



**MAY
2013**

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Sharecropper

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



May 2013

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY MGs ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS!!

by Pam Braak, TCMGA Master Gardener

DON'T **SHED** TEARS

IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM & SOLVE IT

PROBLEM: ☹️ GISD maintenance locked the Heritage Elementary MGs out of the space we were using for storage.

SOLUTION: Build a **SHED**



Project Chairman Harold Annis drew up complete plans for the **shed** including a materials list. Lowe's offered us a generous discount on all the material and Harold gathered MGs and others with **POWER TOOLS** on Presidents' Day to start the project. It was a very long day.



Charlie Wilson, Harold Annis, Dick Pafford, and Rob Porter (& Otto Witt not in photo)

Heritage Elementary—continued

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The kids of the school Garden Club painted the rain barrel and the letters and appliques. Now we have one great looking *SHED* that can hold everything we need.

Problem solved!

Now it's time to get back to gardening.



Harold Annis



Tucker, the Garden Angel



Thanks to our donors who made this possible:

Heritage Elementary PTA

TCMGA

Grapevine Garden Club

Colleyville Garden Club

Lowe's – Euless

And thanks to all the dedicated Heritage volunteers!!



**Patsy Miller,
TCMGA President**

**“May is
another busy
month for
Master
Gardeners!”**



President's Message

Hello, Fellow Gardeners,

May is another busy month for Master Gardeners – Pizza Ranch and Waterrama come to mind – and I keep wondering how we can possibly jam in more activities – but we do.

First, I want to thank Susan Stanek and Jeanie Browning and their group of volunteers for successful rose and caladium sales. I think they each outdid themselves with more than 500 roses and more than 10,000 caladiums sold.

Congratulations to Plant Sale Chairmen Sue Kelley and Peggy Harwood and the many volunteers who spent countless hours reviewing past sales, researching plants, visiting wholesale growers, sprucing up signs and getting materials prepared for the sale. There's a lot more going on behind the scenes than just ordering plants and waiting for the customers to come! And don't forget the many volunteer hours sprucing up the community garden and the prep work for the Pavestone flooring under our glorious new pavilion.

Another behind-the-scenes activity is the work of our speaker's bureau. Chairman Starr Krottinger shared some statistics of her group. Through April, 91 programs have been booked, and this does not include programs scheduled directly with a speaker or classes scheduled at the Resource Connection or programs given at Tarrant County College campuses. Of these 91 already booked, 20 were given in March and 23 in April.

If you are passionate about a horticulture related topic, I bet Starr has a place for you. Or, remember what Jayla Fry, our Master Gardener coordinator, stated at our last meeting. If you like to talk, there are already prepared talks that you can present. There are always groups needing a speaker. So, when other groups you may be a part of are in need of a program, remember there are presentations

already prepared! Our speaker's bureau topics are extensive and we have a number of members who say they “will research anything.”

Another behind-the-scenes team is the group of volunteers at Durham Intermediate School. This is a new Junior Master Gardener project that began last year with 46 students, and according to project lead Bea Wilson, grew instantly to 75. “The PTO wants to add the 6th grade next year, so things are growing. We also helped them with their fund raiser this spring and picked up 50 roses along with bulbs that they will re-sale to parents,” added Bea.

Adding to the MG activity is the explosion of classes that we offer. There are six classes available in May, from Backyard Chickens to Survive and Thrive. First offered to our members, the number and topics have increased over the last couple of years and opened up to the public.

New this year are the Fort Worth Botanic Garden TCMGA classes for families. They are held in the children's vegetable garden – the 2012 intern project. Two classes will be offered in May – propagation and backyard chickens.

We have again been asked to assist with the Pen Pal Picnic at the community gardens. County workers at the Resource Connection are pen pals to 4th graders at Oak Hurst Elementary School in north Fort Worth. The pen pals will meet each other for the first time on May 10 at the picnic. Pat Higgins is coordinating a group of MG volunteers to provide a fun propagation activity for the students – and a Mother's Day gift!

So there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer or gain more knowledge. May's MG meeting will feature one of our behind-the-scenes members – Rita Hottel, a Speaker's Bureau volunteer, and herb garden lead at the community garden. She'll discuss what herbs to plant together and then how to use those herbs in oils and vinegars. We will have a variety of vendors as well.

TCMGA General Meeting—April 2013

President Patsy Miller called the meeting to order at 10:55 AM. There were 230 Certified Master Gardeners, Master Gardener Interns, and visitors present. President Miller welcomed all our visitors. Our morning program, presented by Steve Huddleston, was on English Gardens with Texas Plants. Our afternoon speaker was Jayla Fry of Texas A&M, coordinator of the Master Gardener program in Texas, speaking on the Master Gardener program.

Executive Board

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the April Share-cropper.

Taddie Hamilton, First Vice President programs, announced that our speaker for the May meeting will be our own herb expert, Rita Hottel. Rita will speak in the morning on how to group herbs and other plants in your garden. In the afternoon she will share recipes for using herbs.

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means, announced that there will be garden gear for sale, including Felco pruners. The clippers will have to be paid for in advance of ordering. We have pruners to try before placing your order: #2 for larger hands, #6 for smaller hands and #9 for the left handed. Roses are available for pick up. She thanked Susan Stanek and all her helpers. Caladiums were also a big success. Thank you, Jeanie Browning. Memorial bricks are still available for sale. Forms for ordering bricks are available at the meetings and online. Please print carefully. Results ARE written in stone. She has small jugs of Nature's Guide fertilizer for sale also.

Vendor meetings will be held two times per year, and during these meetings Ways and Means does not sell anything. Our next vendor meeting is in May. Tables are available for Master Gardeners for \$10 and \$25 for non-Master Gardeners. Talk to Linda to sign up.

Steve Chaney asked us to please do the Earth-Kind Online Training. It is available at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>. You can count your time as CEU's. The Earth-Kind Challenge does not have a quiz component and you cannot count it toward education hours.

Pavestones will be installed at the pavilion on Saturday, April 6.

Pam Braak, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report For Month Ended March 31, 2013

Cash, Beginning 3/1/2013	\$40,084.90
Deposits during month	\$13,133.81
Checks during month	<u>(\$13,835.90)</u>
Cash, Ending 3/31/2013	<u>\$39,382.81</u>

There were no questions and the report was filed.

Pam also announced that we have paid for the pavers at the Community Garden.

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Committee Reports

Ginger Bason, State President, reminded us of the state conference coming up in October. You should look at state website for more information. She also announced that the trip to Cuernavaca is filling up fast. Please talk to Eleanor Tuck if you're interested. This should be a very educational trip.

Donna Fry, Raffle, announced that this is the last day to buy raffle tickets for the BBQ grill. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The new raffle item will be a Ryobi weed eater. She also announced that the interns are raffling gift baskets to help pay for their project, a container garden at the Community Garden.

Sue Kelley, Plant Sale, reminded us that the plant sale is April 13. She thanked everyone for their help and asked that we spread the word to all our friends about the sale. She especially thanked people who brought heritage plants.

Jeanie Browning, Caladiums, announced that this year she sold 10,200 bulbs. She thanked her crew for all their hard work. Please do not plant your caladiums until it's warmer and keep the bulbs in a warm place till then. She is also taking orders for oxblood lilies and spider lilies. They will be available for pickup at the July meeting.

There is no old business

There is no new business.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

**Respectfully Submitted
Donna Morris, Secretary**

Announcements

BBQ will be available for lunch today for \$5.00. Proceeds go to next year's projects.

Steve Purdy says the directory is being proofed. Pictures can be retaken now through November for next year's directory.

Cathy Sabin lost a calendar with her name on it. If you find it please return it to her.

Debbie Morrison of Metroport Meals on Wheels is asking gardeners to share their harvest with the organization.

Bill Vandever asked that you not use the Community Garden as a dumping ground. Please ask before you bring items out.

Two Wonderful Trouble-Free Fall Blooming Bulbs

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Rhodophila bifida,
the Oxblood Lily



Rhodophila bifida,
the Oxblood Lily
in Jeanie's garden



Lycoris radiata
the Red Spider
Lily in Jeanie's
garden

Rhodophila bifida, the Oxblood Lily is also known as the Schoolhouse Lily. It was often planted around early pioneer schoolhouses and blooms about the time school starts in early September. This perennial bulb is a very reliable fall bloomer. It can be planted almost any time of the year. The strappy green foliage thrives in the cool weather and may or may not die back in the summer. This tough little bulb is originally native to Argentina and is believed to have been brought to Texas by early German settlers in the Hill Country of Texas. It requires sun or bright shade. Plant this little beauty at a depth of about twice the height of the bulb. It has a very long neck; some of which may be above soil level. It's not native but loves this part of Texas and is proud to be here!

Lycoris radiata, also called the Red Spider Lily, can be planted from late spring through early fall. This perennial bulb is dormant during the hottest part of the summer, but with late summer rain or irrigation it blooms in the fall. The bulb suddenly sends up a beautiful red flower first; later the foliage appears. This winter foliage does well under deciduous trees as well as sunny areas, as long as it gets about a half day of winter sun. The foliage disappears once warm weather arrives, usually by early May. Plant the bulb at a depth of about twice its height for best results. You will love this Southern heirloom bulb that grows very well in our area.

Both of these bulbs are members of the amaryllis family which are avoided by critters.

Jeanie Browning
MG Bulb Sales

TCMG EDUCATION

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2 hours CEU credit for
Master Gardeners

**Tarrant County Master Gardener
classes at the
TCMGA
Community Demonstration Garden**
© Resource Connection of Tarrant County
Circle Drive, Fort Worth, Texas

To register contact Billie Hammack
blhammack@ag.tamu.edu 817-884-1296
Office Hours Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm
Pre-registration required

All classes are held at the TCMGA Garden or building 2300
At the Resource Connection of Tarrant County.

Class fees vary depending upon materials and
may be paid on the day of the class. Cash or checks only.

Classes may be canceled if a minimum of 6 participants are not
registered one week prior to the date of the class.

Friday, May 3, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Backyard Chickens**
Donna Morris Lecture, Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, May 4, 2013 2 pm – 4 pm **Earth-Kind Gardening**
Beverly Beazley, Theresa Thomas, Bill Hall Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Herbs**
Rita Hottel and the Herb Team Lecture & Tour
Cost: \$5 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion & Herb Garden Class limit: 20

Saturday, May 11, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Bugs**
Linda Hawkins, Lance Jepson, Eleanor Tuck Lecture & Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Mesquite Rm Class limit: 30

Saturday, May 18, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Survive & Thrive**
Jamie Hart Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Mesquite Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, May 25, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Cement Leaves**
Tammy Edwards, Pat Higgins, Nancy Curl Make & Take
Cost: \$25 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, June 1, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Cement Mushrooms**
Tammy Edwards, Pat Higgins, Jeanie Browning, Nancy Curl Make & Take
Cost: \$25 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, June 8, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Canning & Making Jelly**
Bill Vandever, Pat Higgins, Henry Cole, Nancy Curl Lecture & Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, June 15, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Ornamental Grasses**
Starr Krottinger, Marilyn Cox Lecture & Tour
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8 am – 10 am **Prune Blackberries**
Steve Chaney, Char McMorro Lecture & Hands-on
Cost: None TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Container, Chair & Fairy Garden**
Susanne Mills, Nancy Curl Lecture & Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, July 13, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Fall Vegetable Gardening**
Bill Vandever, Pat Higgins, Lance Jepson, Beverly Beazley Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, July 20, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Glass Totems**
Tammy Edwards, Pat Higgins, Nancy Curl Make & Take
Cost: \$25 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 20

Saturday, August 3, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Bring Your Own Bowling Ball**
Donna Morris Make & Take
Cost: \$Undetermined RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 20

Saturday, August 10, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Companion Planting**
Linda Hawkins Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, August 17, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Native Plants**
Callie Mitchell Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, September 21, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Perennials**
Joanne Hahn, Ginger Bason, Jaime Hart Lecture & Tour
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, October 5, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Mosaic Stone**
Gay Larson, Claudia Teague, Pat Higgins, Donna Morris Make & Take
Cost: \$Undetermined TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, October 26, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Glass Orb Terrarium**
Claire Alford Make & Take
Cost: \$12 TCMGA Garden, Greenhouse Class limit: 20

Saturday, November 16, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Broken Pot Fairy Garden**
Donna Morris, Claudia Teague Lecture & Demo
Cost: \$Undetermined RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 20

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EDUCATION

Cont'd



Fort Worth Botanic Garden
Tarrant County Master Gardener
Classes for families in the
Children's Vegetable Garden



For more information and to register contact Billie Hammack
blhammack@ag.tamu.edu 817-884-1296
Office Hours Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm
Pre-registration required

Saturday, May 4, 2013 10 am **Propagation - Seeds**
Instructors - Master Gardener Propagation Specialists
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Greenhouse
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20

Saturday, May 18, 2013 10 am **Backyard Chickens**
Instructor - Master Gardener
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20

Tuesday, June 11, 2013 10 am **Herbs**
Instructor - Master Gardener Herb Specialist
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 10 am **Cement Leaves**
Instructor - Master Gardener
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20
Materials: \$10 per family

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10 am **Fall Vegetable Gardening**
Instructors - Master Gardener Vegetable Specialists
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20

Saturday, July 27, 2013 10 am **Butterfly Puddler**
Instructor - Master Gardener
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20
Materials: \$15 per family Make & Take

Saturday, August 10, 2013 10 am **Flower Pounding**
Instructor - Master Gardeners
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20
Materials: \$10 per family Make & Take

Saturday, September 28, 2013 10 am **Gourds & Gourd Bird House**
Instructor - Master Gardeners
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20
Materials: \$5 per family Make & Take

Saturday, November 9, 2013 10 am **Glass Orb Terrarium**
Instructor - Master Gardener
Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion
Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child Class limit: 20
Materials: \$8 per family Make & Take

All classes are held in the

Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Children's
Vegetable Garden.

Children must be 5 yrs old or older and
must be accompanied by a parent or
grandparent.

Class fees vary depending upon materi-
als.

Classes may be canceled if a minimum
of 6 participants are not registered one
week prior to the date of the class.

TCMGA

Specialist Training



Master Gardener Specialist Composter Training

Class 4

Hosted by Bexar County – San Antonio

This Master Gardener Specialist Composter Training was created as an intensive multi-day training that would empower Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service efforts in Earth-Kind® environmental educational programs in their counties.

When: June 12 thru June 14, 2013
Wednesday Friday

Where: San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place 78209

Time: June 12-13 class starts at 8 am – 5 pm
June 14 class starts at 9 am – 12 noon



Registration Fee is \$225 and payable to:

Hort Acct: 218310-60003, mail to Texas A&M AgriLife Ext Svc,
Attn: Angel Torres, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230.
This includes 2 lunches, 1 dinner, snacks, and other goodies.

Payment and application must be in our office by Monday, May 20. Cancellation must be made no later than Friday, May 24, as there will be a \$100 surcharge.

Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Texas A&M University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for our events for all persons with disabilities. We request that you contact our office at least two weeks in advance of an event to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you require.



Master Gardener Specialist Training Conclave

May 28-May 31, 2013 on Texas A&M Campus
Three specialist trainings will be offered twice over 4 days

MG Vegetable Specialist; Course Director-Joe Masabni
MG Earth-Kind Landscape Specialist; Course Director-Mengmeng Gu
MG Pecan Specialist; Course Director-Monte Nesbitt

The MG Specialist Conclave is an opportunity for certified master gardeners to gain specialist training in one or more subject areas in a conference setting. Three specialist courses will be taught concurrently at the Texas A&M Horticultural Sciences Department building on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station, Texas. Certified master gardeners with approval and support of their county coordinator may register for one or two training sessions listed below.

Course (Seating Limited to 50 Per Session!)	Dates	Early-Bird Registration Through April 15**	Regular Registration after April 15**
Vegetable Specialist	May 28-29 or May 30-31	\$225	\$250
Earth-Kind Landscape Specialist	May 28-29 or May 30-31	\$225	\$250
Pecan Specialist	May 28-29 or May 30-31	\$225	\$250

**Master Gardeners completing their requirements for two of these specializations are eligible for \$100 in rebates from the Texas Master Gardener Association (\$50 rebate/ each specialty).

On-Line Registration: <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> (keyword Master Gardener)

Course Descriptions-All three courses involve 16 hours of classroom instruction spanning two days, as listed above. Registrants must begin and complete each session during the listed dates (no exceptions). 20 hours of volunteer service must be completed in one year.

Pecan: The pecan specialist training is intended to prepare a master gardener to recognize common home pecan production problems (insects, nutritional disorders, diseases) commonly seen in county extension offices and to provide guidance to homeowners in water, fertilizer, tree training and other basic pecan cultural practices. The course also prepares the specialist to coordinate and assist in management of a county or regional pecan show with directed training in the area of pecan variety identification, sample preparation and judging.

Vegetable: The vegetable specialist training will address topics necessary to increase knowledge and improve skills in vegetable gardening. Topics covered include soil building, garden location and setup, insect, disease, and weed management, organic options, raised bed gardening. The workshop will also consist of a hands-on tomato grafting session where participants will graft their own plants and take home for planting.

Earth-Kind Landscape: The Earth-Kind Landscape training will expose master gardeners to Earth-Kind landscape principals and prepare them with basic knowledge on how to identify and solve common landscape problems. This training will also focus on one of the Earth-Kind landscape principals: proper plant selection, as proper plant selection and care reduces landscape inputs in the future. Plant materials will include a wide range of woody and herbaceous plants, and a 'tree walk' on campus will be part of the training.

Logistics-Texas A&M University is located in College Station, Texas. Drive time is 1.5 hours from Houston, 2.0 hours from Austin, 3.0 hours from San Antonio, and 3.0 hours from Dallas-Fort Worth. The dates for the MGS Conclave are between the TAMU spring and summer semesters when few students are on campus. Bryan/College Station is served by Easternwood Airport (code CLL) which has daily flights by United Airlines and American Airlines.

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION



Are you planning to take a specialist class?
Or have you recently taken a specialist class?
Did you know that TCMGA will reimburse half of your tuition?

Go to http://tarrantmg.org/tcmga_new_website_032.htm
for specialist training reimbursement form.

May Guest Speaker

Mary, Mary How Does Your Herb Garden Grow?



Our own Rita Hottel, will present the program: *Rita, Rita, How Does Your Herb Garden Grow? Herbs That Like Their Garden.* Have you tried herbs but found some grew and others did not? Rita, the lead in the herb garden in the Community and Demonstration Garden, will help us choose herbs that like to share the same light and water requirements for our own back yards. Rita will help us select not only which herbs to plant together, but which ones attract butter-

flies or humming birds and which are good for cooking!

In the afternoon, she will demonstrate some of her delicious recipes for oils and vinegars for using all those herbs that you have grown! Sharing our produce with friends and family makes for wonderful presents that are always the right size and truly appreciated!

This will be a fun day with information to take home and use this very summer!

Don't forget to come early and bring your checkbook, because May is our vendor month! You may be able to purchase the very herbs that Rita describes so you can create your herb garden immediately!

Taddie Hamilton
1st VP—Programs

TCMG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2013

2 Jackie Peel, Blas Villarreal
5 Amanda Kowalski
8 Joe Sanders
9 Joan Schmidt, Lynn Hayes, Marjorie Day
12 Judy Ratzlaff, Pam Braak, Shirley Mills
13 Pat Higgins
18 Mike Goode
21 Maggie Camperlengo, Robert Craig
25 Imeldo Castro, Susan Cullen
26 Gay Larson, Caryn Hutchinson
27 Judith Kelly
29 Debby Haberly
31 Joyce Colgrove, Chris Senerote

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

Speakers Bureau Update

I still have several badges to give out before the end of the year. I know, or at least I believe, that there are several Speakers' Bureau Members that have not applied for the badge. I believe that many of you that are speaking before clubs, creating PowerPoints, and, taking specialists courses are eligible for the badge. Many of you have not taken the time to apply.

WHY NOT APPLY TODAY? If you want help, I will guide you through the process. It is not difficult and you can proudly wear the badge at all events.

How do I earn the SB Badge? Each member must earn their way to a badge dangle by performing a specific number of talks and presentations and reporting the results of the presentation to the Library Chairman, Theresa Thomas. To earn a dangle you would have to amass 100 points during the current fiscal year. This first year the dangle would be given as soon as it is earned at the next regular meeting.

Vendor Tables Coming!



Vendors will display their wares at the May



Directory/Membership Updates

The new 2013 Directories will be available at the next meeting in May.

If you have changes in your contact information, please contact Steve Purdy at spurdy06@sbcglobal.net

TCMGA Master Gardener Offers Advice to The Mobility Project



The Tarrant County Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden in Fort Worth, Texas, features an Enabling Garden that highlights the possibilities for accessible gardens. Pan beds in different heights allow wheelchair users to simply roll their chairs under the bed. Photos by Elisha Bury.

The Mobility Project sought assistance with building an enabling garden and reached out to our own MG Lance Jepson.

You can find the article and Lance's sage advice in the article at:

<http://themobilityproject.com/articles/2013/03/01/intothegarden.aspx>

If I have overlooked you, please let me present your badge at the next meeting. If I have overlooked you please let me know so that I can present your badge. If you have any questions, please forward them to Lance Jepson, Badge Committee chairman. All questions and applications should be forwarded to me via E-mail. If you do not have an application, you can attain one from the web-site or send an email.

Lance Jepson
Speakers' Bureau Badge Chairman

TCMGA Raffle

A new raffle item! A gas-powered weed eater will be raffled at the May meeting.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. And remember that the money goes to support our projects.

Donna Fry
Raffle Committee

Thank you for your Help!

TCMGA would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the following MGs for assisting with the Rose Sale:

Sue Kelley	Pat Higgins
Bill Vandever	Patsy Miller
Julie Taber	James Guthrie
Sherry Whit	Sandy Dhabolt
Linda Kitson	Charlotte Berck
Diane Hughes	Pat Engel
Joan McRay	Debbie Rasmussen
Steve Chaney	

Couldn't have done it without you!

Susan Stanek
Rose Sale Chairman

May 2013 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8a Thistle Hill 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15pFitzgerald	2 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Meeting	3	4 8:30a Common NRH 9am Composting Demo—Veterans Park 9am Veterans Park—Wildscape TCMGA CG Class: Earth-Kind Gardening FWBG Children's Veggie Class—Propagation Seeds
5 Ft. Worth Mayfest	6 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	7 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day TCMGA CG Class: Herbs Pizza Ranch	8 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15pFitzgerald Pizza Ranch	9 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial 9a FW Hulen Lbrary Ft. Worth Mayfest	10 9a JPS Meditation Garden Ft. Worth Mayfest	11 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse TCMGA CG Class: Bugs
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Notable May Events

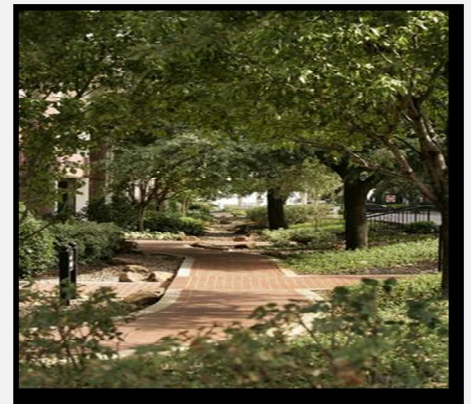
- TCMGA Meeting—May 2
- Ft. Worth Mayfest—May 2—5
- FWBG Children's Vegetable Garden Classes—May 4 & 18
- TCMGA CG Classes—May 4, 7, 11, 18 & 25
- Pizza Ranch—May 7-8
- Mother's Day—May 12
- Waterama—May 14—15
- TCMGA Field Trip—May 28
- Memorial Day—May 27
- TCMGA Specialist Training Conclave—May 28—31

TCMGA And Local Events

May Field Trip—May 28

Come tour the grounds of **Dallas Baptist University** and before you drive home why not visit the **Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery**. The flags will be out honoring our fallen troops from May 25th – 31st.

Claire Alford
Activities



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June 14-21, 2013

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Colleyville Garden Club

Promenade Garden Tour 2013



Sunday, May 5th 11:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

HALF-DAY SHIFTS AVAILABLE (10:30 - 1:30PM OR 1:00 - 4:00PM)
SIGN UP FOR FULL DAY, OR HALF-DAY, SHIFTS*

*PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN TAYLOR AT 817.366.2232 OR SFT.TAYLOR@GMAIL.COM W/YOUR NAME, PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE #. PLEASE ALSO INDICATE YOUR SHIFT PREFERENCE. THANK YOU!

Colleyville Garden Club appreciates the volunteer efforts of the Tarrant County Master Gardeners at our Promenade Garden Tour. We appreciate your time and expertise; tour attendees appreciate it too! For those MG's working the entire day, you are invited to the pre-tour on Saturday morning to view all the gardens. TCMG: use code #203 for recording volunteer hours.



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Alaskan Cruise
September 7—14,
2013



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Thursday—Saturday
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2013 Proposed Meeting Programs

May 2	Rita Hottel – <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>
June 6	Backyard Gardens at Eagle Mountain Lake - 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)
June 27	(the week before) <i>Your Junk is My Treasure</i> - Garage Sale - Program – <i>Intern Projects!</i> Intern Class of 2013 will present their power points (Per Steve: The Interns will create power points either separately or in teams as their project)
August 1	John Thomas owner of Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg – <i>Planting Wildflowers That Will Grow in North Texas</i> PM – <i>Making a Wildflower Bed</i> BBQ
September 5	Debbie Garrett, Bobby Price , 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
October 3	Bill Utley – 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>
November 7	Trip Smith – <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>
December 5	Christmas Luncheon – Place TBA \$20.00 each

TCMGA Volunteer Opportunities

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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 Project Leads	Bill Vandever, bvandever@sbcglobal.net		817-244-1580
Community Garden, Tuesdays			
Barn Beds	Charlotte Berck, caberck@dot11net.		817-426-6417
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting			
Community Vegetable Beds	Pat Higgins, ragdollpath@sbcglobal.net		817-946-6278
Demonstration and Enabling Beds	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com & Pat Higgins	817-557-6122	817-946-6278
Enabling Garden	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Tuesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-929-6847
Hospitality (Cook-outs)	Beverly Beazley, babeazley@tx.rr.com		817-483-7080
Orchard	Char McMorro, charlenemcmorrows@sbcglobal.net		817-228-4548
Perennial Garden	Ginger Bason & Joann Hahn, gbason@hotmail.com, joannhahn@att.net	817-838-7321	817-923-9250
Plant Sales	Sue Kelley and Peggy Harwood sandrkelley@sbcglobal.net, peggyjwh@gmail.com	817-233-7118	817-821-4988
Potting Shed	Pat Lovejoy, palovejoy@att.net		817-447-7924
Rain Barrel Construction	Claudia Teague, cteague@flash.net		817-444-2247
Rose Garden, Tuesdays	Nan Garvin, garbre@hotmail.com		817-477-2867
304 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 8 am	Sue Fair	817-266-2514
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 am	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden	Wed. & Sat 8:30am-12n	Dianne Spradling Sandra Totty	817-431-4666 817-281-7877
304 Six Stones/City of Bedford Community Garden-		Annette Lee	214-803-2219
304 The Samaritan House	Tues. 8 am-11 am	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 9 am	Bernice Ramsbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chair	817-488-0035 817-481-4398
<u>Environmental Projects:</u>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin	817-581-1850
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	2nd Thurs 9 am	Bill Hall/ Theresa Thomas	817-737-9890 817-485-6789
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Southlake Liberty Garden	Call Chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Thurs., 8-11 am		
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Wed. 9 am-12 noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
	1st Sat., 9 am-12 noon		
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd Wed. 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<u>School Gardens:</u>			
306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE	Mon 9 am & Wed 3:15pm	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 Heritage School OLE	Mon. 8-10 am	Pam Braak & Harold Annis	817-488-5665 817-481-6242
306 Durham Intermediate School	Wed 9am	Bea Wilson	817-401-2179

Important Websites to Know!

Our local TCMGA website:

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

State MG Website and TMG news:

<http://www.texasmastergardeners.com>

State Newsletter:

<http://www.tmgnewsletter.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 Texas:

<http://www.brit.org>

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