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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



## February 2013

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## February Garden Guidelines

by Keith C. Hansen, Extension Horticulturist, Smith Co. - Tyler, TX

The new gardening year really gets in full swing in February with many activities and options for growing and learning. Keep in mind that the average last freeze for the Northeast Texas area is not until mid-March. Even so, many plants normally begin to show signs of growth in February. Narcissus and daffodil foliage is already up and growing, and blooms are not far behind. Wild plum is beginning to bloom, along with deciduous magnolias, quince and bridal wreath spirea.



### PRUNING:

February is a good time to prune. Before buds begin to swell for spring, finish pruning summer flowering trees and shrubs. Do not prune spring-flowering plants such as spirea (bridal wreath), azalea, forsythia or quince until after they bloom. Most plants, if properly selected for their allotted space, need very little pruning. Ornamental plants should be appreciated for their natural forms and usually look better and are easier to care for if heavy pruning is avoided.

Finish pruning peach and plum trees early this month. These fruit trees are not pruned for looks but for better harvests and easier picking. Pruning regulates tree height and stimulates new growth for next year's crop.

Prune hybrid tea roses in February to induce new growth and spring blooms. Remove top growth 18 to 24 inches above ground, retaining several healthy canes. The older the plant, the more canes you should leave. Make clean, sharp cuts just above buds which point outward. Postpone pruning of climbing roses if necessary until after their major flush of spring bloom. Many antique roses should not

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be as drastically pruned as hybrid teas.

If those seed heads on crepe myrtles bother you, you can remove them this month. Just clip back the ends of the branches, but do not destroy the beauty of the gracefully sculptured trunks by severe pruning. Heavy pruning is not necessary for abundant blooms.



## PLANTING:

This is a great time for visiting your local nursery. New plants are arriving now for late winter and early spring planting. By planting early, plants will be off to a better start and can become adjusted before the stresses of summer arrive (remember last summer).

February is time to plant several types of plants including roses, bare-rooted fruit and nut trees, along with grape, blueberry and blackberry. Many fruit trees require higher levels of pruning, fertilization and pest control. Find out the requirements of the types you are interested in because some require more work than others. Some fruit trees requiring less pest management include fig, blackberry, blueberry, Japanese persimmon, and pear.

When purchasing fruit trees, know which types require a second variety for pollination, such as plum, apple, pear, blueberries and some Muscatine grapes. Always plant in full sun.

February is the month to apply fertilizer to peach and plum trees. Apply 1 pound (2 cups) of ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) per inch of trunk diameter for established peach trees at and slightly beyond the edge of the tree canopy, never against the trunk.

It's time to select and plant gladiolus bulbs for summer blooms. Cannas, daylilies, ornamental grasses and mums may be divided once new foliage appears in early spring. It's also time for planting groundcovers and planting cool season annuals such as calendula, hollyhocks and nasturtium.



## LAWNS

Early to mid-February marks the time to apply a pre-emergence herbicide for lawns that had a summer weed problem last year.

These products kill germinating seed. The mild weather may already be triggering weed germination. A second application may be needed in late May or early June. Remember that the best defense against lawn weeds is a healthy, thick turf resulting from good management. Don't rely on chemicals alone!



## VEGETABLES

Early to mid-February is vegetable planting time for cool season

crops including onions, Irish potatoes, radishes, greens, spinach, sugar snap peas, carrots, broccoli, beets and turnips. Early planting assures a good harvest prior to summer heat. But, don't be in a hurry to plant summer vegetables such as tomato, peppers, squash, etc. A late frost or freeze will result in repeated plantings. Summer vegetables require warm days and warm soils to quickly establish.

# Planting in February?

## Gladiolus in the Garden

By Dr. William C. Welch, Landscape Horticulturist *Texas A&M University*

Gladiolus are grown for their showy spikes of flowers that come in many colors. There are large-flowering types as well as small.

Glad's may be used as background plants in the garden, or in rows, or as cut flowers for the home. If care is given to a planting schedule, flowers can be available from early summer until frost. To achieve this, the corms are planted at various times, usually at 2- or 3-week intervals, from as early as mid-February until the last of April. Set the corms 4 to 5 inches deep and 5 to 6 inches apart in groups or rows.

Gladiolus prefer well-prepared garden soils with good drainage. As soon as plants are 6 to 8 inches tall, apply fertilizer, such as 13-13-13, at the rate of 3 to 4 pounds per 100 square feet. Organic fertilizer sources, such as cottonseed meal, also work well. Water thoroughly when soil appears dry, and stake if necessary.

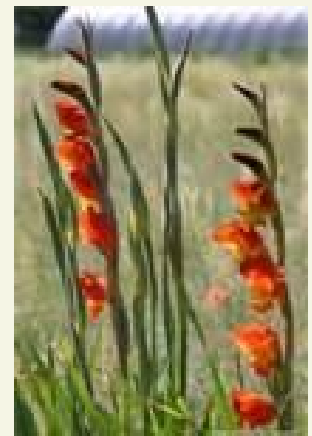
To save gladiolus corms for next year, dig the corms after the foliage has dried in late summer or fall. Remove the soil and snap off the dead tops. The old or original corm may be removed and discarded at this time. Spread the corms out on the garage or storage-room floor and allow to dry for 3 to 4 days. Place the corms in boxes with dry peat moss or sawdust. If a large number is involved, make some boxes that are 3 to 4 inches deep with bottoms made of hardware cloth. Store in a dry, cool place at a temperature of 45 to 50 degrees F. Check them periodically during the winter for signs of rotting or rodent damage, and discard those affected.

At least two species of gladiolus are considered heirloom plants in our area and may be left in the ground and grown as perennials. *Gladiolus byzantinus*, sometimes known as cornflags, mark many old home sites and cemetery plots in Texas and the South. Their magenta and rarely-white flower spikes are smaller than the hybrids

usually available in florists and nurseries.



Another interesting gladiolus is *Gladiolus natalensis*, sometimes known as the parrot gladiolus. Flowers of this species, which is native to



Africa, are larger than those of *G. byzantinus*, and are a brilliant combination of yellowish green and red.

Both of these gladiolus may be grown as perennials, and usually increase in numbers each year. They are commercially available, however, only from specialty bulb sources.

## *President's Message– January 2013*

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### **Dear Gardener Friends,**

While it may be a few more weeks until Spring, TCMGA shows plenty of signs that an active new year has begun.

The 2012 intern class graduated on January 8 (yea!) and is our latest crop of blue badges. They had an incredible year with a record-setting 7,998 volunteer hours. The Intern of the Year, Gus Guthrie, earned 421 hours. Five other Interns earned over 300 hours each in the year. The interns worked a total of 1,104 hours on their intern project at the Children's Vegetable Garden of the Ft Worth Botanic Garden.

Also on January 8, the board welcomed a new group of 41 interns. A special salute to Judy Ratzlaff and her team of intern advisers who devote a huge amount of hours just being available to make the Master Gardener intern experience a memorable one.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Home & Garden makeover project and others of you who will be volunteering at the show itself, Feb. 8-10. As one of my committee members said, "I'm going to try my best to think of ways to get the message out that we have knowledgeable people giving out free and valuable information!" Sixteen of you volunteered to speak on the main stage or in our booth. Others of you will also be "speakers" as you talk informally to booth visitors wanting more horticultural information.

But wait, there is more. Our education committee has met and laid out tentative plans for the TCMGA Garden Classes. The list offers 2-3 classes each month to MGs and the public from the perennial (heh, heh) favorites to "Bring Your Own Bowling Ball." (!) Last year's classes drew many non-MG members and non-Tarrant County residents. We have a lot of valuable information to offer and this year, we will have a wonderful classroom setting – the new pavilion at the Community Garden.

I know many other committees are meeting as well – and remember all of these need helpers for a variety of tasks.

New head timekeeper Carol Lally reports that website has been updated with the 2013 time-sheets; Nov 2012 hours are posted.

Sunshine Chairman Doris Hill reminds us to let her know of any situations where a note of encouragement would be helpful relating to MG members or their immediate family.

During our visit with the new intern class, several board members and State President Ginger Bason noted the strong friendships developed in Master Gardeners. We create a lot of memories together and we care about each other. That's the best crop ever.

Finally, Don't forget to have your photo taken for the 2013 membership directory at the February 7 meeting. The photo directory will be a great way to put a face with a name.

**Patsy Miller, President  
Tarrant County Master Gardeners**



# Minutes of the January 3, 2012 TCMGA General Meeting

President Patsy Miller welcomed all to the first meeting of 2013. Our morning program was "A Maple for Every Area" presented by Keith Johansson. The afternoon session, also presented by Mr. Johansson, was on grafting maples. A quorum was certified with the attendance of 165 certified master gardeners. Our total attendance was 172.

## Executive Board

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Taddie Hamilton, First Vice President Our speakers for the February meeting will be Janna Tidwell, landscape designer, in the morning and David Finrock in the afternoon.

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means People are needed for the Ways and Means Committee. There will be a meeting on January 9, 2013 and if you're interested please contact Linda. There are still a few 40 pound bags of worm castings available. These are \$25. Our fertilizer sale and caladium sale will be soon. Please bring your checkbook to our meetings to better support our organization.

## Pam Braak, Treasurer

### Treasurers Report For the month Ended December 31, 2012

Cash, Beginning 12/1/2012	\$41,256.02
Deposits during month	\$949.48
Checks during month	<u>(\$5,661.01)</u>
Cash, Ending 12/31/12	<u>\$36,544.49</u>

There were no questions and the report was approved as filed.

Steve Chaney reported that the new intern class begins on January 8. This is also the date of the 2012 intern graduation. We are expecting over 40 new interns. They will be present at our February meeting, our annual hotdog celebration. An e-blast will be sent about food.

Steve presented awards to people who were not present at the Christmas luncheon. He also presented 500 hour awards to Jim Nelson and JoAnn Hahn. A special recognition award was given to Claire Alford for all her work in the past year. This includes putting together and running our Holiday Party. Thank you, Claire, from all of us.

## Committee Reports

Donna Fry Raffle The new item for auction is a tailgate size stainless steel BBQ grill. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Steve Purdy, Membership We will be taking photos of members during the January and February meeting. Please get your photo taken. You don't want to have an empty flower pot by your information. Because of the photos, the directories will be late. Steve would also like to know if you are 80 or above. At 80 members are entitled to a discount on membership dues.

President Miller recognized all the committee chairmen and announced that Pat Higgins has been approved by the executive board as the audit chairman and Susan Stanek has been approved as the nominating chair. She also recognized all the time keepers and announced that the new time sheets are now online. Don't for-

get you only get to count one hour for the December meeting.

JoAnn Hahn, State Director We are very proud that our own Ginger Bason is now the President of the State Master Gardener Association. At the last meeting the state budget was presented and approved. Awards are being worked on. The state website <http://txmg.org/> is full of important information. Please use it. The next state conference will be in McAllen Texas from October 17-October 19. The 2014 conference will be in Midland. The International Conference, an Alaskan cruise, is still taking reservations. A special request from Jayla Fry, our state agent, is that we turn in all our hours worked. It is very important to our local agent to get these hours correct.

Old Business There is no old business

## New Business

Donna Fry Raffle The money from the raffle and BBQ sales is divided among projects according to their requests for funds. This year we had \$2766 available, which included \$1051 from BBQ, \$1395 from raffle and \$320 rolled over from last year. We had requests of \$4058. The available money was divided as listed.

Amounts given to projects are as follows:

Alice Carlson	\$405	Heritage	\$200
Hulen Library	\$331	Wildscape	\$200
Teen Challenge	\$259	Thistle Hill	\$301
Union Gospel Mission	\$234	Bob Jones	\$136
BG Perennial Garden	\$204	Six Stones	\$295
BG Trial Garden	\$200		
TOTAL			\$2,766

Sue Ellen Schlitzer, Grants needs volunteers to help write grants for projects. Please see Sue Ellen if you are organized, computer literate and can communicate well.

Pam Braak, 2013 budget was presented. The budget was prepared by the Executive Committee. Pam moved we accept the budget. Patsy asked for discussion. The question was asked if we had more money in reserve besides the contingency fund. The answer was no. With no more questions the budget was voted on by oral vote and passed. The budget was adopted for 2013. If you wish a copy of the budget please contact Pam Braak.

## Announcements

The 2013 plant sale will be April 13. Vendor days will be May 2 and Oct 3. We will meet offsite June 6. Our July meeting will be June 27 and will be our annual garage sale. There is still soil for sale at the Community Garden. The Home and Garden committee is working to make our booth more interactive and dynamic. We need people to give short talks during the day and longer presentations on stage.

Our condolences to Joyce Colegrove at the loss of her son and to the family of Edith Pewtt, who passed away.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Donna Morris, Secretary

# Three New Flowers for 2013

Article by Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor  
University of Vermont

Each year the best of the new flowers, blooming the first year from seed, and new vegetables are chosen as winners by the All-America Selections (AAS) program. These winners are the result of trials across North America, against existing cultivars (cultivated varieties) where they exist. In this program, the new introduction must show some new or improved trait. There are three new AAS winning flowers for 2013. All grow best in well-drained soils, unless noted, and full sun. Keep well-fertilized after planting.



**Canna ‘South Pacific Scarlet’** is only the second canna to be a winner since this program began in 1933, the other being ‘Tropical Rose’ in 1992. It is the first F1 hybrid seed canna (being a cross of a couple particular parent plants), and so is more vigorous than other cannas from seed. Since, to be a winner, plants must be grown from seeds and bloom the first year, this is the case with this canna. Similar to others, though, it will form a “rhizome” (thickened, underground stem) which must be overwintered in the north (zones 6 and colder) indoors, where not freezing.

‘South Pacific’ can reach 4 to 5 feet tall, with 6 to 7 flowering stems per plant, blooms being scarlet. It blooms early, through much of the summer, and will take light frosts in fall. Also, like other cannas, this tender perennial tolerates wet conditions, as along pond edges. Figure on about 12 weeks from sowing seeds to the first flower. If planting in beds rather than pots, allow 18 to 24 inches between plants.



**Echinacea ‘Cheyenne Spirit’** is a coneflower winner, the only other one being ‘PowWow Wild Berry’ in 2010. Even though a hardy perennial, this coneflower will bloom the first year from seed. Just allow plenty of time, though, from sowing to first flowers—24 weeks—meaning a January sowing. Otherwise, you’ll need to wait another year to see the flowers.

This coneflower is actually a mix, plants coming in colors of purple, pink, orange, light yellow, cream, and white. Unlike some coneflowers, this one is sturdy, not toppling easily in wind and rain. It is low maintenance, needing little water once established, and not needing “deadheading” (removing flowers once past bloom) in order to flower through much of the late summer. Figure on plants 2 feet or slightly taller, and space in the garden a couple feet apart.



**Geranium ‘Pinto Premium White to Rose’** is another F1 hybrid, noted for its unique flower color—starting white and changing to rose. Also, its blooms are earlier than many geraniums, large (to 5-inches across), and long-lasting. Leaves are attractive, too, with darker zones. It performs well in heat.

These geranium plants reach about a foot high, up to 2 feet when in flower, and flowers don’t need deadheading. Figure on a garden spacing of 12 to 18 inches, and about 12 weeks or more from sowing to first blooms. If you can’t find this one, other similar annual geraniums are ‘Pinto Blush’ and ‘Maverick Appleblossom’.

The AAS website is very informative and interesting; to access it, click <http://www.all-americaselections.org/>

## February Guest Speaker

### **The Green at College Park: A Sustainable Landscape at UTA and Through the Eyes of A Meteorologist: A Working Vacation in the Guadalupe Mts.**

Have you ever wanted to “fix” a really ugly parking lot and gully that flooded? Janna Tidwell, a landscape architect, did just that at The Green at College Park by designing an award-winning showplace on the UTA campus. She changed a ditch that channeled water into a 48 inch drainage pipe that overflowed and flooded streets and even flooded apartments.

Janna will take us on a virtual tour showing how she created this beautiful, cost effective, aesthetically pleasing and functional park. This sustainable landscape with a drainage garden, bio filters, and rain planters is used by students for organized and informal events, a pedestrian promenade and even an outdoor classroom.

Do you refer to David Finfrock as just David? What did David say the low would be tonight? Did David say it would rain this week? Everyone in my house knows exactly whom I am talking about!

David arrived at Channel 5 in 1975. Today he is the chief meteorologist but his vacations are often spent traveling to the Big Bend and Guadalupe Mts doing conservation work. This is tame after his experiences with tornados. He will also share his thoughts about climate change which are the result of 38 years observing, studying and foresting the weather.

These will be delightful and educational programs you won't want to miss.

**Taddie Hamilton  
1st VPresident**

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## 2013 Caladium Sale February 7

At the February 7th and March 7th Master Gardener meetings we will be taking orders for Caladium Bulbs. Pick-up for the bulbs will be at the April MG meeting.

Four **Fancy Leaf** varieties and two **Strap Leaf** varieties will be offered. The Fancy Leaf varieties are: Candidum Classic White, White Queen, Red Flash and Carolyn Whorton. The Strap Leaf varieties are Red Ruffles and a new variety called Miss Muffett.

The bulbs will be #1 size and will be purchased from the same source that we used in 2012. The performance last year of all varieties was excellent.

The price per bulb for the Fancy Leaf varieties will be \$ .60 for 24 or less and \$ .55 per bulb for 25 or more of the same bulb. The price per bulb for the Strapped Leaf varieties will be \$ .70 for 24 or less and \$ .65 for 25 or more of the same bulb. 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.

**Linda Hawkins  
Ways & Means**

### Fancy Leaf Caladiums

**Carolyn Whorton**



**Candidum Classic White**



**White Queen**



**Red Flash**



### Strapped Leaf Caladiums

**Miss Muffett**



**Red Ruffles**



## 2013 Fertilizer Sale!

Fertilizer will be available for sale on February 7 TCMGA meeting.

Pick-up at the March 7th TCMGA meeting.



## New Raffle Item!



Our new raffle item is a great little BBQ grill. Can't compare to Dave's, but hey...why would you want to?



It's a stainless steel portable Master Forge gas BBQ. Runs on those small cans of propane. It's big enough to do a couple of chickens, four steaks, six pork chops or your next door neighbor's **rooster** that wakes you up at 4 in the morning.

**Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. The winner will be drawn in the spring.**

**Funds are used to support the projects of TCMGA**

## TCU Appreciation!

Dr. Lynn Dart, Manager of Coordinated Programs in Dietetics within the Department of Nutritional Sciences at Texas Christian University, writes:

"Once again, I wanted 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 very special "thank you" to all the Master Gardeners who took the time to teach our students about gardening principles/practices and help them gain some skills along the way. The students' feedback show how much they value the opportunity to learn more about gardening and have some fun along the way.

All those participating in the program are invited to an annual Preceptor Appreciation Luncheon--please mark your calendar for Thursday May 2. "

MG Lance Jepson, TCU program coordinator for the Master Gardeners, offers his thanks to the TCU instructors for their efforts in teaching these special classes. Lance invites Master Gardeners to sign up for participation in this years program. If you have any interest please contact Lance at LJepson@aol.com

**Lance Jepson  
TCU Coordinator**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

### February Birthdays

- 1 Charlie Shiner, Kay Gunn
- 4 Phyllis White
- 7 Pat Lovejoy
- 9 Carolyn Burnett
- 10 Robin Danford
- 11 Leonora Alvarez del Castillo, Sherry Flowers,  
Joyce Wuetig, Carolyn Lombard
- 12 Thomas Blanton
- 14 Sue Ellen Schlitzer
- 15 Bea Stevenson
- 16 Peg Surber, Kimberley Clark
- 17 Ed Vaughn, Laura Lowe
- 20 Terri Mann
- 22 Mary Morgan
- 25 Evaline Woodrey, Dianne Spradling
- 26 Molly Hollar
- 27 Judi Martin
- 29 Toni Hernandez

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

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

## Directory/Membership Changes

Master Gardeners, according to our By-Laws, if you are over 80 years of age, you are eligible for a 50% reduction in your annual dues! Yes - just one more good thing about getting older! If you are over 80 years of age, please let Steve Purdy know.

### Membership Directory Update:

Jill Pitcher's new e-mail address is:  
[Jillpitchercpa@gmail.com](mailto:Jillpitchercpa@gmail.com)

New TCMGA Directories will be available in March so that member photos can be included. If you have changes in your contact information, please contact Steve Purdy at [spurdy06@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spurdy06@sbcglobal.net).

# February 2013 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# TCMGA 2013 Proposed Meeting Programs

<b>February 7</b>	<b>Janna Tidwell</b> – The Green at College Park; <i>A Sustainable Landscape at UTA</i> PM – David Finrock – <i>Conserving the Guadalupe Mts.</i>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Steve Chamblee</b> – Chandor Gardens - <i>Idea Shopping in the Gardens</i> PM – demo – <i>Tiptoeing Through the Tulips on Stepping Stones You Made</i>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Steve Huddleston</b> – <i>English Gardens Texas Style</i> - Creating an English Garden with Plants Suitable for North Texas PM – Jayla Fry – Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service and YOU! <b>BBQ</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Rita Hottel</b> – <i>Rita, Rita, How Does Your Herb Garden Grow? Herbs That Like Their Garden</i> PM – Rita demo – <i>Creating Your Own Herb Oils and Vinegars</i>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Backyard Gardens at Eagle Mountain Lake</b> - Tour of Tammy Edwards' MG and Janet Stevens' Gardens - Social – bring your own lunch and lawn chair. Tea and water provided. (They live across the street from each other)
<b>June 27</b>	(the week before) <i>Your Junk is My Treasure</i> - Garage Sale - Program – <i>Intern Projects!</i> Intern Class of 2012 will present their power points (Per Steve: The Interns will create power points either separately or in teams as their project)
<b>August 1</b>	<b>John Thomas</b> owner of Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg – <i>Planting Wildflowers That Will Grow in North Texas</i> PM – <i>Making a Wildflower Bed</i> <b>BBQ</b>
<b>September 5</b>	<b>Debbie Garrett, Bobby Price</b> , et al of the Begonia Species Bank at the Ft. Worth Botanic Gardens – <i>A Begonia in Every Pot and Terrarium</i> - The History and Cultivation of Species and Hybrid Begonias PM – <i>Where did Those Beautiful, Colorful Leaves Come From?</i> Hybridizing and Propagation
<b>October 3</b>	<b>Bill Utley</b> – President of The Cacti and Succulent Society – <i>Secrets of Growing Cactus and Succulents</i> PM – Mary Utley - <i>Can You Really Eat That?? Cactus Salsa is Delicious!</i>
<b>November 7</b>	<b>Trip Smith</b> – <i>The Poinsettia - Color at Christmas</i> - Propagating and Growing Poinsettias PM – Dotty Woodson – <i>I got an Orchid for Christmas; What Do I Do With It?</i>
<b>December 5</b>	<b>Christmas Luncheon</b> – Place TBA \$20.00 each



# Upcoming Events

Saturday—Sunday  
March 2 & 3, 2013

## **Ft. Worth Botanic Garden African Violet Show and Sale**

9:00am—5:00pm

Come see these easy to care for beauties. Enjoy the many different varieties on display. Take some home for those spots where you want a delicate bit of color. Members of the African Violet Society will be present to answer your questions.

Go to  
<http://fwbg.org/events/70/african-violet-show-and-sale/>  
for more information.

Saturday April 6, 2012

## **Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale**

9:00am-2:00pm

Take this opportunity to browse among the cream of the crop perennials, specially selected to stand up to all the challenges of Texas gardening. Cozy up to your favorites and adopt them for your own yard! Bring your landscape plan and take advantage of our Horticulture Staff's expertise in selecting just the right plants for your garden.

Go to  
<http://fwbg.org/events/17/spring-plant-sale/>  
for more information.

Saturday  
April 13, 2013

## **TCMGA Annual Plant Sale**

10:00am—2:00pm

The annual TCMGA plant sale will be held on April 13. More info to come!

Carol Lally

Friday—Saturday  
April 26-27, 2013

## **Propagation Specialist Training**

Resource Connection Center  
2300 Circle Drive  
Ft. Worth, Texas 76119

Deadline to register is April 1, 2013.  
Cost is \$196 per person.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration form.

## **International Master Gardener's Conference 2013**



**Alaskan Cruise  
September 7—14, 2013**



Thursday—Saturday  
October 17-19, 2013

## **Texas Master Gardener Conference**

JOIN US  
for the 2013 Texas Master Gardener Conference  
held in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties on October  
17 - 19.

Experience the Blooms, Birds and Butterflies of  
South Texas!

# Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call Chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
302 BG Perennial Garden	Wed. 8 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
303 Community and Demo Garden Chair	Bill Vandever, bvandever@sbcglobal.net		817-244-1580
<b>Project Leads</b>			
Community Garden, Tuesdays			
Barn Beds	Charlotte Berck, caberck@dot11net.		817-426-6417
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting			
Community Vegetable Beds	Pat Higgins, ragdollpatb@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	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Tuesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-295-2883
Hospitality (Cook-outs)	Beverly Beazley, babeazley@tx.rr.com		817-483-7080
Orchard	Renee Beckum, jrbeckum@sbcglobal.net		817-790-8575
Perennial Garden	Ginger Bason & Joann Hahn, gbason@hotmail.com, joannhahn@att.net	817-838-7321/817-923-9250	
Plant Sales	Carol Lally & Linda Winn lallyca@sbcglobal.net, mwinnclan@aol.com	817-656-2736/817-581-4486	
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 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Diane Spradling Sandra Totty Annette Lee	817-431-4666 817-281-7877 214-803-2219
304 Six Stones/City of Bedford Community Garden-			
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	817-488-003 817-481-4398
<b><u>Environmental Projects:</u></b>			
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Thurs., 8-11 am Wed. 9 am-12 noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	1st Sat., 9 am-12 noon 3rd, Wednesday, 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<b><u>School Gardens:</u></b>			
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 to Know!*



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

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