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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



Salvia divinorum

Agents Corner—By Steve Chaney, County Extension Agent



Salvia divinorum is a species of sage (the genus Salvia). There are approximately 1000 species of Salvia worldwide, but Salvia divinorum is the only vision-inducing species known. Salvia is a member of a very large family of plants known as the Labiatae. Because mint is a well-known member of this family, it is sometimes referred to as the mint family. Salvia divi-

norum makes a beautiful house plant and it can be grown just for that reason but most people who grow this plant are interested in its fascinating psychoactive effects.

Salvia divinorum is a semi-tropical perennial. That means it can grow year after year, but only if its not exposed to freezing temperatures. It is a green plant with large leaves and a distinctive thick, hollow square green stem. It can grow several feet high if con- ditions are favor- able outside, will not get as large inside in a con- tainer. Although tainer. Although Salvia divinorum can flower under natural lighting conditions, it almost never sets seed that will sprout. So the plant is almost always propagated by cuttings. The leaves are oval, serrated and can be up to 9 inches long. They are usually emerald green, but under some condi- tions, may be yellow-green or even yellow

Are all salvia's guilty by association?

Salvia divinorum

The botanical name Salvia divinorum means “Sage of the Diviners.” Under the right conditions, taken in the right way, Salvia produces a unique state of “divine inebriation.” For hundreds of years, it has been used in religious and healing ceremonies by the Mazatec Indians, who live in the province of Oaxaca, in Mexico. The effects of Salvia are very different from those of alcohol; but like alcohol, it impairs coordination. **Never, ever, attempt to drive under the influence of Salvia- doing so could prove fatal!!**

In the United States it is classified as a controlled substance in 12 states and is illegal in 2 other states if intended for human consumption. It is also illegal in a large number of other countries throughout the world.

As the Legislators here in Texas continue submitting bills to make Salvia divinorum illegal, we as Master Gardeners need to be aware that the other 999 varieties of Salvia are still great ornamental plants for our landscapes. Educate yourself so that you can carry on a logical explanation of why this Salvia is bad and should be illegal but not to judge all the rest guilty by association!

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Dear Gardener Friends,

Are you looking for ways to stay cool during the “dog days of summer?” You could count the number of days with 100 + degrees on your calendar, brave the heat outside to water your thirsty plants...or you could attend the Annual **TCGMA Garage Sale & Silent Auction** during the monthly meeting **August 4!**

The Annual **TCMGA Garage Sale** and **Silent Auction** is fun and informative. This event supports all of the projects and provides an opportunity to learn more about each one of them.

Start by cleaning out your attic, closets, garage, barn, or shed for unused **garden-related items** for the garage sale. **Load them up** and **bring** them to the sale. Items will be marked for sale. Special items will become Silent Auction items.

Take a stroll through the **Project display tables**. **Stop** and **visit** with project chairs as you view information through pictures, on posters or digital presentations. **Learn** about their vision for the project, days and times to volunteer and sign up for their email updates. **Bid** on Silent Auction items offered from the project. Proceeds from these items will go directly to that project.

Lunch will be a special treat. In addition to home-made side dishes, **Smokin' Dave Wilson** will provide **smoked ribs** and **chicken** for **only \$5**. All proceeds from the smoked rib and chicken dinner will go to the projects.

Then **head back** over to the **Garage Sale & Silent Auction** area. Become a Master Gardener “picker” selecting garden treasures at bargain prices! Don't forget to bid on the great **Silent Auction** items too.

Make a plan to **beat the heat** and have some **fun** by coming to the **August meeting**. Enjoy some time with your gardener friends, in an air conditioned gym, enjoy a delicious lunch and shop for gardening treasures! What a great way to spend some time while we wait for temperatures to come down so we can get back outside to our own gardens!

Don't forget to sign-up for the **2011 International Master Gardener Conference**. Go online at <http://imgc.ext.wvu.edu> for more information and to register. Enjoy the fall color in October in West Virginia!

See you in the garden!

**Nancy Curl, President
Tarrant County Master Gardeners**

President Nancy Curl called the business meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. with 184 members, interns and guests in attendance.

Candy Fife of the Texas Rose Rustlers spoke about the organization and the events they plan. In the afternoon session, Candy gave a demonstration on propagating roses from cuttings.

Executive Board Reports

The minutes of the June, 2011 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Pat Higgins is recovering from surgery. Nancy Curl gave the Treasurer's Report for June, 2011 which Pat prepared.

May, 2011 Money Market Balance:	\$29,350.25
May 31, 2011 Checking Account	<u>3,101.47</u>
Total Accounts	\$32,451.72
Deposits during May, 2011	1,266.24
Checks written during May, 2011	<u>(1,555.11)</u>
Money Market and checking balance at May 31, 2011	<u>\$32,162.85</u>

Advisory Committee Reports

Way & Means requested members to pick up their ordered items.

Activities, Donna Fry, announced the next field trip will be on Tuesday, September 20th to Seville Farms in Mansfield. Seville Farms supplies plants to Calloway's, Home Depot and Lowes. Following the Seville Farms tour, members will visit The Summit, an active adult center in Grand Prairie. Box lunches may be pre-ordered at a cost of \$5.00. Lunch will be at The Summit. Members may sign-up for the field trip at the August and September meetings.

Garage Sale and Auction, the August meeting will be the annual garage sale and silent auction. Members are asked to bring garden-related items. Proceeds from the sale goes directly to the projects. Money from the silent auction items will go directly to the project that donated the item. The program will be Projects of the TCMGA. There will be a brief business meeting.

An all-you-can-eat luncheon at the August meeting will be smoked pork ribs and chicken for \$5.00 with side dishes, brought by members. Dave Wilson will prepare the meat and promises to have plenty of leftover ribs and chicken that will be sold for \$5.00 a pound. After paying for the meat, all remaining proceeds will go to the projects. Members preferring to eat donated sides only will eat free.

Members are asked to bring side dishes that complement the meat being served. Salads, beans, pecan pie and peach cobbler were some of the suggestions made.

Project leads needing tables for the August meeting are asked to make their requests through Bill Vandever or Susan Stanek.

County Extension Agent Announcements

Steve announced that the policy for parking at the downtown office remains in effect. Parking after noon will continue to require a \$4.00 pre-payment that will be reimbursed with a validated parking ticket when leaving the premises. For short visits to the office, members are asked to park on the street at one of the meters.

Steve also said that 12% of Extension have been let go (70-80) with another 60 people expected to be cut around the first of the year. Money from the Cost Recovery Plan will save County Agents' jobs. More information will be available in January, 2012.

Steve announced that effective January 1, 2012, all MGs (excluding interns) will be required to pay for their own background checks. The cost of the Background check is \$10 and will be valid for three years. Background checks had been done through the Sheriff's Department and Steve paid the cost. Recent changes require that all background checks must be processed on a 4-H form and processed through a state designated vendor. The 4-H form is available at the meeting and will be posted on the web site. In the meantime, Billie has forms available in the office. All forms will be turned in to Billie. The deadline for completion is December 31, 2011.

Unfinished Business

Standing Rules Change

Taddie Hamilton, Parliamentarian read Standing Rule #2 while it was projected on a screen for members to read. Taddie moved for an adoption. No second was needed as the amendment came from the Executive Board. A call for discussion resulted in two corrections. The changes were put before the membership for a vote by certified members (blue badges). All points were approved. A copy of the Standing Rules, as approved, is filed with these minutes.

2. The two Tarrant County Master Gardener Association directors or alternates maybe reimbursed for travel expenses to and from the TMGA's annual state conference and three yearly directors meetings based on actual mileage at the current maximum State of Texas mileage reimbursement rate for travel. This reimbursement will be paid to the driver of the car/s transporting the two directors or alternates. The

Minutes of the TCMGA General Meeting—Cont'd)

TCMGA shall pay the registration fee for the TMGA's annual state conference for its two directors or alternates and the County Agent from Tarrant County. The TCMGA will pay for two nights lodging for its two directors or alternates at such conference at no more than the published room rate for the host hotel. If there is no host hotel, the lodging will be reimbursed at the rate for a medium priced hotel/motel.

3. If a TCMGA member serves as a TMGA state officer, his/her travel expenses, registration and hotel will be reimbursed at the same rates as the directors or alternates to the state conference and three yearly director's meetings. If the officer is required to spend a night at a state officer's meeting, that lodging will also be reimbursed at the rate for a medium priced hotel/motel.

Nancy informed those present that the reason the changes were proposed is to encourage interest by the general membership to serve at the state level.

As there was no objection, 2A will become #4 and the rest of the numbers will be changed appropriately on subsequent Standing Rules.

Nominating Committee Chair, Mike Warren, appointed by the Executive Board presented a list of nine members who have been nominated to the committee. As their names were read, the nominees stood. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Paper ballots were distributed to the membership. Only Certified members (blue badges) voted. Ballots were tabulated. The four nominees with the highest number of votes to become committee members are: Rocky Deutscher, JoAnn Hahn, Sally Harris and Eleanor Tuck.

Announcements

TCMGA Garden Classes: Cement Mushroom, Saturday, July 16th, Fall Vegetable Gardening, Saturday, July 30th

Raffle and Silent Auction items are needed for our monthly meetings. Proceeds support TCMGA projects.

Raffle tickets for a trailer are still available.

Ribbon cutting and dedication of the 2011 Intern Class Cactus Garden project at the TCMGA Community and Demonstration Garden immediately follows the afternoon speaker.

Grapes at the TCMGA Community and Demonstration Garden are ripe. Bring clippers and a container to harvest the grapes after the Cactus Garden dedication.

Garden Conservancy tours will be October 9th in Fort Worth. Talk with Ginger if you can help.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer
Secretary

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Special Feature: Asters Yellow Plant Disease

Prepared by Brian Hudelson, University Wisconsin-Madison Plant Pathology

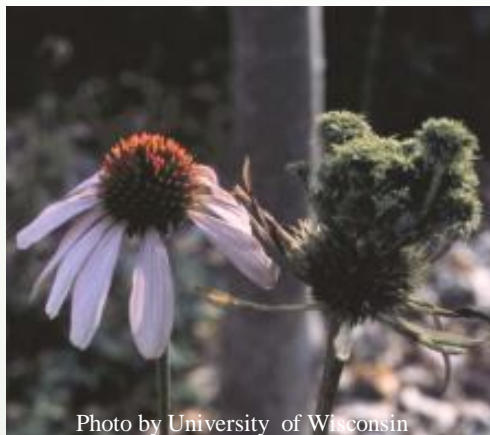


Photo by University of Wisconsin

What is aster yellows? Aster yellows is a chronic, systemic disease that affects over 300 species in 38 families of broad-leaf, herba-

ceous plants. Mem-

bers of the aster family (Asteraceae), such as asters, marigolds, Coreopsis and purple coneflower are commonly affected by this disease. Vegetable crops such as carrots and potatoes are also susceptible. Aster yellows occurs throughout North America.

What does aster yellows look like? Symptoms of aster yellows are often mistaken for damage due to herbicide exposure. Infected plants are typically stunted and twisted, with foliage that is yellow or red. Infected plants are often sterile. Floral parts that are normally brightly colored may remain green, and petals and sepals may become puckered and distorted.

In purple coneflower, secondary flower heads (often in a cluster) may emerge from the primary flower head. In marigolds, flowers are often leafy and a muddy green-orange color. Infected carrots have red leaves and form taproots with tufts of small, white “hairy” roots. These roots often have a bitter taste.

Where does aster yellows come from? Aster yellows is caused by the aster yellows phytoplasma, a bacterium-like organism that lives in the food-conducting tissue (phloem) of plants. Aster yellows is rarely lethal. Thus, infected perennials can serve as source of the aster yellows phytoplasma for

many years. The aster leafhopper (*Macrostelus fascifrons*), a common insect, moves the aster yellows phytoplasma from plant to plant.



Photo by University of Minnesota

How do I save a plant with aster yellows? There is no known cure for aster yellows. Plants suspected of having aster yellows, including weeds such as dandelions, should be removed immediately so that the aster yellows phytoplasma cannot be spread from infected plants to other non-infected plants in the area.

How do I avoid problems with aster yellows in the future? Some herbaceous plants (e.g., geraniums and impatiens), as well as most woody ornamentals, are not susceptible to aster yellows. Therefore these plants should be used in areas where aster yellows is a problem. In landscape settings, attempts to control aster leafhoppers as a means of controlling aster yellows are typically not effective and are not recommended.



Photo by Christine Engelbright, Plant Pathology, Iowa State University Extension

Students' Potato Harvest Help Feed the Hungry

Article from Star Telegram.com/Extra Credit



Fourth-grade students at Fort Worth's [Alice Carlson Elementary](#) recently harvested 145 pounds of potatoes and 30 pounds of onions. The harvest helped stock local food pantry shelves, said fourth-grade teacher Debbie Gerwick. The project also allowed students to learn while helping the environment and society. Alice Carlson is one of more than 30 elementary schools in the Fort Worth school district that partner with the [REAL School Gardens](#) program. Through urban gardening, children are exposed to a number of lessons—from math to writing to social studies.



The following is a description written by a student:

Potato Project Spring 2011

Reflection written by Mason Moreau

We grew potatoes for the Tarrant County Food Bank to help people get food that don't have any money to buy it themselves. We had to cut and plant seed potatoes and in about 120 days we harvested the potatoes, weighed them, and put them into five pound bags. We took them to the food bank where they had one room for clothing and food in paper bags lined up against the wall of the hallway. That led to the kitchen stocked with food and two refrigerators and then a room with about two boxes filled with old, broken cans. I learned that it really feels good to help somebody out every once in a while, even if you have to go out of your way.

-Diane Smith





As Tarrant County Master Gardeners toured the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) over and over you heard, “this is a real hidden treasure in Fort Worth.”

While a plant research center may sound like a stuffy place, it is anything but. BRIT focuses on conservation and knowledge sharing, telling others about the plant world and the value plants bring to life. With knowledge comes a sense of care and stewardship for our environment. Sounds a lot like what the Master Gardeners Association is about.



BRIT is not a museum of relics but a busy research facility looking to plants for solutions in solving global problems like pollution cleanup, hunger and water shortages. And the facility is not just for the scientist. Public education activities for all ages are going on daily instructing about the plant world we live in and conservation.

The beautiful new 70,000 square-foot building is built with recycled and rapidly renewable materials and designed to reduce energy and water consumption. The facility in early July achieved the LEED platinum certification, the first in Tarrant County and only the eighth in Texas. This award is granted to buildings that demonstrate a commitment to long-term sustainability.

On our first stop, we were shown how volunteers mount specimens in the herbarium. We then visited the collection of one million plant specimens from around the world. Each specimen contains a record of the place on earth where the plant was collected—even if that “place” is now a Wal-Mart parking lot.



MGs visited the rare books and botanical library used by researchers around the world. The library contains approximately 125,000 volumes of scientific and taxonomic books, periodicals and journals from more than 90 countries.

Outside, MGs saw the native plant areas, green walls and the living roof which TCMGA helped populate with a native sedum found at the Community Garden.

Last year Master Gardeners donated over 1,000 hours to BRIT. The tour opened the eyes of many to ways they can help Fort Worth’s hidden jewel step out into the spotlight.

Activities Committee

Additional information:

Public tours available Tuesday – Friday at 1:30. <http://www.brit.org/visit/tours>

Volunteer opportunities: <http://www.brit.org/support/volunteer>

The library is open to the public Tuesday & Thursday 1-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For a list of the plants used in the BRIT planted areas contact Brooke Byerley at bbyerley@brit.org



Theresa Thomas instructs the class



Steps to making a butterfly puddler:

STEP 1: fill tub with sand



STEP 2: wet sand



STEP 3: form mold



STEP 4: with concrete mix, form puddler in sand



STEP 5: time to decorate!



Some of the finished products!



Photos by Nancy Curl



Between Nancy Curl and Pam Edwards, 3 cement leaf classes were taught in June.

The class shown here had 15 Parker County MGs and 4 TCMGA MGs.



Photos by Gay Larson

TCMGA Phone Call Analysis

By Lance Jepson, Entomologist Specialist



When a Master Gardener signs up for phone duty they may wonder how many calls will they receive or what type of calls they will get? I have studied the recorded calls over the last two years and have learned the following:

- The office receives about 3,000 recorded phone calls per year, or about 12 per day, varying greatly by the time of year, the lowest time of year is December with 4 per day. The highest is April through July with over 17 per day. Many Master Gardeners have told me this is the part of the MG program they like the least, so they can plan accordingly.
- Questions on trees, insects and vegetables represent the largest number of questions. Trees, shrubs and vegetables make up about 30% of the questions, insects questions represent about 20%, turf and lawn questions about 20% and the rest are requests for soil test kits and other miscellaneous items. It is interesting to note that these numbers vary very little month by month or year by year. One might think that with the internet that we would receive fewer and fewer calls but at least over the last two years the total numbers have remained essentially the same.
- One of the most popular questions is about trees in the backyard. Just about every homeowner has trees and shrubs even if they do not have a garden. The bark is falling off, the leaves are getting yellow or dying and the caller has no idea what kind of tree is in their yard. Some of us give them other phone numbers such as an arborist, or the Texas Forest Service or Citizen Forest Service to call because we do not know the answer either.
- Each year we receive over 400 direct questions on insects, not including those related to turf, trees and vegetables or those classified as miscellaneous. Thank goodness we have specialists to help us respond to all these bug questions. Boy are we going to miss Ed Vaughn who kept us from guessing for so many years. Ed dedicated several years of his life coming to the office every day to help identify insects and diseases for the Master Gardener Office.

**In Memory of John Tinsley,
TCMGA Class of 2008**

We'll miss you John.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

August Birthdays

1 Toni Moorehead, Joanne McClendon,
Penny Sambell
6 Sue Fair
7 Lisa Bratton
9 Janice Richardson
10 Sue Short, Patsy Miller
15 Sandy Williams, Cindy Woelke
16 Johnna Reed
21 Nancy Curl
22 Sandy Landry
24 Kathy Staley
25 Mary Kay Hughes
26 Beverly Beazley, Susan Harper
31 Vickie Laughlin

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

Membership & Directory Updates

Please note the following updates in your membership directory:

Peg Surber has resigned from TCMGA
No Directory updates

Report any changes or corrections to Steve Purdy at spurdy06@sbcglobal.net or at 817-545-7888.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8a Heritage Elem.. 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	2 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	3 8a BG Perennial 8a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9:30a Thistle Hill 1:30p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	4 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Garage Sale and Silent Auction! Don't Miss!	5 8:30a JPS Meditation Gar- den	6 8am Veterans Park
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Upcoming Events

Community Garden Classes

Upcoming July Classes:

Saturday July 30, — Fall Vegetable Gardening

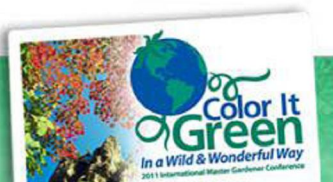
Contact Nancy Curl at
nl_curl@yahoo.com to register.

Ft. Worth Garden Conservancy Tour

Tuesday, October 9—Garden Conservancy Tour of six gardens.

Contact Ginger Bason for more information.

International Master Gardener Conference 2011



October 11-14, 2011
in Charleston, West Virginia

West Virginia University Extension Service and the West Virginia Master Gardener Association have been granted the honor of hosting the 2011 International Master Gardener Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. Over 1,200 gardening enthusiasts, horticulturists and industry leaders will gather for this four day event. Our guests are invited to participate in pre-conference and post-conference tours of area gardens and some of West Virginia's cultural treasures. Key-note and other speakers include leading horticulture professionals from throughout the country. Lectures, workshops, and educational sessions will be offered daily during the conference.

For More Information, visit the IMGC website at
<http://imgc.ext.wvu.edu/>

MG Specialist Training

2011 National JMG® Specialist Training



Location: Cross Roads, Texas (near Denton)

Date: September 15-17, 2011

Full Registration: \$250.00 (thru 8/31)

Late Registration: \$290.00 (thru 9/1– 9/9)

With your help, the National Junior Master Gardener® Program is growing good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education. This **dynamic and intensive 2-1/2 day training conference** is designed for those coordinating or supporting JMG programs at the local, county, and regional level.

Come join us and learn new ideas and techniques that will help you implement effective youth gardening programs through JMG. Together, we can cultivate a love of plants and gardening while fostering leadership and community service in youth nationwide. To learn more [click here](#) for more information.

Texas Master Volunteer Entomology Specialists



Location: Dallas County

Date: September 26-30, 2011

Full Registration: \$350.00

Daily Registration: \$25.00

Do your friends think you a little eccentric because of your interest in creeping/crawling things? The Texas [Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Program](#) may be just the thing for you. Offered annually, this year's program will be held at the Research and Extension Center in Dallas. It's a great opportunity for any Master Naturalists or Master Gardeners with a special interest in *insects* to get a week of in-depth entomology training. The training will earn you certification as a specialist through your statewide Master Volunteer program.

[Registration](#) must be completed and submitted online, but the form must also be printed and mailed in with registration, per instructions on the website.

Master Gardener Earth-Kind® Specialist Training

October 26 – 28, 2011

Johnson County – Cleburne, Texas

Registration Fee: \$175.00

[Registration Form](#) with payment is due **NO LATER** than **October 1, 2011**.

The National Earth-Kind® Specialist Training Course is designed to provide advance training and resources to Master Gardeners to certify them to be part of a state and national corps of Earth-Kind® experts and educators. To become a certified National Earth-Kind® Specialist, participants are required to attend the National Earth-Kind® Specialist training course [\[Agenda\]](#) to fulfill training requirements and subsequently meet the service requirements described below. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within her/his local county programs.

**R U Ready to Rummage for a Cause?
Master Gardener Garage Sale
August 4 meeting**



**Master Gardeners
Practice the 3 "Rs"
Recycle, Reuse,
Repurpose**

**Donate clean, usable
gardening-related items
to benefit MG projects.**



For items worth over \$20, contact Susan Stanek

Tax donation receipt available upon request



FALL FIELD TRIP



**Tuesday, September 20th
Mansfield, TX**

When the temperatures drop in September plan to attend this field trip to one of the largest wholesale nurseries in Texas.

We will see how plants are grown, propagated, packaged and shipped to nurseries and large retailers across the state. They plant up to 4000 flats each day and send out 25-30 trucks each day.

After Seville, we'll stop for **lunch** at The Summit, a brand-new Grand Prairie senior citizens facility like none you've ever seen. Tammy Chan, a Dallas County Master Gardener with the City of Grand Prairie, will speak on how keeping the city "green" and environmentally friendly is part of almost every city project.

Lunch is \$5.

Activities Committee

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	Thurs. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community and Demo Garden Chair	Steve Chaney, s-chaney@tamu.edu		817-884-1945
Project Leads			
Community Garden, Tuesdays			
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 and Enabling Beds	Kim Freeman bamagirlntx@sbcglobal.net		817-292-3775
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com		817-557-6122
Enabling Garden	Frank Durda		817-292-2270
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Tuesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-295-2883
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Rose Garden, Tuesdays	Nan Garvin, garbre@hotmail.com		817-477-2867
304 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd 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	Bernice Ransbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden			
Docents	Call Chairman	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
<u>Environmental Projects:</u>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington 2 nd Sat., River Legacy, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin Charlie Shiner	817-581-1850 817-488-6123
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	3rd Wed. 9 am	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-5281
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Southlake Liberty Garden	Call Chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	2nd Tues., 8-11 am Wed. 8-11pm, 1st Sat., 8-11 pm	Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd, Wednesday, 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	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!



Our local TCMGA website:	http://www.tarrantmg.org/
State MG Website and TMG news:	http://www.texasmastergardeners.com
State Newsletter:	http://www.tmganewsletter.org
Our RC Demo Garden Website:	http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123
Native Plant Society of Texas	http://txnativeplants.org
Aggie Horticulture:	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
Urban Solution Center:	http://urbansolutioncenter.tamu.edu
Botanical Research Institute of Texas:	http://www.brit.org