



Sharecropper

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

Mission Statement

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



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and encouraged.
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OUR FIRST PLANT SALE by Taddie Hamilton

Tarrant County Master Gardeners Plant Sale Chairperson 2009

What a wonderful day! The First Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale was a grand success. At 9 a.m., the sun came out, the day warmed and the wind that almost blew us away on Thursday decreased to a breeze! A line of people with their wagons were waiting when we opened the gate! We sold more than 3000 plants, 250 roses, and 25 rain barrels! More than 75 MGs volunteered to help almost 300 families who came to admire our Community Garden and purchase plants.

We had great publicity from the *Star Telegram*, *Dallas Morning News*, Neil Sperry, Dotty Woodson and multiple flyers placed in schools and businesses and emailed by you to hundreds of friends and neighbors. It was amazing to hear people say they didn't know the Garden was there. Several families indicated they would like a bed to tend to teach their children the thrill of growing their own food.

On Thursday, after the Master Gardener meeting, many MGs came to the garden to support our organization. It was thrilling to see all those plants going out of the gate to MG landscapes! Thank you for supporting the sale.

It took a big team who worked extremely hard to make the day a success. Jeanie Browning chose Texas SuperStar plants, easy to grow and beautiful! Larry Matl, Donna Morris and their team collected the money at a steady pace. Claire Alford lead a team who helped people learn about the Heritage plants and how to care for them. Marilyn Sallee created the signs we used along the roads and created instructions of care for many of the Heritage Plants. Ginger Bason and her team answered questions from the public on taking care of their landscapes. Cathy Sabin distributed flyers all over the area and even into Mansfield! Susan Stanek made sure the Garden Clubs in the area had flyers and information. Eleanor Tuck oversaw the distribution of various Extension publications and even recruited people for the next Master Gardener Class. Pat Higgins and Lynn Hayes kept watch over the plants in the Holding Area. Tom Scott and his team built 25 rain barrels and sold them all! And of course Steve Chaney, Nancy Curl and Pat Higgins did all the behind the scenes work to make the sale a success. This was such fun.

Thanks for all your support and we'll do it again next year!!!



MGs in ACTION

Photos by Nancy Curl



Above & left: The First TCMGA Plant Sale—Instructions from Taddie, and some of the many shoppers who came out Thursday and Saturday.



Right: Intern Nicole Alexander talks with MG Garrett Tucker about West Nile Virus.



Left: Blooming redbud planted at UGM in memory of Candy's grandson



Ben giving instructions on the importance of thick mulch

Photos by Nancy Curl & Gray Larson



Intern Mary Jane Goad with Riverside Middle Schoolers prepare beds at Union Gospel Mission

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Project Profile: PERENNIAL GARDEN FWBG by Cindy Woelke

LOCATION: Fort Worth Botanic Garden, by Japanese Garden



We think that we are the luckiest group of people in the world. Our project is smack dab in the middle of our beloved Fort Worth Botanic Garden. This has been a project of Master Gardeners several times in the past. Our current project started in 2003.

During the past six years we have engaged in every aspect of gardening. We have designed, planned, planted, maintained, mulched, and labeled the plants. Our area encompasses shady and sunny beds, flowering perennials and shrubs, ground covers and a variety of trees. There is wildlife habitat, rocks, paths and hilly terrain. We specialize in adapted

plants. We try to find plants that will thrive in the type of soil, sunlight and moisture that is there. We have it all. The Perennial Garden is a favorite for photographers and local gardeners.

With the Botanic Garden staff, we are planning our educational programs for the upcoming year. Along with the MGs from the Trial Garden, our first project was promoting Texas Superstars at the March Plant Sale.

We are looking for a couple of team leaders. We need gardeners willing to learn and share that knowledge with others. We have added Spirea Hill as part of our project and are considering adding a 1/4th acre stand of trees to showcase understory plantings. What potential!

We meet at 8:30 every Wednesday morning. Not every volunteer comes every week; we are very flexible, so work us into your schedule. The first

Wednesday of the month we bring our lunch and picnic in the garden and do a little planning after we work. This is a fun group of gardeners!

Project
Leader: Cindy
Woelke (817)
366-4436
Workdays:
8:30 a.m.





President's Message

May 2009

I absolutely love spring! I love checking every day to see what has started to poke out of the ground or has opened it's first bloom. So then I thought about how spring is a time for renewal (perennials) and new things (annuals). If you stretch yourself, there is garden analogy for almost any significant thought.

So here's my stretch – *would you consider committing yourself to trying something new?* A few suggestions for starters.... go on a field trip. I am aware we have MGs that have never been on one of our field trips. We usually try to have three in the spring and two in the fall. I have made new friends just by inviting someone into my car to ride around.

How about trying on a new project? We have MGs that have never settled into a project as a 'regular'. It can be intimidating showing up for the first time, so my suggestion is to call the project chair and introduce yourself before coming for the first time so they will be looking for you. I do not believe we have a single project chair that would not love to have another faithful volunteer!

Join a committee. Ask a committee chair if they need any more help for this year. In the fall after the Executive Board has been elected, let one of them know that you want to serve on a committee. They can make that happen! You may be surprised to find out that it is not always easy to staff all of our committees.

If you need something done, they say to ask a busy person. I know you are all busy people, yet you find time to be MGs and do all this fabulous volunteer work. If you have a desire to stretch yourself a bit further and try something new, there are abundant opportunities!

See you on May 7th – I can't wait to shop the vendor tables at the meeting!

— Susan Stanek, President

April 2009 Monthly Program

**Topic: Moon-Glow Plants
By Maggie Ross McNeely**



We are honored to have Maggie Ross McNeely come and speak to us and sign her books when we break at noon. Ms. McNeely will be talking on Moon-Glow Plants for North Texas so that we will be inspired to have the best arrangements for moon-glow plants laced with fragrance in a multi-season garden.

Many of you have read her articles in the Star Telegram or have had the opportunity to visit her gardens which are, of course, outstanding. Some of her descriptions are priceless: her soil is "gumbo-coated limestone"--wonder what A&M said about her soil sample?

See ya all soon, ET

Schedule:

9:30 Gather and grab your coffee
10:00 Maggie Ross McNeely
11:00 Business Meeting/Snack Lunch
12:00 Noon Maggie Ross McNeely

Vendor Tables at the May meeting

TCMGA RECEIVES AWARD

The Community Garden and Tarrant County Master Gardeners received the Special Project of the Year Award from Fort Worth Dietetic Association. A TCMGA representative will attend their May meeting to receive the Award.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:
The August TCMGA meeting will be
on the second Thursday, August 13
2009 at Resource Connection.**

TCMGA Meeting Minutes April 2, 2009

The Program was "The Art of Designing Naturally" by Michael Makens, Landscape Designer and owner of Walkabout Nursery of North Richland Hills.

President Stanek called the Business Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with 213 certified Master Gardeners present.

The Minutes of the March 2009 meeting were approved as published in the Sharecropper.

Treasurer Carl Trehus presented the Treasurer's Report as of today, April 2, 2009.

Checking Account balance	\$ 1,761.82
Money Market Account balance	20,666.87
Total Assets	\$22,418.79

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeany Browning, the person responsible for the selection of plants for this month's plant sale, spoke briefly about the veggies, herbs, and other plants for sale to members today.

Taddie Hamilton, Chairman of the plant sale, was introduced and thanked everyone for their participation.

President Stanek advised that the plant sale will be open after today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming events

April 18: Molly Hollar Wildscape Plant Sale
 April 19: Southlake Spring Garden Tour
 April 23-25: State Conference in Marshall, TX
 April 29: Tour of Walkabout Landscape Co. and three additional gardens
 May 3: Colleyville Garden Club Tour

Nicole Alexander, Intern worker in the Extension Office, has a display on West Nile Virus at the back of the room.

Steve Purdy has asked for more phone volunteers in the Extension office this month to answer phones while the Interns are being trained.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer has Membership Directories to be picked up. Additional directories can be purchased for \$2.

Caladium bulbs are here today to be picked up.

Fertilizer is here today to be picked up.

The new Texas Gardening books by Steve Huddleston that were preordered are available to be picked up today.

Wendi Carlucci has asked for volunteers for the Southlake Garden Tour on April 19.

At the May General Meeting vendors are invited to set up tables to sell whatever they choose, preferably garden related items. Contact Bill Hall to reserve a table.

Haily Summerford, Volunteer Coordinator for the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, thanked the Master Gardeners for all their help and encouraged the membership to continue to volunteer in the Botanic Garden as often as possible.

President Stanek announced that during the lunch break photos of the Las Vegas Conference would be running on the big screen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Dottie Bucy

Where's the Color?

For our print readers, things have suddenly moved back in time to the black and white era. The print version of the newsletter will no longer be full color — as a cost saving measure. With postage once again going up, and the expanded number of pages, we had to find some place to cut costs.

The web version is still 100% in full color — especially nice for viewing the photos. The web version also has clickable links, and the ability to make the print as big as you would like to make reading easier.

MAY 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 8:30a CG Veggie Mayfest	2 9a Veterans Park Class - polinators Composting Demo Mayfest
3 Mayfest Colleyville Garden Promenade Tour	4 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	5 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie 9a BG Cottage Pizza Ranch Appreciation Day Herb Sale BRIT Class	6 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9a BG Children's 9a Veterans Park 9:30a Thistle Hill Pizza Ranch 3:15p Fitzgerald	7 8:30a Alice Carlson 10a TCMGA MEETING BRIT lecture NCNPSOT	8 8:30a CG Veggie Resporce Conne- ction Fun Kids Day	9 8a SW Crthse Composting Demo Cactus Show/Sale Azle Garden Tour
10 Cactus Show/Sale	11 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	12 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie 9a BG Cottage	13 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9a BG Children's 9a Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald BRIT brown bag Field Trip to Eagle Mt Lake	14 8:30a Alice Carlson TCMGA Board	15 8:30a CG Veggie	16 10a Hulen Herb Society Festival FWBG Garden w/ Pros Rainwater Harvest
17	18 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	19 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie 9a BG Cottage	20 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9a BG Children's 9a Veterans Park 9:30a Thistle Hill 9:30a Hulen 3:15p Fitzgerald	21 8:30a Alice Carlson 10a Hulen*	22 8:30a CG Veggie	23 Prairefest FtW Iris Show Flowercade
24	25 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	26 8:30a BG Trial 8:30a CG Veggie 9a BG Cottage Organic Garden Club	27 9a Teen Challenge 9a BG Perennial 9a SW Crt Hse 9a BG Children's 9a Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	28 8:30a Alice Carlson	29 8:30a CG Veggie	30 FWBG Concerts in the Garden

UP-COMING EVENTS

NOTE: for this month's events, see back cover

- June 3 Ladies of the Garden 7 pm
 June 4 **TCMGA MEETING**
 June 5-7 FWBG Concerts in the Garden
 June 6 Wildscape class—Wildscape Your Yard
 June 10 BRIT Brown Bag—Trinity River
 June 12-14 FWBG Concerts in the Garden
 June 13 Gardening with the Pros—Propagation
 June 17-19 MG Specialist Training—Rainwater Harvesting Menard
 June 18-21—Regional MG Conf. Oklahoma City, OK
 June 19-21 FWBG Concerts in the Garden
 June 23 Organic Garden Club “Veggies” 7 pm FWBG
 June 26-28 FWBG Concerts in the Garden
 July 1 Ladies of the Garden 7 pm
 July 2 **TCMGA MEETING**
 July 2 FWBG Concerts in the Garden
 July 11 Wildscape class—Soil Critters
 July 11 Gardening with the Pros—Water Gardens
 July 16-18 MG Specialist Training—Rainwater Harvesting Kaufman
 Aug. 1 Wildscape class—Native Perennials
 Aug. 5 Ladies of the Garden 7 pm
 Aug. 8 Gardening with the Pros—Herbs
 Aug 13 **TCMGA MEETING**
 Aug 14-16 TNLA Landscapers Show—Dallas
 Aug 29-30 Ft W Orchid Society Sale, FWBG
 Sept. 2 Ladies of the Garden 7 pm
 Sept 3 **TCMGA MEETING**
 Sept. 11-13 FWBG Art in the Garden
 Sept 11-12 MG Specialist Training—Rainwater Harvesting Conroe
 Sept. 12 Wildscape class—Post Oak Preservation
 Sept. 12 Gardening with the Pros—Vegetable Gardens
 Sept 15-19 MG Specialist Training Entomology Austin
 Sept. 17-19 MG Specialist Greenhouse Management—Tarrant Co. Fort Worth
 Sept. 19 Iris & Daylily Sale FWBG
 Sept. 23—TCMGA Field Trip Decatur Area
 Oct. 1 **TCMGA MEETING**
 Oct. 3 Wildscape class Saving Water & Money by Dottie Woodson
 Oct. 7 Ladies of the Garden 7 pm
 Oct. 10 FWBG Fall Plant Sale

Announcements/Going On

Project Workdays — contact the Project Chair - see page 11 for details

Field Trips—TCMGA Field Trip Chair is Kay Gunn. See schedule page 9 this issue.

FWBG events— See calendar at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens for more information.

State, Regional & International MG Conferences, MG Specialist Training—See State MG website for more information: <http://www.texasmastergardeners.com/>

Gardening with the Pros—Homeowner Education classes offered by Agri-Life Extension on the second Saturday of each month. Cost \$10 each. For more info or sign up with Clair-essa Reyes, Extension Secretary.

Wildscape classes—each first Saturday at 9 am at the Molly Hollar Wildscape in Veteran's Park, Arlington. Also Composting demo/class.

BRIT (Botanical Research Center of Texas) phone 817-257-7132 or 817-871-7682

Composting Classes—2nd Saturday of each month 9-11 am 703 NW Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington 817-459-6778

NCNPSOT—native plant meeting at Ft W Botanic Garden 7 pm. See topic at their website

Free Organic Classes—1st Wednesday every month Ladies of the Garden, 5208 Hidden Oaks Lane, Arlington 817-572-0148

Your Event Here—if you know of an event or class of interest to Master Gardeners, send the information to tmgmarilyn@gmail.com

Note: This is a list of items of interest to MGs. Items on this list outside the MG program may not be automatically approved for hours. Please confirm approval with Steve Chaney on these events.

SuperStar MG Profile
SHARON CHASTAIN
Education Superstar 2008



Gardening is in my blood. One of my earliest memories is my Grandmother Bessie hoeing her vegetable garden dressed in a flowered sunbonnet and a long cotton dress. I can never see snapdragons without thinking of her. My mother also loved growing things, and she was very active in her garden club. These wise women gave me a wealth of stories and advice about gardening that I treasure.

I became a serious gardener when I graduated from college. I dug my first vegetable garden with only a spoon because I was too impoverished to buy a shovel. At about that time I started acquiring gardening books, trying to learn more about what to grow and how to do it. Since most of the books were written by gardeners in the east, I made a lot of mistakes following their advice, like spreading fireplace ash all over my flower beds!

I became a certified Master Gardener in 2003. Even before I became an intern I had my eye on Alice Carlson's Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE). When I first saw the garden it was overgrown with brush and weeds, but it had great potential. I was still an intern when I met with Dottie Woodson about revitalizing the garden. I was so lucky to have good friends in my intern class who joined me in the sometimes daunting task of developing the OLE. Most of our original crew still works in the garden, and

each year we add wonderful members to our team. The friendships I have made through our organization both enrich and sustain me.

Part of restoring the OLE has involved building a solid relationship with the school. I work with both faculty and students to implement Applied Learning Projects in the garden. I regularly teach professional development seminars at Real School Gardens, which bring in teachers from around the state. It is very rewarding to work with people who are so dedicated to teaching youth about the natural world. It's very rewarding to work with people who are so dedicated to teaching youth about the natural world.

I find that I reinvent myself every ten years. A design major, I worked as a commercial artist in Dallas before following my husband's work to Alaska and Scotland. After returning to graduate school, I spent ten years in the education department at the Kimbell Art Museum. From the Kimbell I moved to an organization that arranged art exhibitions, and then a stint as an independent art consultant, writing for a Dallas museum and managing a touring exhibition.

My next rebirth was as an antique dealer, an endeavor I followed for another ten years. It was great fun traveling to England to buy textiles and small treasures. Eventually gardening began consuming more and more of my time, and I finally traded my Victorian beadwork for a ratty gardening hat.

I share my life with my wonderful husband Flavel who also loves to garden when he's not at work or on the golf course. My constant companion in the garden is Brigit the Wonder Dog who likes to rest on newly installed bedding plants and bury toys in the compost. We grow a lot of Texas natives and grasses, but are unrepentant plant collectors at heart. Our garden is our refuge and a source of endless delight.

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It is the dedicated Master Gardeners, such as Sharon, who inspire us all and make this organization the outstanding chapter it is.
Watch for future profiles of our SuperStar Master Gardeners in coming months.
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FIELD TRIPS



Get in on the fun
and join us

NEXT: May 13th EAGLE MOUNTAIN LAKE



This is the perfect way to spend a spring morning. Visit three beautiful gardens, all on lake front properties at Eagle Mountain Lake, followed by a picnic.

The first stop encompasses two houses and gardens. Since the property is on a cliff that was gradually eroding, the owner had to have extensive work done with retaining walls and fill dirt to rebuild the cliff. Wait 'til you see the result! The second and third gardens belong to real hands-on gardeners. One has even built his own beach for his family to enjoy. The other is into native landscaping with an oriental flair, and the landscape is like a private park.

Then we go to the new Eagle Mountain Park, opened in April of 2008. The Tarrant County Water District purchased the property to preserve the plant life and wildlife in this lovely natural area. **BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH** (we provide water) and wear comfy shoes so you can hike some of the numerous trails. This is one of those little gems off the beaten path.

MEET AT 9:30 A.M. AT KOHL'S PARKING LOT at Loop 820 W at the Azle Highway exit. Kohl's is in the northwest quadrant of that intersection. No reservations required.

Questions? Call Joyce Colegrove, 817-236-7070, or Kay Gunn, 817-346-7261.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS



FALL

September 23 The September 23rd field trip has been changed. Instead of Decatur, we will go to Cedar Hill to see

some wonderful residential gardens and a great nursery. Plans are not yet finalized, so stay tuned!

October 13 – Granbury - An opportunity to see three outstanding private gardens belonging to Hood County Master Gardeners. Lots of variety, ranging from a five acre country garden to a tropical garden on the shores of Lake Granbury. Then enjoy lunch on your own, and shopping, on the square in Granbury.

Previous: March 26th: DALLAS ARBORETUM FIELD TRIP



The plan was to go, rain or shine. It was a little more rain than shine, but it didn't dampen the spirits of about 65 Tarrant County Master Gardeners who turned out to tour the Dallas Arboretum March 26.

The garden was spectacular with the azaleas at their peak in a full range of color. The azaleas joined with tulips and pansies in stunning color combinations. The fog that hung around through the morning even created a special effect with tiny crystal droplets on petals and leaves.

Good friends and a beautiful garden. What a lovely way to spend a day.

Out and About

☼ Did you know that if you wear your TMGA badge you can attend the May 9 **Azle Garden Tour** free (save \$10)? Just be ready to answer questions posed by other visitors.

☼ Spring break proved costly for several projects. **Fitzgerald** and **Alice Carlson** MG volunteers have spent many hours cleaning up after vandals caused havoc with the water features at Carlson, while Fitzgerald was generally trashed with litter, ruined plants and upturned tables and barbeque. ☼ **Molly Hollar**, intern, celebrated a special 81st birthday during class with the other interns. Congratulations, Molly! .

☼ Good news at **Thistle Hill!** The rotted and crumbling pergola has been restored to its natural beauty. **Emily Ward** invites all to come by and admire it. ☼ **Pat Higgins**, not even stopping to catch her breath after the RCCG Plant Sale, will be preparing for the next group of TCU Environmental Justice students' volunteer work at the **Community Garden**.

Have snippets of info from your project or committee? Get it printed in "Out and About". Send or call it to Joy Lease.

- by Joy Lease

Happy Birthday, Master Gardeners!

May Birthdays

- 1 Jackie Peel, Blas Villarreal
- 2 Carl Trehus
- 5 Amanda Kowalski
- 6 Taylor Stephens-Parker
- 8 Maureen Gonzales, Joe Sanders
- 9 Joan Schmidt, Lynn Hayes
- 12 Judy Ratzlaff, Pam Braak (I)
- 13 Pat Higgins
- 15 Janice Beavers
- 21 Maggie Camperlengo (I)
- 25 Imelda Castro, Susan Cullen
- 26 Gay Larson
- 27 Judith Kelly
- 29 Linda Witherspoon
- 31 Joyce Colegrove

If your birthday is in this month and you don't see your name and date of birth, it's because we don't have it. Please contact Joy Lease, (817) 795-5133 or email jlease@prodigy.net for changes.

— Joy Lease

MGs in the News



Several of our Master Gardeners have been quoted in glossy publications lately. Here's a sample of some recent ones:

Parker County Today Magazine,
March 2009, page 20:

"I think about wildflowers' impact on us. About when the settlers came across the United States— how it must have felt like to be in a covered wagon and see wildflowers. No human probably had planted them. God had planted them for our enjoyment. I think wildflowers are God's way of painting a colorful palate on the canvas of earth."
-- Gay Larson

Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine, March 2009,
page 12:

"For more than a decade, Judy Ratzlaff drove past the state's champion Texas redbud...on her way home.

"It was breath-taking," Ratzlaff recalls. "It looked like a weeping willow because the limbs touched the ground. And the flowers stayed on forever."

Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine, March 2009,
page 50-55:

This issue features an entire article about one of our 2009 interns, and long time garden expert, Molly Hollar. The article, by Master Naturalist Diana Kunde, gives the history of Molly's Wildscape in Veteran's park in Arlington. A sterling example of what one gardener can do to affect an entire community.

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	Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
312 BG Trial Garden	Tues. 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Susan Miller	817-261-1420
313 BG Cottage Garden	Tues. 9-11:30 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	Mon. 9 a.m.	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
323 Grapevine Botanic Garden	Call coordinator	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
326 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 a.m.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
328 Community Garden	(Contact area coordinators below)		
Project Co-chairs:	Pat Higgins, Nancy Curl and Tom Scott		
	817-946-6278 817-319-1795 817-427-9009		
Barn beds:	Charlotte Berck, wrberck@peoplepc.com		817-426-6417
Compost:	position open		
Education:	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Enabling beds:	Jeanette Berggren, jberggren@sbcglobal.net		817-249-6815
Greenhouse:	Tom Scott, trutexen@aol.com - Tuesdays		940-433-2601
Herb Garden:	Rita Hottel, aescom@charter.net - Wednesdays		817-295-2883
Mowing/Edging:	Tom Scott, trutexen@aol.com - Tuesdays		940-433-2601
Orchard and Berry	Renee Beckum jrbeckum@sbcglobal.net		214-914-6597
Perennial beds: (developing)	Joann Hahn, joannhahn@att.net		817-923-9250
	Ginger Bason, gbason@hotmail.com		817-838-7321
Propagation	Claire Alford, Joy Lease, and Donna Morris		
Roses:	Karen Kologe, kpk@charter.net - Fridays		817-924-6449
TCU students & Vegetable garden	Pat Higgins, Ragdollpatb@sbcglobal.net Tues, & Fri. 8:30 am		817-946-6278
401 Composting Demo	1 st Sat. 2 nd Sat.	Don Graves Charlie Shiner	817-465-1667 817-488-6123
403 FW Library at Hulen St.	3rd Wed. 9:30 3 rd Sat, 10:00 a.m.	Devanie Fergus Evaline Woodrey	817-861-1932 817-295-4683
404 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat, last Wed.	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
405 Liberty Garden	Call chairman 2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
406 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Wed. 9-12 p.m. 1st Sat, 9-12 p.m.	Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
<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 BG-Children's Garden	Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598

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Calendar of This Month's Events



- Apr 30-May 3 Mayfest—Along Trinity
- May 2 Wildscape class—Insect Pollinators
- May 2 FWBG class Perennials 9 am
- May 2 Smith Co. MG Garden Tour
- May 3 Colleyville Garden Club Promenade Tour
- May 5 Tarrant Co Appreciation Day 9-12 —
County Admin. Bldg
- May 5 Herb Sale 9-12 Tarrant Co. Admin Bldg.
- May 5 BRIT class “Abandoned Plants”
- May 5-6 **Pizza Ranch**
- May 7 **TCMGA MEETING**
- May 7 BRIT Lecture Green Future
- May 7 NCNPSOT 7 pm FWBG
- May 8 Resource Connect Fun Kids Day
- May 9 Denton Co. MG Garden Tour
- May 9 Azle Garden Tour 10a-3p -MGs get in free if they wear their badge and answer questions.
- May 9-10 Fort Worth Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
- May 13 TCMGA Field Trip—Eagle Mountain Lake
- May 13 BRIT Brown Bag—Greenest Greens
- May 16 Greater Ft W Herb Society Festival FWBG
- May 16 FWBG class Front Porch Citrus 9 am
- May 16 Gardening with the Pros: Rainwater Harvesting 9-12 Agri-Life Office
- May 26 Organic Garden Club “Roses” 7 pm FWBG
- June—Concerts in the Garden, FWBG weekends

Steve Chaney—For up-to-the-minute
TCMGA news visit: www.tcmga.org



More state news:
www.texasmastergardeners.com