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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

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**2015 TCMGA
FALL PLANT SALE**

TEXAS NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS

September 3 - October 23
Delivery on November 3, 5 & 7

Order online at tarrantmg.org starting September 3

Texas Native Trees and Shrubs to be sold:

Ornamental/Small Trees

Texas Redbud
 Goldenball Leadtree
 Mexican Buckeye
 Mexican Plum
 American Smoke Tree
 Texas Persimmon
 Roughleaf Dogwood
 Chinquapin Oak
 Anacacho Orchid Tree

Shrubs

Coral Berry
 Button Bush
 Common Tree Senna
 Texas Star Hibiscus
 Yellow Bells Esperanza
 Perennial Morning Glory



If you have an idea or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Jackie Heidinger jackieheidinger@verizon.net



Marilyn Satterfield,
TCMGA President

President's Message

Yay! It is August! So we can expect cooler weather very soon. I know I wrote about fall planting last time, but I do hope y'all are taking this seriously. Our mission is to educate, and there is just way too many people out there who do not realize what an excellent time fall is to have a garden. There are many cool weather crops that will grow all winter here in our milder climate (when we don't have one of those unusual ice storms that pop up). So let's take every opportunity to share however much, or little we have learned.

No matter how experienced you are, gardening still seems to be a lot of trial and error, at least for me. Just when I think I have it figured out, I am proven wrong. Like, why do two of the exact kind of plants that are planted in the same bed not produce the same? I know there is quite a bit of operator error in my garden, but there are some things even beyond my control to mess up.

And that is why I am so thankful for all of our wise and experienced gardeners in the association. Thank you for sharing the lessons you have learned over the years with the rest of us who have not quite gotten the hang of it.

A big THANK YOU to all of our own Master Gardeners who are speaking at the Fall Conference August 29th. What a great time to tap into some of that wisdom!!

Until we meet again,

Marilyn Satterfield
TCMGA President



MGs are a Main Attraction at the Fort Worth Home & Garden Show!

Photo provided by Gay Larson





Nora's Notions

Ode to Yard Art by Nora Coalson, 2014 MG



As the summer winds down,
And your landscape turns brown
Still you yearn for some bright
Color. So you just might
Try yard art.

Master Gardner or not
Your favorite plant has root rot.
Don't cry, moan or wail
Or stick your head in a pail.
Try some yard art.

Company's coming next week
Yet blooms are not at their peak.
There's no time to replant
And yes, pickings are scant
So try yard art.

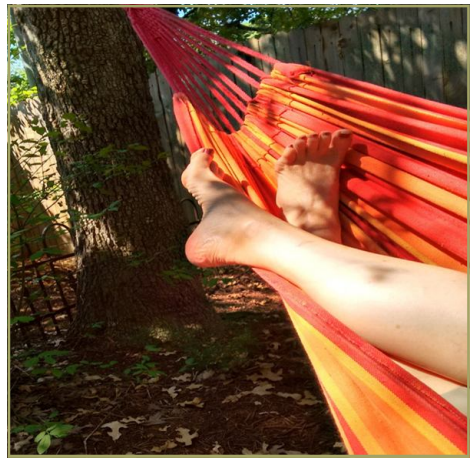
Your favorite color might be
One you never, ever see
On a plant or a shrub
Yes, here's another plug
For YARD ART.

When winter sets in
And your budget's a little thin
With no annuals this year,
You've nothing to fear
Because now you have YARD ART!

Where might things be found?
You'll find sources abound.
Flea market or garage sale
Homemade or reclaimed pail.
Let your talent now show
Who's ever to know

Though Master Gardener you might be
What you really long to see
Is more YARD ART!

Between trees in my yard
Hangs a favorite piece of this bard.



With its colors so bright
I'm drawn to the sight
Of my yard art.



TCMG'ers YARD ART!



Blue Bottles in Pam Braak's Yard



Carolyn Lombard's Antique Chimney



Colored Glass in Basket by Carolyn Lombard



Barbara Weidler's Cosanti Chimes



Sue Kelley's "Love Began in a Garden"

TCMG'ers YARD ART!



Glass Tubes in Carolyn Lombard's Yard



Blue Coil Spring Planter in Mona Nanmallee's Yard



Pam Braak's Illusion Window



Wanda Stutman's Coneflower.



Carolyn Lombard's Plates on a Fence



Mary Matl's Crooked Fence

2015 Programs

September 3, 2015
Dell Perry of Dallas Iris Society
Topic-Iris Types and their Cultivation

October 1, 2015
Marilyn Simmons of the Cowgirl Gardeners
Topic-Perennial Gardening

November 5, 2015
Dr. Barney Lipscomb of BRIT
Topic-Poisonous Plants



September 2015

- 9/1 Claire Alford
- 9/2 Adele Claeson, Diane Cauwels
- 9/3 Lena Goff
- 9/4 Helen Carlton-McFall
- 9/6 Valerie B Caperton, Ray Morrell
- 9/7 Elaine Jones
- 9/8 Mary Anne Poe
- 9/9 Shari Stanfield
- 9/10 Polly Huffman
- 9/11 Ruth Grannemann
- 9/12 Linda Hawkins
- 9/15 Rachel Clark, Rocky Deutscher
- 9/16 Taddie Hamilton, Jessica McCraw,
John Pinkerton
- 9/18 Steve Smith
- 9/19 Shari Worsham, Mary Cummings, Cecil Ray
- 9/20 Victoria Moore
- 9/21 Ginny Schmidt
- 9/22 Margaret Duncan, L.J. Williams
- 9/23 Patty Brown, Barbara Mann
- 9/26 Lance Jepson
- 9/27 Rob Porter
- 9/30 Ginger Gage

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

If you know of anyone who is ill in the Master Gardener Association and/or deaths in their immediate family, please contact LaVonne Nowlin.

Also we are in need of cards to send to our membership. If you could bring any extras you can donate, please bring them to the meetings; it would be so appreciated.

LaVonne Nowlin (817) 581-1850 or email lavonnen@sbcglobal.net.

TCMGA MEDIA COMMITTEE

The TCMGA Media Committee is looking for volunteers interested in assisting with development of the monthly newsletter, the TCMGA website and producing videos.

If you enjoy writing, like to research gardening information, have graphic design abilities or like to make videos, then we have a wonderful opportunity for you!

Please contact Jackie Heidinger at jackieheidinger@verizon.net if you are interested.

**We would love
to have you join the
committee!**

TCMGA FALL BULB SALE!

**Bulbs can be pre-ordered at the
September and October meetings.**

Orders can also be mailed to Jeanie Browning with payment as designated on the order form.

**Bulbs will available for pick up at the
November TCMGA meeting.**

More information coming SOON!

Wildscape Native Plant Sale

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

When: Saturday, September 26, 2015
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

More details will be announced soon at: www.thewildscape.org
Proceeds will support Wildscape at Veterans Park.

Membership/Background Investigation Update

We will start collecting Membership dues at the August monthly meeting. Dues are \$20. If you are over 80 years of age, the dues are \$10. You can pay in cash or by check made out to TCMGA. Dues must be paid by Oct 31, 2015.

Please note that some TCMGA members will owe an additional \$10 for an update to their Background Investigation. This update is required every three years. You will be notified by e-mail if you require a Background update. If you have questions, please call Steve Purdy.

If you have changes in you address, phone number or email, please let Steve Purdy know.

Steve Purdy - Membership

Updated list of 2015 Executive Board & Advisory Committee Chairs

Tarrant County Master Gardeners

2015 Executive Board & Advisory Committee chairs

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

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| 3 | 9 am social
10 am- meeting
11:45 am-12:45pm | TCMGA Meeting
Brown Bag CEU—Greenhouse Management by our Tarrant County Greenhouse Management Specialists. |
| 9 | 9 am | FWBG Perennial Garden Guided Tour |
| 10 | 9 am | FWBG Trial Garden Guided Tour |
| 22-25 | | 2015 International Master Gardener Conference
http://txmg.org/event/2015-international-conference |
| 26 | 9 am— 1 pm | Wildscape Native Plant Sale
http://thewildscape.org |

OCTOBER

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| 15-18 | 9 am | The <u>Native Plant Society of Texas</u> will hold its 2015 annual symposium on October 15-18 at the Airport Hilton in Austin Texas.
http://npsot.org/wp/symposium2015/ |
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Hi, Garden Volunteers!

There is a great opportunity next month for you and your friends to learn more about **COMPOSTING**. The Master Composter Program is a 3-day course offered in conjunction with the City of Fort Worth's Code Compliance Department and the Botanic Garden's Education Program.

Next class: (must attend all 3)

Thursday, Sept. 10 6 – 9 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 11 6 – 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
The most in-depth education on home composting!

This program is an avenue to educate residents about composting, so they can educate and encourage their friends and family to compost. The course consists of attending 3 classes (Thursday and Friday evenings and all day Saturday).

Registration fee is \$40 for Fort Worth residents and \$55 for non-residents. (Fort Worth school teachers can apply to receive a scholarship.)

Participants will receive:

- Excellent training, featuring nationally known instructor Larry Wilhelm
- Rodale Book of Composting
- C.E. Shepherd Compost Bin (if attended class all 3 days)
- Saturday Lunch

Contact me if you are interested in receiving more information on this class or would like to register. Deadline to register is September 4. Also, please forward this information to others you think might be interested. ☺

Larinda Smith
 Education and Volunteer Coordinator
 Parks and Community Services - Fort Worth Botanic Garden
 817-392-5543 Office



Earth-Kind
 Landscaping



At our August meeting we discussed obtaining 3 CEUs in the comfort of your own home.

Steve has encouraged us to take the Earth-Kind Challenge for years. Here is the information:

EARTH-KIND TRAINING FOR MASTER GARDENERS — Texas Master Gardeners may select on-line modules to obtain up to 3 hours of re-certification education credits in a calendar year. Each module is worth 1 hour of credit. Master Gardeners are not encouraged to seek re-certification credit for training modules they have completed in previous years.

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>

Claire Alford

Landscape Design School Series XXIV, Course III, September 21-22, 2015

LOCATION: George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station, TX

Registration for the course will be \$145.00 by September 1 (two lunches are included) – make check payable to Landscape Design School. Registration will be \$165 after September 1, 2015. The optional reference book, good for all four courses, is Stewards of the Land. It may be purchased for an additional \$40.00 by September 1, 2015. The book will be reserved for participants to pick up the first morning of the course. The text is a reference for all four courses, although not required for graduation. The lectures will not be taken directly from the text. It is just another viewpoint of the material being presented.

Registration materials and questions:
Mail to: Michele Wehrheim, Registrar
 1218 Haines Drive
 College Station, TX 77840
 (313) 649-1067

Registration form and tentative schedule may be obtained from <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southern-garden/>

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