



Mission Statement

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



If you've ever grown roses, the experience may have been a little thorny — all that pruning, spraying and constant care may have negated any pleasure you received from their blooms. For several years now, roses have experienced resurgence in popularity due to the marketing of easy-care antique varieties. Antique roses provide a great deal of landscape value without becoming a maintenance burden. Unlike their modern hybrid counterparts, old roses are more disease and pest resistant, more drought-hardy and certainly more tolerant of neglect. That's because many modern roses are hybridized simply for their bloom and color rather than the characteristic resilience and fortitude naturally found in old rose species.

In Texas, we are fortunate to be home to some of the country's foremost experts on high performing roses. The experts at Texas A&M's agricultural program in Dallas have identified a selection of easy-care roses that have passed rigor-

ous field tests and received the designation of Earth-Kind roses. Because these plants are known to require little if any pesticides, the experts at A&M consider these plants to be the finest, most thoroughly tested and environmentally responsible plants for use in Texas landscapes and gardens.

For testing purposes, 117 different rose varieties were selected from lists submitted by experts in various parts of Texas. These roses were planted in full sun directly into heavy, alkaline clay soil with no additives or amendments. Throughout the test period, the rose beds were kept mulched and watered with drip irrigation systems, but they were never fertilized or sprayed. Every two weeks, the roses were checked for bloom quantity and quality, insect damage and disease.

At the end of field-testing, only 11 varieties flourished. Many of the "survivors" were familiar antique roses or their close relatives. Earth Kind is an important designation given

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Begorrah and Bejabers March 17 is St. Patrick's Day for the patron saint of Ireland. Who be ye among us who will not don a green hat or shirt to patronize the day? Look for quotes and color on the event in the newsletter.

FROM AROUND THE CORNER



President's Notepad

On a trip to England in 2002 I bought a little book OLD WIVES' LORE for GARDENERS. It holds "a sprinkling of superstition mingled with much good sense" and it is fun to read. Excerpts:

Sow seed only with the waxing moon; scientist now know that water, inside even the tiniest living organism, moves with the tides and growth happens accordingly. "Sow seed generously, one for the rook, one for the crow, one to die and one to grow." In the 18th century herbalists warned, never plant the same herb in the same place in succession, replacing a 'hot' herb with a 'cool' one (crop rotation) prevents soil exhaustion. Twist a spiral of tinfoil round the roots of young cabbage plants to inhibit larvae of cabbage flies and place tarred or creosoted string 2 inches from the plants between the rows. Bury cooking fat (used and cooled is fine) in the hole before planting a rose for good blooming. If you must transplant when it is the wrong time of year, water the plant in with warm water. If a plant is ailing plant a camomile beside it, this visiting physician will improve the health of the ailing plant; move the camomile to another location when it has done its work so it won't over take small plants. Hang mothballs in peach trees to prevent leaf curl. If it moves slowly enough step on it; if it doesn't, leave it -it will probably kill something else. A single clove of garlic clove planted beside a rose will prevent greenfly and it will not affect the scent of the rose. All cut flowers will last longer if foxgloves are added to the arrangement, use foxglove tea if the use of the flower is not suitable.

Don't knock it if you haven't tried it!!!!

— Ginger Bason

March 1, 2007 Monthly TCMGA Program



Having learned about "woody lilies," next on our agenda is "lavender and herbs" – topics many of you have requested. We're pleased to say, we've found some experts to be our guest presenters. **Mark Whitfield, Jerry Ware and Jane Dane**, owners of Lavender Ridge Farms near Gainesville, will be bringing us a "show and tell" day of their products. **Mark** will be our featured speaker, and all three will be on hand to answer questions and to sell lots of pots of plants! These three business partners have family roots in horticulture, and have created this thriving business out of what was a great-grandfather's strawberry patch. So, bring some extra \$\$ and plan on having a really fun gardener's day!

9:30 Sign-in, coffee

10:00 **"You wanna grow what?"**
The art of lavender farming at
Lavender Ridge Farms

11:00 Business meeting
Meet, greet, and eat

12:00 **"Herb'n Experience Flower
Presentation"** – The cut flower
operation at Lavender Ridge Farms

Happy gardening and we'll see you March 1!

— Joy Lease

STATE AWARDS SUBMISSIONS

The state awards submissions are completed and entered for competition.

A BIG THANK YOU to the committee that worked many hours to prepare the entries: Sue Ellen Schlitzer, Eleanor Tuck, JoAnn Hahn, Joy Lease, Tammy Edwards and Ginger Bason. Now we all need to keep our fingers crossed until April.

Tarrant County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes February 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Ginger Bason at the Resource Connection at 11:00 AM.

1. President Bason asked for corrections to the Minutes from January 4, 2007. Being none, the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
2. Treasurer, Tammy Edwards reported for the period since January 4:

Income:	\$1,134.00
Expenses:	793.65
Activity balance:	340.35
Checking acct balance:	8,501.75
Savings acct balance:	2,528.97
Investment accts:	15,000.00
Overall Total	\$26,030.72

3. President Bason explained an error on the Budget approved at the last meeting. The amount for Activities Committee was to have been \$700, not \$500. The Executive Board had approved the correction and President Bason asked the membership to approve. The membership approved the Budget correction to \$700 for the Activities Committee.
4. Bob Ross presented the Audit Report. All accounts for the last year are in excellent

condition. Ross commended Rita Hottel for her excellent record keeping as Treasurer for the last two years.

5. Announcements:
 - Lost name badge: Joyce Colegrove
 - Susan Miller, Project Chair for Trial Garden at FWBG planning meeting for 2-13-07 at 11AM, Camellia Room, FWBG.
 - Pat Higgins encouraged members to sign up to bring food for next month.
 - Jim Nelson, Project Chair for the Community Garden at the Resource Connection, introduced the four Texas Christian University students present. These students are in Nutrition or Nursing at TCU. They have worked in the garden and helped with its development through the Center for Civic Literacy at TCU.
 - Caladium bulbs may be ordered and pre-paid today for delivery at the April meeting. See Jim Nelson.
 - Mary Margaret Halleck has Victory Boxes to give out.
 - President Bason encouraged members to attend the state Master Gardener Conference in Kerrville, TX in April where Felder Rushing will be presenting. Door prizes included gift certificates to garden centers and spineless cacti, the cacti were courtesy of our speaker, Peter Schaar.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Naturalists

Texas Master Naturalists- Cross Timbers Chapter will have a class beginning April 3, 2007. Applications available from gbason@ hotmail or Steve Chaney s-chaney@tamu.edu 817-884-1944

— Jim Nelson

MG Conference in Kerrville

Don't forget the 2007 Texas Master Gardener Conference in Kerrville April 12 - 14. If you have not signed up, you can still do so. You have to print the form and mail it in this year. Get all of the details at www.hillcountrymastergardeners.org.

—Ginger

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to select roses by the Texas A&M University Agriculture program that was headed by Steven W. George, Ph. D., Professor and Extension Landscape Specialist, Texas A&M University.

In the five-year testing program these roses were never fertilized, never sprayed, never pruned other than to remove dead wood, and never watered after the first year.

Earth Kind Roses are among the most thoroughly tested, and environmentally responsible plants for the use in Texas landscapes. These roses do very well in almost any soil type, from the well-drained acid sands of East Texas to the poorly aerated, highly alkaline clays of Central and Southwest Texas. Their tolerance to pests is so great that they rarely require the use of chemical pesticides.



Only a few roses have received the Earth Kind badge of honor. There were originally 11 roses selected as the best from the 117 being tested. The honor roll has now been increased to a total of 13.

The honor list consists of Belinda's Dream, Caldwell Pink, Climbing Pinkie, Duchesse de Brabant, Else Poulsen, Katy Road Pink (Carefree Beauty), Knockout, Marie Daly, Mutabilis, Perle d'Or, Sea Foam, Spice, and The Fairy.

We have Belinda's Dream, Cecile Brunner, Duchesse de Brabant, Don Juan, Climbing Cecile Brunner, Marchessa Boccella, Ice Berg, Queen Elizabeth, Souvenir de la Malmaison, Lady Banksia, Mister Lincoln, Cascade, and a total of 32 roses in our landscape. Nearly all of these came from the list of 117. They never need treatment for fungal, bacterial or insect problems.

The ones which put on the grandest show are the Belinda's Dream, Queen Elizabeth, Don Juan, and Mr. Lincoln. The dainty blossom and faint mesmerizing scent of the Cecile Brunner and Souvenir de la Malmaison cannot be resisted. The many hundreds of blooms on the Lady Banksia that appear only one time per season are unforgettable.

A FINAL THOUGHT IN CLOSING: You can complain that roses have thorns, or you can be thankful that thorny bushes have roses.

—the editor

THINGS TO DO IN MARCH

March is a transition month, one foot in winter, the other in spring. The weather is warming and the first of the spring bulbs are starting to bloom. March is a prime gardening month here in Texas. The weather is often a mixed bag - from gray and rainy days to balmy afternoons filled with mellow sunshine. The night temperatures are in the 50-60's and the days are in the 70's. This is the start of one of the busiest planting times of the year as you can plant almost anything from seeds to citrus. Now is the time to plant trees, shrubs, vines, summer annuals, some cool-season and most warm season vegetables, and herbaceous perennials.

SCALPING: Control winter weeds by starting your regular mowing regime. Get your mower blade sharpened now if you haven't done it yet. If you decide to scalp your lawn, wait until all danger of freezing is over. After mid-March.

PREEMERGENT: If you missed applying a preemergent weed preventer in February and you had a summer weed problem in your lawn last year (such as grass burs), then go ahead and make an application now and then repeat it 90 days later.

MAINTENANCE: Dig and divide summer and fall blooming perennials this month. Cannas, coneflowers, fall asters, mums, and perennial salvias can be invigorated and increased for expanding your beds. This is a good time to remove those bird nests that are in disrepair or unsightly from last year.



LAWN FERTILIZING: Wait to fertilize your St. Augustine or Bermuda lawn until April, or after you have mowed actively growing grass (not weeds) twice. If you had your soil tested, apply lime to increase pH (alkalinity) or sulfur to lower pH (acidity). Fertilize grass late this month with a 24-0-0, 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 ratio fertilizer, (N, P, and K) high in nitrogen.

PLANT FERTILIZING:

Begin fertilizing roses every 4 to 6 weeks from now until September. Fertilizer ratio of 10-10-10 should be broadcast over the entire garden. Fertilize the garden 2-3 times during the growing season.

PRUNING: You can prune evergreen and summer flowering trees and shrubs this month. But, prune spring flowering shrubs (forsythia, quince, azaleas, Spirea, etc) only after they finish blooming, if needed. Evergreens like podocarpus, holly, boxwood, ligustrum, juniper and wax myrtle can be pruned any time. Never prune plants during a growth flush (leafing out). Shear back Asiatic jasmine to encourage new growth from the base.

EVENTS:

March 11 is Daylight Savings Time (DST) when we will move their clocks ahead one hour. From 1986 to 2006 this has been the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October, but starting in 2007, it will be observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. To remember the setting on the clocks is to think "Spring forward, fall back".

March 15 is the "Ides of March", a term that has forever imbued that date from the earliest Roman calendar as the soothsayer's warning to Julius Caesar.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day for the patron saint of Ireland who was born in Wales about AD 385.

March 20 marks the beginning of spring, the changing of seasons. It is significant for astronomical reasons because the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator, known as the **vernal equinox** in the Northern Hemisphere.



—from the Editor



OLD ROSES

Dr. Bill Welch

Professor and Extension Landscape Specialist, Department of Horticultural Sciences and Texas Agricultural Extension Service



Foreshadowed by modern hybrids, old roses have been overlooked in this century; but now there is a renaissance afoot to restore the older varieties to their rightful place in the garden. These plants are incredible not only

for their survival but for their garden virtues.

They climb, ramble, trail and form bushes large and small. They bloom steadily for several seasons or bloom overwhelmingly for one. They can be used as the background for a bed, or form its backbone, or be massed for color in the foreground. They will even settle happily into containers for those who have no garden space at all. Their colors tend to be lush and muted rather than hard and bright, enabling them to blend well, not only with each other, but with everything else in a garden setting.

Their historic interest, color fragrance, and form should make old roses as indispensable to today's gardens as they have been for centuries. Many gardeners will attest, the best thing about old roses is that they provide all these landscape values without becoming a maintenance burden. Unlike modern roses, which grow poorly without many hours of devoted attention, most old roses will give today's busy homeowner an appreciated rest from much of the heavy fertilizing, spraying, and nurturing demanded by their younger cousins.

PREPARING A ROSE BED:

Old Garden Roses are hardy even in poor conditions, but they will be at their lovely best if planted in a favorable situation with rich, well drained soil. The best place to locate a rose bed is in an open area that receives at least six hours of direct sun daily (preferably in the morning) and allows good healthy air movement.

MULCHING AND WATERING:

A several inch thick layer of mulch applied 2 or 3 times a year means fewer weeds, less water stress, less heat stress, richer soil and healthier plants. We use a broken down pine bark on our beds, but pine needles, leaf mulch or any weed free material will do the job. Your plants will look much better in your garden if they get a deep soaking every 7 to 10 days.

FEEDING:

Most commercial rose foods and organic fertilizers are fine and give good results. The important thing about any fertilizer application is that lots of water will be wanted; both to dissolve the fertilizer into a form the rose can use and to clean any residue off the bush. For best results feed at 4 to 6 week intervals until 6 weeks before the earliest frost date.

PRUNING:

Old roses don't require the stringent and careful pruning that is needed by many modern sorts - in fact they can sulk and refuse to bloom if pruned too hard. Just a light touch of sharp pruning shears is all that is needed for them to respond beautifully. A good rule of thumb is to clip back no more than 1/3 of the bush, encouraging full foliage and heavy bloom without destroying the vigor and natural attractive form of the plant.

Ever-blooming varieties can be lightly trimmed or "tip-pruned" several times a year, as they flower on new growth. Roses that bloom but once are best pruned after they have bloomed.

When pruning bushes, remove any dead canes or twigs, any unbalanced growth and a few inches overall. For climbing roses, only dead or unwanted canes need to be removed.

10 Golden Rules of Texas Gardening Steve Chaney

1. If you're not having 'Fun' in your garden, then why do it?
2. Choose plants that are native or adapted to your area. **How:** Borrow with your eyes!
3. Garden organically whenever possible.
4. Plant only what you can comfortably take care of!
5. Be a patient Gardener – allow room for plants to grow into their natural, mature shape.
6. Feed the 'Soil' not the plants, for a long-term healthy garden.
7. Choose planting site carefully and include plants that grow well there.
8. Expect to give special attention to plants that you grow in areas they are not suited for – Azaleas, Rhododendrons, etc.
9. Be prepared – Have a plan before Digging! Remember – 'Kittens grow up to be Cats'. 'Tiny little seedlings grow up to be Giant Oaks'.
10. Share what you know, What you love, What you have.
 - Become a Master Gardener
 - Become a Master Naturalist
 - Become a Master Volunteer

Logo Clothing and Tool Sale

Master Gardener items such as logo clothing, caps, bags, tools, etc. will be available for purchase at the March 1 monthly meeting.

Orders will be accepted at that time for pickup at the April 5 monthly meeting. We have a new supplier this year. Hopefully this will eliminate some of the confusion in orders that we experienced last year.

— Jim Nelson

IRISH QUOTES



This month is St. Patrick's Day. The Irish have always been recognized as having the gift of gab, so it should come as no surprise that a relatively small country has produced so many great writers, orators, and just plain ordinary folk with a lot to say. Among these are Oscar Wilde, W. B. Yeates, James Stephens, George Bernard Shaw, Charles Stewart Parnell, Samuel Beckett, Jonathan Swift, James Joyce, Edmund Burke, and Sean O. Casey.

Many notable quotes came from Ireland.

- A good beginning is half the work.
- You'll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.
- It's no use boiling your cabbage twice.
- Every dog is brave on his own doorstep.
- Do not show your teeth until you can bite.
- Put silk on a goat and it is still a goat.
- An old broom knows the dirty corners best.
- It takes time to build castles.
- There is luck in sharing a thing.
- Beauty will not make the pot boil.
- Better good manners than good looks.
- One man's meat is another man's poison.
- If the cap doesn't fit, don't wear it.
- It is better to be lucky than rich.
- A kind word never broke anyone's mouth.
- You never miss the water till the well has run dry.
- If you lie down with dogs, you'll rise with fleas.
- No one is ever poor who has the sight of his eyes and the use of his feet.
- When your hand is in the dog's mouth, withdraw it gently.



—the editor

Community Demonstration Garden Update

The work has been progressing so well at the garden that planting is ready to start. Now all 16 planting beds in the general planting area are complete. And, here is where you come in. Everyone's help is needed with donations of plant material, soil, compost, manure, mulch and other miscellaneous items. If you are dividing plants, bring them; if you have seeds, bring them; when you dig and divide your bulbs, set aside several for the garden. If you have extra bags of planting material/soil amendments, donate them and be sure and bring your grass clippings and leaves for the compost bins. If you can't get to the garden on Tuesday or Friday mornings, bring the items to the monthly meeting and give them to Jim Nelson.

Other recent improvements include the rose berm thoroughly tilled with 4-6 inches of horse manure; serpentine plant beds along two sides of the barn completed and ready for planting; half of the hollies have been planted; and a three tier prototype of the enabled gardening plant bed has been constructed.

The partnership with the TCU Center for Civic Literacy is in motion with 23 TCU seniors from the nursing and nutrition programs working on Mondays and Thursdays at the garden. The mission of the TCU Center for Civic Literacy is to educate individuals to be informed, responsible and ethical participants in the civic life of their communities. The students are working alongside Master Gardeners. They have two general assignments under the 2007 grant for \$5,000 namely: (1) to support development of the garden and garden activity startup in support of interested community clientele, and (2) to define techniques and/or material to promote the garden to potential clients and to sustaining sponsors.

All Master Gardeners are invited to come out on Tuesday and Friday mornings to become involved in this worthwhile project.

—Judy Butler

Why Did My Plants Die? Anonymous

You walked too close. You trod on it. You dropped a piece of sod on it.
 You hoed it down. You weeded it. You planted it the wrong way up.
 You grew it in a yogurt cup, but you forgot to make a hole for it;
 The soggy compost took its toll. September storm, November drought.
 It heaved in March, the roots popped out.
 You watered it with an herbicide.
 You scattered bone meal far and wide, attracting local omnivores, who ate your plant and stayed for more.
 You left it baking in the sun, While you departed at a run, to find a spade, perhaps a trowel. Meanwhile the plant threw in the towel.
 You planted it with the crown too high; The soil washed off, that explains why.
 Too high pH. It hated lime, Alas it needs a gentler clime.
 You left the root ball wrapped in plastic. You broke the roots, They're not elastic.
 You walked too close, You trod on it. You dropped a piece of sod on it.
 You splashed the plant with mower oil, You should do something to your soil.
 Too rich, Too poor. Such wretched filth. Your soil is clay, your soil is filth.
 Your plant was eaten by a slug. The growing point contained a bug.
 These aphids are controlled by ants, who milk the juice, it kills the plants.
 In early spring your gardens mud, You walked around! That's not much good.
 With heat and light you hurried it. You worried it. You buried it.
 The poor plant missed the mountain air: No heat, no summer mugs up there.
 You overfed it 10-10-10. Forgot to water it again. You hit it sharply with a hose.
 You used a can without a rose. Perhaps you sprinkled from above.

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You should have talked to it with love. The nursery mailed it without roots. You killed it with those gardening boots.

Phil the Groundhog didn't see his shadow this year, so we are due an early spring. In place of a catchy article, I wanted to share this with you that describes a lot of the problems we as gardeners face each and every year.

Enjoy the spring and let's have a great year.

—Steve Chaney

Not So-Good Advice

1. Plant it. If it was meant to be there it will grow.
2. It grew in the church yard without any water.
3. The nursery tag said "full sun" so it should have done okay.
4. I heard that many times before but never believed it. (Why Not?)
5. Pull on it. If its a weed it won't come up. (Now what do you do with the perfectly good plant in your hand?)
6. The nursery tag said it won't grow over 4 feet tall so buy it!
7. It says on their web site that I should fertilize my lawn five times a year instead of three so I am going to follow their rules. They should know. (How do you think they make a profit?)
8. The almanac says we are going to have a rainy summer so I'm waiting to install the sprinkler system this year.
9. Plant the green side up.
10. If a little bit is good, a lot is better.
- 11.

—the editor

REMEMBRANCE

Susann Draper (2001), died December 28, 2006. She had a great passion for her volunteer work with the Master Gardener Association at the Botanic Garden. The Children's garden was very important to her, as were the Test Garden, and the Perennial Garden.

Susann won the "Top of the Trees" award at the Botanic Gardens for being one of the top volunteers for 3 years running which was over 100 hours. She was a volunteer that could always be counted on and she will be missed.



The books selected in Susann's honor are: *The Complete Book of Herbs*, an ultimate guide to herbs and their uses as well as the botanical A-Z encyclopedia of herbs, details over 150 common and lesser-known varieties of plants. It provides growing tips as well as essential information on their medicinal, culinary, and scented properties.

The Plant Selector gives guidance on color matching and mixing, types of plants (from ground cover to climbers) and where they should be planted. The book enables the design of beds and borders from scratch or to fill in difficult gaps and spaces in existing garden plans with the confidence that the results will be vibrant, color-coordinated and graduated in height.

Submitted by LaVonne Nowlin

Garden, Lawn, & Home Expo

The Fannin County Master Gardeners are having their 3rd annual Garden, Lawn, & Home Expo on Saturday, March 31, 2007, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Multi-Purpose Complex located at FM 87 and Hwy 56 West of Bonham.

Speakers will be Jessie Gunn Stephens, Dottie Woodson, Dr. Kevin Ong, Dr. Steve George, and Mark Chamblee of Chamblee Rose Nursery.

For advanced tickets, call
Fannin County Extension office
903-583-7453

Submitted by Connie Aplin, Master Gardener and Extension, Secretary, Fannin County

(These seminars could count as CEU's for you if you should attend. Steve Chaney)

2007 Awards

We need your ideas!

The awards committee will have a box at each monthly meeting for you to submit your ideas about the type of awards that should be given out (e.g. master gardener of the year, educator of the year, extra mile award) and the names of Master Gardeners that deserve to be recognized for those awards. There is no limit to how many people you may suggest, but give a brief reason why your candidate should be considered. When thinking about awards, list the criteria for these awards. If you prefer, this may be sent to me at my e-mail address or my home address, and you do not have to sign your name. These awards are given out by the membership, not by the board.

Think outside the box!

—JoAnn Hahn Awards Chairman



Birthdays for this month

- 3-1 Susan Haynes, Debbie Mims
Betsy Norman, and Linda Fogle
- 3-4 Robbie Crawford and Billy Joe Gabriel
- 3-5 Jody Morris and Charlotte Krystinik
- 3-6 Moria Brunken
- 3-10 Susan Miller and Kay Lewis
- 3-11 Samantha Hosti
- 3-12 Bob Ross and Emily Ward
- 3-13 Pat Oliver
- 3-15 Millie Ruby
- 3-16 Peg Surber;
- 3-17 Judy Melton and Susanne Mills
- 3-26 Sharon Nice and Marshall Harris
- 3-28 Jo Ann Perdue
- 3-29 Susan Stanek and Carol Lally
- 3-30 Dawn Hancock and Bernice
Ramsbottom
- 3-31 Jo Poppelreiter and Kim Freeman
—by LaVonne Nowlin

The Raffle Committee

..has had a request for some "Manly Raffle Items", so round up those boots and spurs and carry them on down to our March Meeting. We have two new members on our committee Sandra Johnson and Dottie Bucy. We are delighted to have their help and their input. See you in March...Barb, Dottie, Joyce and Sandy.

Vendor Tables

Vendor Tables will be available at the Master Gardener meeting on March 1st for Master Gardeners or affiliates who want to offer their products for sale. The price per table is \$15. If you want to reserve a table call or e-mail Jim Nelson
— Jim Nelson

Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

<u>Project Code & Name</u>	<u>Work Days/Times</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Phone</u>
301 BRIT Activities	Call chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
311 Perennial Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Patsy Johnson	817-292-5358
312 Trial Garden Maintenance	1 st , 3 rd Tues, 8:30 a.m..	Susan Miller	817-261-1420
312 Trial Garden Data	2 nd & 4 th Tues.	Susan Miller	817-261-1420
313 BG Cottage Garden	Call chairman	Diane Clark	817-249-2760
321 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 9:30 a.m.	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
322 Union Gospel Mission	Every Mon. 10 a.m.	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
323 Grapevine Botanic Garden	Call coordinator	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
324 Mansfield Main St. Project	3 rd Wed. 9 a.m.	Donna Turner	817-473-8253
326 Teen Challenge	Every Wed. 9 a.m.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
327 Community Garden	Tues & Fri 8-11 am	Jim Nelson	817-688-2842
401 Composting Demo	1 st Sat. 2 nd Sat.	Don Graves Charlie Shiner	817-465-1667 817-548-7117
402 FW Nature Center	Call chairman	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
403 FW Library at Hulen St.	4 th Thurs, 8:30 a.m.	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-4683
404 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat, last Wed.	Gailon Hardin	817-457-4703
405 Liberty Garden	Call chairman 2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
406 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Mar 3, 9-12 Tues 9-12 p.m.	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598
408 TX Smartscape Demo	Call chairman	Michael Warren	817-531-6765

School Gardens

601 Alice Carlson	Mon/Thurs 8:30 a.m.	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
602 Branson	Call chairman	Glenda Page	817-447-8348
604 Fitzgerald	Wed. 3:15 p.m.	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
605 Oakhurst	Call chairman	Margaret Hare	817-763-5054
611 Children's Garden	Call chairman	Dolores Geisel	817-446-4536

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 3/16 - 3/18 Will Rogers H&G Show**
- 3/24 Yardsmart Seminar @ FWBG**
- 4/3 Spring Master Naturalist Class begins**
- 4/12 - 4/14 MG State Conference in Kerrville**
- 04/26 Metro Maples and Stegall's Nursery**
- 4/27 - 4/28 Rose Adventure in Tyler**
- 05/22 Lavender Ridge Farm and Bailey Blueberry Patch**
- 5/2 -5/4 International MG Conference in Little Rock, Ark.**
- 5/7 - 5/9 Waterama**
- 5/8 - 5/10 Pizza Ranch**
- Late June (date TBA) Arlington Garden Tour**



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