



Thoughts from JoAnn

I hope everyone had a wonderful relaxing summer and can't wait to start fall gardening and of course participate in our Master Gardener activities.

September brings requests - the Sunshine committee would like any cards or boxes of cards that you may have lying around; bring them to the meetings. For a new project we plan to have a basket at each meeting for you to drop off any of those little bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, small soap bars, etc., that we get at every hotel. We could put these items to good use by donating them to the homeless shelter and to the women's shelter. Also at our September meeting, we will introduce the nominees for the 2005 officers. (See page 3 for the list of nominees.) They will be voted on at our October meeting.

In November, our newly elected officers will be looking for committee chairmen and committee members. This is your chance to get more involved in how our club is run. It's an opportunity for those who want to do more and for those who want to effect changes. New ideas are welcome; they help an organization grow. Volunteer to help or be ready to say yes when you get a call.

In December we start looking ahead to next year. We will host the Garden Conservancy Tour, which by the way, will be fantastic. We will also be working with the Denton County MG to plan a field trip to Ft. Worth for the state convention and with the Garden Club Council to present an educational table about TCMGA at their spring show. That is just a sample of 2005 activities; think about what you need to be involved in next year.

Start thinking about dues for next year. Our cut-off date for payment has been changed to December 31. Many of you know that you have your hours for re-certification in already and **Warren Tingley** will be happy to receive your dues at any time. You can bring them to the meeting or mail them to him.

JoAnn

September Monthly Program

We'll start the fall gardening season with two special topics at our September 2nd meeting:

9:30 Sign-in and coffee.

10:00 Have you ever or would you like to grow IRIS?
Renee Ramsey, owner and operator of Wild Prairie (AND a 2004 MG INTERN!), will tell us all about growing IRIS. I



know that I am especially interested in hearing about the REPEAT BLOOMERS she is raising.

11:00 Business meeting and social.

12:00 What are those creepy things we hear and sometimes see in our garden???? Could they be HERPS??? Our speaker works at the Ft. Worth Nature Center and Refuge so lots of experience comes with this program.

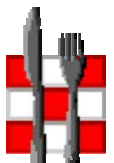
I hope everyone that took pictures at last month's meeting is planning to meet with Tim to critique your photos and some of you will be offering your photographic skills to TCMGA. See you in September (sounds like a good title for a song)!

Ginger Bason



HOSPITALITY NOTES

from **Joyce Quam**



Thank you to all the Master Gardeners who shared their gourmet cooking skills with everyone at the August meeting! We have so much fun seeing what wonderful goodies appear. I will call or e-mail the folks who signed up to bring lunch items for the September 2nd meeting. See you there!

Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2004

The Tarrant County Master Gardener Association met August 5, 2004, at the Resource Connection. There were 117 members in attendance. President JoAnn Hahn called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. **Shari Stanfield** read the May 13 minutes. One correction was made; TCMGA won second place in the club competition. Many thanks to **Mimi Lyles** and **Suzanne Mills** for their design and hard work in creating this display. The May minutes were approved as corrected. The June 3 minutes were approved as published.

Warren Tingley, treasurer, reported \$16,197 is currently in the treasury with no outstanding bills. Ways and Means has approximately \$2,000. The report will be filed for audit.

Dotty Woodson announced that another horticultural agent, **Steve Cheney**, would join her on September 20. She explained the funding paid by the County and the Extension from A&M. The following opportunities were announced:

- Earthkind Master Gardener Specialist, Sep 29 thru Oct 1, Odessa-Midland, TX
- Little Hands on the Farm – Planting Sept 17, TCMGA Opening Day, Sept 24
- Yard Smart Seminar at Ft. Worth Botanic Garden, Aug 28, 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Bring a friend.
- Home and Garden Show, Convention Center, Aug 27-29
- Home and Garden Show, Will Rogers, Sept 24-26
- Bill Welsh plans a one-week tour of homes in San Francisco in October. He also plans a two-week cruise. Details will be given in the Extension Newsletter.
- **Ellen Schmit** will present the Master Composter Class on Oct 4 and 5 in Arlington
- Orientation for Master Gardener Training, Sept 22
- May 5-7 State Convention at Denton, TX. They need docents for tours at Ft. Worth Botanic Garden on May 6
- Ft. Worth Garden Club Council invites everyone to participate in Flower Show--Educational Show Apr 23-24
- What's New at the Nurseries, Randy Weston, Sept 15, 9:30 am Botanic Garden

Dotty Woodson announced that she needs an Events Coordinator for the Home and Garden Shows.

President Joann Hahn announced that the Sunshine Committee could use additional cards. A large basket will be available at the next meeting for collection of cards. Another project for master gardeners is the collection of soaps and shampoo (from hotels) that will be donated to the Women's Haven and Night Shelter.

Tours:

- Sep 9 – Texas A&M Research in Dallas
- Oct 14 –Member's Gardens
- Oct 20 – Antique Rose Plantation in Jacksboro

President JoAnn Hahn explained that in order to save time, all announcements would be made by her. Additional information should be posted on the bulletin boards provided.

A slate of nominees will be in the newsletter and voted on at the September meeting.

Ginger Bason announced that they desperately need volunteers to work the Railmarket through October.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectively submitted by **Shari Stanfield**

Nominations for 2005 TCMGA Officers

President:	LaVonne Nowlin Warren Tingley
Vice President (Programs):	Ginger Bason
Vice President (Ways and Means):	Ann Couch
Treasurer:	Concha Jones Dorrita Hottel
Secretary:	Judy Butler

Mission Statement Tarrant County Master Gardener Association

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

102	Perennial Shade Garden	8:30 a.m., Weds.	Patsy Johnson	817-292-5358
111	BRIT Activities	2 nd & 3 rd Tues.	Kay Yount	817-292-7690
121	Composting Demo	1 st Sat. 2nd Sat.	Don Graves Charlie Shiner	817-465-1667 817-548-7117
123	Liberty Garden	call chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
124	FW Nature Center	call chairman	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
125	FW Library at Hulen St.	8:30 a.m., 4th Thurs	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-4683
126	TC SW Sub Courthouse	Sept 11 & 28	Gailon Hardin	817-457-4703
127	Veterans Park-Wildscape	Sept 11 & every Tues	Gailon Hardin	817-457-4703
129	Willow Park Demo Garden	2 nd Thursday	Judy Ratzlaff	817-441-6726
131	Henrietta Creek Orchard	1 st Mon. or 3 rd Wed.	Sue Short	817-439-3202
132	Teen Challenge	every Wed.	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
133	Thistle Hill	Wed. 9:30 a.m.	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
134	Union Gospel Mission	every Mon. 9 a.m.	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
135	Mansfield Main St. Proj.	3 rd Wed. 9 a.m.	Lindsey Hannah	817-477-1696
161	CEMAP	call chairman	Benita Reese	817-483-5950
162	TX Smartscape Demo	call chairman	Michael Warren	817-531-6765
171	School Garden Consultant	call chairman	Linda Williams	817-907-5668
172	School Garden	sign up at MG mtg.	Linda Williams	817-907-5668
303	Trial Garden Maintenance	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Tues.	Carole O'Connell	817-921-0713
303	Trial Garden Data	2 nd & 4 th Tues.	Carole O'Connell	817-921-0713

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Each month the TCMGA newsletter, including any names, addresses, and phone numbers, is posted on the TCMGA website. Please contact the Newsletter Committee if you prefer your information not be included on the website.

Fall native plant sale at the Molly Hollar Wildscape at Veteran's Park, Saturday, September 25th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For info call **Gailon Hardin @ 817-457-7903** or **Pat Lovejoy @ 817-447-7924**.

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant!

Note: Master Gardeners are welcome to submit articles to the newsletter for consideration. All non-regular features should be submitted to **Linda Hardy** at hardyjandl@netzero.net.

The newsletter editorial staff reserves the right to edit articles submitted for content, brevity, and correctness.