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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

December 2014

Hortipalooza Was a Hit!













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Hortipalooza Classes and Such



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Patsy Miller,

TCMGA President

President's Message

Hello Master Gardeners,

This is my last president's letter and I just want to say how proud I have been to serve as your president these last two years.

I am constantly amazed at the energy, enthusiasm and knowledge that is embodied in the Master Gardener organization. There is so much that goes on spontaneously because you see a need and fill it or were asked to meet a need and you jump in and do it.

Examples include

- our growing presence at the Fort Worth Home and Garden Shows
- the invitation to be part of the local water utilities' drought-tolerant plant sales at Home Depot and our participation in Marshall Grain's special event
- the backyard garden project with the Northside Inter-Community Agency, Inc. which expanded from Fort Worth's north side to requests from other parts of the city
- the beautification of our Community
 Demonstration Garden the pavilion and outdoor kitchen, new walk ways, new irrigation system, updated rose garden and butterfly garden, new perennial beds
- the propagation team providing plants for a variety of events
- CEU classes following Master Gardener monthly meetings
- teaching classes to Tarrant County College and Texas Christian University students
- expanding our reach to the community through public classes and conferences

And much, much more. Which explains being awarded the 2014 Outstanding Master Gardener Association at the recent Texas Master Gardener conference and receiving the Evelyn Siegel Vision Award by Senior Citizens Services.

Speaking of awards, our own Bill Hall has received another award – this time on the state level. He received the STAR (State of Texas Alliance for Recycling) Volunteer of the Year as part of the 2014 Environmental Leadership Awards. He was recognized at a reception on November 19 in Austin at the Capitol Building. Earlier this year Bill was named Volunteer of the Year for the North Texas Recycling Awards program for his efforts promoting composting, recycling and environmental stewardship.

As I have found out over and over again, each one of you in your own community, neighborhood and family are walking bill-boards for Master Gardeners and contributing in a variety of ways. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

I know you will support Marilyn Satterfield and her executive board as they chart their own course for Tarrant County Master Gardeners. Great things are planned!

> Patsy Miller TCMGA President



TCMGA General Meeting— November 2014

President Patsy Miller called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. There were 196 members present making a quorum (15 %) for the business meeting. There were 2 visitors.

The minutes of the October meeting were published in the November newsletter. The minutes were approved as published.

Executive Board

Programs: Marianne Levine, 1st vice president

- Holiday Luncheon December 4, 2014, at the Women's Club at 10:30 a.m.
- **Evaluation sheets** They are on the sign-in table please fill one out.
- **Awards Ballots** are on the Sign In Table, please return today

Ways & Means: Marilyn Satterfield

- Vendors Please stop by the vendor tables. logo wear that was ordered is here and the TCMGA decals are available for \$5.
- Ways and Means fall plants for sale online ordering

Treasurer: Starr Krottinger, Treasurer's Report

 Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2014
 \$38,270.35

 Expenditures
 \$ 7,579.28

 Deposits
 \$ 5,273.95

 Ending Balance as of October 31, 2014
 \$35,965.02

There were no questions, and the treasurer's report was filed.

Steve Chaney Report:

- Be sure and continue to sign up for phone duty
- If someone is having trouble working the required 4 hours at the Demo Garden, please contact Steve.
- If there are MGs who are interested in working with kids in the Junior Master Gardener program please let Steve know.

Steve thanked all the MGs for all their hard work and expressed his appreciation.

Committee Reports

Papercrete Team – Nancy Curl introduced the team – Donna Morris, Claudia Teague and Pat Higgins

New Eblast editor – Patsy introduced Margaret Shuping as the new eblast editor. Send information to

tcmgaeblast@gmail.com

Photography/Local Awards - Lena Goff passed out award ballots for MGs who did not get one. There is one for the interns and one for the MGs. Make sure that deserving person is recognized.

Pictures still being taken for 2015 directory

Hospitality: Potluck following the speaker. Please help Lizann with clean up.

Dues: 2015 Membership dues are still being taken. Please pay Starr Krottinger.

Steve Purdy's 105-year-old mother died and he is in Buffalo N.Y. A sympathy card was sent from the membership.

Announcements

- Project chairmen who weren't at their special meeting last month can pick up the new project signs from Rocky Deustcher. Remember that we have extra signs if you need them for \$20.
- Media Committee is meeting after lunch. Like to include you to help with stories for the newsletter, website and some 2-minute videos we want to produce next year. We need a variety of talents -- writers, researchers, interviewers, planners, suggestions for stories. See Jackie Heidinger.
- A new feature we announced in the Sharecropper is a buy, sell or swap column, just for MG members. Details were in the last Sharecropper and on the bulletin board. The form is on the website.
- Information on the bulletin board on the Pollinator PowWow, November 15, in Mansfield. Interesting speaker and education hours.
- Be sure to shop our vendors.
- Phone Duty Please use name that is listed in the roster.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business - none

Door Prizes – given out by Marianne Levine

Business Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Submitted by: Theresa Kay Thomas, Secretary.



Tyler Rose Field Trip

By Claire Alford

Seven Tyler-area companies process and distribute several million roses each year, making the city deserving of its "Rose Capital" title. About 75% of all roses in the country are handled in Tyler.

October 17, thirty-four Master Gardeners took a bus trip to Tyler TX.

It was the height of the Rose Festival. Our first stop was Chamblee Rose Nursery. The grounds tour included information on rose selection and care, where their new demonstration beds will be located and most important propagation. We learned they have not raised their prices in eight years due to new techniques in propagation. A technique such as being able to raise a one-gallon plant in six-eight months when it used to take one or more years. Chamblee Rose Nursery and David Austin websites have great information on rose care.



Our second stop was the historic Goodman Home and Museum. Patricia Heaton was such a delight. Viewing the hand-painted china, painted ceilings and the chandeliers aligned with mirrors to give that never-ending look was wonderful. One of the most interesting facts was this mansion started out as a one-story four- room house. By 1939 it became the beautiful mansion it is today. Upon Sallie Goodman LeGrand's death the home, land and furnishings were left to the City of Tyler. It is shown with all those beautiful antiques.

The world's first EarthKind rose and botanical garden is located within LeGrand Park. A similar design is listed with David Austin roses.









Our final stop was the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden. Smith County Master Gardeners gave us a tour. Established in 1952, fourteen acres have over 38,000 rose bushes with over 600 different varieties. It is one of 24 (AARS) test gardens in the country. So we saw mature beds as well as just-started rose beds. In 2012, more than 8,000 bulbs were planted for Spring appeal.

We were delighted to view the first Tyler American Rose Society display of roses from every corner of America. Those of you who attended the Fort Worth Flowercade would have loved this one with just roses.







Susan Travis, from the chamber of commerce, shared a few facts about the Rose Queen. She is selected during her freshman year of college to serve the fall of her sophomore year. Her family and the board select the theme. This year was "Cirque de la Rose." Each year there is one duchess. There were 12 members of the court and the queen had 7 attendants.

The queen's family is responsible for cost of gowns for the queen and members of her court, as well as staging and refreshments at the garden. Susan said there are quite a few fund raisers started during her freshman year. Her gown will cost between \$7 and \$12 thousand dollars. Most queens donate their gown to the Tyler Rose Museum for a tax deduction.

If you have a chance, visit next year for a different theme or try to make the spring bulb bloom time; and don't forget the Tyler azalea tour.

Gardening Tips & Tidbits

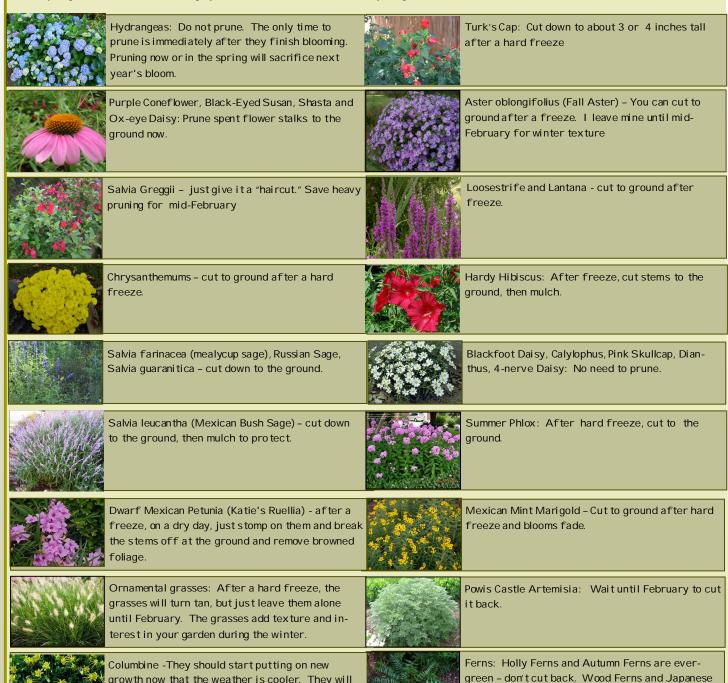
growth now that the weather is cooler. They will

be evergreen through the winter and will bloom in

the spring

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Now that we have had our first hard freeze, it's time to tidy up our perennial gardens a bit. Basically my rule of thumb is, if the plants look bad, I cut them to the ground. If the plants still look good (such as the ornamental grasses) or maybe the plants have some benefit for wildlife (such as seed heads for the birds), I leave them until mid-February. Below are pruning tips on several perennials. We have had some beautiful fall color after the freeze, but now the leaves are falling fast. I like to leave some fallen leaves in the shrub/flower beds for winter protection, but then rake or blow any excess leaves onto the lawn and mulch and bag them with the mower and add them to the compost pile. With the busy-ness of the holidays right around the corner, I hope you take some time to de-stress in your gardens.



Painted Ferns will turn brown after a freeze. Cut

them to the ground and mulch.

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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

January 2015 Program

Our speaker for January will be Randy Weston of Weston Gardens, his topic will be "Lawn Alternatives".

Marianne Levine Program Chair

JANUARY TCMGA MEETING MOVED!

New meeting date is now Wednesday, January 7, 2015

At

Rescource Connection



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GRAPEVINE GARDEN CLUB RECEIVES TOOL GRANT FROM THE AMES COMPANIES, Inc.

The Grapevine Garden Club (GGC) was awarded a grant from The AMES Companies Inc., the largest U.S.A. manufacturer of gardening tools. The grant was applied for through the National Garden Clubs, Inc. who has formed a partnership with AMES. This generous infusion of an assortment of 66 gardening tools allowed the club to provide gardening assistance to three communities based civic garden projects. On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, GGC's Karen Rice and Pam Braak made a presentation of tools to representatives from the Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (GRACE) Community Garden, Heritage Elementary

MEMORIAL BRICK

Order your Memorial Brick for the Community Demonstration Garden now!

Order form can be found at tarrantmg.org

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N N O U N E M E N

A buy, sell and swap column in the

Sharecropper



Have I Got A Deal For You!

Now Master Gardeners will be able to buy, sell or swap garden/yard-related items with other members. Simply fill out the online form at https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1848401-Xn4twek0Da

Sale Item must be property of MG or immediate family and worth a minimum value of \$10 and a maximum value of \$500.

Seller rules:

- Seller will submit no more than three separate items per month
- Not more than 15-20 items will be advertised per month (to keep the list to one page per newsletter)
- Sellers must submit the form no later than the 10th of each month
- No items will carried over to the next month. If the item did not sell in one month, the seller must re-submit to advertise in next month's newsletter
- The MG president/county agent will determine suitability of a questionable item
- Interested buyer will contact the seller directly

Buy/Come and Get It rules:

- 1. Persons interested in buying an item can advertise in Sharecropper
- 2. Contact the person directly for a come and get it item to see if item still available.

The form will be available on the www.tarrantmg.org website under forms.

Upcoming Events



TCMGA Holiday Luncheon

10:30am-Punch and Coffee, 11:30am - Lunch, 12:30pm - Program

Where: The Woman's Club of Fort Worth 1316 Pennsylvania Ft. Worth 817-335-3525

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Make your reservations by mailing your check to:

Eleanor Tuck 8328 Patreota Drive Benbrook, TX 76126

TCMGA Volunteer Opportunities

Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
 301 BRIT Activities 302 BG Perennial Garden 302 BG Backyard Vegetable Garden 302 BG Trial Garden 	Call Chairman Wed. 8:30 am—11:30 am Fri. 8 am—11 am Thurs. 8:30 am—11:30 am	Kay Yount Cindy Woelke Nancy Curl Susan Miller	817-292-7690 817-366-4436 817-319-1795
303 Community and Demo Garden Chair Project Leads	Bill Vandever, bvandever@chart	semiller@sbcglobal.net er.net	817-261-1420 817-244-1580
Community Garden, Tuesdays Barn Beds			
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting Community Vegetable Beds Demonstration and Enabling Beds Education Education – TCU	Pat Higgins, ragdollpatb@sbcglobal.n Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com & Pat		817-946-6278 817-292-2270 817-319-1795 2/817-946-6278
Education – PCO Enabling Garden Greenhouse/Propagation		. Higgins 617-337-0122	
Herb Garden , Tuesdays Hospitality (Cook-outs) Orchard Perennial Garden	Pat Lovejoy, palovejoy@att.net Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net Judy Ratzlaff, judy.ratzlaff@yahoo.cc Char McMorrow, charlenemcmorrow Ginger Bason & Joann Hahn,		817-447-7924 817-929-6847 817-441-6726 817-228-4548
Plant Sales	gbasonbowden@gmail.com, joannhal Sue Kelley and Peggy Harwood		0/817-923-9250
Potting Shed Rain Barrel Construction Rose Garden, Tuesdays	sandrkelley@sbcglobal.net, peggyjwh Pat Lovejoy, palovejoy@att.net Claudia Teague, cteague@flash.net Brian Strickland, strickland.brian49@	_	8/817-821-4988 817-447-7924 817-444-2247 757-310-4108
304 Thistle Hill 304 Union Gospel Mission 304 Teen Challenge 304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden 304 Six Stones/City of Bedford	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 8 am Mon. 9 am Wed. 9 am Wed. & Sat 8:30 am-12 n	Sue Fair Gay Larson Debbie Bollinger Dianne Spradling Sandra Totty Annette Lee	817-266-2514 817-441-6560 817-498-1508 817-431-4666 817-281-7877 214-803-2219
Community Garden- 304 The Samaritan House	Tues. 8 am-11 am	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden 203 Grapevine Botanic Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 9 am	Bernice Ramsbottom	817-485-6631
Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chai	817-488-0035 r 817-481-4398
Environmental Projects:			
305 Composting Demo 305 FW Library at Hulen St.	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington 2nd Thurs 9 am	LaVonne Nowlin Bill Hall/ Theresa Thomas	817-581-1850 817-737-9890 817-485-6789
305 SW Sub-Courthouse 305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	2 nd Sat., last Wed. 9 am Wed. 9 am-12 noon 1st Sat., 9 am-12 noon	Gailon Hardin Molly Hollar	817-475-0923 817-319-6924
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd Wed. 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
School Gardens:			
306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE 306 Heritage School OLE	Mon 9 am Mon. 8-10 am	Leeann Rosenthal Pam Braak &	817-237-7180 817-488-5665
306 Durham Intermediate School	Thurs. 9am	Harold Annis Henry Cole	817-481-6242 817-424-2870

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

Native Plant Society of Texas

http://npsot.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

Botanical Research Institute of Tex-

as: http://www.brit.org

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