

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



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Survive the Drought: Think Like a Plant

By Marilyn Sallee, Tarrant County Master Gardener



The extreme drought and heat of 2011 did a number on the landscape – record heat, record number of 100+ days, minimal rainwater. But native plants have good coping skills. We need to see their world through their eyes to know just how bad, or good, it was.

First, through human eyes, it was the worst and most extreme... so far. Speaking at the Wichita Falls water conference in October, 2011, KFDX Meteorologist Bryan Rupp explained that the precipitating cause, La Niña in the Pacific, is already in place again for next summer, and may extend a year or more after that. In general, the climate trend shows all areas of Texas receiving less rainfall than the historic average. So brace yourself. Whatever your area's annual rainfall average is, it will probably be much less in the near future. Time to learn how to conserve water, live with the heat and landscape for drought.

Plant survival skills:

Most people are aware of the way some plants will droop or fold their leaves in the heat of the day to conserve moisture. When that trick isn't enough, some plants actually drop their leaves and look dead, but they are just holding onto the moisture in their roots. Those black, leafless stems or even bare-branched shrubs and trees are just doing what they need to survive. Many will come back from the roots once the cooler temperatures and moisture return in the fall. Do not rip out a plant just because the top looks dead. Watch for new growth around the base of the plant this fall or next spring. They have been very stressed and will need extra care, but many may come back just fine.

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Conversely, many short-lived perennials survive the extreme conditions by giving up, and putting their all into seed production. Some of those amazing bloom displays in the heat were the plant making sure its seeds had a good chance. It put all its life-energy into making flowers and seeds. It may look great, but that is its final hurrah. Save those seeds to make new plants if the parents don't leaf out in the spring.

Some native seeds actually rely on the extreme conditions to germinate their seeds. You may know that some seeds need special harsh treatment to sprout. The heat and sun pounding them all summer is another way to scarify or acid-etch to penetrate thick seed-coats or crack tough shells. From Buckeyes to Bluebonnets, watch for those slow-geminating seeds to put out new life this spring.

And then there are the true Texas-tough plants that actually do well in those extreme conditions. Many native plants, especially those from the western part of the state, saw the heat and drought as business as usual. They evolved to thrive in the extremes and have been tested through past drought cycles. Many of these plants actually preferred the drier soils and harsh conditions. These are the plants that do not do well in amended garden beds with regular watering – they can't take being treated nicely. They not only survive the heat, they actually thrive in it.

Texas is a big state with too many ecosystems to make a comprehensive, state-wide list, much less publish it here. Plants that do well in salt-marshes of Galveston may not handle the alkaline desert soils of El Paso or the acid and moisture of the Pineywoods. But you can collect the data you need for your area, create your own list of plants and share it with others in your local chapters. These are the plants we will be watching for as the best drought and heat tolerant landscape plants as the drought continues.

Drought-tough Plants:

If the record-breaking heat and extreme drought took out your landscape, here are some Texas-tough replacements to fill in the gaps.

Flowers:

- Border flower, low growing: **Katie Ruellia** *Ruellia brittoniana* 'katie'
- Bedding flower: **Purple Coneflower** *Echinacea purpurea*
- Driftbed flower: **Blue Mist Flower** *Conoclinium greggii*
- Shade, tall flowers: **Turk's Cap** *Malvavicus arboreus*

Shrubs - Evergreen:

- Shrub or small tree – **Yaupon Holly** *Ilex vomitoria*
- Medium to small: **Cenizo/ Texas Ranger Sage** *Leucophyllum frutescens*
- Small evergreen shrub with flowers: **Autumn Sage** *Salvia greggii*.

Flowering Shrubs – Deciduous (drop leaves in winter):

- Low growing shrub: **Texas Lantana** *Lantana urticoides* (not camara)
- Small: **Rock Rose** *Pavonia lasiopetala*
- Midsize: **Flame Acanthus** *Anisicanthus wrightii*.
- Shrub to small tree: **Crape Myrtle** *Lagerstroemia* sp.

Bunch Grass:

- Large specimen grass: **Lindheimer Muhly** *Muhlenbergia lindheimerii*
- Small bunch grass (borders and beds): **Mexican Feathergrass** *Stipa tenuissima* or **Gulf Coast Muhly** *Muhlenbergia capillaries*
- Shade-loving specimen grass: **Inland Sea Oats** *Chasmanthium latifolium*

It's time now to start your own list of what survived and thrived in your area, and keep collecting the data through next spring, and even next year. Then share it with your local chapter. This extreme summer gave us a great opportunity to learn about the extreme survivors in our local region and make better choices for the future



Texas Survivors:

Here are some examples of what to look for locally, based on my experiences in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Note: My property received not a single watering, other than natural rainfall, from May to September, 2011.

First place goes to Flame Acanthus. I had seen this native shrub put out a show-stopping display of blooms in the west Texas hills around Davis Mountains in summer heat. While it does nicely in my North-central Texas landscape, this summer made it the native shrub to rival the Crape Myrtles for color. The Aromatic Sumac shrubs stayed green and lush all summer, and the Cenizo sailed through with plenty of blooms once the rains came.

Best forb goes to Four-nerve Daisy – a small, unassuming tuft that puts out tall heads of bright yellow daisies with the slightest splash of water. Close second is Black-foot Daisy, which will actually creep out of good soil to grow in gravel.

Vines have two choices. For perennial, the White Honeysuckle showed not one sign of stress and its grey-green foliage was cooling to look at. The annual Snailseed vine with deep green leaves and bright red berries was an oasis in the heat, but will die to the ground with the first freeze.

Don't count them out:

Shrubs that looked dead and turned black in the full sun, poor caliche soil and record heat, but are already putting out new growth from the base: Texas Wisteria, Glossy Abelia, Coral honeysuckle, American Beauty Berry (those in shade did fine);

Most forbs disappeared, but those already returning include Mexican Hat, Englemann Daisy, Pitcher Sage, Bluebonnets, Standing Cypress.

Aromatic Sumac



Four-nerve Daisy



Flame Acanthus



White Honeysuckle Vine



Snailseed Vine



**Dear Gardener Friends,**

Wow! What a great kick-off for Tarrant County Master Gardeners in 2012. I hope you enjoyed the January meeting as much as I did. It was great to see old friends and listen to a wonderful speaker. Garden art and art in the garden always helps me see plants and garden objects in a different way.

Congratulations to each of our TCMGA members. Our association volunteered over 55,000 hours last year. The most hours turned in by any association and the most volunteer hours ever recorded. Way to go!

Can we match or top that number this year? Of course we can!

Over the holidays I visited an unusual garden in another state. It was created by a self-taught gardener who began his project to win a local award. Through his persistence and creativity his garden not only won Yard of the Month, but is now part of the National Garden Conservancy and he is a much-sought after motivational speaker around the country. Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden is a testament to what one man (or woman) can do to make a difference.

You can make a difference too! Serve on a committee, work at different projects, teach classes to kids or adults, serve phone duty, and attend meetings, conferences and classes. Help with the Clayton Yes! and other special projects throughout the year. Don't forget to turn in your hours.

Congratulations to the 2011 TCMGA Interns who recently graduated to "blue badges!" They contributed many hours last year and created a wonderful cactus garden at the TCMGA Garden.

Welcome to the new 2012 TCMGA Interns! They will attend the February monthly meeting. They are eager to meet you and learn about the TCMGA.

Have you made your reservation to attend the TMG State Conference in San Antonio in May yet? Reserve your hotel and plan to car-pool with friends. It will be here before you know it!

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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

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The morning program was art in the garden presented by Philip Lamb, local artist. The afternoon session was painting rain barrels, presented by Claudia Teague

The business meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by President Nancy Curl. There were 183 Certified Master Gardeners and interns present. Secretary Donna Morris certified that a quorum of certified members was present.

Executive Board Report

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published

Claire Alford, Programs, announced that Barney Lipscomb of BRIT will talk at the February meeting on poisonous plants.

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means introduced Susan Stanek to give raffle report.

The raffle and barbeque earned \$2188 this year that was divided among several projects.

Linda reported the purpose of Ways and Means is to earn money for the organization. This is done through vendor tables and various sales during the year. Linda needs chairs for the raffle and several of our annual sales. Please contact her if you are interested.

Pam Braak, treasurer, presented the new budget as recommended by the Executive Board. Donna Fry asked for an explanation of how the amount for each project is determined. Susan Stanek, the Raffle Chair, responded. Sue Ellen Schlitzer asked for further information on the Restroom/Pavilion project at the RCCG. President Nancy Curl gave an update. There was no discussion and the budget passed. A copy of the budget will be filed with these minutes for Audit.

The results for 2011 were reported as follows:

Total Income	\$ 24,810
Total Expense	<u>17,562</u>
Excess Income over Expenses	\$ 7,249

Ending Cash at 12/31/11	\$ 37,345
Amts collected in 2011 to be used in 2012	
Dues collected in 2011	6,350
Project revenue carried over	2,188
Garden Conservancy carryover	<u>2,130</u>
	26,677
Reserved for future use	
Contingency reserve	8,000
RCCG Pavilion/Restrooms	10,000
Set aside for RCCG for future project	3,700
Computer equip improvements	<u>4,977</u>
Balance	0

Steve Chaney's Report

We will receive watering can pins for 100 hours service. These are available now.

Steve will be hosting monthly seminars covering a variety of topics. These seminars will be held the first Saturday of the month at the extension office and are open to the public

We will be hosting a regional master gardener symposium in October

The 2013 International Meeting will be a cruise to Alaska. See txmg.org for more information

The State conference will be in San Antonio in May.

Committee Reports

Audit Report. Theresa Thomas reported the audit committee met on January 4, 2012 and found the records in excellent order. They commended Pat Higgins for her organization. The Audit Report was accepted and filed.

Children's Speakers Bureau. Marilyn Cox reported we are partnering with Clayton Yes! after school program to bring programs on vegetable gardening to 6 schools in the Fort Worth Independent School District. There will be 8 lessons taught at each school to 50 children each. Teachers will also be taught. There will be a workshop on January 6 to train master gardener volunteers. The group needs 24 volunteers.

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State Directors TMG report. Ron Schlitzer reported the state conference will be May 3-5 in San Antonio at a cost of \$210. New state officers were elected and included Ginger Bason as 1st VP and Eleanor Tuck as State Outreach Chair.

There was no unfinished business

Announcements

Dick Oliver announced he has a new address for Mary Edholm. She is at Avalon of Lake Worth, 4551 Boat Club Road Lake Worth, Texas 46135. Visitors and cards are encouraged.

Tarrant Area food bank needs help with their community gardens. Contact Katie Rudd if you want to help.

Nancy introduced the Chairs of all the committees.

Dorothy Launius was introduced and asked when we respond to eblast notes, please respond to point of contact, not her.

We are still in need of a chair for the Local Awards Committee

Plant sale will be April 14, 2012

2011 Intern Graduation will be January 10. Congratulations to this group.

Our February meeting will be our hot dog cook-out. New interns will be our guests, all others pay \$1.00. Steve Purdy has agreed to cook.

March will be a barbeque month. \$5.00 per plate. Dave will be the MG Master Chef.

Sharon Chastain with Alice Carlson OLE reminds you to vote daily and often so they can win the \$5000 Rainbird grant.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer has agreed to chair the Grant Committee. Please see Sue Ellen if you're interested in helping.

Condolences to Gay Larson who lost her Dad and Barbara Finholt who lost her mother. Also Maggie Camperlengo lost her father. 2011 intern Amrita

Shlachter passed away on December 25 following a brief illness. A book will be purchased in her honor for the TCMGA library.

Barbara Herrmann is doing well after her surgery. Please continue to remember her with cards and calls.

Steve Cheney announced we reported over 55000 volunteer hours for 2011. This is more than any master gardener organization in Texas.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47am.

**Respectfully submitted by
Donna Morris
Secretary**

February TCMGA Meeting Guest Speaker

Barney Lipscomb, Leonhardt Chair of Texas Botany and co-author, *Illustrated Flora of North Central Texas* and the *Illustrated Flora of East Texas* Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth., will present : ***Murderous Plants—Poisonous Herbs in our World***

“Poisons, those subtle and silent weapons capable of destroying life mysteriously—secretly and without violence—have ever had a peculiar fascination for mankind.”

Beautiful but poisonous plants are often used as garden ornamentals, potted plants, even florist flowers, yet most people are unaware of the dangers posed by the toxins derived from them. Mr. Lipscomb takes you on an enchanting journey through the cultural, historical and mythological aspects of poisonous plants. You will hear about past and present uses of classical “herbs” in murders, suicides, executions, accidental poisonings, as well as agents of bioterrorism. Increase your knowledge of toxic plants, know what to do in case of suspected poisoning, and discover the most important factor in poisoning prevention.

The program is presented with engaging props, unforgettable sounds, and dazzling visuals. Don’t miss a fun, fascinating, and entertaining program of mystery, history, facts, and fantasy. Come and experience a world that is dangerous and beautiful.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

February Birthdays

- 1 Charlie Shiner, Kay Gunn
- 3 Andy Clapper (I)
- 4 M.J. Martinez, Phyllis White
- 7 Pat Lovejoy
- 9 Carolyn Burnett (I)
- 10 Robin Danford, Teresa Moss (I)
- 11 Leonora Alvarez del Castillo, Sherry Flowers, Joyce Wuetig, Carolyn Lombard (I)
- 12 Greta Beckler, Thomas Blanton (I)
- 14 Sue Ellen Schlitzer
- 15 Bea Stevenson
- 16 Peg Surber, Kimberly Clark
- 17 Ed Vaughn, Laura Lowe
- 20 Terri Mann
- 22 Mary Morgan
- 25 Evaline Woodrey, Diane Spradling
- 26 Molly Hollar
- 27 Edith Pewitt, Judi Martin
- 29 Toni Hernandez, Terrance Gratton (I)

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

Doris Hill, (817) 337-8484 or email
artanddorishill@verizon.net.



*Lance Jepson and his Intern Team
Receive a big Thanks!*

I want to express my appreciation for all your time and efforts in organizing and supervising the internship experiences for our dietetics students this year. And a special "Thanks" to all the other Master Gardeners who took the time to teach our students about gardening principles/practices and help them gain some skills along the way. Students' comments show how much they valued the opportunity to learn more about gardening at the Resource Connection--knowledge and training that was much appreciated when teaching both children and adults involved in the Tarrant Area Food Bank Community Garden program. Again, this confirms that the RC garden training is a worthwhile first step for these students in helping pave the way for improving their teaching skills and getting the message across about the health benefits of gardening.

So I thank you and all Master Gardeners in helping to make this happen for these students.

Dr. Lyn Dart, Associate Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, at Texas Christian University

2012 Caladium Sale February 2

At the February 2nd and March 1st Master Gardener meetings we will be taking orders for Caladium Bulbs to be delivered at the April MG meeting.

Four **Fancy Leaf** varieties and one **Strap Leaf** variety will be offered. These varieties are: Candidum Classic White, White Queen, Red Flash and Carolyn Whorton. For the first time, we will offer a Strap Leaf variety called Red Ruffles.

The bulbs will be #1 size and will be purchased from the same source that we used in 2011. The performance last year of all varieties was excellent.

The price per bulb will be 60 cents this year. No limit on quantities per order. Make sure you place your order at the February/March meeting. Orders cannot be accepted after that meeting. Your complete order must be paid for by cash or check at the time of ordering.

If you have any questions, call Linda Hawkins at 817-791-4295.



2012 Fertilizer Sale!

Be on the lookout for more information
about the Fertilizer Sale
in February!

Click here to register <http://www.2012tmgconference.org/>



TEXAS MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE
2012 BEXAR COUNTY
MAY 3-5, 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9:30a Thistle Hill 3:00p Fitzgerald	2 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Meeting	3 	4 8:30a Common NRH 9am Compost Demo—Veterans Park 9a– Veterans Park-Wildscape 1p—5p Texas AgriLife Extension Service Class “How to Prune Your Landscape” Compost Your Clippings & Propagate New Plants
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2012 Resource Connection/Community Garden Classes Tarrant County Master Gardeners

MONTH	DAY	WEEK DAY	TIME	CLASS
January	30	Monday	9 -12 noon	Greenhouse plastic & Pruning Fruit Trees
February	8	Wednesday	10-12 Noon	Seeds-Propagation
	11	Saturday	10-12 noon	Spring Vegetable Gardening
	16	Thursday	9-11 am	Rose Pruning
March	6	Tuesday	10-12 noon	Hypertufa Production Class
	24	Saturday	10-12 noon	Rain Water Harvesting
	31	Saturday	10-12 noon	Composting
April	28	Saturday	9-11 am	Class Hypertufa
May	19	Saturday	9-11 am	Butterfly Puddler
	22	Tuesday	10-12 noon	Herbs
	26	Saturday	9-11 am	Cement Mushrooms
June	9	Saturday	9-11 am	Cement Leaf
	23	Saturday	10-12 noon	Canning & Jelly Making - Demo
July	21	Saturday	10-12 noon	Fall Vegetable Gardening
August	15	Wednesday	10-12 noon	Living Wreath w/clay pots
September	15	Saturday	10-12 noon	Perennials
	22	Saturday	10-12 noon	Shade Gardens & Water Features
November	10	Saturday	10-12 noon	Bugs

March 3-April 8, 2012**Ft. Worth Botanic Garden
Butterflies in the Garden****10:00am-4:00pm daily**

Butterflies in the Garden - Thousands of live, tropical butterflies in the conservatory of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Order tickets online at www.fwb.org

April 28th & 29th, 2012**Heart O' Texas Orchid Society's
41st****Annual Show & Sale, "Orchid
Heaven"**

Zilker Botanical Gardens Center
2220 Barton Springs Road,
Austin, TX 78746
(512) 477-8672

**Show & Plant Sale : 10:00am -
5:00pm Saturday & 10:00am -
4:00pm Sunday.**

This year we are very proud to present the 41st Annual Orchid Show here in Austin, TX. Orchids are Mother Nature at her best, so come join us and check out all the beautiful orchids that will be on display. There will also be hundreds of blooming orchids for sale, as well as helpful information for growing these beautiful plants from the 8 vendors and society members. Need flowers for that special person in your life...orchids are becoming one of the most popular flowers in the U.S., so why not get an orchid this year for that special someone or special occasion. Admission to the event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. For a complete schedule of events, or for more information, please contact: Geoffrey Frost, 1011 Strickland Drive. Austin, TX 78748-4847 (Telephone (512) 413-3199; e-mail geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com), or visit our web-site: <http://www.hotos.org/>

**Thursday
April 14, 2012****TCMGA Annual Plant Sale****10:00am—2:00pm**

The annual TCMGA plant sale will be held on April 14. More info to come!

Carol Lally**Saturday April 21, 2012****Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Spring
Plant Sale****9:00am-2:00pm**

Wide assortment of annuals, perennials, citrus trees, ornamental grasses, shade plants, shrubs, trees, tropical plants and vegetables

2012 Home Horticulture Seminars Texas AgriLife Extension Service

DATE	TIME	ROOM	SUBJECT
February 4, 2012	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Lonestar A&B	“How to Prune Your Landscape” Compost Your Clippings & Propagate New Plants
March 3, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Rainwater Harvesting" Make Your Own Rain Barrel *Optional-Extra Fee
May 12, 2012	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Bluebonnet D&E	"Lawns & How to Irrigate Responsibly"
June 2, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Growing Herbs for Medicinal & Cooking"
July 7, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Sustainability" Organic vs Inorganic?
August 4, 2012	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Lonestar A&B "	“Fall Vegetable Garden”, The Best Season in Texas
September 1, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Native & Adapted Plants"
November 3, 2012	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Lonestar A&B	"Landscape Design"
December 1, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Individual Consultations"

Texas AgriLife Extension Service
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Fort Worth, TX 76196-0123
Phone: 817-884-1945

Classes will be held in the Conference Rooms of the Tarrant County Plaza Building and are open to the public.

Cost of each class is \$15.

*There is an extra fee of \$50 for materials to make the rain barrel during class.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all public without regard to race, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any of our meetings are encouraged to contact our office at 817.884.1945 for assistance.

<u>Project Code & Name</u>	<u>Work Days/Times</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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 Children's Garden		Dolores Geisel	817-446-4536
302 BG Trial Garden	Thurs. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
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Community Garden, Tuesdays			
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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. 10 am thru Feb	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden	Wed. & Sat 8:30a-12n	Diane 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., 8:00am	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 8:30am	Bernice Ransbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden			
Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chair	817-488-003 817-481-4398
<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	817-295-5182
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. 9-12noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	1st Sat., 9-12noon 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	Mon 9:00 am, & Wed. 3:00 pm	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180



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Important Websites to Know!



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

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