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Your input is always welcome!



AGENTS CORNER

Imagine your own slice of wilderness at home: a garden that, however small, is a part of the natural world where garden plants and wildflowers mingle and wildlife feels free to come and go. It could be a kind of mini nature reserve, a place where birds feed and nest, butterflies, moths and dragonflies are frequent visitors and frogs return every year to breed in the pond. The beauty of plants in their wild homes is increasingly recognized, and many want to emulate natural places in their gardens. The question is how can you achieve these wonderful thoughts in the harsh climates here in North Central Texas?

Our aim today is to give you some hints on making gardens that encapsulate nature in a small space and thus allow us to experience something of the beauty, the vibrancy and the complexity of nature. The idea of a "natural" garden is a paradox, because a garden is an artificial creation. This should not be seen as an insurmountable problem, but as a part of the attraction; gardens have always been the meeting places of natural processes and human desire and artifice.

*A Garden can Balance
Human Desire and Nature!*
By Steve Chaney, CEA-Horticulture, Tarrant County



First and foremost, it is essential to see nature as an inspiration. Nature is about close and intimate spaces as well as big ones. This is something to think about the next time you are on a walk through your neighborhood or taking a drive through the country.

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President's Message

October Newsletter



Just a few thoughts as we wrap up our MG recertification year on October 31st....

Our October 7th meeting is the last membership meeting to count toward recertification (3 are required).

Our 're-certification year is from November 1st to October 31st. Last call for all time to be turned in by October 31st for recertification purposes. If for some reason you are not recertifying, please let your timekeeper know that also. Garden fairies will soon begin contacting those with zero hours soon to find out if any assistance is needed to turn in time. The fairies are lovely but turn in your time so you don't get sprinkled with garden dust.

Dues notices were mailed out several weeks ago. I love 'time savers' and 'the easy way' so I put my check in the mail the next day. Then I don't have to worry about forgetting my check book at the next meeting or having something come up and miss the meeting and not pay on time (wait – can I miss a meeting?). Pay dues at the Oct 7th meeting or mail by Oct 31st. Late fee is \$4 per our by-laws.

The telephone calendar - I have already put my name on the telephone calendar for January and will do my second phone duty in May, both with a dear friend from my intern class. We laugh and laugh and actually look forward to those times. Everything is better when done with a friend, even telephone duty!

See you all in October. We are going to have an outstanding speaker and you will not want to miss this program! We will also be electing our 2011 Executive Board and it is very important that you attend and let your vote be counted.

**Susan Stanek,
President**

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TCMGA Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2010

The morning program was presented by Randy Weston of Weston Gardens. The topic was Hardy Hibiscus. Steve Chaney discussed upcoming Association changes in the afternoon program.

President Susan Stanek called the business meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. with 186 members and interns in attendance.

The August minutes were reported to have a typographical error of \$1,000 in the Treasurer's report, which will be corrected.

The Treasury Report for the month of August, 2010 was presented by Pat Higgins, Treasurer:

July 31, 2010	
Money Market Balance:	\$24,277.91
July 31, 2010 Checking Account	<u>3,865.18</u>
Total Accounts:	\$28,143.09
Deposits during August, 2010	2,996.88
Checks written during August, 2010	<u>(2,097.21)</u>
Money Market Fund & Checking balance August 31, 2010	<u>\$ 29,042.76</u>

Committee Reports

Pam Braak, Activities, reports 80 people have signed up for the field trip to Tierra Verde Golf Course in Arlington on September 20th.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer, Secretary, made a motion for TCMGA to appropriate up to \$600 for the purchase of a laptop, software, external hard drive and case to be used exclusively by the Treasurer. The motion was adopted. Unbudgeted funds will be used. Steve will pay half the cost of the laptop.

Sharon Chastain, Nominating Committee, presented the nominees for the slate of officers for 2011 Board: President, Nancy Curl; 1st Vice

President, Bill Vandever; 2nd Vice President, John Stanley; Secretary, Sue Ellen Schlitzer; Treasurer, Pat Higgins. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed by unanimous consent of the membership.

Steve Purdy, Bylaws Committee, did the first reading of the proposed changes to the Bylaws. (A handout of detailed changes is filed with the approved minutes.) Proposed changes were discussed with some lengthier proposals to be e-mailed to Steve. Members have one month to submit changes or recommendations. A second reading of the Bylaws with any changes and comments will be read at the October meeting, followed by a vote on each individual item.

There was no unfinished old business. There was no new business.

Announcements

Trial Garden work dates are being changed from Tuesday to Thursday, effective September 14, 2010. Work hours, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., remain unchanged.

Membership dues for 2011 are due on or before October 31, 2010 to avoid a late fee. Dues will be collected at the October meeting.

October speaker will be Dale Clark, Butterfly Wrangler at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens.

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

Sue Ellen Schlitzer
Secretary

Plants, Like Memories, Go On and On

As Master Gardeners, we love our gardens, and the individual plants in them become friends of the vegetative kind. We often carry them from one homestead to another, share them with friends, and, in a way, we miss them if they die. Grandma's favorite iris or Aunt Sally's prize begonia become "pass-along plants" to remind us not only of the plant's beauty, but also the person they came from.



In August 2009, Carl Trehus invited the TCMGA Plant Propagation Specialists to come to the home he was selling and practice their skills on the plants he had tended and grown for so

many years. He was moving, and could not pack up his trees and shrubs to move to the new home. But maybe he could start again with some clones of those original plants.

Plant Propagation Specialists, Claire Alford, Nancy Curl, Donna Morris, and Marilyn Sallee took cuttings of various shrubs – the unusual yaupon in the front yard, the pomegranate and tangerine that produced delicious fruits, the chocolate plant, and several others. But August was not the ideal time of year to be taking some of these cuttings. We would do our best, but Mother Nature and time would have their way. During the following year, many of the cuttings did not survive.

Unfortunately, Carl died in May 2010, before any of the cuttings were ready to plant.



But a few of the plants from Carl's garden did hang on through the year, and by August 2010 they had roots and new leaves; they were thriving. The original agreement was that the Specialist would keep half the output and Carl would get the other half. Since Carl is no longer with us, his share of the plants will be auctioned off at the October meeting. In his final year, Carl served as the TCMGA Treasurer, so it is fitting that his plants go on to raise funds for the gardens.

Check the auction table at the October meeting to bid on these plants. There will also be a slide show of Carl's yard with the propagation team at work taking the cuttings and propagating them.

Now is also the time to think about what plants in your yard you would like to propagate and pass along to others – friends, family members, or even the spring plant sale. Fall is the perfect time to take cuttings of many shrubs and perennials and create a living legacy.

Marilyn Sallee

TCMGA Announcements

TCMGA October Meeting

Guest Speaker

Dale Clark will be our guest speaker in the morning at the **Thursday, October 7th** meeting. You may have seen Dale at work as the butterfly wrangler at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Butterfly Exhibit or in the Texas Discovery Gardens in Dallas.

Dale created and runs a butterfly farm in Glen Heights, south of Dallas, called Butterflies Unlimited, a supplier of butterfly and moth pupae. The farm provides over 55 species of live Texas native butterflies to zoos and other exhibits throughout the country.

The Dallas County Lepidopterist's Society was founded by Dale in 1995. He is also the editor of the News of Lepidopterist's Society, the international newsletter devoted to the study of butterflies and moths. Dale has contributed articles to local newspapers and magazines about butterflies and their habitat.

"Butterflies are the ambassadors to the insect world." Says, Dale, "They're pretty, they're harmless, and watching them come into the world makes you slow down and pay closer attention to how fascinating life is."

Josephine Keeney, Native Plant enthusiast

will be our guest speaker for the afternoon session. Her topic will be "**Butterfly Gardens and Attracting Butterflies to your Landscape.**"



Come and join us as we learn about butterfly farming, butterfly species and the best varieties of plants to encourage butterflies in our home landscapes.

Nancy Curl,
1st Vice President

Membership Dues

Membership dues notices have been mailed. For your convenience, dues may be mailed using the provided envelope or paid at the October meeting. Dues are payable by check or money order only. No cash will be accepted. **The deadline for payment of dues is October 31, 2010.** Any payments received after that date will incur a \$4.00 late fee. Members whose dues are received after November 1, 2010, will not be printed in the Directory. Thanks for your cooperation.

TCMGA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

In a beautiful setting!

Thursday, December 2, 2010
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: Diamond Oaks Country Club
5821 Diamond Oaks Drive
Haltom City 817-834-6261

Cost: \$20 per person

Make your reservations at the
October 7 or November 4 meeting

Or mail your check to
Eleanor Tuck

8328 Patreota Drive
Benbrook, TX 76126
817-244-1722

Mail checks no later than November 22, 2010

Speakers Bureau Change

The new person to contact for booking speakers or to add your name to the list of available speakers is Camille Thomason. You may contact Camille at camille6@charter.net.

Give Away Plants at TCMGA Meeting—Please Label!

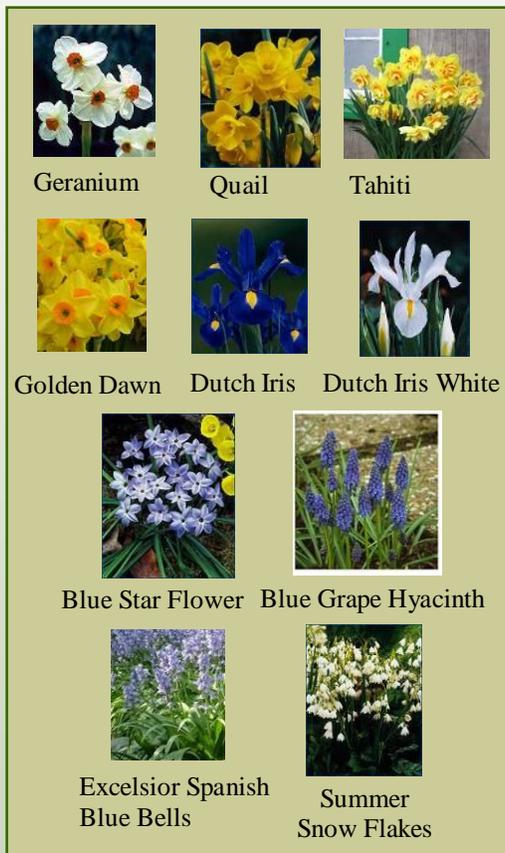
Thanks to all who bring plants to give away at the TCMGA meetings! As a reminder, please take time to label, make a note, or somehow document the common name of these plants!

TCMGA Announcements (cont'd)

2010 Fall Bulb Sale

The cool breezes in the air tell us that fall is arriving. This is a great time to get bulbs in the ground for spectacular color in the spring.

The 10 bulbs offered in the first TCMGA Fall Sale bloom in the spring. They are all especially suited for our zone 7b/8a Texas climate, and enjoy a wet winter and spring and a dry summer. Pre-chilling is not necessary. Most originate from the Mediterranean region which is similar to our climate. They can give many years of color.



The bulb order form is online and can be sent in to the Extension Office. Bulbs can also be ordered at the October monthly meeting. The deadline for ordering is Thursday, October 7, 2010. All orders must be pre-paid. Orders can be picked up at the November meeting or at the Resource Center.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanie Browning 817-478-2006.

Jeanie Browning

2010 Rose Sale



Don't forget the rose sale! You received a flyer and pictures via email. Please share this with your friends. The deadline for ordering is October 22, 2010. Please print the flyer, attach a check and mail it to the Extension Office. Pick them

up at the November 4, 2010 meeting between 1pm and 4pm.

- Amiga Mia
- Belinda's Dream
- Caldwell Pink
- Carefree Beauty
- Cecile Brunner
- Cinco De Mayo
- Climbing Pinkie
- Ducher
- Duchesse de Brabant
- Else Poulsen
- Easy Does It
- Georgetown Tea
- Julia Child
- Knock-out Red
- Knock-out Red Double
- La Marne
- Lady Banks Alba
- Lady Banks
- Marie Daly
- Mme. Antoine Mari
- Mutablis
- Nacadoches
- New Dawn
- Peggy Martin
- Perle D'Or
- Reve D'Or
- Sea Foam
- Souvenir de St. Anne's
- Spice
- The Fairy

The order form can be found online. If you have any questions, please contact Taddie Hamilton at 817-534-3440.

We will ask for volunteers to work the sale at the November meeting. Look at your calendars and plan to sign up! It is lots of fun!

Taddie Hamilton



Master Gardener Information

Membership & Directory Updates

Please note the following updates in your membership directory:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

October Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Searl
- 3 Janet Southerland, Nancy Love
- 7 Steve Chaney
- 9 Jim Woodlief
- 13 Gailon Hardin, Catherine Sabin
- 14 Karen Simmons, Mary Jane Goad
- 16 Susan Houston
- 17 Dottie Bucy, Jeanie Browning
- 18 Frank Durda, Donna Jobe
- 19 Bill Hall, Elena Bartzat
- 20 Betsy Kalina
- 26 Pat Wiszneaukas
- 27 Hope Porter
- 28 Nancy Hunter (I)
- 29 Dee Grant, Kay Yount
- 30 Bill Vandever

If your birthday is this month and you don't see it. Please contact **Doris Hill, (817) 337-8484** or email **artanddorishill@verizon.net**.

MG Intern demonstrates Devotion and Dedication to TCMGA!!!

Laura Lowe called 911 while standing on a dining room chair with water up to her knees. Once she and her husband George learned the fire department couldn't get to them they walked to safety; into water that was up to her shoulders by the end. The water was too deep to drive their cars so they were also lost. Laura lives in the Arlington area that was hit by floods this last week.

They are staying in a hotel instead of with family and friends because she feels like they are so contaminated after spending time at their house each day that they don't want to risk transferring any toxic substance into anyone's home. They do have insurance to rebuild the house but it will not cover their cars or their living expenses during reconstruction.

Even with having to endure this devastation, Laura showed her DEVOTION and DEDICATION to TCMGA by showing up for her afternoon phone shift. They are trying to sort through household contents but don't expect to salvage anything.

TCMGA is very proud to have a member such a Laura, we all wish her and her family well. **THANK YOU LAURA!**

From the Community Garden to The BRIT Roof

By Kim Freeman, Photos by Nancy Curl



A special thing happened after the May Master Gardener meeting. Dr. Tony Burgess, Professor of Professional Practice in Environmental Science, who spoke on living roofs, visited the Tarrant County Master Gardener's community garden. While there, he spotted some *Escobaria missouriensis* (ball cactus) growing under a tree near the greenhouse. He was very excited to find such a rare and valuable cactus.

Dr. Burgess said *Escobaria missouriensis* was the type of plant BRIT was going to use for the living roof on their new building and suggested we contact BRIT to see if they would be interested in it. He explained how difficult it was to find locally and BRIT was going to have to purchase some from Arizona at \$5.00 for each four inch pot.



Dr. Burgess at Resource Connection Community Garden

He helped our propagators dig up a large clump of the cactus from under one of the hoop houses and taught them how to separate and pot it up for future use. The propagation team has been taking care of the potted up cactus in the Community Garden greenhouse and MG volunteers have had to be very careful not to step on or mow the remaining cactus. It is now protected with a paver edging.

On August 24th, Dr. Brook Byerley from BRIT picked up two flats of the *Escobaria missouriensis*.

They will be planted in bio trays and join the over 5,000 bio trays of



native prairie plant material to be used on the roof. She was excited because they were able to find a similar variety but not able to find this particular one. BRIT may share some of the plants with a local school that is working on the plant material for the roof. Some of the plant material will include prickly pear, pale yucca, and native grasses. Native prairie plants are preferable because of their shallow roots.

If you peek over the fence at the new BRIT building under construction near the Botanic Gardens, you will see many of the plants awaiting their use on the roof. It is exciting to have our very own *Escobaria missouriensis* there and know Tarrant County Master Gardeners and their Community Garden have made such a valuable contribution.

A Garden can Balance Human Desire and Nature (cont'd)



Take for instance a wildflower meadow, which can be appreciated as whole or in detail. On hands and knees, at a rabbit's eye level, one can see that there is a great deal of complexity: a number of intertwined plant species, some tall, some shorter, some forming rosettes close to the ground, some leaning on others, some climbing up on others to get more light. There can be an amazing amount going on in a single square yard.

Some environments manage to fit so much into a small space that as observers we can almost lose ourselves in them and imagine that we are in a much wider landscape. These places can offer something of a vignette of nature and natural processes.

Among my favorites are pools in acidic, boggy places with their variety of mosses, small flowering shrubs



and dwarf wiry shrubs, and the short wildflower spangled grasses you often find on some of our poor soil over sand and clay.

Some people find the idea of the “wild garden” attractive, others do not. This is appealing for owners of large gardens where there may be places that are difficult to maintain regularly, and for owners of country gardens where it may be desirable to create a sense of the garden blending with the surroundings. For small gardens and urban ones especially a garden that is too wild often ends up looking like an uncared-for mess.



Achieving a balance between ornamental elements and a certain amount of “letting go” is key to a “natural garden”.

Art and nature are then maintained in a balance that is good for both. “Maintained” is the key word! Perhaps more than any other garden style, maintenance—deciding when to cut back, when to weed out, when to replant—is actually a major part of the creative process.

As you may have noticed, we didn't mention any particular plant material, nor did we discuss “organics vs. chemicals”. We just talked about a different perspective of natural gardening.

"Gardening requires lots of water—most of it in the form of perspiration."

— Lou Erickson



Project Profile: *Tarrant County Resource Connection Community Garden—What To Do With 187 lbs. Of Vegetables*

By Kim Freeman, Photos by Nancy Curl



Kim Freeman

In February of this year I was asked to plant and maintain six demo beds in the TCMGA Community/Demonstration Garden. I was a bit apprehensive due to the fact that this novice vegetable gardener had only two seasons under her gloves. I have two beds of my own in the garden and have

had what I think of as beginner's blessings from the Expert Grower of all Things.

In previous years the harvest from the demo beds was shared among the volunteers and other gardeners. This year we decided to donate all the produce from the demo beds to the Tarrant Area Food Bank located on Cullen street in Fort Worth.

Two of the demo beds were planted in January with red, white, and yellow onions. One other bed had red potatoes planted in it. I chose to plant Spring crops with different types of lettuce, spinach,



Kim Freeman & Pat Higgins

and sugar snap peas. In February and March the onions and lettuce started maturing to the point we had to constantly thin the plants. That is so painful to a gardener to pull healthy vegetable plants up and discard!

Before I began harvesting crops, I researched the TAFB website to learn whether they would accept fresh vegetables or not. I learned they would accept only fresh produce direct from the garden without being refrigerated first.



Kim Freeman

I started harvesting the crops in early Spring and each week I deliver bags of organically grown fresh produce. The employees are always gracious and appreciative to receive the produce. They told me community services that prepare meals and serve the less fortunate re-

ceive the fresh produce when it is brought in. Examples of this would be Meals on Wheels, Union Gospel Mission, and other local shelters. Each week I receive a receipt with the total weight of produce I deliver. As of this date, 200 pounds have been delivered.

The summer crops consisted of several types of peppers, squash, cucumbers, cantaloupes, and right now in this blazing heat we have six foot tall okra plants producing like gang busters.



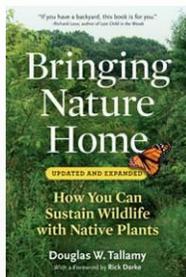
Nancy Curl

I would not have been able to do this alone. Many MG volunteers at the garden harvested the crops and delivered them to TAFB on behalf of TCMGA when I was unavailable. Many thanks go to Raymond, who is not a Master Gardener, but a faithful volunteer who introduced me to the joys of slitting open a squash plant and discovering the Squash Vine Borer. Also, how rewarding it is to squish squash bugs and think, "take that you little bugger".

I am so pleased to know that we as members of TCMGA have a helping hand in feeding the hungry in these hard times. We make such an impact in our Community with all of the different projects. I am amazed when I plant a tiny seed and see it form into a shoot in a matter of days and watch as it produces food for many.

Book Review: *Bringing Nature Home*

By Marilyn Sallee



How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants (Updated and Expanded)

by Douglas W. Tallamy

If you want a lush, vibrant, healthy garden with minimum work and the best biodiversity and life, here is the guide for you.

If your landscape is plagued by insect pests, it is because you have too FEW, not too many, according to Tallamy. The typical monoculture yard with an expanse of lawn and a few trees and shrubs as foundation planting cannot sustain the biodiversity nature needs to balance itself. The result is that one type of pest breeds out of control without its natural predators to keep it restrained. We, as gardeners, are forced to supply all the roles and work that a diverse ecosystem needs to reach balance naturally.

Tallamy looks at our urban and suburban gardens through an entomologist's eyes and sees the term "pest free" as death of the ecosystem. Our 40 million acres of pristine, perfect lawns is as sterile as an asphalt parking lot. If ever there was a solid, reasoned, scientific argument why we need to give up imported plants and return to our native species, Tallamy has hit on it.

His main premise is based on his study of how the web of life is all interconnected. As an entomologist, he documented the insects' role as the crucial second trophic level – plants turn sunlight into energy as the first trophic level, and insects eating plants are by far the largest group of herbivores of the second trophic level. Without insects the entire ecosystem breaks down.

His most important message: Insects don't eat foreign plants. While native plants, even those in the same family as aliens, can host and feed hundreds of species of insects without displaying any noticeable damage.

Most important fact: even though the birds might eat the berries from alien or invasive plants, they must have insects to raise their young. Without the insects from the native plants, there are no new birds to eat the berries when they grow up.

He has an easy, low-key approach to converting to natives. Instead of the rip-and-burn, all-or-nothing approach, Tallamy advocates slowly expanding the beds at your borders of your property with natives, and replacing any foreign plants over time with similar natives. Most important is to plant trees – specifically the trees native to your particular region that support the most insects and wildlife. According to Tallamy, that is usually the native Oaks.

To help you do this, he has large sections of the book devoted to the best native trees – more than 50 pages of trees descriptions and photos; and, since he is an entomologist, 74 pages of "bird food" – the arthropod herbivores (plant-eating insects). He also has 30 pages of lists of best plants by eco-region and another 10 pages of host plants of butterflies and moths.



The one weakness of the book is that Tallamy is very New Jersey-Pennsylvania centered. His lists include all eco-systems in the US, but our little corner of the world, Texas, gets short shrift. But you can match his suggestions from a good DFW native plants list to make an excellent local natives guide.

The biggest strength of this book is the plethora of gorgeous photos of native landscapes, plants and especially the close-ups of the insects. If it wasn't a handy pocket-size paperback, it would have made a great coffee-table picture book.

Tallamy is an educator with dedication to biodiversity. You can get tips on diversity gardening at his website, also view his speaking schedule there: <http://bringinnaturehome.net/>

He is one of the keynote speakers at the October 7-10, 2010 NPSOT Symposium in Denton.

October 2010 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 8:30a CG Veggie	2 9am Compost Demo—Veterans Park 8a Wildscape Class: - Shade Gardening
3	4 8a Heritage Elem.. 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	5 8a Randall Mill PK Greenhouse 8:30a CG Veggie 8:30a CG Class—Landscaping 10:45-CG Class-Composting	6 8a Veterans Park 8a BG Perennial 9a Teen Challenge 9:30a Thistle Hill 1p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	7 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial 10A TCMGA MG NCNPSOT Symposium	8 8:30a CG Veggie 8:30a JPS Meditation Garden NCNPSOT Symposium	9 9am Compost Demo—River Legacy 9am SW Crthse FW Botanic Garden Fall Plant Sale NCNPSOT Symposium
10 NCNPSOT Symposium	11 8a Heritage Elem. 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	12 8a Randoll Greenhs 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a CG Veggie	13 8a Veterans Park 8a BG Perennial 9a Teen Challenge 1p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	14 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	15 8:30a CG Veggie FIELD TRIP TO CHANDOR GARDENS	16 Texas Native Plant Society Plant Sale @ SW Sub-Courthouse
17	18 8a Heritage Elem. 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	19 8a Randoll Greenhs 8:30a CG Veggie	20 8a Veterans Pk 8a BG Perennial 9a Teen Challenge 9a FW Hulen Library 9:30a Thistle Hill 1p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	21 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial 9a BobJones Nature	22 8:30a CG Veggie 8:30a JPS Meditation Garden	23 FW Botanic Garden –Fall Festival in Japanese Garden
24	25 8a Heritage Elem. 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel	26 8a Randoll Greenhs 8:30a CG Veggie	27 8a Veterans PK 8a BG Perennial 9a Teen Challenge 9am SW Crthse 1p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald	28 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	29	30
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2010 Up-Coming Events (cont'd on page 14)



Upcoming Events

October 2 — Shade Gardening with Texas Native Plants - Ruth Kinler, Owner of Redenta's Garden, **9am at the Wildscape.**



October 7-10, 2010

Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
Register at NPSOT.com

October 9—Urban Farming—The Ultimate Backyard Experience—4th CENTRAL TEXAS GARDENERS CONFERENCE, 8:00am–4:15pm 1400 Schertz Parkway, Bldg 5, Schertz Civic Center Schertz, Texas

October 9—Fort Worth Botanic Garden Fall Plant Sale

October 23-24—Fort Worth Botanic Garden Fall Festival at the Japanese Garden

November

Nov. 6 – Benefits of Trees - Matt Churches, Forester from Arlington Parks and Recreation Dept. **at the Wildscape.**

December

Dec. 4 - Preserving the Post Oak Woodland - by Steve Chaney, AgriLife extension agent, **9am at the Wildscape.**

TCMGA Community & Demonstration Garden Classes

The following classes have been scheduled at the TCMGA Garden at the Resource Connection Center for TCU nutrition students. All TCMGA members are invited to audit these classes at no charge, however, please contact Pat Higgins or Nancy Curl if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, September 21

8:30am – 11:00am **Rainwater Harvesting**

11:45am – 1:00pm **Container Gardening**

Tuesday, September 28

8:30am – 10:30am **Propagation**

10:45am – 1:00pm **Fruit & Berry Orchard**

Saturday, October 16—Composting Class

Somervell County Master Gardeners and Lake Granbury Master Gardeners



are excited to be the co-hosts for the 2011 Texas Master Gardener Conference to be held April 27-29, 2011 at the Somervell County Expo Center in Glen Rose, Texas. For more information and registration go to the Texas Master Gardeners website texasmastergardeners.com

2010 Up-Coming Events cont'd

October
Field Trip

CHANDOR GARDENS



and more

Friday, October 15TH

Get out and enjoy some cool fall weather.

Meet some Parker County

Master Gardeners.

Shop at a small town nursery.

See a 118 foot Champion Pecan Tree.



10 a.m.

**Parker County Master Gardeners
Demonstration Gardens**

11 a.m.

Chandor Gardens followed by lunch on site

1 p.m.

**Stuart's Nursery (10% Discount offered)
900 Year Old Pecan Tree**

Cost: \$15.00

Chandor Admission \$5 and Box Lunch at
Chandor \$10

**YOU MUST PREPAY AT THE OCTOBER
MEETING.**

Please carpool from one of the following:

9:15 Fort Worth Botanic Gardens Conservatory parking lot

9:00 Joann's, 1250 William D Tate Avenue, Grapevine



Activities Committee

Upcoming Specialist Training

Tree Stewardship Specialist - Sept 27-29,
Palestine, Texas

Entomology Specialist Training - Sept. 27-
Oct 1, San Antonio

Irrigation Efficiency Specialist - Oct 27-29,
Dallas County

Purpose: To provide advanced training whereby a corps of Master Gardeners can obtain a specialization which supports or expands specific county educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Guidelines: The primary purpose of a Specialist program is not to designate "experts" in a field of study or topic; rather, it is designed to identify Master Gardeners who have received special training to support specific county educational programs or projects. Specialist training should be designed to empower the Master Gardener with the knowledge and skills required to effectively support designate programs or projects. This may include administration of projects, training of Master Gardeners, clientele presentations, and/or applied research and demonstrations.

For more information on Specialist Training click:

<http://www.texasmastergardeners.com/>

Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call Chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
302 BG Perennial Garden	Wed. 8:00 am	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Trial Garden	Thurs. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community Garden Community and Demo Garden Chair	Steve Chaney, s-chaney@tamu.edu		817-884-1945
Project Leads			
Barn Beds	Charlotte Berck, caberck@dot11net.		817-426-6417
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting	Ron & Sue Ellen Schlitzer, s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net		817-294-1329
Community Vegetable Beds	Bill Vandever, bvandever@sbcglobal.net		817-244-1580
Demonstration Beds	Kim Freeman bamagirlntx@sbcglobal.net		817-292-3775
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Pat Higgins, ragdollpath@sbcglobal.net		817-946-6278
Enabling Garden	TBA		
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden , Wednesdays	Rita Hottel, aescom@charter.net		817-295-2883
Hospitality (Cook-outs)	Beverly Beazley, babeazley@tx.rr.com		817-483-7080
Orchard	Renee Beckum, jrbeckum@sbcglobal.net		817-790-8575
Perennial Garden	Ginger Bason & Joann Hahn, gbason@hotmail.com, joannhahn@att.net	817-817-838-7321/817-923-9250	
Plant Sales	Taddie Hamilton, taddieh@sbcglobal.net		817-534-3440
Potting Shed	Pat Lovejoy, palovejoy@att.net		817-447-7924
Rain Barrel Construction	Claudia Teague, cteague@flash.net		817-444-2247
Rose Garden, Tuesdays	Nan Garvin, garbre@hotmail.com		817-477-2867
Topiary (children's garden)	Peg Surber, txsurber@aol.com		817-232-5035
Treasurer	Donna Morris, morrisd1@swbell.net		817-560-7767
304 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 9:30 am	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 am	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 8:30am	Kay Lewis	817-281-6600
304 Casa House	Call Chairman	Rocky Deutscher	817-991-7171
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
Environmental Projects:			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington 2 nd Sat., River Legacy, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin Charlie Shiner	818-581-1850 817-488-6123
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	3rd Wed. 9 am	Devanie Fergus Evaline Woodrey	817-683-3332 817-295-5281
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Liberty Garden	Call Chairman 2nd Tues., 8-11 am	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Tues. 8-11am Randoll Mill Pk. Wed. 8-11am, 1pm-3pm 1st Sat., 8-11 am	Greenhouse Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd Thursday, 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
School Gardens:			
306 Alice Carlson	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald	Wed. 3:15 pm	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 Heritage School OLE	Mon. 8-10am	Jackie Peel	817-581-0977

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Fort Worth, Texas 76102-7308



Important Websites to Know!



Our local TCMGA website:	http://www.tarrantmg.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
NCNPSOT:	http://txnativeplants.org
Aggie Horticulture:	http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu
Earthkind:	http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind
Texas Superstars:	http://texassuperstar.com
Fort Worth Botanic Garden:	http://fwbg.com
Wildscape:	http://thewildscape.org
Urban Solution Center:	http://urbansolutioncenter.tamu.edu
Botanical Research Institute of Texas:	http://www.brit.org