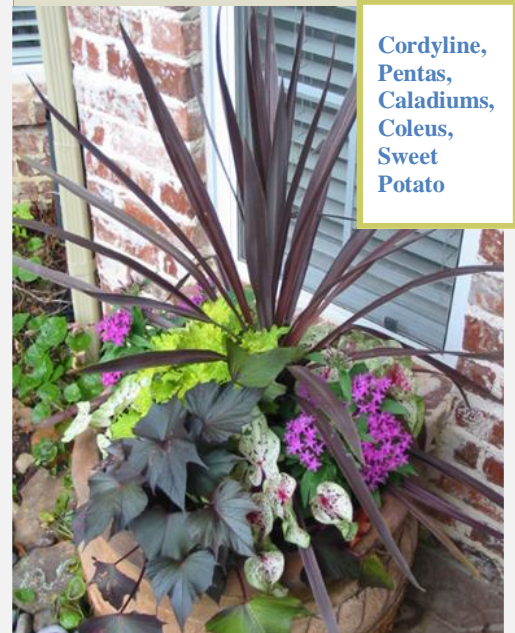
Variegated
Tapioca
and Blue
Daze



Caladiums,
Dragon Wing
Begonia,
Swedish Ivy



Perilla
Magilla,
Gomphrena
, 'Cora'
Vinca,
Purslane,
Sweet
Potato Vine



Cordyline,
Pentas,
Caladiums,
Coleus,
Sweet
Potato

(Photos taken by author of container gardens at her home)

Container Crazy—continued

Once you've got your containers filled with colorful combinations, you will need to fertilize periodically and water as needed. You can use a water soluble fertilizer or a granular time-released fertilizer. What I usually do is just save a little of the organic granular fertilizer that I use in my perennial beds and sprinkle some of it in my containers a few times a season. If your containers are in a shady spot, you may only need to water once a week or every few days. If they are in full sun, you may need to water as often as every day in the middle of the summer. Stick your finger into the potting soil; if the soil is dry, then water; if it is moist, hold off for another day or so and check it again. We can kill plants by overwatering more often than under watering.

By far the best container book I've ever used is "Easy Container Gardens" by Pamela Crawford. She gives great plant combination ideas, and they all work for our climate! For more suggestions and pictures of container combo plantings, please see the "Containers/Annuals Spring-Summer" newsletter on my garden blog at <http://signaturegardens.blogspot.com/p/containers.html>.

I hope I've inspired you to pot up some colorful containers for your garden this spring. Maybe you'll even add a few new containers to your collection, too.

Happy container gardening!

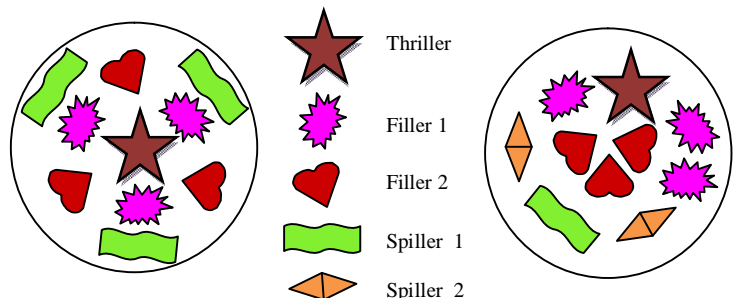
Annuals for SUN: (warm season)

- Thrillers:** Purple Fountain Grass
Ti Plant or Cordyline (a.m. sun/p.m. shade)
Esperanza (Tecoma Stans)
Variegated Tapioca (Manihot esculenta)
Copperplant
Perilla Magilla and Perilla Vanilla
Canna
- Fillers:** 'Profusion' Zinnia or Zinnia linearis (Star zinnia) or Zinnia 'Zahara' series
Periwinkles/Vinca 'Cora' (plant periwinkles late May, early June)
Pentas — 'Graffiti' or 'Kaleidoscope' or 'Butterfly' varieties
Angelonia 'Serena' series
'Stara' or 'Sun Devil' or 'Cocktail' or 'Whopper' series
Begonia (bronze leaf)
Melampodium
Gomphrena
Cosmos
'Intensia' Phlox
'Dakota Gold' Helenium
Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost' (looks great paired with pentas or impatiens)
Ornamental peppers
Coleus (sun varieties)
Croton
- Spillers:** Lantana
Moss Rose (portulaca) or Spanish Moss Rose or 'Samba'
Portulaca
Purslane
Sweet Potato Vine (Margarita, Blackie, Ace of Spades, Bewitched,
Emerald Lace & Midnight Lace)
Blue Daze
Verbena tapien or Homestead Verbena
Creeping Jenny
Sedum 'Angelina', Reflexum, Sarmentosum, etc.
Dichondra 'Siver Falls'
Thyme
Purple Heart

Annuals for SHADE: (warm season)

- Thrillers:** Iresine
Persian Shield
Lemon Lollipop or Golden Shrimp Plant (Pachystachys lutea)
Spike or Cordyline
Caladiums (do not plant until soil temps are about 70 degrees; do not let dry out!)
Ti Plant/Cordyline
- Fillers:** Impatiens (not New Guinea impatiens)
'Stara' or 'Whopper' series Begonia (green leaf)
Alternanthera (sun or shade)
Dragon Wing Begonias
Coleus (shade varieties)
Oxalis
Spider Plant (filler/spiller)
- Spillers:** Summer Wave Torenia or 'Bouquet' series
Sweet Potato Vine (see Sun section for varieties)
Creeping Jenny
Wandering Jew
Hemigraphis
Asparagus Fern (filler/spiller)
Swedish Ivy
English Ivy (Hedera helix 'Needlepoint,' 'Glacier,' etc.)

Placement in Pot





**Patsy Miller,
TCMGA President**

**“Invite friends,
relatives,
neighbors, co-
workers and
anyone you meet
to our plant sale,
Saturday, April
12, at our
demonstration
garden at the
Resource
Connection.”**



President's Message

Hello Master Gardeners,

As I am writing this, it looks like there may be several days of temperate weather so I may be safe in thinking that spring really is a-coming. I have seen evidence of green sprigs underneath the layer of leaves in my perennial beds. I have even started thinking about what I might plant in my containers – once I think it is safe.

I might take in one of the talks on container gardening that Toni Moorehead and LaVonne Nowlin will be presenting at the Marshall Grain Grapevine store. Thanks to all of you who volunteered for the Fort Worth Home and Garden Show and the Home Depot, Weston Gardens and Marshall Grain events. Sure it provides us with hours for certification, but education is what Master Gardeners is all about.

Home Depot is teaming up with area city water utilities and the Texas Smartscape program to promote the importance of using water conserving plants. Hopefully, this partnership will enable Smartscape to reach a wider audience. Weston Gardens has long been an area leader in advancing the gospel of native and adapted plants. The utilities have asked Tarrant County Master Gardeners to help provide the context for these special plant sales.

Another way to spread the word about native and adapted plants is to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and anyone you meet to our plant sale, Saturday, April 12, at our demonstration garden at the Resource Connection. There will be a wide selection of plants, but also demonstrations and talks. Profits benefit the demonstration garden and Master Gardener projects. Thanks to Sue Kelley and Peggy

Harwood, their committee and volunteers. It takes months of planning and hard work to pull it off.

Some housekeeping notes: The list of monthly programs in the 2014 membership directory is incorrect. The correct list is included elsewhere in the newsletter. Also Jo Poppelreiter was not included in the list of propagation specialists. Congratulations to Jo for earning that specialist credential last year.

Remember that beginning with April, the monthly meeting will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the speaker. There is no afternoon speaker. A social time with coffee, tea and soda will be held before the meeting begins. We encourage you to visit with each other and check out the various tables. Many of you stayed after the last meeting talking to one another.

The schedule will change slightly in May and November – vendor months – when we will serve barbecue with the money going to the projects. Master Gardeners are nothing if not flexible!

And congratulations to Teresa Moss (2012 intern) who has been accepted into the University of North Texas' PhD program in Environmental Philosophy. They offered her a teaching assistantship as well. She will start in August. Her plan is to do her dissertation around water issues, including landscaping with native/adapted plants. She hopes to work with Dr. Irene Klaver and her Philosophy of Water research and community education project.

See you at the April meeting.

**Patsy Miller
TCMGA President**

TCMGA General Meeting— March 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM. There were 181 members present making a quorum (15 %) for the business meeting. Our 2014 interns were welcomed and members were reminded that a hot dog lunch in honor of the interns will be held after the meeting.

The minutes of the February meeting were published in the March newsletter and as there were no corrections the minutes are approved as published.

Executive Board

Programs, **Marianne Levine** announced the speaker for April will be Tim Thompson of Three Creek Gardens who will be talking about the hybridizing and cultivation of daylilies.

Ways and Means: Marilyn Satterfield thanked everyone who ordered and picked up their fertilizer today. It was the last day to order roses and bulbs. Still have worm castings available and check out the logo items table. May is Vendor Day and June is the Garage Sale.

Steve Chaney – In October he is planning an all day Yard Art Extravaganza, which will be family orientated. Plan is to include vendors, demonstrations, kids' area, etc. He is working with Alan Winter and Henry Cole.

Starr Krottinger, Treasurer

For the month ending February 28, 2014

Cash, Beginning on February 1, 2014	\$36,477.38
Deposits during the month	4,327.64
Checks written during the month	9,258.12
Cash Ending on February 28, 2014	\$31,546.90

Regional Conference: Income of \$8,275.00 (mostly in December and January), Expenses of \$5,731.27 (mostly in February) for a profit of \$2,543.73. Other large expenses from February include \$686.00 to TMGA for our dues and our annual liability insurance of \$765.00.

As there were no questions, the treasurer's report will be filed.

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Committee Reports

Plant Sale -Sue Kelley - April 12 – Volunteers are needed to work at setting up on Thursday and Friday, April 10 & April 11 and to work on sale day. These count toward demonstration garden hours. Visit the plant sale table in the back. Ways to help: Want legacy plants from our members. Remember to start your transplants now so they will be robust for the sale, volunteer to work Thurs, Fri and Sat.

Activities - Claire Alford and her team are signing up members for a tour of the newly opened Southwest Nature Preserve in Arlington. The tour is scheduled on April 24 at 10 am. Details and sign-up at the activities table in the back.

Membership - Steve Purdy asks you to pick up the 2014 membership directories.

Hospitality – We have had an ongoing problem of getting enough members to donate food whether for lunch or brunch. It is also difficult to accommodate different diets. Since we have gone to only a morning speaker, there was discussion at the last advisory board meeting of the need for food at all. So beginning with the April meeting; only coffee, soda and tea will be served. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the program.

Announcements

- Next MG state meeting is Sept. 25-27 in Midland-Odessa, Texas.
- Collin County MGs are having their Garden Show on March 22-23 at Myers Park in McKinney.

Smartscape and Home Depot are teaming up to sponsor water conserving plant sales. They will be in Home Depot stores around the Fort Worth area and Weston Gardens. They want Master Gardeners available to answer questions about water conserving plants and we will have a table with information.

Marshall Grain wants Master Gardeners to help them celebrate the re-opening of their Grapevine store, Sat-Sun March 22-23, 9 am - 6 pm. There is a sign up sheet at the bulletin board.

We will have a barbecue served at the two vendor meetings a year -- May and November. We will also have hot dogs in honor of our interns in March. This is always open to be revisited.

Salsa Contest – Patsy has the winner's prizes.

RAFFLE DRAWING – Check to see if you won at the raffle table.

DOOR PRIZES – Marianne Levine announced the winners.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Submitted by
Theresa Kay Thomas,
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2014 Program Speaker

Our speaker for April, 2014 is Mr. Tim Thompson from Three Creek Gardens in Collin County. Mr. Thompson has been growing and hybridizing daylilies for 10 years. His primary objectives include creating new and beautiful varieties of daylilies and promoting more awareness of this easy-to-grow and colorful perennial. He has evaluated over 2,000 varieties and has hybridized over 20,000 varieties! He will share his expertise in the culture of these hardy plants.

Marianne Levine

Garage Sale

The 2014 Garage Sale will be held at the
June 5 Master Gardener Meeting.

Marilyn Satterfield
Ways and Means

MERCHANDISE!

Vendor Day

- May 1 -

We will have a vendors day at our May meeting.
Anyone who wants to rent a table can contact.

Marilyn Satterfield,
fitchfield@yahoo.com,
817-914-6676.

Directory/Membership Updates

Please note the following changes to your new 2014 Directory:

Under **Advanced Certifications** for **Plant Propagation** please add

Poppelreiter, Jo , 817-465-0023 , jopoppelreiter@sbcglobal.net

Please update the following Directory information:

- Change Ruthie Leffel's phone no. email to : 817-562-4485, ruthie.leffel@verizon.net
- Add Brian Strickland : strickland.brian49@yahoo.com

If you have any questions, please call me at 817-545-7888 or email to spurdy06@sbcglobal.net

1 Charlotte Berck
 5 Valerie Stowe
 6 Emily Beyette
 8 Danielle Carr, Jaime Hart
 13 Margaret Anderson
 16 Pat Hanshaw
 17 Gilbert Geisler, Stacy Laborde
 20 Mary Lynn Haines
 21 Doug Montgomery
 23 Larry Matl
 24 Debbie Bollinger,
 Dorothy Hildebrand
 25 Berry Bock
 26 Joann Hahn, Joan McRay
 27 Diane Schofield
 29 Rhett Cervantes
 30 Leeann Rosenthal, Otto Witt

Happy Birthday!
April 2014

If your birthday is this month
 and you don't see it, please
 contact

Doris Hill,
 (817) 337-8484 or email

artanddorishill@verizon.net

New Memorial Walkway Order Form

See next page for a hardcopy of the new Memorial
 Walkway Order form or go to tarrantmg.org to get the
 new Memorial Walkway Order Form.

The Resource Connection Community and Demonstration Gardens Memorial Walkway



This is your opportunity to be a permanent part of the garden by adding your name to its future. You can purchase an engraved brick for a donation of \$35.00. Make a memory for yourself, a loved one, or even for your organization business. Of course, you are helping to support the entire Tarrant County Master Gardener Association too!

With what will you adorn your bricks? Your freshly cut and gorgeously engraved bricks will

memorialize a marriage, bless a birth, provide peaceful proverbs, commemorate a classy celebration or just display true fondness of a faithful friend. Please, buy a brick or two and display what's on your mind. Pay soon, and lay your past in the path!



Instructions:

Please provide your engraved message in the boxes below. **Each brick may have up to 3 lines and a maximum of 15 characters per line.** You do not need to use all lines and/or all spaces. The engraver will center the message on the bricks.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Mail check for \$35.00 (to the order of TCMGA) and the above engraving form to:

Marilyn Satterfield
1120 Cottonwood Dr.
Crowley, Texas 76036

For any questions, please call Marilyn Satterfield at 817-914-6676 or email at fitchfield@yahoo.com



Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

2014 Monthly Meeting Program

April

3

Tim Thompson

"Growing and
Hybridizing Daylilies"

May

1

Mary Whilhite

"Growing a
Cutting Garden"

June

5

Garage Sale

Three break-out sessions to
be arranged.

July

3

Gareth Harrier

"Trouble Shooting Trees"

August

7

Dr. David Morgan

"Viticulture"

September

4

David Leedy

"The Arum Plant Family"

October

2

John Snowden

"Native Ornamental Grasses
for Urban Landscaping"

November

6

Dr. David Hopman

"From Proven Winner to
Pleistocene Rewilding"

December

4

Holiday Luncheon



Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

Field Trip

April 24, 2014

Join us on Thursday, April 24 at 10 AM as we visit the Southwest Nature Preserve in Arlington. Mr. Kurt Beilharz, ASLA of the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department, will be our speaker and guide. Mr. Beilharz is the Project Manager for this park, which is 58 acres of previously undeveloped land.

The park is located just south of Interstate 20 and adjacent to Bowman Springs Dr. Their website is <http://naturallyfun.org/southwest-nature-preserve>

It has three ponds, a fishing pier, a terraced outdoor seating area and education area. It host to several native plant communities. Bring your fishing pole along with your license from Texas Parks and Wildlife! Catch and release fishing only. Picnic tables are available.



2014 Spring Plant Sales

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Ft. Worth Botanic Garden African Violet Show and Sale

Saturday—Sunday
March 29 & 30, 2014
9:00am—5:00pm



Fort Worth Botanic Garden

"Enriching people's lives through environmental stewardship and education"

Spring Plant Sale



April 5



09:00 am - 02:00 pm



Grove area

Parking is behind Montgomery Street Antique Mall along the I-30 access road. This lot is adjacent to the Plant Sale Grove area.

TCMGA Annual Plant Sale

Saturday
April 12, 2014
9:00am—3:00pm

Credit Cards will be accepted for purchases over \$25.00

See plant sale flyer on page 13!



SURVIVE AND THRIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 26, 2013, 8am-1pm

Grapevine Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park

411 Ball Street, Grapevine

Drought resistant and butterfly host and nectar plants as well as many heirloom perennials from members' gardens. Free seminars on butterfly gardening and growing perennials. Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship and civic projects.



Texas Discovery Gardens

Plant Sale

at Fair Park

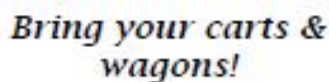
April 25, 26, 27

More info on page 14 or go to tarrantmg.org



Tarrant County Master Gardener 2014 Plant Sale

- ❖ *Plants for North Texas:* perennials, annuals, roses, herbs, succulents, containers, native plants, grasses & more from local nurseries... plus heritage plants from Master Gardeners
- ❖ Presentations on composting, containers, and more...
- ❖ Bring gardening questions to "Ask a Master Gardener" table
- ❖ *Proceeds benefit Tarrant County Master Gardener Association, supporting community outreach and education*



*We accept Cash, Checks,
&
Credit
For purchases \$25 and more*

Texas Discovery Gardens



Plant Sale

at Fair Park

April 25, 26, 27

Since we grow such a wide diversity of plants, mostly native and/or butterfly plants, we probably offer species not found in the usual plant sales.

Plant Sale times:

Friday, April 25 -Texas Discovery Gardens members– 4-7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27—Public sale, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Sale is at the butterfly house near Gate 6.

Current list of plants to be sold can be located at tarrantmq.org

Final list of plants will be available on

<http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/> the week of the sale.



Gardening Classes offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service~Tarrant County Home Horticulture Department

Module 1 of 6 Modules

Classes:	Hours:	Dates:
Basic Botany & Horticulture	10:00 AM—4:00 PM	April 26, 2014
Plant Propagation	10:00 AM—4:00 PM	May 17, 2014

Subject: Plant Growth & Development

Module 1 Cost: \$45.00

Where: Tarrant County Plaza Building
200 Taylor Street, Suite 500
Fort Worth, TX 76111

Dates: Saturday, April 26, 2014 & Saturday, May 17, 2014

Supplies Needed: Pen, Paper & Willingness to learn

Please Register by April 24, 2014

Parking at meters is free on weekends

Contact: Billie Hammack by phone 817-884-1296 or email blhammack@ag.tamu.edu

Class application can
be found at
tarrantmg.org

Upcoming Events

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Butterflies in the Garden

Experience the largest exhibit of live, exotic butterflies in North Texas!
March 3 - April 8 | Fort Worth Botanic Garden Conservatory
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.

12,000 butterflies – 2,000 each week including the iridescent Blue Morpho – will be released into the conservatory from the U.S., Central and South America, Africa and Southeast Asia. See native species emerge from their chrysalises in the "Pupae Palace." Learn about the role of pollinators in the balance of nature and in our daily lives.

Open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Purchase tickets in advance for timed entrance at www.fwb.org
\$10 Adults (age 13-64) • \$8 Seniors (age 65+)
\$6 Children (age 3-12) • Free for children age 2 and under.
\$5 per person for school groups of 20 or more with tickets purchased in advance.
Use your valid Star-Telegram Press Pass to save 50% on up to four regular adult admissions!

For exhibit information, call (817) 871-7686.
To schedule classes for school groups, call (817) 332-4441.

Proceeds support education and environmental projects of the Fort Worth Botanical Society and the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, which are hosting the exhibit with the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and the Fort Worth Garden Club.

Star-Telegram 

Cooking Well With Diabetes

May 6 – Carbohydrate Foods
May 13 – Make Recipes with Fat Better for You
May 20 – Double Pleasure Side Dishes

Tuesdays 6-8p
Tarrant County Plaza Building
200 Taylor Street, Suite 500
Fort Worth, TX
Cost \$30 per person

(covers entire lesson series)

For further information call 817-884-1294 weekdays during business hours or email tbell@ag.tamu.edu.



The conference will be hosted by the
Permian Basin Master Gardeners
on September 25-27, 2014,
at the MCM Grandé Hotel and FUNdome, Odessa.

Upcoming Events-cont'd

THE GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL OF FORT WORTH

THE FORT WORTH IRIS SOCIETY

THE FORT WORTH ROSE SOCIETY

PRESENT

THE 60TH ANNUAL FLOWERCADDE 2014

AN ADVANCED STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

TEXAS UNDER SIX FLAGS

OUR TEXAS HERITAGE REFLECTED IN FLOWERS

April 26-27, 2014



Admission Free - Open to the Public

**Fort Worth Botanic Garden
Deborah Beggs Moncrief Garden Center
3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas**



Native Plant Certification

Tarrant County Master Gardeners are invited to enroll in Native Plant Society of Texas' Spring 2014 Native Landscape Certification Program. Each level is \$35 and TCMGAs can earn 7 CEUs for the Level 1 class and 7.5 CEUs for the Level 2 class.

The classes are available at several sites and days.

Level 1, Introduction to Native Landscapes

Choose one location:

- Saturday March 15, Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Fort Worth, 9-4:30
Register at <http://npsot.org/wp/nlcp/north-texas-classes>
- Sunday May 4, Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, Cedar Hill, 9-4:30
Register at <http://npsot.org/wp/nlcp/north-texas-classes>
- Saturday June 7, Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center, Denton 9-4:30
Register at <http://npsot.org/wp/nlcp/north-texas-classes>

You will:

- Learn the value of including and preserving native plants in landscapes.
- Understand the differences between sustainable and conventional development.
- Learn your Texas vegetation region and soil type.
- Learn 50 native Texas plants recommended for your landscape.

Level 2, Planting Design with Native Plants

Location:

- Saturday, April 19, Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Fort Worth, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Register at <http://npsot.org/wp/nlcp/north-texas-classes>

You will:

- Learn to create landscape designs incorporating native plants.
- Understand important considerations for creating a landscape design.
- Learn how to preserve native plants.
- Learn 50 native Texas plants recommended for your landscape.

Participants must complete Level 1 before attending Level 2. Participants who have completed a class will be registered with the Native Plant Society of Texas. Each class will include a classroom session and a 2 hour outdoor walk.

Registration fee for each class is \$35. Register online at the links above.

For more information or for a paper registration form send a request to mwalterslagle@yahoo.com or call 214-701-1253.

Inviting all gardeners!!!

**2014 Southern Region
Master Gardener Conference**



**October 21 - 24, 2014
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Baton Rouge, LA**

Sponsored by:
East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association
LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Master Gardener Program

For information and registration go to....

www.SouthernRegionMGConf2014.com

Early registration ends July 15



April 2014 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	2 8a Thistle Hill 8:30a Common NRH 9a BG Perennial 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15p Fitzgerald	3 TCMGA Monthly Meeting	4 9a BG BVG	5 8:30a Common NRH 9am Wildscape Composting Demo— Veterans Pk.  FWBG Spring Plant Sale
6	7 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	8 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	9 8:30a Common NRH 9a BG Perennial 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15p Fitzgerald Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Perennial Garden	10 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial 9a FW Hulen Lbrary Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden	11 9a BG BVG 9a JPS Meditation Garden	12 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse  TCMGA 2014 Plant Sale
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Notable April Events

- **TCMGA Monthly Meeting—April 3**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Perennial Garden—April 9**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden—April 10**
- **FWBG Backyard Vegetable Garden Classes—None scheduled this month**
- **TCMGA CG Classes—None scheduled this month**
- **TCMGA Field Trip —April 24**
- **TCMGA Specialist Training—None scheduled this month**

TCMGA Volunteer Opportunities

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 am	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Backyard Vegetable Garden	Fri. 9 am—12n	Nancy Curl	817-319-1795
302 BG Trial Garden	Thurs. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community and Demo Garden Chair Project Leads	Bill Vandever, bvandever@charter.net		817-244-1580
Community Garden, Tuesdays			
Barn Beds	Charlotte Berck, caberck@dot11net.		817-426-6417
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting			
Community Vegetable Beds	Pat Higgins, ragdollpath@sbcglobal.net		817-946-6278
Demonstration and Enabling Beds	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com & Pat Higgins	817-557-6122	817-946-6278
Enabling Garden	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Greenhouse/Propagation	Pat Lovejoy, palovejoy@att.net		817-447-7924
Herb Garden, Tuesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-929-6847
Hospitality (Cook-outs)	Beverly Beazley, babeazley@tx.rr.com		817-483-7080
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Perennial Garden	Ginger Bason & Joann Hahn, gbasonbowden@gmail.com, joannhahn@att.net		817-307-8530/817-923-9250
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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
304 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 8 am	Sue Fair	817-266-2514
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 am	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden	Wed. & Sat 8:30am-12n	Dianne Spradling Sandra Totty	817-431-4666 817-281-7877
304 Six Stones/City of Bedford Community Garden-		Annette Lee	214-803-2219
304 The Samaritan House	Tues. 8 am-11 am	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 9 am	Bernice Ramsbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chair	817-488-0035 817-481-4398
<u>Environmental Projects:</u>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin	817-581-1850
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	2nd Thurs 9 am	Bill Hall/ Theresa Thomas	817-737-9890 817-485-6789
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Wed. 9 am-12 noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
	1st Sat., 9 am-12 noon		
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd Wed. 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<u>School Gardens:</u>			
306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE	Mon 9 am & Wed 3:15pm	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 Heritage School OLE	Mon. 8-10 am	Pam Braak & Harold Annis	817-488-5665 817-481-6242
306 Durham Intermediate School	Wed 9am	Bea Wilson	817-401-2179

Important Websites!

Our local TCMGA website:

<http://www.tarrantmg.org/>

State MG Website and TMG news:

<http://www.txmg.org>

Our RC Demo Garden Website:

[http://www.localharvest.org/
member/M27123](http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123)

Native Plant Society of Texas

<http://npsot.org>

Aggie Horticulture:

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>

Earthkind:

[http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/
earthkind](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind)

Texas Superstars:

<http://texassuperstar.com>

Fort Worth Botanic Garden:

<http://fwbg.org>

Wildscape:

<http://thewildscape.org>

Botanical Research Institute of Texas: <http://www.brit.org>

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