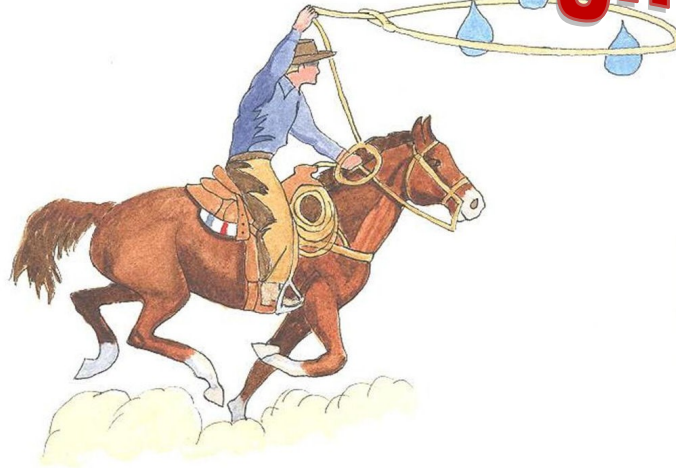




Floods to Drought



Gardening in North Texas

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

2012 Fall Regional Conference

Saturday, October 13, 2012

Resource Connection of Tarrant County

2300 Circle Drive, Building 2300

Fort Worth, Texas 76119

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Cost per person — \$45 includes box lunch and snacks

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.		<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
9 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.	Steve Chaney	<i>Welcome</i>
9:15 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Steve McCauley	<i>Weather Trends</i>
10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Randy Weston	<i>Native & Adapted Plants</i>
11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<i>choose one session</i>	
Break-out Session #1	Melinda Adams	<i>Tree Survival in Extreme Conditions</i>
Break-out Session #2	Steve Chaney	<i>EarthKind Landscaping</i>
Break-out Session #3	Drip Queens	<i>Drip Irrigation DIY—demonstration</i>
11:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.	LUNCH / BREAK / VIEW VENDORS	
12:15 – 1 p.m.	<i>choose one session</i>	
Break-out Session #1	Bonnie Bradshaw	<i>Wildlife in the Landscape</i>
Break-out Session #2	Marilyn Sallee	<i>Extreme Insects: Bugs Out of Control</i>
Break-out Session #3	Steve Chaney	<i>Copper Rain Chains DIY - demonstration</i>
1:15 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Carol Feldman	<i>Landscaping with Drought-Tolerant Plants</i>
2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Dotty Woodson	<i>Harvesting Rainwater & Rain Gardens</i>

CLOSING AND EVALUTATIONS

3 – 4 p.m. **Optional Activities — choose one**

Tour	Weston Gardens - free TCMGA Demonstration Garden @ Resource Center - free
Activity	Make a Rain Barrel - \$30 additional fee Make a Copper Rain Chain – \$30 additional fee Make a Copper Rain Gauge – \$30 additional fee

Conference Speakers



CAROL FELDMAN, Feldman Design Studios

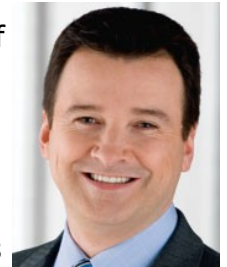


In her landscape design practice, Carol Feldman primarily works with native Texas and well-adapted plant materials. These plant materials generally require less maintenance, are more disease resistant and can be quite drought tolerant because they are indigenous to the area. Native plant materials provide food and shelter for wildlife.

These plant materials in combination with their placement in the landscape can create a garden for wildlife. Woods, prairies, riparian areas and other natural landscapes are the basis for many of her designs. The attention to the natural placement and diversity of plant material provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

STEVE MCCAULEY, WFAA meteorologist

Steve McCauley joined WFAA, Dallas-Fort Worth ABC affiliate, on March 2000 — the day of the Fort Worth tornado — as executive weather producer and midday weather anchor. Since then he has moved to the weekend news and fills in on other newscasts during the week. Steve also provides special weather coverage during severe thunderstorm, tornado, and major winter storm events.



Steve received his bachelor's degree in atmospheric science from Purdue University and his master's degree in atmospheric science from Texas Tech. He hopes to soon begin work on his second masters in mathematics from Texas A&M.

A former captain of the Texas Tech Tornado Intercept Team, Steve can be found on the prairies in pursuit of nature's most violent storms. He shares his photos and videos with viewers during his weathercasts and with area students in elementary schools to college, civic groups and fire and police departments across North Texas.

Steve has worked for television stations in Lubbock and Amarillo and is heard on radio stations throughout the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, New Mexico, Kansas, and Oklahoma. He currently delivers weather broadcasts for KCBI and WBAP radio.

Before his broadcast career, Steve served as chief project forecaster and radar operator for cloud-seeding experiments in the Concho Valley area around San Angelo. He currently owns and operates a private meteorological consulting company – StormQuest Technologies – specializing in weather and climate data analysis and offers forensic meteorological consultation in legal cases. He also provides Internet Doppler Weather Radar Displays and severe storm tracking software for television stations, colleges and emergency management offices across the country. Steve also is an adjunct professor teaching geology and meteorology at El Centro College in Dallas.

Conference Speakers (cont.)



RANDY WESTON, owner, Weston Gardens



After several years of crunching numbers using his master's degree in mathematics, Randy Weston traded it in for his green thumb. In 1984, he and his wife, Sue, who also has an accounting/financial background, opened a nursery in Fort Worth on a raw piece of land.

"It was a leap of faith," said Randy, "but I wanted to try something different from my formal training." Reared on a farm, he thought that knowledge of growing crops was transferable to raising plants.

When he opened his nursery, little did he know that it was across the street from property once known as Dripping Springs, a popular destination during the Depression when a wealthy landowner turned the land into a veritable Garden of Eden in North Texas. The creeks had dried up, the rock ship had been struck by lightning and the gardens were overgrown and tangled. The Westons bought it in 1988, renamed it Weston Gardens, and once again it is a Mecca for area gardeners. "It was a labor of love to bring it back," said Weston. "It took at least a couple of years to uncover the gardens and haul away overgrowth."

Today, Weston's 17 acres have been featured in *Southern Living*, *American Gardener* and *Texas Highways*. "We call our style English Gardens Texas Style, with plants acclimated to Texas," he explained. Weston's philosophy is that he'd rather people know what plants will work in this climate, rather than trying something fancy they saw in a magazine and being disappointed.

Weston enjoys the diversity of new plants and new garden designs, discovering new ways of combining things, rather than repetitive tasks or programming computers or looking at financial statements. The Westons have one son, Jackson, 20, who is studying accounting at the University of Texas at Arlington and works every day in the business. He aspires to take over Weston Gardens one day, if his parents ever retire.

DOTTY WOODSON, extension program specialist in water resources, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Dotty Woodson works with the Water Resources Team to provide landscape water conservation, rainwater harvesting and irrigation efficiency information and training in Texas. Woodson started with the Extension in May 1995 as a Tarrant County extension agent. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in horticulture from Tarleton State University and a doctoral degree from Texas A&M University and Texas Tech.



She is an award-winning writer and video producer and a contributing author for *Gardening in Fort Worth*, *The Lone Star Gardener's Book of Lists* and the CD and computer web site Texas SmartScape.

Dotty writes a "Try This" garden and landscape column for the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* and a garden column for the *Northwest Times Record* and *Meadowbrook News*. She produces her own garden television shows on Comcast, "Gardening with Dotty," Fort Worth Community Cable's "Extension in the City with Dotty Woodson" and appears weekly on the local NBC Sunday Morning News. She appears regularly on HGTV's "Gardening by the Yard" with Paul James and "Backyard Boomers" on the Health and Wellness Channel.

As part of the Texas SmartScape development team, she helped create the landscape water conservation design and maintenance program promoted by the North Central Texas Central of Governments, www.txsmartscape.com. Woodson works with the Fort Worth Water Conservation Committee, North Central Texas Council of Government's Stormwater Education Task Force, Water Educators Network of North Texas, Texas Rain Capture Association, Texas Nursery and Landscape Association and several professional irrigators associations. Woodson has received two national awards for her horticulture program in Tarrant County from the National Agricultural County Agents Association.

Woodson and her husband have grown and hybridized orchids since 1973. They have 5,000 square feet of greenhouses and a one-acre garden, which includes roses, herbs, butterfly plants, perennials, vegetables, carnivorous plant bogs and two large water gardens. Tours are available. Woodson lectures about orchid growing and insect and disease control and teaches through TCU's Extended Education Department.

Break-Out Session Speakers



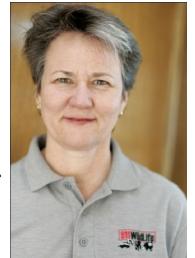
MELINDA ADAMS, city forester, Texas Forestry Service



Melinda Adams is the Fort Worth City Forester. She is the team leader for the oldest and largest municipal forestry program in the State of Texas. Melinda holds a Bachelor of Science in forestry from Stephen F. Austin State University with a minor in biology and is a member of Xi Sigma Pi, the National Forestry Honors Society. She has been a certified arborist since 1997 and sat on the International Society of Arboriculture, Texas Chapter Board of Directors from 1998 to 2004. She served as president 2002-2003. She is also an active board member for the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council holding various board positions since 2000.

BONNIE BRADSHAW, owner, 911 Wildlife

911 Wildlife is the only wildlife control company in Texas endorsed by the Humane Society of the United States. More and more city residents are finding once rural wildlife in their yards. Bonnie Bradshaw presents an insight into these critters' habitats and how they are being changed by humans. And she offers solutions to these wildlife problems.



A Texas Master Naturalist and a certified wildlife rehabilitator, Bonnie is one of the founders of the DFW Wildlife Coalition. The garden at her home in Plano features native Texas perennials that provide food for a wide variety of birds and butterflies.

STEVE CHANEY, Tarrant County extension agent home horticulture, Texas AgriLife Extension Service



Originally from a small town in south Oklahoma, Steve Chaney learned to love the garden from a very young age. After receiving two BS degrees from Oklahoma State University in landscape architecture and marketing, he owned and operated a design/building firm for over 10 years before joining the Extension family and acquiring his master's degree in agricultural education.

He first served as a county extension agent in Wichita County and, after four years, moved to Tarrant County, where he continues to make a significant impact. His experience and expertise have helped to make the Tarrant County Home Horticulture programs recognized as "tops in the state." Some of his accomplishments and current programming include:

- Coordinator for the Tarrant County Master Gardener Association (TCMGA). At nearly 400 volunteers, TCMGA is one of the largest Master Gardener groups in Texas and leads the state in volunteer hours year after year with over 50,000 hours clocked annually.
- Advisor to the Cross Timbers Master Naturalists. This group has over 125 volunteers and lead multiple projects addressing local environmental concerns.
- Advisor to the Tarrant County Master Composters. Volunteers are interested in contributing to the overall environment through composting.
- Oversees the Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Program Projects. Multiple schools involved in JMG projects use curriculum that encourages children to engage in gardening projects that help them incorporate their learning into real life application.
- State-wide co-coordinator for EarthKind, the Extension Horticulture Banner Program.

Away from the Extension Service, Steve enjoys classic cars, motorcycles, reading, classical music, crossword puzzles, cooking and the company of son, Jon Michael; daughter, Nikki; and the ruler of his home, Molly the cat. Although there are countless choices to choose from, he counts nandinas, Indian hawthorns, desert willows and the Oklahoma redbuds among his favorite plants and lists the Japanese Gardens in Fort Worth and San Diego among his favorite gardens, with the Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells showing potential in the near future.

Break-out Speakers (cont.)



THE DRIP QUEENS, drip irrigation demonstration



The Drip Queens, Iola Messinger, Karen Brown and Gay Larson are Parker County Master Gardeners.

Their drip irrigation session includes a PowerPoint presentation, demonstration of drip irrigation pieces, and handouts. The Drip Queens will educate gardeners how easy it is to install a drip irrigation system in a landscape, therefore saving water and money, plus growing healthy plants.

This popular presentation is continually upgraded with the most current information, techniques and materials available to the DIY gardener. There will be Q & A after the presentation.

MARILYN SALLEE, entomology specialist, author, photographer

As a life-long learner with love of phrenology and nature, Marilyn Sallee has always been drawn by diversity and change in the natural world. A retired high school math and science teacher, Marilyn chose to continue service as an educator for the Speakers Bureau with the Texas Master Gardener Association and has taken several specialist training courses. She is widely known for her articles and photographs of various nature topics in Native Plant Society of Texas, *Reverchon Naturalist*, *Nature Gardener* and many other publications. Marilyn lives with her husband of 34 years on a native-landscaped acre in Parker County. (Not her husband in photo!)



Nature is usually about balance, but as the weather goes to extremes, all elements of the web of life get out of kilter. Pinebark Beetles are coming down from the mountains to destroy forests and webworms proliferate and defoliate trees. In the garden chiggers and fleas are not killed off by too mild winters, or grasshoppers bloom in drought.



Individual insects also have extreme defenses – the Texas vigaroon makes acid spray and the Blister Beetle shoot flares. And while the Imported Red Fireant is painful, it is by far not the worst ant bite. Learn many more fascinating facts about the extremes in the insect world at this slideshow presentation.



Registration Form



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Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Email Address _____

If you are a Master Gardener, please indicate your county: _____

REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 5. NO REGISTRATION AT THE CONFERENCE.

Limited to 300 Participants. Master Gardeners earn 6 CEUs.

Registration **\$45** _____

T-shirts **\$15 each** _____

Optional Post-Conference Activities:

Please check one:

Make a Rain Barrel **\$30** _____

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Make a Copper Rain Chain **\$30** _____

Tours \$0 no charge

Make a Copper Rain Gauge **\$30** _____

Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to: TCMGA
Mail to: PO Box 1540, Fort Worth, TX 76101

*(LUNCH IS INCLUDED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A **VEGETARIAN** LUNCH PLEASE CHECK HERE.)*

Break –out Sessions — no extra charge

(Indicate first choice with a 1 and second choice with a 2 for each session to allow us to plan for space.)

11 a.m. Break Out Session:

___ Tree Survival in Extreme Conditions

___ EarthKind Landscaping

___ Drip Irrigation DIY Demonstration



12:15 p.m. Break-out Session:

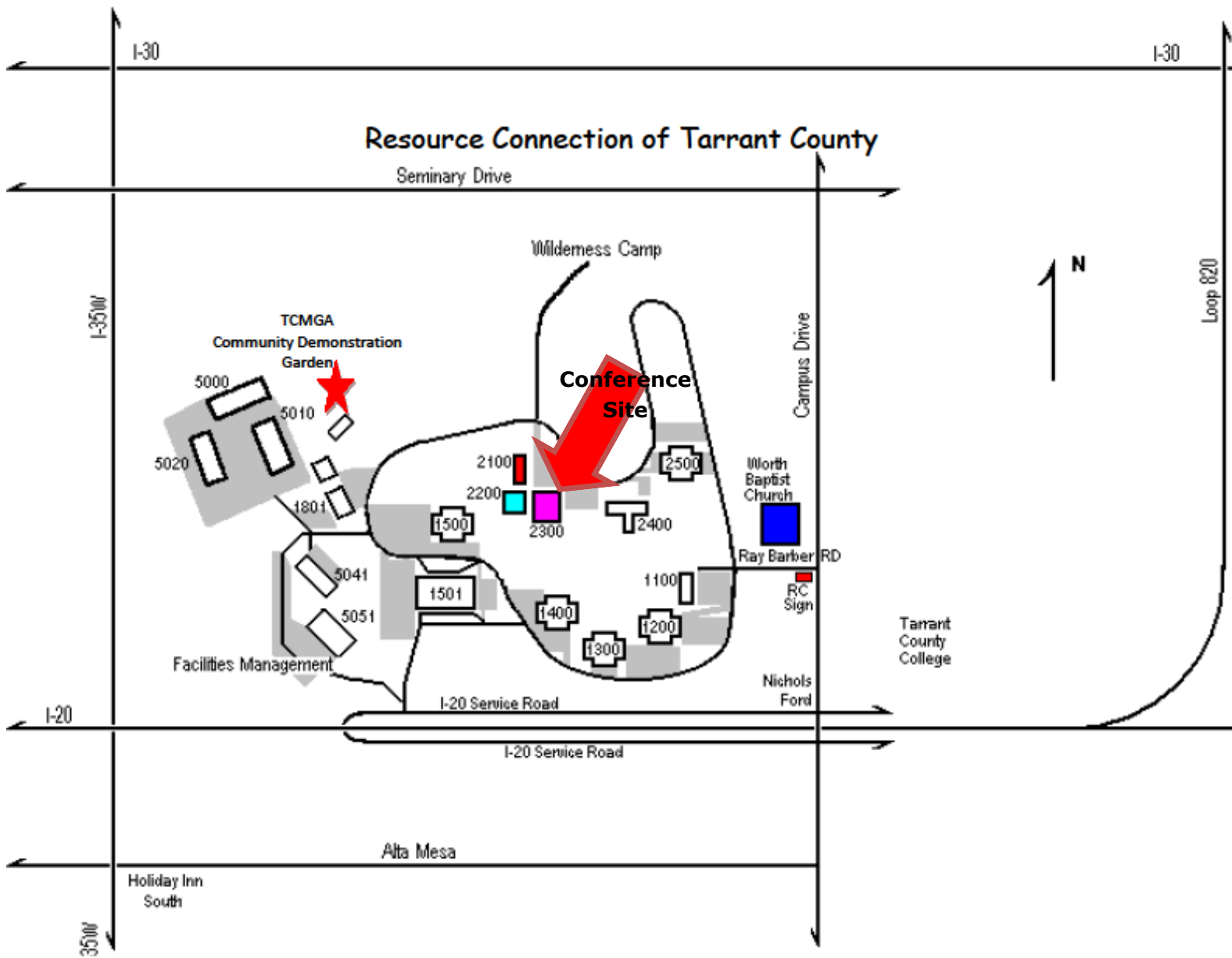
___ Wildlife in the Landscape

___ Extreme Insects: Bugs Out of Control

___ Copper Rain Chains DIY Demonstration

For more information contact: Billie Hammack 817-884-1296 blhammack@ag.tamu.edu

Confirmation will be sent via email



Directions to Conference Site:

Tarrant County Resource Connection

2300 Circle Drive, Building 2300

The Resource Connection is located on Circle Drive off Campus Dr, north from I-20. The conference is at 2300 Circle Drive, Building 2300. 20 mph speed limit on Circle Drive is **strictly** enforced.



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