



# 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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Articles welcome  
and encouraged.

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### Fall is for Planting

by Laura M. Miller, County Extension Agent, Commercial Horticulture

The temperatures have dropped down into the "quite comfortable" range. Rain is falling with regularity. October is statistically the second wettest month in Tarrant County; in an average year there are 7 days with some precipitation, and 2009 was well above average. Avid gardeners are itching to get back outside after the dog days of summer, and every garden would benefit from a few days of planting this fall.

**Why is fall such a good time to plant?** There are two significant reasons. Plant roots will grow anytime soil temperature is above 40° F, and in the southern states soil temperatures generally remain above that threshold. Fall planting gives roots time to grow and get established before temperatures surpass 90° F which is when most plants, like gardeners themselves, start having a hard time keeping cool .

The second reason to plant in the fall is that trees, shrubs, and perennials often sell for less than they do in the peak spring gardening season. Buying plants in the fall is almost like buying Christmas gifts in January. Buyers may have to deal with picked over stock, but not always. When purchasing a plant at any time, remember that the most important part is in the pot. Always check the roots and don't buy a tree or shrub that has roots growing out of the container or curling around the top.

**What are the best plants to install in the fall?** Almost every tree will establish most easily in cool weather, so will woody shrubs, and roses. Spring and summer blooming perennials, such as "Texas Gold" columbine, salvias, asters, and Turk's cap, will put on a better show when



planted in fall. Most gardeners know that fall is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs. What they don't always know is which bulbs will do best in North Central Texas. Many a gardener has been disappointed by French tulips and crocuses that thought 50° F

(Fall Planting Continued on page 13)

# MGs in ACTION

Tom Scott installs the irrigation system at the Community Gardens, while faithful companion, Lulu, uncharacteristically patiently waits for her master's attention.



Photos by Sue Ellen Schlitzer

## YOUR PHOTO could be HERE

We are always looking for shots of MGs in action — at field trips, projects, tours, educational events, etc. Please send photos to the editor, with your name, date and event.



TCU Interns make new beds at the Community Garden



Tammy Edwards teaches how to make cement leaves

Photos by Nancy Curl

## Ron Schlitzer is NOT Compostable!



Photos by Nancy Curl



Ron Schlitzer, Bill Hall and Jerry Tuttle build an arbor at UGM

Photos by Guy Larson

## LEADERSHIP

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## Project Profile: John Peter Smith Hospital Meditation Garden

by Kay Lewis, Project Chair



### Location:

John Peter Smith Hospital is located just South of downtown Fort Worth, in the hospital District. Parking is available in the lot at St. Louis Street and Allen Avenue.

The John Peter Smith Baby Meditation Garden Project is one of the newest Master Gardener projects. We are working to change the garden area of mostly Asian Jasmine and trimmed shrubs to a native and adaptive plant garden. We have begun with a small area and added an edible landscape (mostly herbs) in a small raised bed. We have added *Salvia greggi* to some small existing beds. We have had entertainment and educational programs in the 100 degrees heat of the last two months. We have hopes of making this area an oasis for the doctors, nurses, patients, and their families to escape for a few moments.

We hope this fall to work a shade garden and by next spring to begin pulling the Asian Jasmine and adding grasses and other low water and low maintenance plants. We have some broken bags of compost and other soil amendments that have been donated, but we need some garbage pails in which to put them .

### Work Day & Time:

Second and fourth Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Park in the Garage on St. Louis Street and be sure to have ticket stamped before you leave for the day. Tools must be carried in from the street, you can park for ten minutes in the valet parking area to unload. If you are interested in working with us , please contact Bernice Ramsbottom (817.485.6631) or Kay Lewis (817.281.6600)



## President's Message

### November newsletter

It is hard to imagine that it is already November!

As we begin to tidy up our own gardens for the cooler weather, the TCGMA association year is also winding down. Turning our thoughts to next year, we will be looking for several new committee chairs and lots of folks to serve on committees. It takes all of us to make our association 'go'. Would you like to be part of that? If you would like to serve and are not currently in a role, please contact me and let me know what you might be interested in. You can refer to your directory for a list of our standing committees.

We are a better association when we all participate. Our diversity makes us better and stronger. Every new face that joins a committee or accepts a leadership role brings new ideas to the table and keeps us fresh and current. I'd love to hear from you!

— Susan Stanek, President

## START THINKING CHRISTMAS!



### HOLIDAY LUNCHEON IN A BEAUTIFUL SETTING

Yep, it's getting to be that time:

Time: 11 am – 1 pm on Thursday,  
December 3, 2009

Place: Diamond Oaks Country Club  
5821 Diamond Oaks Drive, Haltom City  
(817-834-6261)

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Make your reservation at November 5th meeting or mail your check to Eleanor Tuck no later than 11/23/09

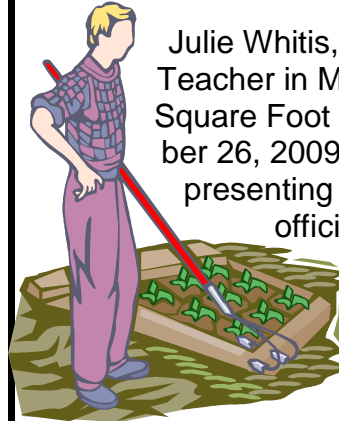


## November Monthly Program

### November 5th Speaker

### Square-Foot Gardening

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, we will have the opportunity to learn about Square Foot Gardening—its “how to” and “how not to” and the value of the methods in vegetable growing.



Julie Whitis, an Early Childhood Teacher in Mansfield and a Certified Square Foot Gardener, as of September 26, 2009, in Eden, Utah, will be presenting the program. Her recent official certification belies her practical experience in gardening. Over the past several years she has steadily increased her production of food grown in her own backyard.

Hopefully, Karen McFarland, a neighbor and also recently certified SFG will be able to attend and assist in the presentation. Karen's training has included a Biointensive Training in California with John Jeavons, author of HOW TO GROW MORE VEGETABLES. (Karen has been instrumental in getting Julie to present in the event that Karen cannot be with us).



With their training and now the official Certification, both Julie and Karen will be able to offer classes in Square Foot Gardening more locally—a real plus.

9:30 AM Gather and get your coffee  
10:00 AM Our Speakers  
11:00 AM Business and Break  
12:00 Noon Our Speakers will resume

Hope to see you at the meeting — ET

## TCMGA Meeting Minutes October 1, 2009

President Stanek called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with 160 members present. The program for the day was by Christy Ilfrey who, along with her husband, is owner of Native Dave. Her presentation was full of landscaping ideas using native plants.

The September General Meeting minutes were approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report was given by President Stanek in the absence of Carl Trehus, Treasurer.

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Checking Account balance | \$ 1,865.18      |
| Money Market Account     | <u>20,738.51</u> |
| Total Checking/Savings   | \$22,603.69      |

The nominees for 2010 Officers were introduced and ballots were passed out. Joanne McClendon was named as Teller and she, along with helpers, Jack Gerloff and Joe Sanders, gathered ballots and counted. Upon receiving the Teller's report containing the vote count, the Chair asked the membership for permission to announce only the name of each person elected for office and was granted permission by the membership unanimously. The Chair then announced the new officers for 2010:

President-Susan Stanek,  
First Vice President-Nancy Curl,  
Second Vice President-Bill Vandever,  
Secretary-Sue Ellen Schlitzer,  
Treasurer-Pat Higgins.

Joy Lease, Chair of an ad hoc committee to design a new time sheet, reported that the time sheet is complete and will be used beginning the month of November 2009. Steve Chaney spoke about the necessity of the timesheet and that the purpose of Master Gardeners is education. He answered questions from the membership regarding the new timesheet.

New Head Timekeeper, Diane Carlisle, was introduced. She introduced the timekeepers for 2010.

The annual membership survey was passed out to be filled out and returned to the table at the door.

Ginger Bason reported on the Garden Conservancy Open Days tour on Sunday, Oct. 11. Calloway's Nursery has tickets and they are also available on-line and at the houses on the tour. Tickets will be necessary to enter the Mira Vista gates.

It was announced that due to no fault of ours, the newsletter was not printed on time but would be available at the door.

Nancy Curl reported on the Bulb and Rose sale. Rose sale is closed and today is the last day for the bulb sale.

President Stanek had a few brief announcements:

- Union Gospel Mission calendars are for sale today.
- Granbury Rd. Court House needs extra help next Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 to replace drowned plants.
- There will be a Field Trip to Granbury on Oct. 14.
- Annual dues are due no later than the November 5 meeting.
- All volunteer hours must be turned in by October 31.
- There will be a committee meeting re the Spring Plant sale after today's meeting.

Sandra Johnson requested all Project Leaders to get their budgets in as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dottie Bucy, Secretary

**SuperStar MG Profile**  
**Marilyn Sallee**  
**Educator of the Year**  
**State Individual MG Award 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**



**In Her Own Words**

It is my belief that Diversity is Life, whether in the landscaped garden or wild prairie, in hobbies, interests and work, as well as in friendships and philosophies. I have always loved to do so many diverse things, and like to weave them all together.

My whole life has been a joining of opposites — at the University of Illinois, Chicago, my degree was split in Theater Arts and Math, with split minors in Physics and Classical Lit. In the work world I had jobs as a chemist, bacteriologist, computer programmer, but also as a graphics designer, journalist and arts and crafts teacher. All my life I have been a born teacher, with a specialty for remedial classes — because I myself have several learning disabilities. My Texas Teacher Certificate holds endorsements for All Sciences and Math but also Theater and Journalism.

As a Master Gardener, I hope to bring those diverse traits to the organization and continue to mix opposites—teaching and learning (Speakers Bureau and Specialist Trainings), new life and sure death (Propagation Specialist and IPM pest and weed management), Botany and Biology (plant identification and entomology). Within the organization there are some areas I take a leadership role, and some areas where I am the humble student to the expertise of others.

When I retired from teaching five years ago, I was looking for a group where I could contribute to community and society, but also have fun and make friends. Sorry to say, Master Gardeners was not the first place I looked — but delightedly it was the best place. In Master Gardeners I found not only the challenge and value I was looking for, but also the acceptance and friendships. Master Gardeners was the place I could give my heart and my head.

I admit I am ADHD and tend to flit from one area to another — I do get bored easily, and you can usually find me roaming around in the back of the room instead of sitting still. But the Master Gardeners is such a diverse group that there are always new areas for me to explore, new things to learn, new people to meet. And I love sharing all the new stuff I am learning — whether by identifying insects or plants for members or phone callers, or developing a new PowerPoint for Speakers Bureau, or teaching mini-classes for the interns or at MG meetings. I can't just take things in; I need to share them with others and pass them along to complete the learning process.

I have benefited so much from the Master Gardener program on so many levels. When my husband and I first moved to Texas, I was a pretty good gardener — for a Northerner. Of course, all my vegetables and flowers burnt up in the Texas summer. Slowly, over the last 12 years, with lots of education, help and advice from my fellow MGs, I now have a respectable yard. A highly diverse yard. With something always in bloom, and some bed always in desperate need of weeding. Because sometimes one has to get out of the garden and be among people, to come back and enjoy nature again.

And sometimes one needs to just be among friends to hang and relax and have fun.

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 • It is the dedicated Master Gardeners, such as  
 • Marilyn, 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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**HONORING OUR MEMBERS — PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN by the November 5th Meeting**

Each year at our holiday luncheon we honor those Master Gardeners who have enriched and shaped our organization through their service, leadership and creativity. It is an honor to receive one of these awards and one of our responsibilities as members to take part in the selection process. Please take a few moments and fill out the following form. In an organization as large as ours it is difficult to know what everyone is doing. The awards committee relies on your nominations. You can send forms to Sharon Chastain by email or ground mail.

**MEMBER AWARDS: only certified members should make nominations for member awards**

**Extra Mile Award-** an individual who supports the Master Gardener organization by going the extra mile in terms of effort and time, often behind the scenes; someone who recognizes an extraordinary need and steps forth to meet it [please note significant contribution(s)]

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**Special Merit Award-** a member who year after year contributes significantly to the Master Gardener organization in a variety of areas; this individual motivates others and makes a positive impact on the organization in terms of both service and leadership [please note significant contribution(s)]

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**Educator of the Year-** fulfills the organization’s educational mission on a broad front through community outreach avenues such as Speakers Bureau, teaching classes, leading workshops, writing educational materials or serving as a docent [please note significant contribution(s)]

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**Volunteer of the Year-** this individual carries the Master Gardener banner out into the community in a significant way, contributing a large number of “hands on” hours in activities that extend beyond the organization [please note significant contribution(s)]

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**Master Gardener of the Year-** an individual who demonstrates leadership and excellence in more than one area; someone who has made extraordinary contributions to projects and the organization in terms of time, leadership and creativity [please note significant contribution(s)]

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**INTERN AWARDS - only interns should make nominations for intern awards**

**Intern of the Year-** an intern who excelled in leadership and service in a variety of areas; who exemplifies the spirit of the Intern Class

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**Intern Extra Mile-** an intern who far exceeded required hours and requirements; notable for their willingness to go the extra mile

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# NOVEMBER 2009

| SUN | MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
|-----|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1   | 2<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br>9a Union Gospel                      | 3<br>8a Randolmill Pk<br>Greenhouse<br>8:30a BG Trial<br>8:30a CG Veggie                       | 4<br>8a Veterans Park<br>9a Teen Challenge<br>9a BG Perennial<br>9a BG Children's<br>9:30a Thistle Hill<br>3:15p Fitzgerald<br><br>7p Ladies Garden | 5<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br><b>10a TCMGA<br/>MEETING</b><br><br>7p NCNPSOT  | 6<br>8:30a CG Veggie<br><br>Plant Prop Spec.,<br>Conroe, TX  | 7<br>9am Compost Demo<br><br>Wildscape Class: No<br>Child Left Inside<br><br>FREE DAY for MGs<br>at Dallas Arboretum<br><br>Plant Prop Spec.,<br>Conroe, TX |
| 8   | 9<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br>9a Union Gospel<br>3p Heritage Elem. | 10<br>8a Randolmill Pk<br>Greenhouse<br>8:30a BG Trial<br>8:30a CG Veggie                      | 11<br>8a Veterans Park<br>9a Teen Challenge<br>9a BG Perennial<br>9a BG Children's<br>3:15p Fitzgerald<br><br>BRIT Brown Bag                        | 12<br>8:30a Alice Carlson   | 13<br>8:30a CG Veggie<br>8:30 am JPS<br><br>Rainwater Special-<br>ist, San Angelo<br><br>Cool Season Veg.<br>Travis Co. MG | 14<br>9am SW Crthse<br>9am Compost Demo<br><br>CG class: Poinsettias<br><br>Rainwater Specialist,<br>San Angelo   |
| 15  | 16<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br>9a Union Gospel                     | 17<br>8a Randolmill Pk<br>Greenhouse<br>8a Liberty Garden<br>8:30a BG Trial<br>8:30a CG Veggie | 18<br>8a Veterans Park<br>8:30a Hulen Library<br>9a Teen Challenge<br>9a BG Perennial<br>9a BG Children's<br>9:30a Thistle Hill<br>3:15p Fitzgerald | 19<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br><br><b>TCMGA Board</b>   | 20<br>8:30a CG Veggie  | 21<br>9a Hulen Library  |
| 22  | 23<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br>9a Union Gospel                     | 24<br>8a Randolmill Pk<br>Greenhouse<br>8:30a BG Trial<br>8:30a CG Veggie<br><br>7p Organic GC | 25<br>8a Veterans Park<br>9a Teen Challenge<br>9a BG Perennial<br>9am SW Crthse<br>9a BG Children's<br>3:15p Fitzgerald                             | 26<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br><br>THANKSGIVING<br><br> | 27<br>8:30a CG Veggie<br>8:30 am JPS<br><br>FWBG Family<br>Hike Night  | 28  |
| 29  | 30<br>8:30a Alice Carlson<br>9a Union Gospel<br>3p Heritage Elem |  |   |   |  |   |



## UP-COMING EVENTS

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

- Dec. 2 Ladies of the Garden 7 pm
- Dec. 3 **TCMGA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**
- Dec. 4 CG class - Potting Spring Bulbs
- Dec. 5 FWBG Birds' Christmas Tree 11 am
- Dec. 5 Wildscape Class - Working with Children
- Dec. 14 Heritage Elementary workday (new project).
- Dec. 24 Holiday - Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 Holiday - Christmas

**Your Event Here** - send info of an event or class for this column to [tmgmarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:tmgmarilyn@gmail.com)

### 2010

- Jan. 1 Holiday - New Year's Day
- Jan. 7 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Jan. 12 Intern Class - Orientation
- Jan. 14 Intern Class - Soil, Compost, Organics
- Jan. 18 Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 19 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Jan. 26 Intern Class - Basic Hort & Botany
- Jan. 28 Intern Class - Vegetables, Herbs, Perennials
- Feb. 2 Intern Class - Plant Pathology
- Feb. 4 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Feb. 4 Intern Class - Meeting (am) Pruning (pm)
- Feb. 9 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Feb. 10 BRIT Brown Bag Botany
- Feb. 11 Intern Class - Entomology
- Feb. 15 Holiday - President's Day
- Feb. 16 Intern Class - Landscape, Xeriscape, Container
- Feb. 18 Intern Class - Turf
- Feb. 23 Intern Class - Plant Propagation
- Feb. 25 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Mar. 2 Intern Class - Fruit & Nut
- Mar. 4 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Mar. 4 Intern Class - Meeting (am), Field Trip (pm)
- Mar. 9 Intern Class - Rainwater Harvesting, Irrigation
- Mar. 10 BRIT Brown Bag Botany
- Mar. 11 Intern Class - Trees & Shrubs
- Mar. 16 Intern Class - Native Plants
- Mar. 18 Intern Class - No Class
- Mar. 23 Intern Class - Photography & PowerPoint
- Mar. 25 Intern Class - Field Trip TBD
- Mar. 29 Holiday - Cesar Chavez Day
- Mar. 30 Intern Class - Make-up Day if needed
- Apr. 1 **TCMGA MEETING**

## Announcements/Going On

**Holidays on Calendar:** holidays listed on the events calendar are the official County days; the office will be closed.

**Project Workdays:** contact the Project Chair for times and details - see page 15

**Field Trips:** Contact Field Trip Chair Kay Gunn

**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/>

**Wildscape Classes:** each first Saturday at 9 am at the Molly Hollar Wildscape in Veteran's Park, Arlington, following Saturday volunteer workday. 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

**Note:** This list of items of interest to MGs may not be automatically approved for hours. Please confirm approval with Steve Chaney.

Below are clickable links in the electronic version. Another reason to get this via email.

### Our local TCMGA website

<http://www.tcmga.org/>

### State MG Website and TMG news:

<http://www.texasmastergardeners.com>

### State Newsletter:

<http://www.tmgnewsletter.org/>

### Our RC Demo Garden Website:

<http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123>

# NEW TIMESHEET

## Master Gardener Activity Time Report

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year \_\_\_\_\_

| Activity Hours                    | Travel Hours | * | #   | PROJECT/ACTIVITY       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|-----|------------------------|
| <b>CONTINUING EDUCATION (CEU)</b> |              |   |     |                        |
|                                   |              | C | 101 | MG Monthly Meeting     |
|                                   |              | C | 102 | MG/Extension Education |

RECEIVED EDUCATION

| Activity Hours             | Travel Hours | * | #   | PROJECT/ACTIVITY         |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|-----|--------------------------|
| <b>Community Education</b> |              |   |     |                          |
|                            |              | C | 201 | Home & Garden Shows      |
|                            |              | C | 202 | Speakers Bureau          |
|                            |              | C | 203 | Other Education Projects |

PROVIDED EDUCATION

| Activity Hours              | Travel Hours | * | #   | PROJECT/ACTIVITY          |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---|-----|---------------------------|
| <b>VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES</b> |              |   |     |                           |
|                             |              | C | 301 | BRIT Activities           |
|                             |              | C | 302 | Fort Worth Botanic Garden |
|                             |              | C | 303 | Community Demo. Garden    |
|                             |              | C | 304 | Other Community Gardens   |
|                             |              | C | 305 | Environmental Projects    |
|                             |              | C | 306 | School Projects           |
|                             |              | C | 307 | MG Org Admin/Leadership   |
|                             |              |   | 308 | Non-Cert. Other Volunteer |

PERFORMED WORK ACTIVITIES

| Activity Hours                     | Travel Hours | * | #   | PROJECT/ACTIVITY |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|-----|------------------|
| <b>Extension Office Activities</b> |              |   |     |                  |
|                                    |              | C | 401 | Telephone        |
|                                    |              | C | 402 | Office Support   |

WORK IN OFFICE

| Instructions for Reporting Time  |
|--|
| <p>Complete a separate sheet for each month<br/>           Enter time to nearest half hour<br/> <b>Submit time by last day of each month</b><br/> <b>Do NOT send reports to the Extension Office</b><br/>           Retain a copy for your files<br/>           All reports must be received by October 31st</p> |

| TIMEKEEPERS                    |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| A-B                            | Camille Thomason 817-738-3459<br><a href="mailto:camille6@mindspring.com">camille6@mindspring.com</a>        |
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| Head TimeKeeper Diane Carlisle |  |

**\*NOTE: Only those hours of activities marked with a "C" apply for certification. Time on remaining activities counts toward volunteer hours for the year but not (re)-certification.**

## Guide for Reporting Volunteer Hours: Codes and Corresponding Projects

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| 101 <b>MG Monthly Meeting</b><br>(Record actual attendance time, not to exceed 3 hours. December meeting is awarded 1 hour.)   | Garden, Grapevine Botanic Garden, Nat'l Garden Conservancy Tour, NEET, writing for publications, etc.   | 306 <b>School Projects</b><br>Alice Carlson OLE<br>Fitzgerald OLE<br>BG Children's Garden<br>Heritage School OLC   |
| 102 <b>MG/Extension Education</b><br>Horticulture instruction you <b>received</b> , as arranged by MG and/or Extension personnel. Includes field-trips, MG Convention Programs | 301 <b>BRIT Activities</b><br>302 <b>Fort Worth Botanic Gardens</b><br>Perennial Garden<br>Trial Garden<br>Greenhouses/Plant Sale   | 307 <b>MG Org. Admin/Leadership</b><br>Includes all state and local officer and committee activities   |
| 201 <b>Home and Garden Shows</b><br>Activities in which you <b>provided</b> horticulture education to the general public at an arranged event                                  | 303 <b>TCMGA Community Demonstration Garden</b><br>304 <b>Other Community Gardens</b><br>Thistle Hill<br>Union Gospel Mission<br>Teen Challenge Garden<br>JPS Memorial Garden | <b>308 Non-certified, other volunteer activities</b><br>Includes participation in garden clubs, neighborhood beautification, church improvement activities, and the like, as approved by the Extension Agent |
| 202 <b>Speakers Bureau</b><br>Activities in which you <b>provided</b> horticulture education to a select group, as arranged by the Speaker Bureau contact person.              | 305 <b>Environmental Projects</b><br>Composting Demo.<br>FW Library at Hulen St.<br>SW Sub Courthouse<br>Southlake Liberty Garden<br>Veterans Park Wildscape                  | 401 <b>Telephone</b><br>402 <b>Office Support</b><br>Includes all Intern Administration and Training   |
| 203 <b>Other Education Projects</b><br>Activities in which you <b>provided</b> horticulture education. Includes instruction at the Comm. Demo. Garden, docents at FW Botanic   |   |  |

## Monthly Timesheet Revised

Last spring, a committee was appointed by the President to simplify the current timesheet. This committee was headed by Joy Lease, representing the membership at large, and included Eleanor Tuck, representing the Executive Board and Judy Ratzlaff, representing Interns and Intern Advisors and Projects. Past and present chairs of the Awards Committee and project coordinators were consulted, and Steve Chaney provided both the philosophy and framework -- Keep the timesheet simple and have it answer the following questions:

- "Did you provide education?",  
and/or  
"Did you receive education?"

A copy of the timesheet and the accompanying Guide for Reporting Volunteer Hours are included in this month's newsletter. Most of the categories are self-explanatory:

Under Continuing Education, #'s 101 and 102, record education you **received**;

Under Community Education, #'s 201, 202, and 203, record education you **provided**;

Under Volunteer Activities, #'s 301 through 307, record **volunteer work** in the community and your work as an

officer and/or committee member, all of which either directly or indirectly provide educational services;

Under Extension Office Activities, #'s 401 and 402, record telephone duty hours and Intern Administration and Training.

Notice that in the box with red print\*, a reference is made to the red "C"s next to each activity, save one, #308, or Non-Certified/Other Volunteer Activities. Most Master Gardeners do a lot of volunteer gardening/horticulture work in Garden Clubs, neighborhood associations, churches and the like. But those that are not TCMGA sponsored projects or activities or do not provide direct and formal gardening or horticulture instruction *should not be counted in total (re)certification hours*. It is important that approval from Steve Chaney be obtained before including any volunteer hours in this category.

The new timesheet is available on our website and should be used beginning in November.

\*For those not viewing in color, the red box is on the right side of the timesheet, directly under the "Timekeepers" box.

## FIELD TRIP REPORT— Cedar Hill

Cooler fall weather came just in time for the field trip to the Cedar Hill area. And we had a great time – all 70 of us.



Most of us only knew the Cedar Hill you can see from I-20, so this was a real eye-opener. The tour took us into lovely residential developments that are on the outskirts of Waxahachie, as well as down narrow country roads to rural areas and the little town of Ovilla. We saw native plants, roses, wild flowers, fruit trees and vegetables worked into different landscape designs, both casual and more structured. We saw ponds, gazebos and the ultimate potting shed. It is amazing the variety of ways we garden, using many of the same elements and plants, but with very different results.

The last stop was at Petal Pushers, a nursery with many of those hard-to-find perennials. It was such a treat to hear Vickie Thaxton on their staff as she took us through and talked about many of those plants. And of course we had to have them! (It is hard to leave a nursery empty handed.)

What a fun way for a gardener to start the fall season with good friends, pretty gardens, an enticing nursery and a cool day.



A big thank you to Carla Pickens, who managed to bounce back despite several cancelled gardens to give us a delightful day.



All photos this page courtesy of Susan Stanek.

Remember to carry your camera at events so the newsletter can show other members what you saw.

**Get in on the fun  
and join us**

## **Committee Profile: Activities Committee**

Ever wonder how field trips come together?

The Activities Committee is the group responsible. They make a lot of calls and drive a lot of miles to make sure the gardens, both private and public, will provide ideas and information for plantings, design, organic gardening or special garden features.

The current committee has been in place for two years and has taken you in every direction throughout the county, to a designer's own garden, lakefront gardens, gardens with beautiful ponds and other water features, some of TCMGA members' native plant gardens, lovely terraced gardens, a garden full of art and architectural features, Master Gardeners' gardens in Ellis County and Hood County, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin and the Dallas Arboretum. And along the way you have been introduced to some special nurseries that were new to you.

Judging by the positive response – 50 to 70 people on every tour! – you had a good time, so be sure to give a pat on the back to Joyce Colegrove, Barbara Durnan, Barbara Finholt, Joy Lease, Carla Pickens and Jody Puente. They have come up with the ideas and have made many, many contacts to get commitments from gardens and gardeners. The miles add up because in advance of each field trip, the gardens are checked out (and some are rejected). Then the tour route is driven two or three times to make sure the driving directions are correct so you don't get lost! Articles are written for the newsletter, flyers are created and printed and a display is prepared for Master Gardener meetings.

What a creative, fun and absolutely wonderful committee they have been. Join me in saying THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

— Kay Gunn, Chairman

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was too hot. In his recently published book, *Easy Gardens for North Central Texas*, Steve Huddleston takes some of the guesswork out of bulb selection by recommending the following: hardy red amaryllis, jonquilla (division 7) and tazetta (division 8) daffodils, spider lilies, Spanish bluebells, and summer snowflakes.

Some perennial plants should not be planted in fall. The tropical and subtropical species that are able to grow in North Central Texas will establish much more happily in the spring and summer. Don't purchase a palm, or cannas, or elephant ears no matter how low the prices may go.

Fall is the time to change out those annual beds. Pansies and violas rule the winter bedding plant scene here because they get the job done by providing around 30 weeks of color fall to spring. In general, pansies with smaller flowers perform better. The good folks at the Dallas Arboretum plant trials have never seen a viola they didn't like, and they have trialed over 400 pansies and violas. Solid colored pansies will look best from a distance, but the blotch pansies are great in containers and in beds where they are viewed up close and personal.

Fall vegetable gardens often outperform the more popular spring planted gardens. Lettuce, spinach, parsley, and all the cole crops—broccoli, cabbage, kale and collards—do best in the fall garden. For recommended planting dates and varieties, visit the Texas AgriLife Extension Tarrant County Website at <http://tarrant.tamu.edu>.

This fall is the perfect time to jump on the edible landscaping bandwagon and try mixing some edibles into annual beds. Curly parsley makes a vitamin-packed, dark green border and looks especially great with 'Redbor' kale. 'Bright Lights' Swiss chard has yellow, pink, magenta and white stems. Edge a bed with matching pansies and create a feast for the eyes and the table.

**What else should be “planted” in every garden this fall?** Mulch! A 2-4 inch layer of organic mulch will help both newly planted and well established landscape plants make it through the winter by helping to retain soil moisture and keeping those

## Out and About

News from the environmentalists! Liberty Garden is expanding, according to project leader, **Wendi Carlucci**. The new addition, which will display all of the EarthKind Roses in raised beds, will be named the "Dorothy Wood Education Center" in memory of the now deceased homeowner and avid gardener ☼ Big doings are happening at the SW Sub-courthouse in preparation of a visit from business leaders interested in "going native" in commercial areas. Invited by MG **Dawn Hancock**, the visitors will participate in an instructional tour, led by project leader, **Gailon Hardin**, and other MG volunteers, to demonstrate the beauty as well as the economic benefit of opting for native plants in landscapes. ☼ If you visited the Bob Jones Nature Center in September, you couldn't miss the "dark red glory" of the heirloom oxblood lilies. In 2008, hundreds of the bulbs were rescued from an old homestead in Southlake, doomed to the "bulldozer of progress", according to MG **Nancy Searl** gardener ☼ Did you know that the garden at the Hulen Library contains a surprise treasure box that draws unsuspecting people from all over the world to discover the native garden there? This geocache has been found more than 100 times, and the treasure hunters always leave wonderful notes about the surprising garden and how much they love it. Ask project leader, **Devanie Fergus** for more info. ☼ Each of these projects offers a wealth of education and camaraderie, and volunteer help is always needed and appreciated.

Have news to share? Call Joy, (817) 795-5133  
— Joy Lease

## Upcoming Classes at the Community Garden

**Nov. 7 - Composting** - Ron and Sue Ellen Schlitzer, Charlie Shiner and other Compost Specialists, will teach the benefits of composting and how to create your compost area.

**Nov. 14 - Poinsettias** - Marilyn Sallee, Propagation Specialist, will teach about Native and Commercial Poinsettias. Bldg. 2300 – Classroom B

**Dec. 4 - How to Layer a Pot with Spring Blooming Bulbs** Claire Alford and Donna Morris, Propagation Specialists, will teach how to have a sneak-peek of spring with layered bulbs in a pot.



# Happy Birthday, Master Gardeners!

## November Birthdays

- 1 Marilyn Sallee, Lora Puckett (I)
- 4 Tammy Kuntz
- 5 Sharon Clarke, Dorthea Theaus, Jackie Heidinger (I)
- 6 Dick Oliver
- 7 Ben Oefinger, Jane Dunkelberg
- 8 Kayte Kowierschke
- 9 Beverly Crawford (I)
- 15 Hester Schwarzer
- 16 Carol Norfleet
- 21 Barbara Lind, Louis DeSantis
- 22 LaVonne Nowlin, Warren Tingley, Pam Jewel
- 29 Jim Nelson, Ginger Eby (I)
- 30 Janet Riley

If your birthday is this month and you don't see it, please contact Joy Lease, (817) 795-5133 or email [jlease@prodigy.net](mailto:jlease@prodigy.net)

— Joy Lease

## Directory Updates

Please note the following updates in your directory:

**Adkins, Beverly** PO Box 860491, Plano, TX 75086-0491. Phone is 972 424 7454

**Brown, Brian** – new e-mail address  
bb1231@earthlink.net

**Brunken, Moira**, - correct zip code is 76034-6356

**Castro, Imelda** – new e-mail address  
[imeldaacastro@gmail.com](mailto:imeldaacastro@gmail.com)

**Dalegowski, Flora** – [f.dalegowski@att.net](mailto:f.dalegowski@att.net)

**Martin, Shirleen** – delete e-mail address

**Porter, Sally** – new e-mail address  
sporter41@yahoo.com

**Riley, Janet** – dropping membership

**Sonnenberg, Allison** – new phone 817-471-3568

Report changes or corrections to Sue Ellen Schlitzer,  
[s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net) or 817-294-1329

## Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

| <u>Project Code &amp; Name</u>        | <u>Work Days/Times</u>                              | <u>Project Manager</u> | <u>Phone</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|
| 301 BRIT Activities                   | Call chairman                                       | Kay Yount              | 817-292-7690 |
| 302 BG Perennial Garden               | Wed. 9:00 a.m.                                      | Cindy Woelke           | 817-366-4436 |
| 302 BG Trial Garden                   | Tues. 8:30-11:30 a.m.                               | Susan Miller           | 817-261-1420 |
| 303 Community Garden                  | (Contact area coordinators below)                   |                        |              |
| Project Co-chairs:                    | <b>Pat Higgins, Nancy Curl and Tom Scott</b>        |                        |              |
|                                       | 817-946-6278 817-319-1795 817-427-9009              |                        |              |
| Barn beds:                            | Charlotte Berck, wrberck@peoplepc.com               |                        | 817-426-6417 |
| Compost:                              | Sue Ellen & Ron Schlitzer s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net |                        | 817-294-1329 |
| 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:                                | Nan Garvin garbre@hotmail.com - Fridays             |                        | 817-477-2867 |
| TCU students &<br>Vegetable garden    | Pat Higgins, Ragdollpatb@sbcglobal.net              |                        | 817-946-6278 |
|                                       | Tues, & Fri. 8:30 a.m.                              |                        |              |
| 304 Thistle Hill                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds. 9:30 a.m.   | Emily Ward             | 817-281-5925 |
| 304 Union Gospel Mission              | Mon. 9 a.m.   | Gay Larson             | 817-441-6560 |
| 304 Teen Challenge                    | Wed. 9 a.m.   | Debbie Bollinger       | 817-498-1508 |
| 304 JPS Meditation Garden             | 2nd & 4th Friday 8:30 am                            | Kay Lewis              | 817-281-6600 |
| 203 Grapevine Botanic Garden          | Call coordinator                                    | Shari Stanfield        | 817-685-9990 |
| <b><u>Environmental Projects:</u></b> |   |                        |              |
| 305 Composting Demo                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.                                | Don Graves             | 817-465-1667 |
|                                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat.                                | Charlie Shiner         | 817-488-6123 |
| 305 FW Library at Hulen St.           | 3rd Wed. 8:30 a.m.                                  | Devanie Fergus         | 817-861-1932 |
|                                       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat, 9:00 a.m.                      | Evaline Woodrey        | 817-295-5281 |
| 305 SW Sub-Courthouse                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat, last Wed. 9 a.m.               | Gailon Hardin          | 817-475-0923 |
| 305 Liberty Garden                    | Call chairman                                       | Wendi Carlucci         | 817-488-5640 |
|                                       | 2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.                                 |                        |              |
| 305 Veterans Park-Wildscape           | Tues. 8-11 am Randolmill Pk. Greenhouse             |                        |              |
|                                       | Wed. 8-11 p.m., 2nd Sat, 8-12 a.m. Nancy Swan       |                        | 817-535-9991 |
| <b><u>School Gardens:</u></b>         |   |                        |              |
| 306 Alice Carlson                     | Mon/& Thurs 8:30 a.m.                               | Sharon Chastain        | 817-926-2575 |
| 306 Fitzgerald                        | Wed. 3:15 p.m.                                      | Leeann Rosenthal       | 817-237-7180 |
| 306 BG-Children's Garden              | Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.                                   | Mary McCoy             | 817-561-0598 |
| 306 Heritage School OLE               | 2nd & 4th Mon. 2:45 p.m                             | Jackie Peel            | 817-581-0977 |

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## Calendar of This Month's Events

- Nov. 4 Ladies of the Garden 7 pm
- Nov. 5 **TCMGA MEETING**
- Nov. 6-7 Plant Propagation Specialist Training, Conroe
- Nov. 7 Wildscape class - No Child Left Inside
- Nov. 7 CG Make & Take Class: Composting
- Nov. 7 FREE DAY for MGs at Dallas Arboretum
- Nov. 9 Heritage Elementary workday (new project).
- Nov. 11 BRIT Brown Bag Botany TBA
- Nov. 13-14 Rainwater Specialist, San Angelo
- Nov. 13 Cool Season Veggies, Travis Co. MG
- Nov. 14 CG class: Poinsettias Commercial & Native
- Nov. 26 Holiday - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27 Holiday - Day After Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27 FWBG Family Hike Night 6:30 pm



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