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Sharecropper

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



April 2013

Native Texas Flowers Best Choice for Perennials

*by Steve Chaney, Texas AgriLife
Extension Agent—Horticulture*

Perennials are finding their way back into many gardens after many decades of absence. By definition, perennials are plants that return each year from a permanent crown or root system.

Coreopsis grandiflora is native to Texas along with a number of other Coreopsis species. The species is a useful and colorful plant, but it's tall and falls over after spring rains or wind. New selections, such as Baby Sun and Sunray, are valuable because they are compact and



"Baby Sun" Coreopsis

therefore more useful in the landscape. Plants of these two varieties are usually



"Sunray" Coreopsis

8 to 10 inches tall with bloom heads reaching to 18 inches. Sunray is a double flower and more orange than yellow in color. Baby Sun is a single and a rich, golden yellow.

Zagreb and Zamphir are also low-growing varieties. The latter has rolled petals that are unusual for flower arranging. Culture is undemanding with a sunny location being the primary requirement.

Coreopsis flowers are very drought/heat tolerant. They flower from April through most of the summer. Like most spring/summer flowering perennials, they should be divided and reset in the fall. This should be done every one to two years. New plants can also be started from seed, which is available from many mail order seed sources. Started plants are being grown and made available by nurseries

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specializing in perennials and Native Texas plants.

Although most people use the genus name *coreopsis*, Hortus Third, a concise dictionary of plants in the US, lists the common name as tickseed, which describes the mature seed of the plant. Annual forms of *coreopsis* bloom earlier and are more common than the perennial types. *Coreopsis tinctoria* is especially conspicuous in mid-spring with its fine textured foliage and dark red, or bi-colored red, brown and yellow disc flowers.



"Zagreb" Coreopsis



"Zampher" Coreopsis

Steve's April Checklist

- Prune spring-flowering shrubs soon after flowering. Keep the natural shape of the plant in mind as you prune, and avoid excessive cutting except where necessary to control size.
- Climbing hybrid tea roses may be pruned as soon as they complete flowering.
- Removing spent flowers, trimming back excessive growth, and applying fertilizer to an established bed can do wonders towards rejuvenating and extending the life of the planting.
- Seeds of amaranthus, celosia, cosmos, marigold, portulaca, zinnia and other warm-season annuals can be sown directly in the beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded areas moist until seeds germinate. Thin out as soon as they are large enough to transplant.
- It will soon be time for bagworms to attack junipers and other narrow-leaved evergreens. Light infestations may be controlled by hand picking and burning. Control measures such as Sevin dust or spray should be applied while the insects and the bags are about one-half inch in length.
- Check new, tender growth for aphids. A few can be tolerated, but large numbers should be controlled. Always follow label instructions on approved pesticides for control.
- Start weeding early in the flower garden. Early competition with small plants can delay flowering. A mulch will discourage weed growth and make those that do come through easier to pull.

Most importantly, watch newspaper and other publicity for information regarding wildflower trails, and plan to take a trip to enjoy this beautiful natural resource. FYI: Yes, it's springtime, and nothing is more fun than creating a big pot or two of fresh colorful flowers to put out on your patio



Patsy Miller,
TCMGA President

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



President's Message

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Our Mission Statement says “To provide horticultural and environmental research-based information and techniques. To volunteer in area horticulture projects”.

Our members are carrying out that objective daily. Take a look at the project calendar included each month in the newsletter, the education classes offered each month and the opportunities at our Community Garden. That doesn't include the committees and subgroups such as Activities, Plant Sale, Ways and Means/Raffle, Propagation, Help Desk and teaching TCU nutrition students. These groups are working on events or providing plants, information and training to accomplish our mission.

And that is just a small sampling. Our Speaker's Bureau is a popular face of Master Gardeners speaking to a variety of audiences. From time to time Starr Krottinger receives requests not for speakers but for Master Gardeners to be available at community events to answer questions – like what many of you did at the home and garden show. Let Starr know if you would be interest-

ed in that opportunity.

Also behind the scenes is the work of Jackie Heidinger, editor of the Sharecropper and our Website. She is constantly tweaking and upgrading. She is looking for people to write articles both for the newsletter and Website. If you have a horticultural passion, are a specialist or just like to write about some aspect of gardening, let her know. We have a lot of knowledge in our group; let's share it.

Take a look at the Website. It's colorful, easy to navigate and there is plenty of information at your fingertips. Check out the upcoming horticultural demonstrations, the new pavilion and day-to-day activities of Master Gardeners. Contact Lena Goff about coming to your event or project.

That's just a small sample of the everyday activities that go on within the Tarrant County Master Gardeners Association, – and it seemingly just happens. The members – and there are many of you -- who make up these committees, projects and activities work tirelessly to carry out our mission. And away from TCMGA you continue to educate and volunteer at your local garden clubs, homeowners groups, church and community gardens.

I stand in amazement – and appreciation.

TCMGA General Meeting—March 2013

President Patsy Miller called our meeting to order at 11:20 am after welcoming all present, including several visitors. We had 242 in attendance to hear a presentation by Steve Chamblee on gardens he has visited. In the afternoon he gave a demonstration on making stepping stones using decorative rock.

Executive Board

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter.

Taddie Hamilton, First Vice President **programs**, announced that for the April meeting Steve Huddleston of the Botanic Garden will present the morning program. His topic will be English Gardens in Texas using native and adaptive plants. Our afternoon program will be presented by Jayla Fry, head of the Master Gardener Program of Texas at A&M. Jayla will talk about Master Gardener programs in Texas.

Steve Chaney, announced that Bill Vandever will be lead for Waterama and needs volunteers to help. Volunteers are also needed for Pizza Ranch. Steve would like for us to do the EarthKind Challenge available at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/challenge/>. The person who does the most by the end of the month will win either a \$50 gift certificate for use at the plant sale or two personalized bricks. The bathroom at the garden should be completed in a few days. The new interns are working hard on their project.

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means, asks that we pick up fertilizer immediately. If not picked up, it will be stored

in the red barn at the garden. Rose sales close on March 15. You can mail the form to Billie. Please pick up any MG gear you order. Forms for ordering engraved bricks are on the web and available at meetings. The supplier for caladiums will be substituting White Christmas for Candidums. Coming up in April, Ways and Means will offer Felco pruners plus Natures Guide fertilizer. May is a vendor meeting. Tables are available for \$25 for non Master Gardeners, \$10 for Master Gardeners. There will be no Ways and Means sales that day. Call Linda if you have any questions or want to reserve a table.

Pam Braak, Pam announced that we haven't paid for our portion of the bathroom at the Community Garden or for the flooring for the pavilion. She wants us all to know that she cannot reimburse money spent on sales tax. Please get the sales tax paperwork off the web or use a store where we have information on file.

Pam Braak, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report
For Month Ended
February 28, 2013

Cash, Beginning 2/1/2013	\$35,704.00
Deposits during month	\$ 8,023.69
Checks during month	<u>(\$3,642.79)</u>
Cash, Ending 2/28/2013	<u>\$40,084.90</u>

There were no questions and the report was filed.

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Committee Reports

Patsy Miller, announced for Steve Purdy that the member directory is at the printer. Sue Ellen Schlitzer asked that any project leaders who have applied for a grant to let her know. This knowledge is useful for all applying for grants. Bill Vandever is working on signage for the community garden. If anyone has knowledge about signs and would like to help, please contact Bill. In the future anyone taking a class at the community garden must preregister. LaVonne Nowlin is signing up volunteers for the Botanic Garden Plant Sale. Presale is April 4 and sale day is April 6.

Ginger Bason, State President encouraged us all to be at the meeting next month to hear Jayle Fry talk. The Garden Conservancy tour will be in October and volunteers will be needed.

Claire Alford, Activities presented the list of all activities coming up. Our first field trip is April 17 to 6 Stones and Common Ground. Please see article in this newsletter for all activities.

Sue Kelley, Plant sale will be April 13 and still needs volunteers to help. Please tell everyone you know about it and feel free to print off flyers and share with local businesses. Also please share your heritage plants with the sale. They need to be transplanted at least five weeks before the sale – which is now. They should be in a 4 inch or larger pot and properly labeled with name of plant and color if applicable. She also thanked everyone in advance for the work they will do to make the sale a success.

Claire Alford, Propagation thanked all for bringing the soda and Gatorade bottles that are needed for the specialist class. Please bring them again next month.

There is no old business

There is no new business.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm

**Respectfully Submitted
Donna Morris, Secretary**

Announcements

Condolences to Rosemary Moody on the loss of her sister and to the family of Betty Cupps on her death.

Please visit our website <http://tarrantmg.org/> and enjoy all the wonderful features. Thank you, Jackie, Heidinger for all your work.

TCMG EDUCATION

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2 hours CEU credit for
Master Gardeners

Tarrant County Master Gardener classes at the TCMGA

Community Demonstration Garden

@ Resource Connection of Tarrant County
Circle Drive, Fort Worth, Texas

To register contact Billie Hammack

blhammack@ag.tamu.edu 817-884-1296

Office Hours Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm

Pre-registration required

All classes are held at the TCMGA Garden or building 2300
At the Resource Connection of Tarrant County.

Class fees vary depending upon materials and
may be paid on the day of the class. Cash or checks only.

Classes may be canceled if a minimum of 6 participants are not
registered one week prior to the date of the class.

Saturday, April 13, 2013 9 am - 2 pm **TCMGA Annual Plant Sale**
TCMG TCMGA Garden Open to the Public

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Cactus & Succulent Gardens**
Marilyn Satterfield, Marianne Levine, Dorothy Hildebrand, Mary Reagor,
Sharon Neben, Peggy Harwood, Debby Haberly Lecture & Tour
Class Fee: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Hypertufa Pots**
Susanne Mills, Donna Morris, Nancy Curl Make & Take
Cost: \$20 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Friday, May 3, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Backyard Chickens**
Donna Morris Lecture, Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, May 4, 2013 2 pm - 4 pm **Earth-Kind Gardening**
Beverly Beazley, Theresa Thomas, Bill Hall Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Herbs**
Rita Hottel and the Herb Team Lecture & Tour
Cost: \$5 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion & Herb Garden Class limit: 20

Saturday, May 11, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Bugs**
Linda Hawkins, Lance Jepson, Eleanor Tuck Lecture & Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Mesquite Rm Class limit: 30

Saturday, May 18, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Survive & Thrive**
Jamie Hart Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Mesquite Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, May 25, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Cement Leaves**
Tammy Edwards, Pat Higgins, Nancy Curl Make & Take
Cost: \$25 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, June 1, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Cement Mushrooms**
Tammy Edwards, Pat Higgins, Jeanie Browning, Nancy Curl Make & Take
Cost: \$25 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, June 8, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Canning & Making Jelly**
Bill Vandever, Pat Higgins, Henry Cole, Nancy Curl Lecture & Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, June 15, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Ornamental Grasses**
Starr Krottinger, Marilyn Cox Lecture & Tour
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8 am - 10 am **Prune Blackberries**
Steve Chaney, Char McMorro Lecture & Hands-on
Cost: None TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Container, Chair & Fairy Garden**
Susanne Mills, Nancy Curl Lecture & Show & Tell
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, July 13, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Fall Vegetable Gardening**
Bill Vandever, Pat Higgins, Lance Jepson, Beverly Beazley Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40
Saturday, July 20, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Glass Totems**
Tammy Edwards, Pat Higgins, Nancy Curl Make & Take
Cost: \$25 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 20

Saturday, August 3, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Bring Your Own Bowling Ball**
Donna Morris Make & Take
Cost: \$Undetermined RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 20

Saturday, August 10, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Companion Planting**
Linda Hawkins Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, August 17, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Native Plants**
Callie Mitchell Lecture
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, September 21, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Perennials**
Joanne Hahn, Ginger Bason, Jaime Hart Lecture & Tour
Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 40

Saturday, October 5, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Mosaic Stone**
Gay Larson, Claudia Teague, Pat Higgins, Donna Morris Make & Take
Cost: \$Undetermined TCMGA Garden, Pavilion Class limit: 20

Saturday, October 26, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Glass Orb Terrarium**
Claire Alford Make & Take
Cost: \$12 TCMGA Garden, Greenhouse Class limit: 20

Saturday, November 16, 2013 10 am - 12 noon **Broken Pot Fairy Garden**
Donna Morris, Claudia Teague Lecture & Demo
Cost: \$Undetermined RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 20

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EDUCATION

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Fort Worth Botanic Garden
Tarrant County Master Gardener
Classes for families in the
Children's Vegetable Garden



For more information and to register contact Billie Hammack

blhammack@ag.tamu.edu 817-884-1296

Office Hours Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm

Pre-registration required

Saturday, March 2, 2013 10 am **Spring Vegetable Gardening**

Instructors - Master Gardener Vegetable Specialists

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Saturday, May 4, 2013 10 am

Propagation - Seeds

Instructors - Master Gardener Propagation Specialists

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Greenhouse

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Saturday, May 18, 2013 10 am

Backyard Chickens

Instructor - Master Gardener

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Tuesday, June 11, 2013 10 am

Herbs

Instructor - Master Gardener Herb Specialist

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 10 am

Cement Leaves

Instructor - Master Gardener

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Materials: \$10 per family

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10 am

Fall Vegetable Gardening

Instructors - Master Gardener Vegetable Specialists

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Saturday, July 27, 2013 10 am

Butterfly Puddler

Instructor - Master Gardener

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Materials: \$15 per family Make & Take

Saturday, August 10, 2013 10 am

Flower Pounding

Instructor - Master Gardeners

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Materials: \$10 per family Make & Take

Saturday, September 28, 2013 10 am

Gourds & Gourd Bird House

Instructor - Master Gardeners

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Materials: \$5 per family Make & Take

Saturday, November 9, 2013 10 am

Glass Orb Terrarium

Instructor - Master Gardener

Location - BG-Children's Vegetable Garden - Pavilion

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child

Class limit: 20

Materials: \$8 per family Make & Take

All classes are held in the

Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Children's
Vegetable Garden.

Children must be 5 yrs old or older and
must be accompanied by a parent or
grandparent.

Class fees vary depending upon materi-
als.

Classes may be canceled if a minimum
of 6 participants are not registered one
week prior to the date of the class.

TCMGA

Specialist Training

Irrigation Efficiency—Bexar County

Monday—Wednesday

March 25—27, 2013

San Antonio Botanic Garden
Educational Room

Deadline to register is March 8, 2013.

Cost is \$200 per person.

Go to txmg.org for more info.

Propagation Specialist Training

Friday—Saturday
April 26-27, 2013

Resource Connection Center
2300 Circle Drive
Ft. Worth, Texas 76119

Deadline to register is April 1, 2013.

Cost is \$195 per person.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration form.

Master Gardener Specialist Training Conclave

May 28-May 31, 2013 on Texas A&M Campus
Three specialist trainings will be offered twice over 4 days

MG Vegetable Specialist; Course Director-Joe Masabni
MG Earth-Kind Landscape Specialist; Course Director-Mengmeng Gu
MG Pecan Specialist; Course Director-Monte Nesbitt

The MG Specialist Conclave is an opportunity for certified master gardeners to gain specialist training in one or more subject areas in a conference setting. Three specialist courses will be taught concurrently at the Texas A&M Horticultural Sciences Department building on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station, Texas. Certified master gardeners with approval and support of their county coordinator may register for one or two training sessions listed below.

Course (Seating Limited to 50 Per Session!!)	Dates	Early-Bird Registration Through April 15**	Regular Registration after April 15**
Vegetable Specialist	May 28-29 or May 30-31	\$225	\$250
Earth-Kind Landscape Specialist	May 28-29 or May 30-31	\$225	\$250
Pecan Specialist	May 28-29 or May 30-31	\$225	\$250

**Master Gardeners completing their requirements for two of these specializations are eligible for \$100 in rebates from the Texas Master Gardener Association (\$50 rebate/ each specialty).

On-Line Registration: <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> (keyword Master Gardener)

Course Descriptions—All three courses involve 16 hours of classroom instruction spanning two days, as listed above. Registrants must begin and complete each session during the listed dates (no exceptions). 20 hours of volunteer service must be completed in one year.

Pecan: The pecan specialist training is intended to prepare a master gardener to recognize common home pecan production problems (insects, nutritional disorders, diseases) commonly seen in county extension offices and to provide guidance to homeowners in water, fertilizer, tree training and other basic pecan cultural practices. The course also prepares the specialist to coordinate and assist in management of a county or regional pecan show with directed training in the area of pecan variety identification, sample preparation and judging.

Vegetable: The vegetable specialist training will address topics necessary to increase knowledge and improve skills in vegetable gardening. Topics covered include soil building, garden location and setup, insect, disease, and weed management, organic options, raised bed gardening. The workshop will also consist of a hands-on tomato grafting session where participants will graft their own plants and take home for planting.

Earth-Kind Landscape: The Earth-Kind Landscape training will expose master gardeners to Earth-Kind landscape principals and prepare them with basic knowledge on how to identify and solve common landscape problems. This training will also focus on one of the Earth-Kind landscape principals: proper plant selection, as proper plant selection and care reduces landscape inputs in the future. Plant materials will include a wide range of woody and herbaceous plants, and a 'tree walk' on campus will be part of the training.

Logistics—Texas A&M University is located in College Station, Texas. Drive time is 1.5 hours from Houston, 2.0 hours from Austin, 3.0 hours from San Antonio, and 3.0 hours from Dallas-Fort Worth. The dates for the MGS Conclave are between the TAMU spring and summer semesters when few students are on campus. Bryan/College Station is served by Easternwood Airport (code CLL) which has daily flights by United Airlines and American Airlines.



Are you planning to take a specialist class?
Or have you recently taken a specialist class?
Did you know that TCMGA will reimburse half of your tuition?

Go to http://tarrantmg.org/tcmga_new_website_032.htm
for specialist training reimbursement form.

April Guest Speaker



Picture from easygarden color blogspot

English Gardens Texas Style

Have you ever wished you could have a colorful English garden but knew we didn't have the same plants and climate for it? Steve Huddleston, Senior Horticulturist at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, will show us how to use Texas native and adapted plants to accomplish the same look. Using his landscape artistry, he will delight us with pictures of English gardens side by side with what we can do right here in north Texas.

Steve will also have his wonderful book, Easy Gardens for North Central Texas, available for purchase and a signature! If you have not seen this book, it is a very comprehensive resource for choosing the right plants for your landscape.

In the afternoon, Jayla Fry, the coordinator for the Master Gardener program for Texas, will share "Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and YOU!" It is always fun to learn what is happening across Texas in Master Gardener cir-

cles. She is delightful, and I know you will love meeting her. We definitely want to impress her with our fantastic attendance and devotion to our projects.

We will also enjoy Dave Wilson's delightful and delicious BBQ. Please bring \$5.00 and items to complement his BBQ.

It will be a wonderful day!

Taddie Hamilton
1st VP—Programs

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 2013

- 1 Charlotte Berck
- 2 John Stanley
- 5 Valerie Stowe
- 6 Emily Beyette
- 8 Danielle Fromer, Jaime Hart
- 13 Margaret Anderson
- 16 Pat Hanshaw
- 17 Gilbert Geisler (I), Stacy Laborde (I)
- 20 Mary Lynne Haines
- 21 Doug Montgomery
- 23 Larry Matl
- 24 Debbie Bollinger, Dorothy Hildebrand
- 25 Berry Bock, Teresa White
- 26 Joann Hahn, Joan McRay (I)
- 27 Diane Schofield
- 28 Sarah Fettingter
- 29 Rhett Cervantes
- 30 Leeann Rosenthal, Otto Witt

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



MASTER GARDENERS TO MEXICO!

As some of you might know, Eleanor Tuck has just returned from a planning trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico, the City of Eternal Spring which is about 50 miles south of Mexico City. She says that although she has been many times, this trip was to look at the flora of Mexico—and she saw plants that are only house plants in our part of the world—there, they grow like trees!

A visit to the nurseries of the area will help us learn where plants come from—can you imagine azaleas being used as a hedge? Or a schefflera as a view blocker? Or flowers blooming all year round?

The trip is being planned through the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health at the College of Nursing at UTA because one of our bilingual guides from The College of Nursing at UTA has been taking students from the City of Eternal Springs for over 20 years. UTA nursing students go for language and cultural experiences. We will not only help develop an educational tour for gardeners where we will explore plants, but will also enjoy traditional cultural experiences.



Realizing that many of the Mexican residents take their plants for granted, ET hopes explore new ways of growing plants and learn how plants are used in other parts of the world. Additionally, we will work with the school in Cuernavaca to label some of the plants on their campus. The school has students, including executives and ambassadors, from all over the world. What a neat way to encourage more people to explore horticulture as a universal experience!!

TCMGA Raffle

B-B-Q

The drawing for the portable BBQ grill will be at the April meeting. Tickets will be available at the meeting if you have not purchased yours yet.

The next item will be a gas powered weed eater.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. And remember that the money goes to support our projects.



Directory/Membership Updates

There are no updates to directory at this time.

If you have changes in your contact information, please contact Steve Purdy
at spurdy06@sbcglobal.net

Donna Fry
Raffle Committee

April 2013 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	2 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	3 8a Thistle Hill 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15pFitzgerald	4 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Meeting	5	6 8:30a Common NRH 9am Composting Demo- Veterans Park 9am Veterans Park— Wildscape Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale
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Notable April Events

- **April 4**—TCMGA Meeting
- **April 6**—FTW Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale
- **April 13**—TCMGA 2013 Plant Sale
- **April 16**—TCMGA Community Garden Class on Cactus Gardens
- **April 17**—TCMGA Field Trip!
- **April 20**—TCMGA Community Garden Class—Hypertufa Pots
- **April 20**—Grapevine Garden Club Annual Plant Sale
- **April 26-27**—Propagation Specialist Training
- **April 28**—Southlake Garden Tour

April Field Trip



As our team contemplated field trips this year, community gardens quickly became a forerunner!!

Of all the many types of Master Gardener Projects that have been approved over the past four years, we decided the Community Gardens is definitely a must! This tour will teach us to appreciate how Master Gardeners are educating Tarrant County through participation in community gardens.

Join us on our first field trip of the year, scheduled on **Wednesday April 17**. We will tour both the 6 Stones Community Garden as well as the NRH Common Grounds Community Garden. Our tour will conclude at the Grapevine Botanic Garden with a lesson on color spots in the garden.

We will provide a list of area garden centers and places to eat.

We will carpool from the

Fort Worth Botanic Gardens and Joann's Fabric store in Grapevine.

Visit our table at the April meeting to sign up and check out other garden tours.

**Claire Alford
Activities**

P.S. On Tuesday, May 28th, we will tour Dallas Baptist University grounds.

Our second stop will be the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery

TCMGA And Local Events

Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale

Saturday April 6, 2012

9:00am-2:00pm

Take this opportunity to browse among the cream-of-the-crop perennials, specially selected to stand up to all the challenges of Texas gardening. Cozy up to your favorites and adopt them for your own yard! Bring your landscape plan and take advantage of our Horticulture Staff's expertise in selecting just the right plants for your garden. Go to <http://fwbg.org/events/17/spring-plant-sale/> for more information.

TCMGA Annual Plant Sale

Saturday

April 13, 2013

10:00am—2:00pm

The annual TCMGA plant sale will be held on April 13.

**Peggy Harwood and Sue Kelley
Plant Sale Coordinators**

International Master Gardener's Conference 2013

**Alaskan Cruise
September 7—14,
2013**



Texas Master Gardener Conference

**Thursday—Saturday
October 17-19, 2013**



JOIN US

for the 2013 Texas Master Gardener Conference held in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties on October 17 - 19.

Experience the Blooms, Birds and Butterflies of South Texas!



Events-Cont'd

The Tarrant County Master Gardeners Association's (TCMGA) annual plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the TCMGA Community and Demonstration Garden at Fort Worth's Resource Connection. The garden is located off Campus Drive, north of I-20 at 1801 Circle Drive.

The sale will include hundreds of perennials, annuals, roses, herbs, succulents, vines, native plants, grasses and hanging baskets. Demonstrations on rain barrels, composting, backyard chickens and container gardens will be featured. Bring your plant and gardening questions to the "Ask A Master Gardener" table.

Proceeds benefit the TCMGA activities supporting community outreach and education. Cash and checks only please.

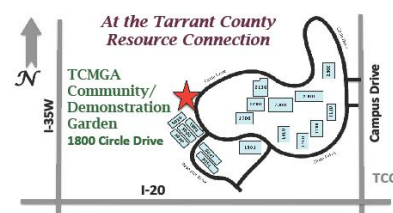
Sue Kelley and Peggy Harwood
Plant Sale Coordinators

Save the Date!
Saturday, April 13, 9am - 3pm
Tarrant County Master Gardener
2013 Plant Sale

- ❖ **Plants for North Texas:** perennials, roses, herbs, annuals, succulents, containers, native plants, grasses & more from local nurseries... plus heritage plants from Master Gardeners
- ❖ Presentations on composting, containers, backyard chickens, and more
- ❖ Bring plant & gardening questions to "Ask a Master Gardener" table
- ❖ Proceeds benefit the Tarrant County Master Gardener Association, supporting community outreach and education

At the Tarrant County Resource Connection



Bring your carts & wagons!
Cash or Checks Only Please

February 5, 2013

For immediate release
For general information, contact:
Beckie Underwood, Tour Co-Coordinator
underwoodb@tcmga.com, 817-488-6689



Southlake Garden Tour
April 28th 2013 in Southlake 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Be sure to mark April 28th on your calendars for this year's Southlake Garden Tour. The tour is presented by the Perennial Garden Society of Southlake.

For 2013, the Southlake Garden Tour selected six beautiful gardens showcasing a variety of landscapes and gardening styles. During the tour you will discover outstanding examples of unique and inspirational garden designs at each of the six garden stops.

The Gardens

- o **The Brendenberger Garden** - Hill Country aesthetics in combination with sustainable practices
225 E Bob Jones Rd
- o **The Chambers Garden** - Shaded understory haven for perennials and pathways
307 Wilshire Ct
- o **The Foster Garden** - English gardens with a Texas accent
1305 Wakefield Ct
- o **The King Garden** - Entertaining paradise surrounded by tropical color
710 Deer Hollow Rd
- o **The Northcutt Garden** - Finding beauty in objects that are often overlooked
1750 Hunters Creek
- o **The Stone Garden** - A multi-generational garden for the entire family
1502 Irion Ct

Demonstrations and Displays

In addition to an opportunity to view some of the premier gardens in Southlake, the Southlake Garden Tour traditionally strives to provide tour participants with information and understanding of responsible gardening related practices. To achieve this goal, Tarrant County Master Gardeners will be in each garden to answer questions. Experts on related topics such as mosquito prevention and control, water conservation, pond management, tree selection and care will also be on hand. Radio personality Marilyn Simmons will be available to address visitors questions on square foot gardening.

Sponsors

The Southlake Garden Tour is pleased to welcome back Calloway's Nursery of Southlake as a Platinum level sponsor and is excited to welcome two new Platinum level sponsors, B&B Railway and Alpine Materials. Also new this year is Gold level sponsor 360 West Magazine and Silver level sponsors Park Place Lexus of Grapevine and Orr Nissan of Corinth. Orr Nissan will host the homeowners and volunteers at a private event held the day before the tour, which will also recognize the Perennial Garden Society's tenth anniversary.

Garden Tour Tickets

Advanced tickets are \$8 and will be available at Calloway's locations in Southlake, Hurst, Arlington and Flower Mound. Tickets will also be available at Marshall Grain in Grapevine and the North Richland Hills Farmers Market starting April 10th. Tickets sold the day of the tour are \$10 at any of the gardens and the locations mentioned above. Go to www.southlakegardentour.org for garden locations or contact Beckie Underwood, 817-488-6689 for more information.

Colleyville Garden Club

Promenade Garden Tour 2013



Sunday, May 5th 11:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

HALF-DAY SHIFTS AVAILABLE (10:30 - 1:30PM OR 1:00 - 4:00PM)
SIGN UP FOR FULL DAY, OR HALF-DAY, SHIFTS*

*PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN TAYLOR AT 817.366.2232 OR
SFT.TAYLOR@gmail.com W/YOUR NAME, PREFERRED EMAIL
ADDRESS AND PHONE #. PLEASE ALSO INDICATE YOUR SHIFT
PREFERENCE. THANK YOU!

Colleyville Garden Club appreciates the volunteer efforts of the Tarrant County Master Gardeners at our Promenade Garden Tour. We appreciate your time and expertise; tour attendees appreciate it too! For those MG's working the entire day, you are invited to the pre-tour on Saturday morning to view all the gardens. TCMG: use code #203 for recording volunteer hours.



Grapevine Garden Club, Inc.

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, April 20

8am-1pm

Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park
411 Ball Street, Grapevine



Featuring

- *Heirloom plants - Tried and true performers from members' gardens
- *Hardy native perennials
- *Butterfly plants
- *Master Gardeners available for guidance

Free seminars

- 9:00 Butterfly Gardening - Barbara Atkins
- 10:00 Perennials - Toni Moorehead
- 11:00 Ferns and Shade Gardening - Susan Stanek
- 12:00 Composting - Charlie Shiner

For more information: www.grapevinegardenclub.org or 817.410.3350



Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship and civic projects

2013 Proposed Meeting Programs

May 2	Rita Hottel – <i>Rita, Rita, How Does Your Herb Garden Grow? Herbs That Like Their Garden</i> PM – Rita demo – <i>Creating Your Own Herb Oils and Vinegars</i>
June 6	Backyard Gardens at Eagle Mountain Lake - Tour of Tammy Edwards' MG and Janet Stevens' Gardens - Social – bring your own lunch and lawn chair. Tea and water provided. (They live across the street from each other)
June 27	(the week before) <i>Your Junk is My Treasure</i> - Garage Sale - Program – <i>Intern Projects!</i> Intern Class of 2013 will present their power points (Per Steve: The Interns will create power points either separately or in teams as their project)
August 1	John Thomas owner of Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg – <i>Planting Wildflowers That Will Grow in North Texas</i> PM – <i>Making a Wildflower Bed</i> BBQ
September 5	Debbie Garrett, Bobby Price , et al of the Begonia Species Bank at the Ft. Worth Botanic Gardens – <i>A Begonia in Every Pot and Terrarium</i> - The History and Cultivation of Species and Hybrid Begonias PM – <i>Where did Those Beautiful, Colorful Leaves Come From?</i> Hybridizing and Propagation
October 3	Bill Utley – President of The Cacti and Succulent Society – <i>Secrets of Growing Cactus and Succulents</i> PM – Mary Utley - <i>Can You Really Eat That?? Cactus Salsa is Delicious!</i>
November 7	Trip Smith – <i>The Poinsettia - Color at Christmas</i> - Propagating and Growing Poinsettias PM – Dotty Woodson – <i>I got an Orchid for Christmas; What Do I Do With It?</i>
December 5	Christmas Luncheon – Place TBA \$20.00 each

TCMGA Volunteer Opportunities

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 am	Cindy Woelke	817-366-4436
302 BG Children's Garden		Dolores Geisel	817-446-4536
302 BG Trial Garden	Thurs. 8:30-11:30am	Susan Miller semiller@sbcglobal.net	817-261-1420
303 Community and Demo Garden Chair Project Leads	Bill Vandever, bvandever@sbcglobal.net		817-244-1580
Community Garden, Tuesdays			
Barn Beds	Charlotte Berck, caberck@dot11net.		817-426-6417
Compost & Rainwater Harvesting			
Community Vegetable Beds	Pat Higgins, ragdollpath@sbcglobal.net		817-946-6278
Demonstration and Enabling Beds	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com & Pat Higgins	817-557-6122	817-946-6278
Enabling Garden	Frank Durda, fdurda@hotmail.com		817-292-2270
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Tuesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-929-6847
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	817-838-7321	817-923-9250
Plant Sales	Sue Kelley and Peggy Harwood sandrkelley@sbcglobal.net, peggyjwh@gmail.com	817-233-7118	817-821-4988
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
304 Thistle Hill	1 st , 3 rd Weds. 8 am	Sue Fair	817-266-2514
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 9 am	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden	Wed. & Sat 8:30am-12n	Dianne Spradling Sandra Totty	817-431-4666 817-281-7877
304 Six Stones/City of Bedford Community Garden-		Annette Lee	214-803-2219
304 The Samaritan House	Tues. 8 am-11 am	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 9 am	Bernice Ramsbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chair	817-488-0035 817-481-4398
<u>Environmental Projects:</u>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin	817-581-1850
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	2nd Thurs 9 am	Bill Hall/ Theresa Thomas	817-737-9890 817-485-6789
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 nd Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Southlake Liberty Garden	Call Chairman	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
	2nd Thurs., 8-11 am		
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Wed. 9 am-12 noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
	1st Sat., 9 am-12 noon		
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd, Wednesday, 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<u>School Gardens:</u>			
306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE	Mon 9 am & Wed 3:15pm	Leeann Rosenthal	817-237-7180
306 Heritage School OLE	Mon. 8-10 am	Pam Braak & Harold Annis	817-488-5665 817-481-6242
306 Durham Intermediate School	Wed 9am	Bea Wilson	817-401-2179

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>

Native Plant Society of Texas

<http://npsot.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.org>

Wildscape:

<http://thewildscape.org>

Botanical Research Institute of Texas:

<http://www.brit.org>

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