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"Fall Planting is Still the Best Planting"

By Author Judy Barrett,, from Judy Barrett Homegrown website

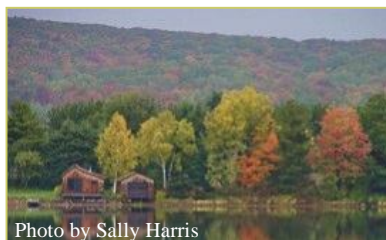


Photo by Sally Harris

You hear it every year. But do you take it to heart? Yet, it is true. Fall is the very best time to plant almost everything in your garden. This is true everywhere, but especially true in Texas.

Why? Because spring in Texas comes and goes very quickly. One day it is a beautiful cool spring day and the next day it is hot as blazes. It is uncomfortable enough

for people, but imagine those poor little plants. In the best of all climates, the weather would warm gradually, letting the plants adapt at a reasonable rate, but in Texas, they are trying to send down roots, put on leaves, flower, make seeds and grow taller all at the same time — and all while the weather is putting additional stress on them.

If you plant in the fall, on the other hand, the weather is getting gradually cooler rather than suddenly hotter. There is less stress. Plants often get rainwater from fall showers. The soil is a manageable temperature and the plants don't have to do a lot of growing, flowering and leafing out right away. They can concentrate their effort during the winter months on establishing a healthy and strong root system. Then, when spring comes, they have the necessary underground support to get busy making leaves, flowers, fruit and seeds.

What? All perennial plants will do best if planted in the fall. That includes shrubs, ornamental and shade trees, roses, herbs, perennial flowers, fruit and nut trees and bushes, grass, artichoke, garlic, spring-flowering bulbs and perennial vines. Early spring and winter blooming annuals also need to be planted in the fall, including Sweet peas, Onion seed, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Lettuces, Spinach, Calendula, Pansy and others.

Small plants should probably go into the ground in October. Garlic, perennial herbs, roses, and other shrubs will profit from being planted in October before the really cold weather sets in and when there is a good chance of rain. Trees should be planted when they are dormant, in the middle of winter. The rule of thumb is that if your plant is growing in a container, it can be planted almost any time during the growing season, and the fall is the best. If you are planting a bare root plant, wait until the weather is cold and the leaves have all fallen from the trees.

Cool weather veggies can go into the ground beginning in September depending on where you live. Plant seeds or seedlings according to the Extension Service's chart of planting dates for your area. You can find it at your local Extension office or online. Texas A&M has websites for various areas and counties in the state. Search for yours for a specific list. The further south you are, the later your planting dates will be. In Central

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Fall Planting—continued

Texas, for example, carrots don't go into the ground until November.

What else? If you haven't amended your soil since spring, it is definitely time. All that spring and summer growing has probably used up all the nutrients that were in your soil. Not only does growing use up nutrients, but all the rain we had this year will have washed away many minerals and much organic material.

Fall is always a good time to add organic material to the soil because it has a few months of cool weather in which to break down and become incorporated into the soil. A good deep layer of mulch applied to the garden in late summer or early fall will serve several purposes. It will protect the topsoil from runoff in case of rain or wind in case it is dry. It will moderate the temperature of the soil and keep it from getting too cold or too hot. As the mulch lays on top of the soil, it creates an ideal environment for earthworms and other soil critters that make our gardens more fertile. The mulch also discourages the growth of weeds around your plants. Weeds, as you know, will gobble up the available nutrients and sunshine, depriving your favorite plants of the elements they need. The mulch won't let weed seeds get down to the soil where they can sprout and it makes other weeds struggle to get enough sunlight to thrive. The weeds that do make it through the mulch layer are easy to pull out. The layer of mulch next to the soil is also slowly breaking down and becoming plant food as it turns to compost. Just by adding mulch to your garden in the fall, you will have improved your soil dramatically by springtime.

In addition to being an excellent time to add mulch to the garden, fall is a good time to work manure, compost, mineral powders and other organic supplements into the soil. All of these goodies will combine over the winter to provide a perfect planting medium for your spring plants.

When you add plants to your garden in the fall, give them a healthy dose of compost to get them off to a good start, put a good layer of mulch around them and give them several good soakings with a blend of seaweed, fish emulsion, and molasses or a product that combines those ingredients. Those products will help your new plants get off to a good start and protect them from many diseases that can attack young, weak plants. Fish emulsion is a gentle fertilizer that contains nitrogen and other essential nutrients. It is made from whole fish or fish products and is especially good at keeping your plants from suffering from stress as a result of transplanting or extremes in the weather. Fish emulsion provides a slow-release of significant amounts of nitrogen and lesser amounts of potash, phosphorus, calcium and other minerals. All are necessary to healthy plant growth,

Seaweed contains essential trace elements and growth stim-

ulants which keep your plants happy and healthy as they develop strong roots and stems. Molasses feeds the micro-organisms in the soil that are necessary to your plant's ability to absorb any nutrients that you give them. These three essential ingredients will make a gentle, natural fertilizer that keeps your plants healthy year-round. You can use these products on any plant at any time. You don't have to worry about burning or polluting or any other bad effect that comes with chemical fertilizers. They are also credited with discouraging insect pests. Seaweed is especially good at preventing spider mites when sprayed on susceptible plants regularly.

You can even use this dandy mix indoors on your houseplants or on the plants you bring in to protect in the winter. Aside from a temporary scent of the ocean (I tell my husband to pretend he's on vacation), this blend is great for using on every plant you own, indoors or out. Use it more frequently during the growth periods of the year — spring and fall — and cut back to occasional use in high summer and winter.

Then what? If you plant in the fall as recommended and build your soil, you will find that your spring gardening tasks will be much easier to accomplish. Your plants will be happy, healthy and ready to start putting out all those leaves, flowers and fruit you were hoping for when you planted them. You will have fewer weeds, fewer bugs and generally a more self-sustaining garden because of your autumn efforts.



Judy Barrett is the founding editor and publisher of **HOME GROWN: Good Sense Organic Gardening** (now available via email). She was previously the editor of *The New Garden Journal* and one of the hosts of the public television series, *The New Garden*. A long-time organic gardener, Judy writes for various regional and national gardening publications.

She is also the author of several gardening books including **Tomatillos: A Gardener's Dream A Cook's Delight** and **How To Become An Organic Gardener in 7 Easy Steps**. She is an occasional columnist on gardening for *Edible Austin*, *Acres U.S.A.*, *Harris Old Farmer's Almanac* and other publications.



**Patsy Miller,
TCMGA President**

**“Thanks to
all of you that
participated in
the Arlington
Ecofest on
September
21!”**



President's Message

Hello, Fellow Gardeners,

Hope as you read this that the weather is getting cooler – but I'm not counting on it!

Thanks to all of you that participated in the Arlington Ecofest on September 21. It was the first time for us to have a booth, but not the first time to participate. Many of you have helped teach others to create a rain barrel or provided educational talks – all of which were provided again this year in addition to our booth. Some of you are members of the Arlington Men's Garden Club and have had a booth for many years teaching vegetable gardening.

Others of us will be volunteers at the Fort Worth Open Day garden tour on Oct. 13. If you are not volunteering, I hope you will visit some or all of the six homes. They are all very different and are great for getting ideas for your garden. Our own Kathi O'Riordan's home is on the tour and is an example of a 1950s "low ranch." It sits high off the street and has a number of grade changes. Unexpected material was used for the retaining walls.

A number of you have already volunteered to be part of next year's regional conference on tomatoes. A specific date hasn't been set, but opinions from experienced tomato growers are telling me that March may be the best time for a conference. There will be lots of opportunities to help out as it takes many committees to make it all come together. And you don't have to know a thing about tomatoes!

Election of 2014 officers will be held at the October meeting. There will be another opportunity to nominate from the floor. Besides the elected officers, TCMGA operates so well because of the many committees doing their job behind the scenes. These are opportunities to use your skills and talents – or learn new ones. And feel free to use creative thinking in getting the job done. There will be a signup sheet listing many of the volunteer opportunities.

A couple of openings include the Speakers Bureau and Hospitality Chairs. Speakers Bureau is a great job for someone who may have physical limitations. Previous chairmen have developed great processes that are already in place. Of course, you can add your own touches and refinements.

The Hospitality Committee is a great team effort and operates as a well-oiled machine. The chairman – or co-chairmen – work with a team of volunteers (more volunteer opportunities!) each month to see that Master Gardeners are well-fed. Natalie Wistrand or Marianne Levine would be glad to give you details of what is involved.

Remember that beginning November 1, MGs will be recording their volunteer hours at www.texas.volunteersystem.org. The system is very user friendly. Anyone who does not have computer access will be assisted by his/her timekeeper. Timekeepers will continue to be available to provide assistance in 2014. You can start practicing now and you don't have to wait to enter hours just once a month. You can do it as you complete them.

One last thought. Judi Ketchum, head of the Resource Connection, has reminded us to always get maintenance help in moving tables. She is very conscious of safety. She also asks us to report any accident that occurs at the 2300 Building to Mike McNeal who offices there.

**Patsy Miller
TCMGA President**

TCMGA General Meeting—September 2013

President Patsy Miller called the business meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. There were 194 members and guests in attendance. A quorum was certified.

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

Executive Board

Taddie Hamilton, First Vice President programs, announced that the October speaker will be Bill Utley, president of the Fort Worth Cactus and Succulent Society. The afternoon session, presented by Mary Utley, Bill's wife, and is entitled, "Can You Really Eat That?"

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means, announced this is the last chance to order organic fertilizer (\$16/bag) and roses (1 gal./\$10). Both items will be available for pick up before the October 3rd meeting. Worm castings are still available at \$25/bag. Order bulbs (10 varieties) at September and October meetings; pick up will be at the November meeting. Memorial bricks for the pavilion are available for order (\$35). Three members have not picked up their Felco pruners. November is Vendor Month. Tables for MGs are \$10; vendor tables are \$25. Ways & Means will not sell items at the November meeting.

Steve Chaney, CEA, announced:

- Speaker's Bureau chair position is open. Interested members should contact Steve.
- Refugee Services is in need of one or two MGs to serve as volunteer advisors.
- TCMGA is looking for a JMG/Children's coordinator. This is a great opportunity to impact children with the help of your fellow MG's.
- As a reminder, phone duty should be completed by the end of October. MGs who have not completed their phone duty are encouraged to schedule their time in September.
- MG Tree Specialist program is being offered. This is a new program and a volunteer who is knowledgeable, interested and able to assist is being sought.

Pam Braak, Treasurer was not in attendance. Her report was given by Patsy Miller.

Treasurer's Report For Month Ended August 31, 2013

Cash, Beginning 8/12/2013	\$ 29,613.17
Deposits during month	\$ 2,682.75
Checks during month	<u>\$ 4,603.61</u>
Cash, Ending 8/31/2013	\$ <u>27,692.31</u>

There were no questions and the report was filed.

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TCMGA General Meeting—August 2013 (cont'd)

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Committee Reports

Susan Stanek, Nominating Committee, thanked the nominating committee members and explained the upcoming process to the general membership.

Nominees for 2014:

President: **Patsy Miller**
1st Vice President, Programs:
Marianne Levine
2nd Vice President, Ways & Means:
Marilyn Satterfield
Secretary: **Theresa Thomas**
Treasurer: **Starr Krottinger**

Patsy Miller determined a quorum was met and called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made. Patsy announced that the nominations are open until the October meeting. Members may nominate at the meeting October; voting will take place at the October meeting.

Ginger Bason, Texas Master Gardener President, announced that posters and post cards with Grden Conservancy Open Days Program Tours are available. MGs are asked to promote the event with their friends and families.

A Cuernavaca, Mexico tour has been scheduled for January 10-17, 2014. The Botanical Gardens in Jardine de Mexico will be a part of the tour.

Claire Alford, Activities, reminded everyone of the field trip to McKinney on September 19.

The trip includes a tour of the Chamberville Tree Farm, a driving tour of Crepe Myrtle Trail and Three Creek Gardens. This latest addition to the tour features fields of daylilies. A box lunch is \$10. Speakers will be provided by the Collin County MGs.

Announcements

Membership dues for 2014 are being collected by Steve Purdy. Payment is due by October 31, 2013.

Photos are being taken for the 2014 membership directory through November. If your photo was not in current directory or you would like an updated photo in the new directory, visit the photo studio in the back of the meeting room.

Volunteers are needed for the Arlington EcoFest, Saturday, September 21st. TCMGA will have an information booth and a propagation activity will be conducted next to the booth. Shifts begin at 10 a.m. to help set up and end at 6:30 p.m. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board or see Patsy. Several MGs will be presenting talks throughout the day.

Regional Conference 2013, "All About Tomatoes" will be hosted by TCMGA. March is being considered as a possible time. A planning meeting will be scheduled as early as next week to set the date. Members are encouraged to volunteer regardless of their area of expertise. September education classes are also posted on the bulletin board along with Trophy Club Women's Garden Club Tour and the Dinner Tonight! Healthy Cooking School.

Project chairs are asked to see Judy Ratzlaff to pick up their project notebook.

Wildscape Plant Sale, Randol Mill Greenhouse, Arlington September 28th.

Donna Fry, Raffle, announced a weed eater is being raffled. Two painted cement leaves, with pre-drilled holes for a fountain, are the next items to be raffled.

Carol Lally, Time Keeping, announced a new online timekeeping system that will take effect November 1st. MGs are encouraged to visit the site www.texas.volunteersystem.org. The system is very user friendly. Anyone who does not have computer access will be assisted by his/her timekeeper. Timekeepers will continue to be available to provide assistance in 2014.

MGs who work at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden are reminded to submit hours separately to Larinda Smith. Deadline is October 31st. These hours can also be reported to TCMGA.

Old business

The proposed standing rule on selling products and services at MG meetings has been resubmitted by the Executive Board. The re-submitted version reads:

"Products or services sold during a Tarrant County Master Gardener Association meeting must have prior authorization by the Ways and Means Committee. Goods and services may only be sold during designated vendor meetings. One or more vendor meeting will be held throughout the year. The program speakers at monthly meetings will be exempt."

Motion was made and seconded. The motion carried by a majority vote.

New Business

None

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Ellen Schlitzer
for Donna Morris

Birth Flowers and Their Meaning



October's birth flower is the Calendula (Marigold). The Calendula (Marigold) symbolizes sorrow or sympathy.

The October Birth Flower, the Marigold is called the Calendula as the word means the first day of the month, referring to the fact that the marigold blooms at the beginning of the month throughout most months of the year.

Bird Month flower information attained from www.birthdaygems.org/

My Wife the Gardener

~ Peter (poem in old magazine)

She dug the plot on Monday the soil was rich and fine,
She forgot to thaw out dinner so we went out to dine...
She planted roses Tuesday she says they are a must,
They really are quite lovely but she quite forgot to dust.
On Wednesday it was daisies they opened up with sun,
All whites and pinks and yellows but the laundry wasn't done...
The poppies came on Thursday - a bright and cherry red,
I guess she really was engrossed she never made the bed...
It was violets on Friday in colors she adores,
It never bothered her at all all crumbs upon the floors
I hired a maid on Saturday my week is now complete,
My wife can garden all she wants the house will still be neat!
It's nearly lunchtime Sunday and I cannot find the maid,
Oh no! I don't believe it!
She's out there WITH THE SPADE!

You Know You're a Master Gardener When:



You know the temperature of your compost every day.

Name that Plant?

Skill: Intermediate

Description:

I am a perennial, named after a forest creature. In fact, I like to wear the pants wherever I am!

I am prized for my bold clumps of shiny green leaves topped with striking, 3-foot-tall spires of white flowers which are clasped by showy purple bracts. I am a great eye-catching structural element in a part-shade border.

I prefer partial-shade to shade. I grow to about 4 feet wide and tall. I am a spring bloomer.

Answer: Revealed next month.

Answer to Last Month's "Name That Plant":

Chocolate Plant



Photo from aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu

Do you have a "mystery plant? Write a "name that plant" paragraph and submit to jackieheidinger@verizon.net

TCMG EDUCATION—

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Tarrant County Master Gardener classes at the TCMGA

Community Demonstration Garden

@ Resource Connection of Tarrant County
Circle Drive, Fort Worth, Texas

Saturday, October 5, 2013

10 am – 12 noon

Mosaic Stone

Char McMorrow, Gay Larson, Claudia Teague, Pat Higgins, Donna Morris

Make & Take

Cost: \$25

TCMGA Garden, Pavilion

Class limit: 20

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

10 am – 12 noon

How to Make Herb Vinegar

Rita Hottel

Make & Take

Location: TCMGA Garden Pavilion @ Resource Connection of Tarrant County

Cost: \$10

Class limit:

20

Pre-registration required

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

Canceled

To register contact Billie Hammack

blhammack@ag.tamu.edu 817-884-1296

Office Hours Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm

Pre-registration required

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To Register, go to tarrantmg.org

Texas Water Star Conference

Resource Connection
Building 2300
2300 Circle Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Saturday, October 26, 2013
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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EDUCATION—



Fort Worth Botanic Garden

"Enriching people's lives through environmental stewardship and education"

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 10 am **Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Perennial Garden**

Members of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Perennial Garden Master Gardener Project conduct an informal tour of the Perennial Garden on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 am. The tour lasts approximately 45 minutes, with lots of time for questions.

The tour is free. No advanced reservations are needed. Just look for the sign in the BG and show up!

Thursday, October 10, 2013 9 am **Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Trial Garden**

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The tour is free. No advanced reservations are needed. Look for the sign in the BG and just show up!

Saturday, November 9, 2013

10 am

Glass Orb Terrarium

Instructor - Master Gardener

Make & Take

Location - Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Backyard Vegetable Garden Pavilion

Cost: \$8 per family (up to 4 family members)

Class limit: 20

Pre-registration required

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 10 am **Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Perennial Garden**

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The tour is free. No advanced reservations are needed. Just look for the sign in the BG and show up!

Thursday, November 14, 2013 9 am **Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Trial Garden**

Members of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Trial Garden Master Gardener Project conduct an informal tour of the Trial Garden on the second Thursday of the month at 9 am. The tour lasts approximately 45 minutes, with lots of time for questions.

The tour is free. No advanced reservations are needed. Look for the sign in the BG and just show up!

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 10 am **Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Perennial Garden**

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Thursday, December 12, 2013 9 am **Guided Tour of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Trial Garden**

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TCMGA Specialist Training

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To Register, go to tarrantmg.org

Master Gardener - Tree Care Specialist Program
October 28 - 30, 2013
Tarrant County Master Gardeners

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2013 Proposed TCMGA Meeting Programs

TCMGA Program—You Just Can't Have Too Many Plants!

That is the motto of Bill Utley, President of the Fort Worth Cactus and Succulent Society. His love for plants and succulents in particular, began with his Dad who grew agaves in large pots. As a teen, he was more interested in girls and fishing, but his Dad's agaves have always been a fond memory. Today some of his favorites are the agaves he grows in pots!

A fourth generation Texan, Bill has collected cactus and succulents from not only Texas but many places around the Southwest. As his collection grew, he naturally added a cactus garden and greenhouse. Bill says, "There have been lots of successes and lots of failures, but along the way I have learned a lot about plants and met lots of interesting people."

Bill and his wife Mary, who expanded the hobby to include cooking with cacti, live in Colleyville where they enjoy a *Coryphantha missouriensis* that was Bill's Dad's plant growing in a strawberry pot. Today it is a beautiful clump and still growing in the same pot. Bill and Mary will share their knowledge of growing cacti and succulents and even show Bill's other hobby, creating stoneware and terracotta pots for his plants as well as functional pottery which they use daily in their kitchen.

I hope to see you all there!

Taddie Hamilton
1st Vice President

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



Needed: Speakers Bureau Chairperson!

Must have Great coordination skills, be tenacious, have great follow-thru, be a good delegator etc. to handle the requests for talks the TCMGA receives each year. You don't have to speak yourself if you choose not to, just need someone to coordinate. All tools will be furnished, and you can do it from the convenience of your easy chair!!

Needed by October 1, 2013, please.

Community Demonstration Garden leads are sharing their plants

Public plant sale, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Thursday, October 3,
Community demonstration garden,
1801 Circle Drive at the Fort Worth Resource Connection.

This is the same day as our MG meeting. A variety of plants will be available from the leads' own gardens, propagation team and from TCMGA's project gardens around Tarrant County. Cash and check only.

- 1 Nancy Searl, Mary Reagor
- 7 Steve Chaney
- 11 Margaret Shuping
- 13 Gailon Hardin, Catherine Sabin
- 14 Karen Simmons, Mary Jane Goad
- 16 Susan Houston, Dick Pafford,
Lorie Grandclair-Diaz,
- 17 Dottie Bucy, Jeanie Browning,
- 18 Frank Durda, Donna Jobe,
Carole Vance
- 19 Bill Hall, Elena Bartzat, Lynda Ballou,
Marianne Levine
- 20 Betsy Kalina
- 27 Hope Porter
- 28 Nancy Hunter
- 30 Bill Vandever

Happy Birthday! October 2013

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

artanddorishill@verizon.net

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If you're wondering What's for **Dinner Tonight?**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has the answer! Visit our healthy living website at:

<http://healthyliving.tamu.edu>

View videos for quick and simple dishes your family will enjoy. Download the recipes for complete instructions and read our blog for simple tips to help you get a tasty meal on the table for your family's **Dinner Tonight**.

To receive weekly email updates of new videos and recipes send request to: Tanica Bell

FCS Administrative Assistant

tbell@ag.tamu.edu

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Directory/Membership Updates

Your TCMGA Membership fee for 2014 is due by Oct 31, 2013. Dues are still \$20.00 per year. You can pay your dues in person at the October meeting, by either cash, or check made out to TCMGA. If I have not received your dues by mid-September, I will send a reminder by US mail.

Also, please note Jackie Heidinger's new email address: jackieheidinger@verizon.net

If you have any questions, please call me at 817-545-7888 or email to spurdy06@sbcglobal.net.



Steve Purdy
Membership

October 2013 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	2 8a Thistle Hill 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter 3:15p Fitzgerald	3 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Meeting	4 9a BG BVG	5 8:30a Common NRH 9am Wildscape Composting Demo— Veterans Pk. TCMGA CG Class: Mosaic Stone
6 <i>"Behind the Garden Gate" ...Fall Into the Season Garden Tour</i>	7 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	8 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	9 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter 3:15p Fitzgerald Guided Tour of FW Botanic Gar- den Perennial Garden	10 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial 9a FW Hulen Libry Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden	11 9a JPS Meditation Garden 9a BG BVG	12 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Fall Plant Sale
13  The Garden Conservancy Open Days Program	14 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	15 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day TCMGA CG Class: How to Make Herb Vinegar	16 8a Thistle Hill 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 9a Bob Jones 3:15p Fitzgerald	17 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	18 9a BG BVG	19 8:30a Common NRH Dallas County Master Gardener Fall Garden Tour
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Notable October Events

- **TCMGA Meeting—October 3**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Perennial Garden—October 9**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden—October 10**
- **FWBG Fall Plant Sale—October 12**
- **FWBG Children's Vegetable Garden Classes—None scheduled this month**
- **TCMGA CG Classes—October 5, 15 & 26**
- **TCMGA Field Trip—None scheduled this month**
- **Texas AgriLife—Texas Water Star Conference—October 26**
- **TCMGA Specialist Training—October 28—30**
- **Behind the Garden Gate Garden Tour by Trophy Club Women's Club**

TCMGA and Local Events

Wildscape Fall Native Plant Sale

A large variety of native plants grown organically at the greenhouse by Wildscape volunteers including ground covers, perennials, shrubs, vines and trees

When: Saturday, September 28, 2013
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Randol Mill Park Greenhouse
1901 W Randol Mill Rd.
Arlington, TX
(The greenhouse is in the rear of the park behind the swimming pool.)



Vernonia baldwinii
Western Ironweed

For more details, map and pictures: www.thewildscape.org

Dallas County Master Gardener Fall Garden Tour

October 19, 2013 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

<http://www.dallascountymastergardeners.org/> website for \$15 until the day of the tour.



The Monarchs of Fall

10:30AM – Saturday, September 28, 2013
Grapevine Public Library
1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine

Sponsored by the Grapevine Garden Club – Admission is free

For further information call 817-410-3404.

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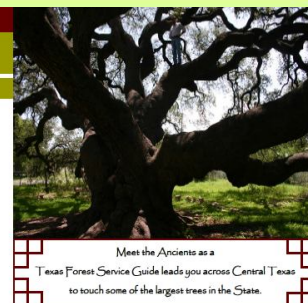
October 12
Ft. Worth Botanic
Garden
Fall Plant Sale

More info

[http://fwbg.org/
events/30/fall-plant-
sale/](http://fwbg.org/events/30/fall-plant-sale/)

October 25-27, 2013
Touch the
Largest Trees in
Texas

Big Tree Tour



Meet the Ancients as a
Texas Forest Service Guide leads you across Central Texas
to touch some of the largest trees in the State.

Cost: \$375

Saturday, Oct. 26

What's Included:

- Transportation
- Friday night Hotel Stay in Fredericksburg
- Saturday evening Crider's Cabins (these are GROUP cabins)
- Saturday Evening Camp side Dinner
- Sunday Morning Camp side Breakfast

Burdett Ranch, Former Champ Baldypress
Rio Frio Live Oak (Former State Champ)
Crider's Frio River Baldypress State Champ
Big Tree Ranch Baldypress (Former State Champ)
Crider's cabins in Concan. Camp side Dinner provided. These are GROUP cabins

Planned Itinerary:

Friday, Oct. 25
8:00am. Leave from Fort Worth
Benbrook Memorial Park
OakGranbury, Regional Live Oak
Comanche, Historic Live Oak
Johnson City, Champ Vines,
Champ Simulstree
Fredericksburg. Dinner on your own
Hotel Room Provided

Sunday, Oct. 27
Camp side Breakfast provided
Home via San Antonio

A \$150 deposit is required by
Sept. 29th to reserve a space

To Register Contact:
Courtney Blevins
cblevins@tfs.tamu.edu
817-479-3974

"Behind the Garden Gate"
...Fall Into the Season
Garden Tour
Presented by
Trophy Club Women's Club
Trophy Gardeners

Sunday, October 6, 2013
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
(rain or shine)
Trophy Club, Texas



September 28
Ft. Worth Botanic Garden
Iris and Daylily Sale

More info

<http://fwbg.org/events/29/iris-and-daylily-sale/>

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 Backyard Vegetable Garden	Fri. 9 am—12n	Nancy Curl	817-319-1795
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, charlenemcmorrow@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

Environmental Projects:

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

School Gardens:

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>

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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