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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

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"Drought and Salt"

By Laura M. Miller, County Extension Agent, Commercial Horticulture,, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Tarrant County

Drought and excess salinity in irrigation water go together like drought and lack of sufficient water for irrigation. As the quantity of available water in our lakes goes down so does the quality of that water. Water evaporates from lakes, rivers, and even the soil surface. Salts in that water do not.



Evaporation is not the only reason that irrigation with salty water is an issue during drought. As if to add additional salt to our water deprived wounds, the re-claimed (treated) waste water that becomes a more significant irrigation resource during times of drought also tends to be two to three times higher in salts than potable water from the same municipal system.

Reclaimed water is the only available landscape irrigation source that actually increases as population increases. Wastewater treatment requires that harmful biological contaminants be removed and that standards for pH, total suspended solids, dissolved oxygen and chlorine are met. There are no requirements to remove salts, and desalination is an expensive treatment.

Salts in water can't be seen, but can be easily measured with an electrical conductivity (EC) meter. EC is expressed in ds/m. One ds/m is equivalent to 640 ppm. High quality water will measure less than 1 EC, reclaimed water is generally 1.3 to 2.0 EC, and sea water is over 4.0 EC. When screening plants for salt tolerance, Dr. Genhua Niu at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension center in El Paso, used water with EC values ranging up to 7.4. That's salty.

The possibility that saline irrigation is in our future is high. Here are some tips for successful irrigation with salty water:

- Select salt tolerant plant material

Drought tolerant plants can often be recognized by their little/waxy/hairy/thick leaves, but salt tolerance in plants is not necessarily easy to see. It would be nice if drought tolerance

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Drought and Salt—continued

and salt tolerance always went together, but they don't. Some drought tolerant plants, such as Desert Willow, are not very salt tolerant. Some salt tolerant plants, like Oleander, have fairly high water requirements.

There are tools available to help identify salt tolerant, or halophytic, plants. The USDA halphyte database, <http://www.usssl.ars.usda.gov/pls/caliche/Halophyte.query>

has thousands of species and is searchable by genus, species, family and common name. Looking for a salt tolerant holly? Put in the genus *Ilex* and the answer will be *Ilex vomitoria* or Yaupon holly.

Dr. Niu's research is more extensive and specific to landscape plants commonly used in Texas. A look at her Photo Guide: Landscape Plant Response to Salinity <http://elpaso.tamu.edu/files/2011/10/Photo-Guide-Landscape-Plant-2004.pdf> will provide visual proof that Bermuda grass can take some salt, and that Texas sage is a great salty water shrub selection.

- Establish plantings with the highest quality water available

Any plant will be better able to handle saline irrigation when its roots are well established. Give plants the very best water that can be provided while they are getting started. This is an excellent use for captured rainwater. Avoid reclaimed water during establishment.

- Keep water off plant leaves

Most plants are more sensitive to salt on their leaves than in the soil solution. Plant visual quality is greatly reduced by leaf burn. Avoid sprinkler irrigation in favor of drip, soaker or other surface irrigation. If sprinklers are used to water salt tolerant turf, adjust the spray angle as low as possible to keep water off tree and shrub leaves.

- Improve soil drainage

Well drained soils allow leaching of salts during rainfall events. Aerification and the addition of organic material can improve drainage and minimize the accumulation of salts in the plant root zone.

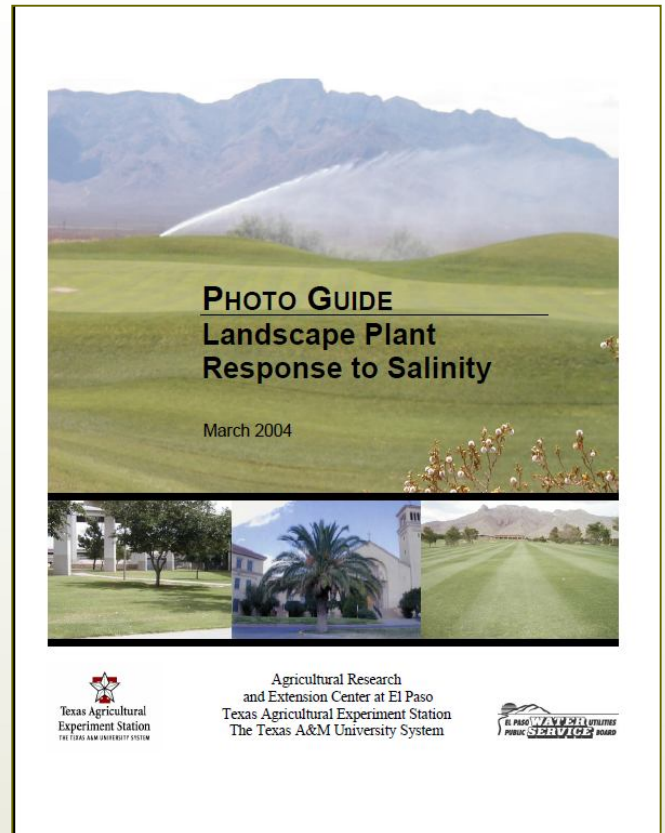
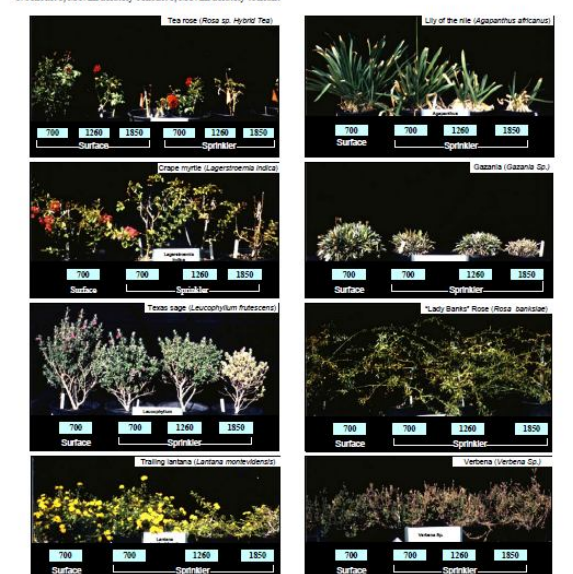


Photo Set B-2. Flowering Perennials and Shrubs Under Sprinklers.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Classification	Common Name	Scientific Name	Classification
Tes rose	(<i>Rosa</i> sp. Hybrid Tea)	S	Lily of the Nile	(<i>Agapanthus africanus</i>)	S
Crape myrtle	(<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>)	S	Gazania	(<i>Gazania</i> (<i>Gazania</i> sp.))	MS
Texas sage	(<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>)	MS	"Lady Banks" rose	(<i>Rosa banksiae</i>)	MT
Trailing Santana	(<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>)	MS	Verbena	(<i>Verbena</i> sp.)	MT





**Patsy Miller,
TCMGA President**

**“Thank all of
you who
participated in
the Fort
Worth Home
and Garden
Show!”**



President's Message

Hello, Fellow Gardeners,

Does it feel like fall yet? Probably not! And Master Gardeners have not slacked their pace despite the heat.

First, I want to thank all of you who participated in the Fort Worth Home and Garden Show. Whether it was on the planning committee, as a speaker or volunteer, or providing displays, we had some 35 people volunteering their time. Our booth was well attended with people especially interested in making a rain barrel and drought-tolerant plants. The show producers gave us special attention with signage, large stage area, Kids' Zone and television publicity.

With the home and garden show off our calendars, we need to focus our talents on some upcoming activities. We will be forming a Demonstration Garden Committee to help establish rules and procedures for use of the pavilion area. We hope to rent out the facility so we need to establish rules for use. We will need someone who is willing to take reservations. This will be a team effort, so you won't be doing all the work yourself.

Another team effort will be establishing the planning committee for the 2014 Regional Conference. Our 2012 conference was a success, and we can draw on the work of that group as a starting point. I think devoting the whole conference to the tomato is great – where else can the public get so much information about the #1 praised and lamented vegetable in one day? I think of so many directions you can go and the possibility of some fun break-out sessions.

Remember, these committees all count for certification hours and without dig-

ging in a garden! It is a great way to use your existing talents, learn some new ones, and meet Master Gardeners you didn't know before – while getting in your hours. Let me know if you are interested in serving on one of the committees or you know of someone who would be a good fit. I will do the contacting.

While our local association has adequate funds to meet our yearly budget needs, we have some big-ticket items we would like to do, such as a wrought iron fence around our demonstration garden. We are asking our members to be on the lookout for business sponsorships or grants that may be available to a group like ours. Local media, service groups, businesses and corporations have programs for organizations to help with their projects. If you hear of any opportunity in which TCMGA might qualify, please let Sue Ellen Schlitzer know.

Some housekeeping to attend to: Please wear your MG or intern badge to the monthly meetings. Since we meet at a public building with other activities going on, we have had some uninvited visitors come in and avail themselves of the various resources we have brought in for our members. Members are always welcome to bring family, friends and neighbors to our meetings, but also be considerate and maybe from time to time bring food to help with the lunch.

Thank you again for all you do,

**Patsy Miller
TCMGA President**

TCMGA General Meeting—August 2013

President Patsy Miller called the business meeting to order at 11:01a.m. and welcomed all our visitors. There were 210 in attendance, including visitors, interns, and certified master gardeners. A quorum was certified.

Executive Board

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

Taddie Hamilton, First Vice President programs, announced that the speaker in September will be Debbie Garrett of the Botanic Garden. She will speak on begonias, their propagation and hybridization. She will also bring several different varieties of begonias from the begonia greenhouse.

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means, announced that this month's raffle item is a garden spinner designed, made, and donated by Bob Beck. Organic fertilizer will be for sale in August and September for \$16 per bag, bulbs will be for sale in September and October, roses in August and September, and worm castings, \$25 per bag, until they are all sold. Felco pruners are in and ready to be picked up. Memorial bricks for the pavilion are available for order. The new wider lanyards along with holders are available for sale. November will be vendor month.

Steve Chaney, CEA, passed out evaluations for members to fill out. He announced that Tarrant County was paying for sandwiches for our lunch as a thank you for all our hard work.

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

Treasurer's Report For Month Ended July 31, 2013

Cash, Beginning 6/27/2013	\$31,044.47
Deposits during month	\$5,135.84
Checks during month	<u>\$6,567.14</u>
Cash, Ending 7/31/2013	<u>\$29,613.17</u>

There were no questions and the report was filed.

The garage sale made \$1,286, silent auction for projects made \$1,767. The Community Garden made \$706.

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Committee Reports

Susan Stanek, Nominating Committee, introduced her committee, Eleanor Tuck, Sue Kelley, Dick Pafford, and Starr Krottinger. She thanked them for their work. She then presented the candidates recommended by the committee to the membership for 2014.

President—Patsy Miller

First Vice President -- Marianne Levine

Second Vice President—Marilyn Satterfield

Treasurer—Starr Krottinger

Secretary -- Theresa Thomas

Nominations from the floor will be taken in September and the election will take place in October.

Claire Alford, Activities, announced the field trip on September 19 will be to McKinney. Collin County Master Gardeners will provide speakers, and there will be a box lunch. We will also go to Chambersville Tree Farm and then on a driving tour of the Crape Myrtle Trail. The fee is \$10 for the lunch. Sign-up will be available at the September meeting.

Starr Krottinger, Speakers Bureau, reminded us that there are many opportunities available for speakers through the Speakers Bureau. Please consider joining this group.

Steve Purdy, Membership, is accepting dues for 2014. Deadline for paying dues is October 31, 2013.

Announcements

- Steve needs help with his modular classes being held on Saturdays. Doors need to be monitored. Please contact Rocky Deutscher to volunteer.
- Please contact Patsy Miller if you are interested in volunteering at the Home and Garden show.
- The Executive Board has decided that we will host a 2014 Regional Conference: All About Tomatoes. Please think about your special talents and volunteer to help with this conference.
- Please remember that you must pre-register for all classes at the Community Garden.

Ginger Bason, Garden Conservancy and State President

announced that the next Open Days tour will be October 13. If you volunteer at one of the houses, your admission is free. There is no other free admission. Please see JoAnn Hahn, Sue Ellen Schlitzer, Debbie Haberly, Eleanor Tuck, Peggy Falconer, or Tammy Edwards to volunteer. She also announced that there will be a new tour to Cuernavaca, Mexico January 10-17, 2014. This tour is open to other Master Gardener organizations; so if you think you want to go, you need to sign up soon. She also reminded us that all are invited to attend the State Directors' meetings. The next one is August 3.

There is no old business

New Business

President Miller announced that to clarify some issues about selling at Master Gardener meetings the Executive Board is presenting a proposed standing rule. There has been some confusion about when groups other than Ways and Means may sell in order to raise money for projects. A standing rule requires a simple majority and can be easily amended or rescinded. The proposed standing rule is:

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

After discussion on wording, Jackie Heidinger moved that the proposed standing rule be sent back to the Executive Board to be reworded based on the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46.

Respectfully Submitted
Donna Morris, Secretary

Birth Flowers and Their Meaning

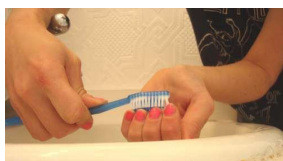


September's birth flower is the aster. As-
ters are mainly symbols of powerful love.
The other September flower is the morning
glory. Morning glories are
simple symbols of affection.



Cartoon from Chris Madden website, with his permission.

You Know You're a Master Gardener When:



You have to wash your
hair to get your finger-
nails clean.

Name that Plant?

Skill: Adult plant (difficult complexi-
ty)

Description:

My name is sweet, but I am not a Her-
sey's bar and it's not because you can
consume me. I am a deciduous ground-
cover and I prefer partial/full shade. I
have slender one-foot to one and a half-
foot bloom stalks that have purplish-rose
flowers. My leaves are shades of red-
dish brown interspersed with silvery
patches that are never quite the same on
individual plants. I am an heirloom plant
in Texas.

Answer: Revealed next month.

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

America Beautyberry Bush



Photo from effingergarden.com

Do you have a "mystery plant? Write a
"name that plant" paragraph and submit
to rheidinger@tx.rr.com

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, September 14, 2013

10 am – 12 noon **Ornamental Grasses**

Moved from June 15, 2013

Starr Krottinger, Marilyn Cox

Lecture & Tour Cost: \$5

RC, building 2300, Mesquite 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**

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

Make & Take Cost: \$25

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**

To register contact Billie Hammack

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

Office Hours Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm

Pre-registration required

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

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

TCMG

EDUCATION



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



TEXAS A&M
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EXTENSION

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

10 am

Guided Tour of the Botanic Garden - Perennial Garden

Members of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Perennial Garden Master Gardener Project Team 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 and no advanced reservations are needed. Look for the sign in the BG and just show up!

Thursday, September 12, 2013

9 am

Guided Tour of the Botanic Garden - Trial Garden

Members of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden - Trial Garden Master Gardener Project Team 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 and no advanced reservations are needed. Look for the sign in the BG and just show up!

Saturday, September 14, 2013

10 am

Backyard Chickens

Instructor - Master Gardener

Moved from May 18

Location - BG-Backyard Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: FREE Class

Class limit: 20

Saturday, September 28, 2013

10 am

Gourds & Gourd Bird House

Instructor - Master Gardeners

Make & Take

Location - BG-Backyard Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$5 per family (up to 4 family members)

Class limit: 20

Saturday, November 9, 2013

10 am

Glass Orb Terrarium

Instructor - Master Gardener

Make & Take

Location - BG-Backyard Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

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

Class limit: 20

All classes are held in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Backyard Vegetable Garden.

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

Class fees vary depending upon materials.

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



Landscape Design Study Course

The Landscape Design Study Courses are held in College Station, Texas in conjunction with the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. They are offered in four separate schools, approximately six months apart. Participants may take the four courses in any sequence. Garden Club members, Master Gardeners*, nurserymen and others who are interested in furthering their knowledge of landscape design are welcome to attend.

Next course: September 23-24, 2013 in College Station, TX (Series XXIII, Course III)

** Master Gardeners: This is an opportunity for more in-depth training in landscape design than is normally included in the Master Gardener curriculum. Each course is typically approved by local Master Gardener chapters to qualify for 12 hours of continuing education toward maintaining certification for Master Gardeners.*

For more information go to <http://txmg.org/training10/specialist/landscape-design-study-course/>



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.



To Register, go to tarrantmg.org

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



2013 Proposed Meeting Programs

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 Program—A Begonia in Every Pot and Terrarium

We are in for a treat in September! Debbie Garrett and her faithful group of volunteers bring us a program about the largest collection of species begonias in the world that is right here in our own Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. The group will share the History and Cultivation of Species and Hybrid Begonias and show us how we can all have them in our gardens or terrariums. Debbie and the volunteers maintain over 2,000 plants. There are a number of different types of begonias, not just the little bronze or green leaves of the garden bedding plants. Begonias come in all shapes and sizes from canes or angel wings and rhizomes to semperflorens and trailing scandents. Leaves can be star shaped, round, angel winged, large and small. Leaves can be green, red, or pink and they can be spotted or multi-colored! Come see the beautiful plants. They will have examples of the plants, not just pictures of them.

In the afternoon Debbie and Bobbie Price will show us how to hybridize begonias to create a new cultivar that might carry your name! Bobbie hybridized the award winning Bobbie Price begonia. The technique would work for hybridizing most plants. When you leave you will know “*Where did Those Beautiful, Colorful Leaves Come From?*” This might be a new propagation class for Master Gardeners!

I hope to see you all there!

Taddie Hamilton
1st Vice President

- 1 Claire Alford
- 3 Lema Worley, Lena Goff
- 8 Henry Cole
- 9 Shari Stanfield
- 11 Frank Khoshgam
- 12 Allison Sonnenberg, Linda Hawkins
- 15 Rachel Clark, Rocky Deutscher
- 16 Taddie Hamilton,
Jessica McCraw, John Pinkerton
- 18 Steve Smith
- 19 Kathi O’Riordan, Cecil Ray
- 20 Vicki Moore
- 22 L.J. Williams, Margaret Duncan
- 23 Barbara Mann, Patty Brown
- 26 Lance Jepson, Nan Garvin

Happy Birthday!
September 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

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 September or October meetings, 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.

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

Steve Purdy
Membership



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cont'd

September Field Trip

WELCOME TO McKINNEY!

McKinney Convention & Visitors Bureau
200 W. Virginia, McKinney TX 75069
(214) 544-1407, 888-649-8499
www.visitmckinney.com



ITINERARY FOR TARRANT COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION, SEPT. 19, 2013

Myers Park for Tour & Lunch (7117 CR 166, McKinney)



10-10:30 am
Arrive at Myers Park/Restroom Break

10:30-11 a.m.
Welcome from the Collin County Master Gardener Group



11 a.m.-Noon
Tour of Gardens at Myers Park (with tour guide)

Noon-12:30 p.m.
Lunch at The Landing in Myers Park

Chambersville Tree Farms (7032 CR 971, McKinney)



12:30 p.m.
Leave Myers Park for Chambersville Tree Farms



12:45 p.m.
Arrive Chambersville Tree Farms

12:45-1:30 p.m.
Guided Tour at Chambersville Tree Farms/Heritage Rose Garden

World Collection Park of the Grape Myrtle Trails (6452 Collin McKinney Pkwy.)



1:30 p.m.
Leave Chambersville Tree Farms



1:45 p.m.
Arrive World Collection Park of the Grape Myrtle Trails

1:45-2:15 p.m.
Self-Guided Tour at World Collection Park

Leave McKinney for Trip Home: 2:15 p.m.

Places You'll Visit

- MYERS PARK
RESEARCH GARDENS
- CHAMBERSVILLE TREE
FARMS
- GRAPE MYRTLE TRAILS
WORLD COLLECTION
PARK

Places To Come Back and See!

- ADRIATICA
- PECAN GROVE
CEMETERY
- HEARD NATURAL
SCIENCE & WILDLIFE
MUSEUM
- HEARD-CRAIG CENTER
FOR THE ARTS
- THIRD MONDAY
TRADE DAYS
- MCKINNEY'S
HISTORIC
DOWNTOWN
SQUARE

**HELP
WANTED**

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.

September 2013 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald 	3 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	4 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	5 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Meeting	6 9a BG BVG	7 8:30a Common NRH 9am Wildscape Composting Demo— Veterans Pk.
8 	9 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	10 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	11 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	12 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial 9a FW Hulen Lbry Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden	13 9a JPS Meditation Garden 9a BG BVG	14 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse TCMGA CG Class: Ornamental Grass FWBG Backyard Veg- gie Class—Backyard Chickens
15 	16 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	17 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	18 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	19 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Field Trip to McKinney	20 9a BG BVG	21 8:30a Common NRH TCMGA CG Class: Perennials
22 	23 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald TCMGA Special- ist Training— Landscape De- sign Course	24 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day TCMGA Specialist Training— Landscape Design Course	25 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15p Fitzgerald	26 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	27 9a JPS Meditation Garden 9a BG BVG	28 8:30a Common NRH FWBG Backyard Veg- gie Class—Gourds and Gourd Bird House Wildscape Fall Native Plant Sale <div> The Monarchs of Fall Seminar presented by Grapevine Garden Club </div>
29 	30 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald					

Notable September Events

- **TCMGA Meeting—September 5**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Perennial Garden—September 11**
- **Guided Tour of FW Botanic Garden Trial Garden—September 12**
- **FWBG Children's Vegetable Garden Classes—September 14 & 28**
- **TCMGA CG Classes—September 14 & 21**
- **TCMGA Field Trip to McKinney—September 19**
- **TCMGA Landscape Design Course Specialist Training—September 23-24**
- **The Monarchs of Fall Seminar by Grapevine Garden Club—September 28**
- **Wildscape Fall Native Plant Sale—September 28**

TCMGA and Local Events

International Master Gardener's Conference 2013

Alaskan Cruise

September 7—14, 2013



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.

Six gardens will be showcased from grand estates to Texas country and everything in between. Volunteers will also show off a neighborhood school. Tickets may be purchased at any Calloway's, our Help Desk, or via Paypal on our <http://www.dallascountymastergardeners.org/> website for \$15 until the day of the tour.

Texas Master Gardener Conference

Thursday—Saturday
October 17-19, 2013

JOIN US

for the 2013 Texas Master Gardener Conference held in
Cameron and Hidalgo Counties.

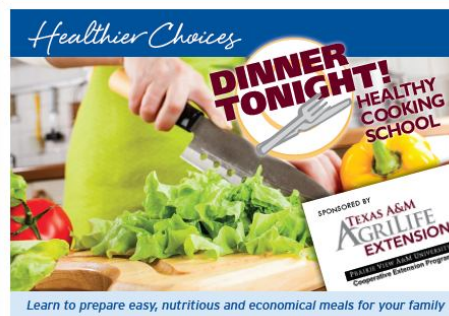
Experience the Blooms, Birds, and Butterflies of South
Texas!



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

Jenny Singleton, an educator, Monarch Watch volunteer and seasoned butterfly tag wrangler, will present a program designed for both children and adults who want to learn about the beautiful monarch butterflies as they magically appear in north Texas the end of September. Join us as she brings information about these majestic insects and their incredible life cycle and how your landscape can help the monarch butterfly succeed in its journey. For further information call 817-410-3404.



Wednesday, September 25, 2013
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tarrant County College District | Trinity River Campus | Trinity Building 4th Floor
300 Trinity Campus Circle | Fort Worth, TX 76102

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS & WORKSHOPS
By County Extension Agents and Central Market Chefs

COST IS \$20

Preregistration is required. No funds will be accepted at the door.
REFRESHMENTS | COOKBOOK | GIFT BAG | DOOR PRIZES

To register call 1-877-THR-WELL (877-847-9353) or visit TexasHealth.org/Dinner-Tonight



"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
\$10.00/person in advance
\$12.00/person day of tour
\$5.00/child day of tour
(12 and under)

Tickets can be purchased beginning

September 15th at:

Customer Service Counter at Tom Thumb
Roanoke Pharmacy & Gift Shop
or from any Garden Club Member

All proceeds benefit community beautification
projects for the Town of Trophy Club and our
Military Veterans Memorial.

www.mycwc.org
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TCWC is a 501(c)(3) organization



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, 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>

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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