

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

July 2008

Mission Statement

To provide horticultural and environmental research based information and techniques. To volunteer in area horticulture projects.

JULY IS THE TIME TO MULCH

Mulching in July will protect your plants against temperature and loss of water. Hardwood, Cypress, Pine and Cedar are the four basic types of decorative mulches sold today. Each of these differs in appearance and function. The main purpose of mulch is to hold moisture, retard weeds, maintain even soil temperatures and provide a decorative appearance. Choosing mulch for your landscape is very similar to choosing carpet for a room in your house. You have to decide how much area will be carpeted and what type and color.

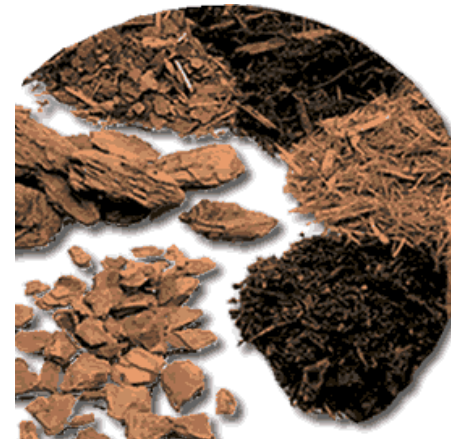
HARDWOOD MULCH

Consists of shredded and composted bark from hardwood trees. Sawmills remove this bark before cutting the timber into lumber. The bark is obtained from the mill, composted for at least 6 months, then shredded and screened. The longer the bark is aged, the darker it gets. Most bark mulch producers only shred and screen the bark once. The screen size determines how fine or coarse it will be. "Double" and "triple ground" are terms used by consumers and do not represent how mulch is really made.

CYPRESS MULCH

Made from cypress trees grown in the swamplands of Florida and southern Georgia. Grade "A" All Bark Cypress is just the bark from cypress trees. It is the "Cadillac" of mulches. It has a stringy texture, which is great for sloped areas and it has a reddish brown color. Grade "B+" Premium Cypress is the whole tree shredded, bark and all. This is the most popular type of cypress mulch. Its light color will brighten a heavily shaded landscape and it does well in damp areas. It is also resistant to decay and repels insects. It doesn't offer any nutritional value.

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Exciting events, activities, and news awaits you this month. Pour a coffee and read on before you do anything else.

FROM AROUND THE CORNER



President's Notepad

At least one Intern has mentioned that he would like to know the places where he can volunteer to get his required hours. This month's meeting should answer his question.

This month is the annual GARAGE SALE. The proceeds go to our projects. The Project Committee has sent all project chairs a list of requirements they must meet in order to be eligible for a share of the money. If you are a project chair and have not received the information, please contact Judy Ratzlaff before the July meeting. Project chairs, don't forget this money will be available for you to use this year.

The garage sale is a way for all members, Intern or Certified, to learn about and support the projects. Every project that wants to participate must have a display and someone available at the display to give information about their particular project. (This is just one of the requirements.) If you have heard about a project and would like to know more this is your chance to discover what you have been missing.

In addition to projects being on display, the Project Committee will also have a table and be available to answer questions. If you want to know how you can get a project started talk to Judy or one of the committee members. There is not a set number of projects for our organization so if you have something that you've been thinking about, now would be a good time to investigate the steps to become a project.

I hope you will all join me in bringing inquisitive minds, good items to donate, and money to spend. I'm sure there will be something for everyone.

—Tammy Edwards, President



July 3, 2008 Monthly Program

Hope you all enjoyed the June Social at the beautiful Grapevine Botanical Garden! The day was sunny but the strong breeze (wind?) kept us more or less cool. Big thanks again to Rachel Clark and Shari Stanfield. They are co-chairs of the Docent Program at the garden where many of our MGs participate. They coordinated the logistics and docents which largely made this event happen. Thanks to Linda Winn, Hospitality, for the cool drink of water for all. And, a huge hug for Marilyn Sallee for her awesome demonstration on how to creatively use plastic 'recyclables' to start seeds and cuttings. Now I know exactly what I have been doing wrong! Lastly, thanks to Toni Moorehead for opening her garden to us afterward – those who went oh'd and ah'd!

This month, I am delighted to report that Dr. Richard Browning of the Trinity River Authority (TRA) will present our July program. He will 'reprise' and expand upon his presentation from our June 2007 field Trip to Legacy River Park and has a fabulous new PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the talk.

Dr. Browning is Senior Manager, Planning & Environmental Management Division, TRA. He oversees water quality and water supply investigations for the Trinity River Basin. With 35 years at TVA, he is an ex-

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Tarrant County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes June 5, 2008 Grapevine Botanical Garden

Program: "Container Gardening" by Lisa Adams Grove and "Garden Containers Using Recycled Materials" by Marilyn Sallee.

Following the programs, President Tammy Edwards brought the meeting to order at 11:15 a. m. A total of 109 Master Gardeners and Interns were in attendance. A quorum of Certified Master Gardeners was declared.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 1, 2008 meeting was approved as printed in the Sharecropper.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Acct: \$ 11,001.01
Savings Acct: 18,828.07
Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Treasurer Carl Trehus is in the process of moving all TCMGA accounts to Compass Bank.

New Business:

Standing Rule Change recommended by the TCMGA Executive Board:
Texas Master Gardener Association ("TMGA") directors or alternates may be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from the TMGA's annual state convention and three yearly directors meetings based on actual mileage at the maximum State of Texas mileage reimbursement rate for travel declared as of January 1st each year. The TCMGA shall pay the registration fee only for the TMGA's annual state convention for its two directors or alternates and the County Agent from Tarrant County. The TCMGA will pay for two nights lodging for its two directors or alternates at such convention at the room rate published for the host hotel or

if not one, at the lowest published rate for the least expensive recommended hotel. This re-statement and clarification of reimbursement policy shall be retroactive to January 1, 2008.

The change was approved by the membership.

Announcements:

The July 3rd TCMGA meeting will be a Garage Sale and Silent Auction at the Resource Connection. Sandra Johnson is in charge.

Today is the last day to order lunches for the Water Feature Garden Tour on June 11.

Nancy Searle invites members to visit the Bob Jones Nature Center in Southlake.

Toni Moorehead has her garden open today for members to visit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32.

—Submitted by Secretary Joyce Quam

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part on the Trinity River and surrounding ecosystems, as well as the 'water history' of our city.

And yes, THE GARAGE SALE YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR IS THIS MONTH! Look for more details on the garage sale on page 6.

Our schedule will be:

9:30-10:00 Sign in and garage sale item drop off
10:00-11:00 Richard Browning, "Trinity River Past"
11:00-12:00 Business meeting, snack lunch,
and lots of garage sale shopping!
12:00-1:00 Richard Browning, "Trinity – Now & Future"

This program will cover the history, current status and preservation aspects of the Trinity as it impacts our community. It is richly relevant to all Master Gardeners and a program not to be missed!

—Susan Stanek, 1st VP - Programs

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

An article in the April issue of Horticulture states that the Garden Conservancy is printing their 2008 Open Days booklet at a Forest Stewardship Council certified printer using 100-percent renewable, non-polluting wind power.

The paper for the booklet is certified for FSC standards by Smartwood, which promotes environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests. In my mind that makes TCMGA's partnership with The Garden Conservancy even more of a benefit.

—Judy Butler

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PINE BARK MULCH

This is the bark only from pine trees mostly available in the central to eastern United States from southern grown pines and is a by-product of the paper and lumber industries. Pine bark doesn't compact like most mulches and holds up longer. Pine is also an excellent soil conditioner, loosens up heavy soils and promotes root growth because of its acidity. It will float off during a heavy rain.

CEDAR MULCH

Cedar has very similar characteristics to cypress. It is resistant to decay and repels insects, however it loses its color and will grey out faster than most mulch. It's not going to break down and provide nutrients to your soil like a pine or hardwood.



Before you mulch

Mulch is the icing to the cake, there is some work to be done before you spread your mulch. Follow the steps below to achieve great results.

Kill Weeds – Spray all weeds with Round Up two weeks prior to mulching. Dead weeds are the best weeds to pull.

Clean Out Your Beds – Remove all dead leaves, weeds and trimmings.

Too Much Mulch Is Harmful

Mulch should be applied no more than 2 inches thick to provide a 1 to 1-1/2 inch blanket after settling. Building a volcano around a tree is an example of excessive mulching and it will cause more harm than good. It should never be placed against the bark of your woody plants, such as bushes and trees, as it could cause disease. Mulches, especially hardwood mulch, will compact after a few rains causing a dry condition under the mulch, starving the soil and plants of air and water, promotes the growth of fungus and can cause disease to your plants.

Mulch Can Be Toxic

Beware of hardwood mulch that has a vinegar or ammonia smell. Toxic mulch, also known as "sour mulch" occurs when a mulch producer improperly composts the mulch. Methane, alcohol, ammonia and hydrogen sulfide gases will build to toxic levels due to the lack of oxygen and too much moisture in piles of organic materials subject to anaerobic conditions (i.e., low in oxygen and containing over 40 percent water). Large piles, such as those accumulated at lumber mills or those used to compost mulch by companies that manufacture it, can develop pockets low in oxygen and high in water content. Reputable companies turn the windrows when necessary, thus avoiding low oxygen/high moisture conditions. "Sour Mulch" will kill annuals and perennials overnight and can cause damage to your shrubs and trees.

Good mulch generally smells like fresh-cut wood or garden soil. Sour mulch may smell like vinegar, ammonia, sulfur, or silage. If you are unsure of the smell, you can have the pH of the mulch tested. Sour mulch is very acidic, and usually has a pH of 1.8 to 3.6, whereas properly composted organic material has a pH of 6.0 to 7.2.

—by Derald Freeman

July 3, 2008 TCMGA 'Garage' Sale



Reasons why you should bring items for the TCMGA garage sale.

1. You need to clean out your garage, tool shed, or car trunk anyway. Think how happy this will make your family!
2. Get rid of guilt – unused things make me feel guilty, almost like unfinished projects. Can anyone relate to this?
3. You don't even have to price your donations (actually, please do NOT price your donations). Our wonderful Raffle Committee will do that for you!
4. One man's trash is another man's treasure. This is a truism and you will see it in action on July 3!
5. You will receive a tax donation receipt to use on your income taxes. Think of it as an 'economic stimulus' from your wonderful MG association!
6. Our wonderful MG projects are the sole beneficiary of the proceeds. So come on, support your MG projects with worthy donations.
7. Donating to a garage sale is just another form of recycling. (You can attribute that to Judy Butler, the garage sale queen!)
8. Everyone loves a good 'bidding war'! You may have a truly valuable item (\$25 or higher), that could be used for the Silent Auction. If you have one of these, please contact Sandra Johnson ASAP and let her know. We are trying to make sure we have a good variety of these items.

After you sign in at the meeting, you will see a 'Drop Off' table where you leave your valuable donations and receive a donation receipt from a smiling Raffle Committee member. Remember, there will be absolutely no shopping until after the Business Meeting, as this will allow the Raffle Committee to complete the pricing and organize the items.

And, of course, be sure to come 'prepared' to pay for all the treasures you will surely find among the items you will find donated by all our wonderful MGs! This will be "Simply Wonderful!"

—Susan Stanek, 1st Vice President

WATER FEATURES GARDEN TOUR REPORT

On Wednesday, June 11, about 50 Master Gardeners toured the water features in the southwest Arlington area. You cannot ignore the hard work and labor that went into the design of these features and sites. My back aches just thinking about it.

Thanks to Barbara Durnan, Joyce Colegrove and others who helped, the tour was a great success. The hot sun was abated by a gentle breeze and we survived without casualties. The last stop was Weston Gardens where we socialized with box lunches.

—by Derald Freeman



LOCAL STUDENTS VISIT THE TRIAL GARDEN

The Trial Garden was visited by numerous school groups in the Spring of 2008. On many of our Tuesday workdays in April and May, we noticed that the students were studying the names of plants and drawing sketches of certain species for class assignments.



The photo was taken on May 6, 2008, when a group of biology students were visiting. Luckily, Judy Jackson had her camera handy to document the event!

—Susan Stanek

CROSTIMBERS MASTER NATURALIST

They are now taking applications for the Fall 2008 class.

Information and an application is available at www.ctmn.org or contact Ginger Bason

gbason@hotmail or 817 8387321.

GREENHOUSE/ PROPAGATION INFO:

Most of you are aware the Greenhouse Specialists are erecting a greenhouse at the Resource Connection Community Garden. While construction has been slowed a bit, we are pressing forward with interior finish work and plans to use it as a shade house this summer. Also, the shade cloth has been put on the small hoop house and it is fully functional.

We are in need of a utility sink, counter tops, lower cabinets, and shelving for pot storage. If you are cleaning out your garage or remodeling and might have any of these items, please call Nancy Curl, Pat Higgins or Pat Lovejoy.

We are working on putting together a propagation program to start in the fall. If you are interested in doing plant propagation, please let Pat Lovejoy know. At first, we will propagate on Tuesday's from 9 a.m. to noon and class sizes will probably have to be limited. As the program builds we will consider adding other days. We plan to have seasonal propagation seminars also.

Project managers – if you have plant needs for next spring that we can grow for you, let Pat Lovejoy know. We hope to have a fully functional greenhouse and propagation program going this winter. You are welcome to join us and grow plants for your project.

Finally, we encourage you to recycle your plastic pots. If you don't have a convenient source to recycle your pots, bring them to the Community Garden and we will use them in our propagation program.

If you haven't seen the community garden, we encourage you to do so. It's bustling with activity and growing by leaps and bounds.

—Nancy Curl, Pat Higgins, Pat Lovejoy

CALLOWAY'S NURSERIES DONATED PLANTS

Calloway's Nurseries donated plants for nine beds for the Trial Garden on May 13, 2008. Calloway's also paid \$500 to put a coupon on "THE TRIAL GARDEN'S BEST PERENNIAL PERFORMERS OF 2007", a sheet that is distributed to the public from a box in the Trial Garden gazebo. The money will underwrite the cost of printing the flyers. The donated plants are partially seen in the foreground.

Photo LF to RT: Lance Jepson, Steve Smith, Marilyn Johnson, Nan Garvin, Patty Brown, Claire Alford, Judy Jackson, Imelda Castro, John Stanley, Susan Miller, Kathleen Cook, and Fatima Gameiro.



—Susan Miller

AT THE PENTAGON

Bill and I had a wonderful day at the Pentagon on May 16th. We were there with some 45 other members of America Supports You (ASY). We were entertained by the very patriotic LT Dan Band. (Gary Sinese). During the day we were able to meet many of the military and civilian Pentagon employees.

The following day we attended an Air Show at Andrews Air Force Base as they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of The Berlin Airlift and Armed Forces weekend. Over 100,000 people attended and many of them were interested in Victory Boxes and other members of the ASY efforts on behalf of our troops. We also snuck in a trip to the Naval Academy; a must see if you get to the Washington DC area.

There will be Victory Boxes available for you to take home at the July meeting. The new larger flat rate box is only \$10.95 to mail. Perhaps

while you are looking for recycled items to help raise money at our garage sale, you will find some items which can be recycled to send to our troops to help the people of Iraq and Afghanistan. Used clothing and shoes for men, women and children are always requested as well as linens and kitchen items.

I thank you all for your help in making Victory Boxes a success! Please call me if you have any questions! Thanks again for supporting our country!

—Mary Margaret Halleck 817-251-1201



EVENTS IN JULY



July Events

July 14, Friday, Independence Day.

The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It was on July 4, that members of the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the final draft. In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal holiday.



The Declaration of Independence is a justification of the American Revolution, citing grievances against King George III. It affirms that since all people are creatures of God, or nature, they have protected natural rights, or liberties.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. The homes of twelve were ransacked and

burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds of the Revolutionary War. They signed, and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, well-educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if captured.

Vandals or soldiers looted and destroyed the properties of Dillery, Hall, Braxton, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., quietly urged General George Washington to open fire on his home that was occupied by British. The home was destroyed. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. So, let's take a few moments while enjoying our 4th of July holiday and silently appreciate these patriots who gave so much.

July 14, Monday, Bastille Day.

It is the French national holiday. It commemorates the 1790 Fête de la Fédération, held on the first anniversary of the storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789 and was seen as a symbol of the uprising of the modern French nation.

July 27, Sunday, Parent's Day.

In the United States, Parents' Day is held on the fourth Sunday of every July. This was established in 1994 when President Bill Clinton signed a Congressional Resolution into law for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children."

—the Editor

HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

How would you like to get away on a holiday adventure? In July, Master Gardeners will have the opportunity to bid on a great vacation getaway at Casa Chaac in a private development, Playacar Phase 1 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. A donor has generously offered three nights at this stunning home as the silent auction item benefiting the Alice Carlson OLE. Casa Chaac is a gorgeous four bedroom, four bath home with a private pool and a large, lush garden filled with palms and tropical plants. The house will accommodate a maximum of 10 people. You can take a virtual tour by going to www.casachaac.com.



As a guest of Casa Chaac, you will feel a world away from the hustle and bustle of the city yet downtown Playa Del Carmen with its fabulously chic Quinta Avenida and the ferry to Cozumel Island are only a five minute walk from the house! Playa del Carmen is located in the heart of the Riviera Maya, approximately 40 minutes south of the Cancun International airport. This bustling seaside city is a picture perfect, tropical setting, enriched with the flavor and tradition of Mexico. The air is

fresh, the sun warm, and the powdery white beaches are magnificent.



You will want to investigate transportation costs because our package is only for your accommodations at Casa Chaac. Reasonable charters to Cancun are available through MLT Vacations, Funjet, Sun Country and other providers. If you wish to extend your stay, you may make arrangements with the manager. Please check the availability calendar on the website.

We will start the bidding at \$600 for three nights in Casa Chaac. Think about getting together a group of friends or inviting your family to take advantage of this great resort accommodation. Remember that your winning bid will benefit the children and garden at the Alice Carlson!

—Sharon Chastain

Master Gardeners Receive Recognition in FW Star Telegram on May 31

Carl Trehus was featured in the FW Star Telegram on May 31 with a really nice spread on his landscaping and ideas. Carl is quoted saying

"Swaths of green St. Augustine or Bermuda grass can give way to planting beds that are easier to care for and use less water -- if homeowners are willing to follow a few basic tips on how to wisely make the transition. Why not get rid of the



grass?". "Start in the front [yard], where it will have the most impact. That way, people will compliment your work, and you'll be encouraged to do more," Carl advises.

In the same article Ginger Bason talked about "Native and near-native yard design" and replacing about half of the water-drinking St. Augustine grass on their 1-acre lot with plant beds, a pond, patios, and wide paths.

JoAnn Hahn told about the "cottage garden yard" approach and using the "can't-miss plants," the ones that are likely to thrive and keep the front yard looking good. She uses a low-growing form of phlox, blooming coreopsis, purple coneflowers in the sunny beds, and tall hollyhocks for a flowery effect.

If you missed it contact Derald Freeman at derald@greatideas.com to obtain a scanned copy in JPG format.

—by Derald Freeman

OH THE PLACES WE GO (To Austin and Back)

Sixty-five eager TCMGA members gathered for the field trip to Austin, traveling either by bus or by car. And, their enthusiasm was rewarded with a beautiful day (well, maybe a little warm), two great destinations, a picnic lunch under the trees and the company of fellow gardeners.

Visiting the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is a delightful way to study native plants (650 species!)

and see the wide variety of ways they fit into garden design. The Center is a research unit of U.T. Austin and nationally recognized for



applied research and projects that demonstrate ways to protect the natural environment. Water harvesting for the central irrigation system has three cisterns and is actually part of the Center's architectural design. It is truly remarkable.

The second stop was the Natural Gardener nursery, and it was "the icing on the cake." They came out to meet the bus, gave everyone a sample of their Lady Bug Natural Brand fertilizer which they produce, and had a sign reading "Welcome, Tarrant County Master Gardeners." What a beautiful, complete nursery it was. Their demonstration gardens were impressive: a lovely butterfly garden, vegetable garden (including artichokes), herb garden, xeric garden, orchard and vineyard. And, of course, no one could pass up the shopping for a wide choice of perennials, annuals, herbs, containers, sculptures and yard art. Yes, it was a very full day – lots of camaraderie and thoroughly enjoyable!

—by Kay Gunn

WANT TO BE GREEN?

Try one new thing a day and in ten days you will be surprised at what you accomplished.

- A dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day.
- Washing dishes by hand takes 2-3 gallons of water. A dishwasher on full cycle uses 16 gallons.
- Turn off the sprinkler system's automatic setting. Water as needed.
- A compact fluorescent 16-watt bulb gives 60 watts of light. In a lamp you don't know the difference.
- Turn off lights and other devices when they're not needed.
- Fed up with the constant stream of catalogues in the mailbox? Call the mail order company and say NO to the mailing list. Think of the trees you will save.
- Love to BBQ? Need to replace your grill? Propane burns much cleaner than either wood or charcoal briquettes.
- Buy food locally. Farmers markets ensure that the veggies you're eating hot off the grill or mixed in a salad haven't traveled thousands of miles and burned tons of fossil fuels just to reach your plate.
- Buy plants that stay green all year so as they grow they absorb carbon dioxide, one of the most prevalent greenhouse gases.
- Learn what carbon offsets and carbon footprints are.

—the editor

TCMGA DIRECTORY UPDATES

If your name or contact information, address, phone number, etc. has changed, please notify Sue Ellen Schlitzer (s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net or 817-294-1329) to ensure your correct information appears in the next TCMGA Membership Directory.



Birthdays for this month

- 7-4 Talley Scott
- 7-5 Don Graves and Linda Stuard
- 7-6 Barbara Finholt
- 7-7 Mary Alice Renner
- 7-16 Emily Reynolds
- 7-18 Doris Hill
- 7-19 Joyce Hallbauer
- 7-20 Peggy Falconer
- 7-24 Tammy Edwards
- 7-26 LaVerne Henry

—by LaVonne Nowlin
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2009 OFFICERS

Calling all TCMGA certified members!! Your Nominating Committee is looking for a few good men and women to serve as officers for 2009.



If you have always dreamed of being a leader in our organization (and who hasn't), please call Ben Oefinger at (817) 517-1740 or e-mail him at benoefinger@sbcglobal.net to get your name in the hat for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

We want to be sure that any interested person is taken into consideration. Thank you!

—Ben Oefinger

Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
311 BG Perennial Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Cindy Woelke	817-421-4201
312 BG Trial Garden	Tues. 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Susan Miller	817-261-1420
313 BG Cottage Garden	Tuesday's 8-11 a.m.	Janet Riley	817-732-7837
321 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 9:30 a.m.	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
322 Union Gospel Mission	First Mon.-Warm Place 8 a.m., 2nd-4th Mon. - Reg. Schedule	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
323 Grapevine Botanic Garden	Call coordinator	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
326 Teen Challenge	Every Wed. 9 a.m.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
328 Community Garden	(Contact project leaders below)		
Barn beds:	Charlotte Berck, wrberck@peoplepc.com		817-426-6417
Compost:	Charles Shiner, mcshiner@sbcglobal.net		817-488-6123
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Herb Garden:	Rita Hottel, aescom@charter.net		817-295-2883
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TCU students:	Pat Higgins, Ragdollpatb@sbcglobal.net		817-294-2414
401 Composting Demo	1 st Sat.	Don Graves	817-465-1667
	2 nd Sat.	Charlie Shiner	817-448-6123
403 FW Library at Hulen St.	4 th Thurs, 8:30 a.m.	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-4683
	3 rd Sat, 8:30 a.m.		
404 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat, last Wed.	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
405 Liberty Garden	Call chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.		
406 Veterans Park-Wildscape	1st Sat, 9-12	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598
	Tues 9-12		
<u>School Gardens</u>			
601 Alice Carlson	Mon/Thurs 8:30 a.m.	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
604 Fitzgerald	Wed. 3:15 p.m.	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
611 Children's Garden	Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 3	TCMGA Meeting – Garage Sale and Silent Auction
Aug 23	Yardsmart Seminar @FWBG
Sept 9	MG Intern Orientation Day @ our office
Sept 17-19	MG Greenhouse Specialist Training @ College Station
Sept 26-28	Ft. Worth H&G Show
Oct 7, 9, 14, 16	Landscape School 7-9 @ our office
Oct 8	MG Intern Interviews
Oct 9	Water Garden Society of FW - Talk on Plant material
Oct 10	JMG Advisory Board Meeting
Oct 11	Fit Future Kids Fest @ Will Rogers
Oct 11	Plant Sale @ FWBG
Oct 25-26	Japanese Garden Festival @ FWBG



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