

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

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Mission Statement

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

BACKYARD SANCTUARY

During spring and fall we all tend to spend more time enjoying the outdoors of our home. A lazy lunch on the patio on Sunday, perhaps, or relaxing on the deck with a cool drink as the sun goes down. Maybe an impromptu picnic in the backyard or a meal on the BBQ grill.

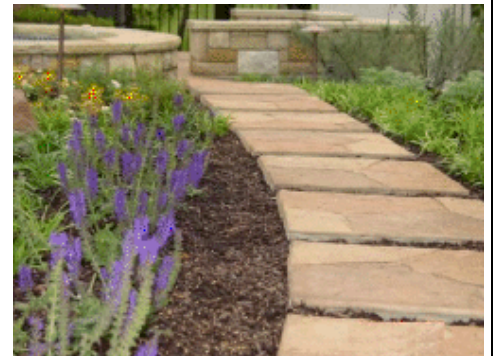
If you happen to live in a country setting, your closest neighbors are probably deer and bunnies. But for most of us, suburban living means that our homes are in fairly close proximity to those of our human neighbors. You don't have to be a hermit to want a little privacy when relaxing in your backyard. But at the same time, you don't want to build a Berlin Wall and alienate the neighbors and everything around you. So, what can you do to create a private haven in your backyard?

You can create privacy with trees, shrubs and other plants. Of course living plants are a lot more aesthetically pleasing than a stone wall or an expanse of bare fence. Additionally, tall hedges and appropriately sized trees are a friendlier barrier between you and your neighbors than a solid wall. Medium size trees provide shade and deaden sound.



"Appropriately sized" is an important factor here. A relatively small space would not be a suitable location for oak or elm trees because they would eventually dominate your yard and block out all sun.

So what to plant? Every situation will have its own unique characteristics, but a good starting point would be to look at Crape Myrtles, Nelly R. Stevens, Flowering Bradford Pears, Wax Myrtles and trees with a maximum height of 20-25 feet. For shrubs consider Burford Holly and dwarf hollies, Pitto-
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What is a COMFREY PLANT?
If you are like most people you have never heard of it.
Turn to page 11 and learn all about it.

FROM AROUND THE CORNER



President's Notepad

Boy it has been hot. Hopefully you have found something to keep you busy inside. Perhaps it was thinking of things that you will do in your garden when the temperature drops, or filling out your timesheets, or even thinking ahead to next year about what committees or projects you would like to work on. Anyway, I hope you are staying cool.

Speaking of thinking ahead to next year, next year's officer nominees are listed in this newsletter on page 6. I am very thankful to the Nominating Committee for taking their job so seriously and doing such a good job. The Nominating Committee did something that to my knowledge has not been done before. In an effort to make sure that anyone wanting to serve as an officer had a chance to be considered, they sent an email to all MGs and also published a request in the newsletter for anyone interested to contact Ben. What a very clever and fair way to conduct their search for next year's leaders. In my humble opinion, they have come up with some very fine choices.

Thanks, nominees for agreeing to serve.

So what happens next? Our by-laws say the Nominating Committee shall notify the membership of nominees prior to the September meeting. (This is being done in this newsletter). At the September meeting the nominees will be presented to the membership, at the October meeting we will vote for the slate of officers, and at the December meeting we will install the new officers.

How did we get all the way to December already? I must be stuck inside too much; I need to get back in our garden. See you all at the next meeting,
—Tammy



September 4, 2008 Monthly Program

Monthly Program – Andes to Amazon!

Our September program is going to take us out of the U.S. to the Andes in Peru. Now you may be thinking, how could the Andes have anything to do with gardening in Tarrant County? **You will be surprised!**

Our speakers will be Keri McNew (Project Manager) and Tiana Franklin from BRIT (Botanical Research Institute of Texas). Their topic will be the Andes to Amazon Biodiversity Program (AABP).

The program is a study of interactions between organisms and their environment in the Andes-Amazon region of southeastern Peru. Of particular interest to MGs is the portion of the project that focuses on research and development in tropical horticulture, agriculture and forestry. Efforts are underway to identify potential viable ornamental plant species.

Our schedule will be:

- 9:30-10:00 Sign in and coffee
- 10:00-11:00 Andes to Amazon
Biodiversity Program
- 11:00-12:00 Business meeting and
snack lunch
- 12:00-1:00 More Andes and Amazon

If you want to read up on the Andes to Amazon project beforehand, check out www.andesamazon.org. See you on September 4th and stay cool!

—Susan Stanek, 1st VP - Programs

Tarrant County Master Gardener Meeting Minutes August 7, 2008

Program: Mark Klym, speaker, an Information Specialist with Texas Parks and Wildlife, presented "Gardening for Hummingbirds".

The meeting was called to order by President Tammy Edwards at 11:02 AM on August 7, 2008 at the Resource Connection. 168 members and interns were present.

Minutes from July 3, 2008 meeting were approved as printed in the Sharecropper.

Treasurer Carl Trehus reported assets are now combined at Compass Bank. Assets total \$27,715.34.

Members were advised of the following:

- The death of Julie Florence, master gardener, and the death of Norma Crew, prior master gardener from class of 1989.
- The Copper Trellis Seminar – August 23, 10-12, at the Extension Office.
- Sign up to volunteer for the Ft. Worth Home and Garden Show on Sept. 26-28, 2008.
- Little Hands on the Farm – State Fair of

Texas. Planting day is Sept. 15, Volunteer Day is Sept. 26, and cleanup day is on Oct. 19, 2008.

- Lawnmower Exchange – August 16, 9 AM, LaGrave Park, Ft. Worth. Receive details from Tammy Edwards.
- Speaker has books for sale today.
- Reminder that the Time Keepers need MG Hours reported to them on a regular basis. 70 members have not yet turned in their hours.
- Steve Chaney gave out surveys on the MG programs/activities. Also, he announced Claïressa M. Reyes, new Assistant for the MG office.

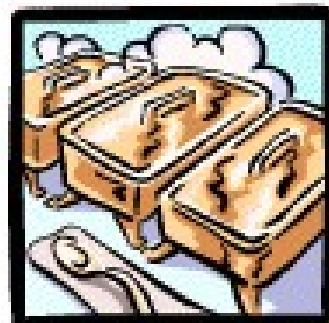
Meeting adjourned 11:16 AM.

--Submitted by Rachel Clark for Joyce Quam, TCMGA Secretary

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank the members who signed up to bring food for the August meeting and for the last minute contributions from members who brought food when they heard we were not going to have enough. The snack lunch would not be possible without everyone's help. Thanks,.

—Johnna Reed, The Hospitality Committee



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sporum, Indian Hawthorns, boxwoods, and varieties of ornamental grass.

Now, you will notice that everything mentioned except for Crape Myrtle and Bradford Pear trees are evergreen. I love to see color all year because our backyard is used as a sanctuary all year. I want to see green and not dead looking plants in the winter even if I am just looking out the window.

Hummingbirds are particularly fond of the color red; good choices would be hollies, fuchsia, salvia and penstemon if you want to entice hummers. To create a successful butterfly garden, you must be willing to live with and encourage caterpillars. No caterpillars equals no butterflies, and both need food. To create a haven for butterflies, plant a variety of native flowers and shrubs that bloom throughout the year. Good choices include milkweed, aster, and, of course, butterfly bush. Butterflies love many weeds, too.

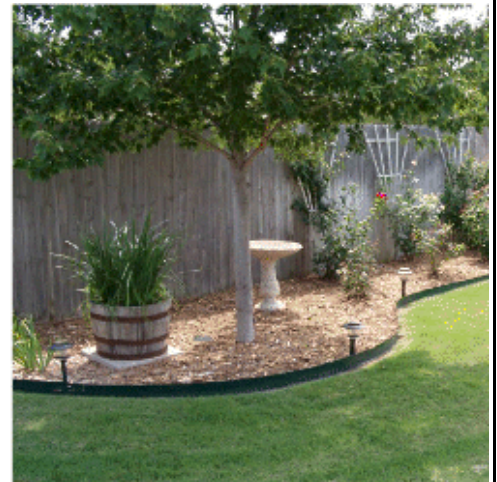
Think about what you want to see when you are sitting on the patio in your favorite chair and then sketch the design for plants, edging, mulched areas, and don't forget to write in the height you want for mature plants. Think about walking paths and a bench at the far end of a path. You want to be able to enjoy the view every time you walk out into the yard and never tire of it.

So far I have not mentioned water features. I would love a waterfall or water fountain, but I know that a lot of work is involved in running water to the location, digging and installing a pool, pond, waterfall or other feature. This also involves an ongoing expense of water, treatment of water, filtering and upkeep. This, with trimming, pruning, and mowing is a little too much, but if it is in your plans, go for it!

We have a neighbor a few blocks over with a large flat back yard who keeps it simple for mowing and has lined the fence area with plants, interesting features, and mulch. This could work for you if you don't mind the mowing.

Don't over plant with too many different plants. Use fewer varieties with good placement and avoid the hodgepodge look from planting everything different. If you are sufficiently stimulated, why not start tomorrow.

—by Derald Freeman



GARDEN CLUB COUNCIL PROGRAM

The Garden Club Council of Fort Worth will host a very special gardening program presented by Dr. David L. Creech, Horticulture Professor from Stephen F. Austin State University. This program, open to the public, will be at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens on September 17, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Leonhardt Hall. His topic will be "Incorporating Colorful, Rare and Exotic Plants Into Shady Garden Areas."

There will be a rare plant auction immediately following the program. Sale tables by the Greater Fort Worth Herb Society, the North Texas Daylily Society and the Fort Worth Iris Society will also be available for your fall shopping. No reservations are required to attend Dr. Creech's program.

Dr. Creech's presentation style can best be described as delivering current science-based information in a light-hearted manner and keeping a high energy flow with the audience.

He not only is a contributing writer to numerous garden publications; but has also enjoyed international consultancies since 1981 to Pakistan, Guatemala, Mexico, Nepal, Israel and China. Dr. Creech was Past President of the Native Plant Society of Texas and is currently the Director of the ten-acre SFA Mast Arboretum, and the 8-acre SFA Ruby Mize Azalea Garden in Nacogdoches.

Dr. Creech is also co-Director of a new 40-acre forest area at SFA Pineywoods Native Plant Center, only the third garden affiliated with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas.

—by Barbara Munn

Search For Excellence Awards (from Steve Chaney)

If you know of a Tarrant County Master Gardener whom you deem worthy of this award, please review the following information from the national Master Gardener Organization.

Its time to remind Master Gardener volunteers to begin work on applications for the International Search for Excellence awards. Search for Excellence is the recognition program of Master Gardener volunteer work throughout the United States and Canada. Master Gardeners will need to write the application but these must be approved by an Extension staff member.

The application deadline is October 1, 2008. Awards will be presented at the International MG conference in Las Vegas, March 22-26, 2009.

For an application and information about the awards, visit our national Master Gardener site on extension at this web address.

http://www.extension.org/pages/IMG_Search_for_Excellence

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The newsletter is enjoyable because many people contribute information and articles. The deadline for submissions is the 8th of the month. It goes to the printer on the 11th or 12th, and the proofreaders edit between these dates. If your article is over 1/2 page long, please email **derald@greatideas.com** before the 8th to insure we have a placeholder for it. Use Arial 12 pt if possible. Only MG related articles and announcements are considered.

All articles should be sent to Judy Butler at **jubutl@aol.com**.

—The Editor

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

Pictures of some Master Gardeners teaching the resident children at Union Gospel Mission about okra. The children love it.

—by Gay Larson *Mother Nature*



MASTER GARDENER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Work 5-10 hours per week @ \$12.00 per hour in the Hulen and I-30 area at a small alternative school campus. Work would involve interacting with students, teachers, and myself in the school garden setting. This could involve working closely with the science teacher who is also a Master Gardener. School hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Work would be on one day either a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but there is much flexibility and this could be altered to meet the needs of the MG. We could do half days for example.

Contact Mike Warren @ 817-692-7282 if interested or for further information.

—Mike Warren

SLAT OF CANDIDATES FOR 2009

Our nominating committee has selected the slate of candidates for 2009 officers. They are:

President	Susan Stanek
1 st Vice President	Eleanor Tuck
2 nd Vice President	Bill Hall (2 nd year)
Treasurer	Carl Trehus (2 nd year)
Secretary	Dottie Bucy

We are excited about TCMGA being led by such an outstanding and dedicated group of members. Also, many thanks to committee members: Charlie Shiner, Sharon Chastain, Ginger Bason, and Susan Stanek for their efforts in locating such an excellent slate.

Ben Oefinger,
Nominating Committee Chairman

FIELD TRIPS

With cooler weather coming, get out there and enjoy it with your fellow Master Gardeners. Join us for two fun fall field trips in October.

October 7

A tour in the Mansfield area takes us to newer gardens, each started since 2000 and in different stages of maturity. They feature an organic country garden landscape, a recycling water feature in a dry creek bed, a unique pot-watering system, and all native plant gardens carefully planned to survive our Texas summers. All are ambitious garden projects and definitely labors of love. Also you will see a garden craft demonstration you can use in your own garden. Box lunches will be ready at the last stop. Extend your trip with shopping at nearby nurseries.

October 29

The final garden tour of the year takes us to east Fort Worth and West Arlington. Featured are three beautiful yet remarkably different gardens demonstrating a wide variety of plants and landscape designs, all adapted to the extremes of Texas weather. Beginning with a beautifully manicured, terraced garden sitting on shaded, steeped banks, we'll proceed to gardens with stunning architectural features, whimsical yard art and historical interest. Finally, we'll visit a property proudly displaying all native plants in a natural setting. We'll end our tour with box lunches in a local park with nursery shopping nearby.

Look for details to come!

Box lunches for both field trips can be ordered at the September and October meetings.

—by Kay Gunn

Paper, Plastic, or NEITHER

Several years ago we learned the dangers of the plastic rings that held a 6 pack of drinks together and the dangers of removing the metal pop-top rings from the cans. All along there has been another danger we didn't see or chose to look past: the plastic bag. Now we can collect them and return them for recycling. That's great IF they are truly sent to be recycled. The cost to recycle is more than the cost to make a new bag so many are not recycled but wind up other places.

Plastic bags blow in the wind and land many places, on shorelines, along highways, in trees, caught in fences, etc. They have been found in the Arctic and in far southern areas of our planet. Animals ingest them and get tangled in them. These bags do degrade but then they be-

come toxic substances that pollute our soils and waters.

Many countries and some towns have BAN THE BAG, to help reduce litter, trash and our dependency on oil. On average we use 6 bags a week, 24 a month and 288 a year per person. That's a lot on oil dependency and we haven't even bought a gallon of gas.

Please take the time to look at an informative but unsettling article on this subject at the web site www.poconorecord.com type in dangers of plastic bags in the FIND IT on the right side of the first page, then look at the article listed as slideshow. The pictures are scary!!!

—by Ginger Bason

The Resource Connection Enabling Garden A Project of the Intern Class of 2008

The Class of 2008 was surprised the last day of intern classes by Tom "Trutexen" Scott with the presentation of a project called an Enabling Garden. How ironic that Tom had been the first presenter to the class and his talk had been on enabling gardens. For the next three months during 72 hours of presentations not a word was said about Enabling Gardens or class projects: not by the coordinator, not by the intern advisors or any of the "Master Gardeners".

When presented with the challenge of creating an Enabling Garden, the class was enthusiastic about the project and jumped right in forming committees, doing research on enabling gardens and looking for donations. What we did not comprehend was the organization of the garden, who was managing it, how it was going to be funded, or what the potential impact was going to be. Most of us had been to the Resource Connection once during a class field trip.

Like true interns we plunged in. We held an organizational meeting, formed committees, went on a field trip to Texas A&M to see a real live working enabling garden and went on with the process. We found ourselves developing budgets, meeting with the TCU Nurses, drawing plans, holding committee meetings and looking for donations to support our project.

We discovered from Tom that we had \$500 to kick-start the project and probably would have more money to continue construction if we did a good job. Many members of our intern class were fully engaged in earning volunteer hours at one of the 26 Master Gardener projects. They were busy volunteering around Tarrant County and taking 12 hours of telephone training, going to WaterRama, Pizza RoundUp and planting their own gardens. Some of our members returned to their jobs they had left for training. Even under these conditions we organized work sessions every Tuesday at the Resource Connection to develop the enabling garden.

One could say that we put our hearts and souls into the construction. The construction phase alone involved 18 class members donating 125 hours to the program. Tom would buy the lumber and we would build. It was fun and we were accomplishing a lot and believed that it was for a good cause.

But wait, after building the trellis and one stepped bed we had spent \$530, more than we had been allotted to the projects. Now what were we going to do? We had to find out where the money came from and if the donation committee was going to find some money for our project. What could we do? We made a Power-Point presentation to the TCMG Executive Committee requesting some more funds. After all it was for the disabled. We were assigned a project and we wanted to do a good job. However, the Executive Committee could not provide us any funds.

What to do? Members suggested that we solicit money among ourselves and try to get another \$500 until donations arrived. We did better than that. By July 3 we had collected \$750 from our members and another \$110 from Tammy Edwards silent auction item and Steve had agreed to match it. So we were in business.

What we did not know was that the donation committee had been contacting the Chesapeake Gas Company and would announce the same day that they had received a commitment of \$1,500. In one day we had gone from having no money to being on the brink of having enough money to finish the construction of our project and maybe even begin bringing students to see our garden. What a surprise!

We will begin construction again on September 9, 2008. Keep an eye on how we are doing.

--submitted by Penny Sambell
– written by Lance Jepson

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER STATE BOARD MEETING

The Texas Master Gardener state board meeting was held in College Station on August 2, 2008. President Gary Wylie asked each Committee Chairman to give a report on their Committee. Bunny Williams, Chair of the Mentoring Program, stated that the program is designed for successful development of new Master Gardeners and retention of seasoned Certified Master Gardeners. She passed out a survey to all Directors asking that they share their Mentoring Program concepts and any ideas and questions that they may have about the program.

Marie Sobo, Chair of Wildflower Committee, announced that they would be having a kickoff for the program on September 11 by giving out seed balls and any MG group can join in.

A request by the chairman for \$300.00 was made and approved.

Outreach Chairman George Ammermann said that the goal of his committee was to have 2 MG's in each of the 12 regions of the state that could reach out to assist TMGA associations in their area and to discover why some associations are not members of TMGA.

Earthkind Roses Chair Joan Leach was happy to report that 27 MG Associations in the State have established gardens. The goal is to have 1 in each county to show that roses can be grown easier than thought. This will be a 3 year project using established Earthkind roses and roses being tested for Earthkind designation. Web chair Dove Johnson requested that she would like more input of news from local

MG Assn., and since she is new, positive and negative feedback would be welcomed.

Wayne Rhoden, Vegetable Gardening Chair, announced that a Specialist Training program to be held in William County is in the planning stage.

Ginger Bason, Awards Chairman, announced that more counties had entered awards in competition than ever before, and that the out of state judges commented on the superior quality of the programs in Texas.

Jayla Fry, Coordinator for Texas Master Gardeners, introduced Dr. Joe Novak who gave a program on winter melons.

Specialist Programs for 2008 are: August, Entomology (class is full); September, Rainwater Harvesting and Greenhouse class (Check web tmga.org for dates time and cost.)

The International Master Gardener Conference will be held in Las Vegas on March 22-26. Information for programs and registration will be on-line. Early registration will be available by August 20th.

The Texas MG Conference will be held in April of 2009 in Marshall, Tx, and the 2010 conference will be in Dallas, Tx.

The nomination committee gave its report: President, Doug Quicksall; 1st VP, Lynn McKillop; 2nd VP, Lonnie Mathew; Treasurer, Homer Babbit; and Secretary, Brenda Cunningham. Election will be held at the December meeting.

—reported by JoAnn Hahn

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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| September 1 | - Labor Day is the first Monday in September |
| September 7 | - Grandparents Day is Sunday after Labor Day. |
| September 17 | - Citizenship Day/Constitution Day is Wednesday. |
| September 22 | - Autumn equinox, Monday. |

Native Plant Sale Increases Educational Opportunities

The Molly Hollar Wildscape, located at the Southeast corner of Veterans Park, is the home of a major educational effort.

Groups enjoying educational tours this year at the 4 acre Wildscape in Arlington include Earth Day attendees, public school students, a Catholic youth group, Arlington Montessori Academy students, the Upward Bound Youth Group and an Arlington Parks and Recreation youth group.



Station 1 begins the tour at the bioswale where participants look at the parking lot, and identify Wildscape pollutants from the parked cars and their home driveways. The students are able to observe, and learn about the cleaning and filtration of substances washing off the parking lot into the bioswale.

Station 2 graphically illustrates the effects of erosion on streams. Attendees get a look at a dry bed, and exposed tree roots in the stream. They learn that erosion can come from man changing the environment, or from natural changes due to rainfall.

Station 3 brings home the importance of plant selection in our environment. This area is so heavy with Privet that it is choking out the natural environment of the area.

Station 4 is a beautiful example of a woodland habitat. The Cross Timbers are dis-

cussed while attendees observe the layers of the forest, the canopy trees, under-story trees, and the ground layers.

Station 5 introduces the prairie zone and grasses that are indigenous to our area.

Station 6 looks at the beautiful positives of native plants in the Wildscape.

The stations show the impact of urbanization, continuing with a look at the peaceful natural areas of the woodlands, the grassland and the native flowers of the Wildscape.

Elementary School students get a learning passport stamped at the stations.

Students are taught to identify poison ivy by comparing it with the Virginia Creeper that grows in the same areas. This tends to keep the kids on the tour path.

Tables are set up in a resting area where students can discuss, and observe butterfly cocoons, insects, birds and animals .



Over 300 school age students have been on official Wildscape tours this year. High School students from all over Texas attending a Scholastic Youth Group leadership conference not only toured the Wildscape, but also planted a new garden area, pulled weeds, and worked on the mulch trails.

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Tour volunteers come from Master Gardeners, Master Naturalist, UTA instructors, the Native Plant Society and others. As volunteers in the Wildscape, we are not only rewarded by the beauty we help to create. We also get to impact our community through education about creating a proactive ecological balance in our environment.

The plant sale impacts the funds that make all of this possible. The sale will be at the

greenhouse on the northeast corner of Randol Mill Park. It will be held on Saturday September 27, 2008, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Photos of the plants in the sale are listed on our web site. If you have questions give me a call at 817-535-9991, or send email to fwtextgal@charter.net.

Oh! And don't forget to visit The Wildscape on the web at <http://www.thewildscape.org/>

— by Nancy Swan

THE COMFREY PLANT

Over 100 years ago in East Texas, my great grandmother grew an herb she called knitbone. She used poultices made from its leaves and roots.

The first time that I saw a comfrey plant was during a Master Gardener field trip to Clark Garden and Botanical Park. It resembled a shrub with long hairy leaves.

A native of Europe and West Asia, comfrey is best known as an herb. It is a member of the Boraginaceae family. Its name is derived from the Latin word, *conferva*, meaning "join together". Its Botanical name is *Symphytum officinale*. It is one of the oldest documented herbs in existence today. Historians believe it was brought to England during the Crusades. Its Old English name was bruisewort, knitbone or boneset, probably because it was used to heal broken bones.

Comfrey is a perennial and flourishes in gardens or flowerbeds. It can also function as a ground cover or hedge. Although it thrives in full sun, in the wild, it is usually found in damp, shady areas near lakes or rivers. It can become invasive, and is capable of producing a three foot long taproot.

The stem of this specimen is squarish and fuzzy or rough in texture. Each dark green leaf tapers to a point. The elongated leaves resemble another herb, great mullein, whose Old

English name was clown's lungwort. The bell-shaped flowers, ranging from white to pink to mauve or blue, hang in clusters from the stem. Comfrey can bloom from May to September. The leaves and flowers are an excellent source of compost material. During the winter, it usually dies back to the ground. You can propagate plants from cuttings or by root division.



The medicinal qualities of this centuries old plant derive from its production of allantoin, which promotes the growth of new cells. During the 1800s, comfrey was used as animal fodder. People drank herbal teas extracted from comfrey leaves to relieve stomach and respiratory ailments. It is no longer recommended for internal use because research has discovered that it causes toxicity which may lead to liver damage.

Today, leaves are added to creams and ointments to soften dry skin and heal bruises or minor skin irritations.

--Jo Poppelreiter

RAFFLE REPORT

The Garage Sale went well with a total of \$993.74 distributed to 11 projects!

MG Raffle Committee

School Supplies for Victory Gardening Totes

Please continue to bring school supplies for the Victory Gardening Totes. Last year we shipped 499 of the totes with two or three school supply items in each one! There are many great deals available now!

Thanks for supporting these great Americans!

Mary Margaret Halleck

PROJECT RENEWAL FORM

The final project report and project renewal form are due to Judy Ratzlaff and Steve Chaney by October 31.

Judy Ratzlaff

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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Send any changes or corrections to Sue Ellen Schlitzer at s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net.



Birthdays for this month

- 9-1 Claire Alford
- 9-5 Jim Potter and Deirdre Pope
- 9-6 Kate Kilmurray
- 9-9 Sheri Stanfield
- 9-10 Maurine Wood
- 9-11 Sandra Keath
- 9-12 Judy Sargent and Allison Sonnenberg
- 9-15 Rachel Clark
- 9-16 Taddie Hamilton and John Tinsley
- 9-17 Mary Nell Hubbard and Elizabeth Snider
- 9-18 Steve Smith
- 9-20 Vicki Moore
- 9-22 L. J. Williams and Margaret Duncan
- 9-24 Mercy Guerrero, Garrett Tucker and Jack Matthews
- 9-26 Lance Jepson
- 9-28 Danielle Page
- 9-30 Sally Porter and Marjie Nelson

—by LaVonne Nowlin
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MASTER GARDENER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Wildscape Plant Sale

Sept 27, 9 AM to 1 PM
Wildscape Plant Sale at Randol Mill Park

by Nancy Swan—fwtxgal@charter.net

Volunteer Opportunities for TCMGA

Project Code & Name	Work Days/Times	Project Manager	Phone
301 BRIT Activities	Call chairman	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
311 BG Perennial Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Cindy Woelke	817-421-4201
312 BG Trial Garden	Tues. 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Susan Miller	817-261-1420
313 BG Cottage Garden	Tuesday's 8-11 a.m.	Janet Riley	817-732-7837
321 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 9:30 a.m.	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
322 Union Gospel Mission	First Mon.-Warm Place 8 a.m., 2nd-4th Mon. - Reg. Schedule	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
323 Grapevine Botanic Garden	Call coordinator	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
326 Teen Challenge	Every Wed. 9 a.m.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
328 Community Garden	(Contact project leaders below)		
Barn beds:	Charlotte Berck, wrberck@peoplepc.com		817-426-6417
Compost:	Charles Shiner, mcshiner@sbcglobal.net		817-488-6123
Enabling beds:	Tom Scott, trutexen@aol.com		940-433-2601
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401 Composting Demo	1 st Sat.	Don Graves	817-465-1667
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403 FW Library at Hulen St.	4 th Thurs, 8:30 a.m.	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-4683
	3 rd Sat, 8:30 a.m.		
404 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat, last Wed.	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
405 Liberty Garden	Call chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Tues, 8-11 a.m.		
406 Veterans Park-Wildscape	1st Sat, 9-12	Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
	Tues 9-12		
<u>School Gardens</u>			
601 Alice Carlson	Mon/Thurs 8:30 a.m.	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
604 Fitzgerald	Wed. 3:15 p.m.	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
611 Children's Garden	Wed. 9-11:30 a.m.	Mary McCoy	817-561-0598

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept 9	MG Intern Orientation Day @ our office
Sept 17-19	MG Greenhouse Specialist Training at the MG Extension Office
Sept 26-28	Ft. Worth H&G Show
Sept 27	Fort Worth Botanic Garden Iris Society – Iris Sale
Sept 27	Wildscape Plant Sale at Randol Mill Park
Oct 7, 9, 14, 16	Landscape School 7-9 @ our office
Oct 8	MG Intern Interviews
Oct 9	Water Garden Society of FW - Talk on Plant material
Oct 10	JMG Advisory Board Meeting
Oct 11	Fit Future Kids Fest @ Will Rogers
Oct 11	Plant Sale @ FWBG
Oct 25-26	Japanese Garden Festival @ FWBG



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