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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



Agents
Corner

Fall Vegetable Gardening In Texas, “The Time to Relish”

By Steve Chaney, County Extension Agent,

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We have had several Master Gardeners move to the Ft. Worth area in the last few years from different areas of the country and they all seem to say the same thing, TEXAS is different! How do you garden here, it’s either cold or hot and nothing in between. Where is the Spring, it goes from Winter to summer and not much in between! By the time my vegetables start to produce it gets so hot that

I don’t even want to go outside and besides that they are burning up! When is the best time to grow Vegetables?

Believe it or not, fall vegetable gardening starts in July! Cold-sensitive vegetable crops (e.g. pepper, squash and tomato) must be given time to mature and fruit before the first frost.

“Better late than never” may be an appropriate cliché for some garden tasks but not for fall gardening. You must plant in mid-summer to ensure fresh homegrown vegetables for your Thanksgiving feast. Fall vegetable gardening is very productive and has different and distinct advantages over spring vegetable gardening:

- Vegetable crops are maturing as the days are getting shorter and cooler; the quality of crops, such as broccoli, cauliflower and lettuce is much higher (less chance of bitter taste developing).
- Rainfall is generally more frequent in the fall; thus watering chores are reduced.
- Insect pest populations are on the decline, not increasing as in spring. (e.g. Squash Vine Borers are rarely a problem in the fall as compared to the spring).

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Dear Gardener Friends

Does it feel like summer weather is here to stay? Wasn't it just a few months ago we were worried about our plants surviving below freezing temperatures? Now we are working to keep our plants going in the heat and little rain! More reasons to love our native and adapted plants of Texas who manage to shine through it all.

Our Tarrant County Master Gardeners are shining too as they continue their mission of education. Through classes, lectures, docent tours, answering the phone and maintaining educational gardens, **Master Gardeners** are continuing their education and are teaching more members of the public than ever before.

Members of our TCMGA **visited schools** in Fort Worth to teach kids and parents how to set up and plant Earth boxes. Approximately 140 families left happy with the start of a home vegetable garden as they happily rolled their Earth box home.

The **2011 Interns** have jumped right in as well. They have completed their group project and plan to show it off after the July monthly meeting. The Interns have also been volunteering around Tarrant County on numerous projects and sharing what they have learned with the public. Some Interns even spent many hours assisting Jerry Tuttle complete a huge rainwater harvesting project at Samaritan House to supply water to raised vegetable beds and a perennial garden.

Have you checked out the **TCMGA website** lately? Webmaster Jackie Heidinger and her committee have continued to upgrade the site making it more user friendly and adding more educational components. They have started tracking the website "hit" and "visit" counters. So far, May has seen the most activity with **2,468 visits** and **38,436 hits** to the website. One more way to provide information to TCMGA members and education to the public!

We recently learned about some **changes** at the extension office and are finding ways to **adjust**. Without reducing the ability for members to stay connected, serve phone duty and attend meetings we will work together to work out new guidelines. Don't hesitate to continue coming to the office as needed and don't hesitate to share concerns or ideas you have as we meet this new challenge together.

Upcoming events include the **TCMGA Annual Garage Sale and Silent Auction**. Start cleaning out your garage or shed for unwanted items for the sale. Remember "One man's trash is another man's (or woman's) treasure!" All proceeds go to fund the TCMGA Projects. So plan to attend the **August** meeting and bring your treasures!

It isn't too early to consider attending the **2011 International Master Gardener Conference**. Go online at <http://imgc.ext.wvu.edu> for more information and to register. The conference will be held in West Virginia in October. Just the fall color should be worth the trip!

Our lives are busy but don't forget to share a smile and laugh along the way!

**Nancy Curl, President
Tarrant County Master Gardeners**

President Nancy Curl called the business meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. with 145 members, interns and guests in attendance.

Linda Adams Grove, Horticulturist with the City of Grapevine and the Botanical Gardens at Heritage Park, spoke on Summer Color in the Garden. Master Gardener Jerry Sorenson was the afternoon speaker. Jerry's topic was Bonsai.

The minutes of the May, 2011 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Pat Higgins' report was given by Nancy Curl for May, 2011.

April, 2011 Money Market Balance:	\$23,344.11
April 30, 2011 Checking Account	<u>9,651.54</u>
Total Accounts	\$32,995.65
Deposits during May, 2011	2,268.54
Checks written during May, 2011	<u>(2,812.37)</u>
Money Market and checking balance at May 31, 2011	<u>\$32,451.82</u>

Ways & Means requested members to pick up their items. Several unclaimed items remain.

Hospitality, Natalie Wistrand and Theresa Thomas thanked all members who brought food for the June luncheon. A sign up sheet is being circulated for food contributions to the July meeting.

Activities, Patsy Miller reminded members that the next field trip is a tour of BRIT on Tuesday, June 21st. The 90 minute tour includes the building and grounds.

TCMGA Demonstration and Community Garden at the Resource Connection's Open House was an opportunity to introduce guests to the garden. Dana Tarter shared information on the goals of Agri-Life's outreach. Steve and Nancy provided examples of TCMGA's projects both at the CG and throughout Tarrant County. Eleanor Tuck wowed our guests when she gave an impromptu lesson on insects!

Nancy Curl announced that Steve Chaney is attending a meeting in San Antonio this week to discuss specialist classes. Steve will brief the membership when he returns.

Fit Kids Program: MGs planted and distributed 80 Earth Boxes in 90 minutes at Moore Elementary School! At Oaklawn Elementary School, one day of gardening instruction was followed by an after school event where MGs planted 70-80 Earth Boxes. Parents and students at both schools were eager to participate and were delighted to take home an Earth Box. Thanks to all who helped make the project a success: Nancy Curl, Steve Chaney, Harold Annis, Nancy Bannow, Lena Goff, Sue Kelley, Dick Pafford, Mary Reagor and Harriet Weaver who helped at Moore Elementary; and at Oaklawn Elementary volunteers were: Nancy Curl, Steve Chaney, Bill Hall, Pat Higgins, Donna Morris, Mary Reagor and Theresa Thomas.

Extension Office Update: A policy change in parking, effective May 1, 2011, provides the downtown office (all agencies) a total of 500 parking vouchers per month. While this should be sufficient to meet our parking needs right now, efforts are underway to hold intern classes and advisory meetings elsewhere. As a precaution, all MGs and interns should be aware of this new policy. Don't be deterred from going to the office as needed, but be aware of the new guidelines and if all parking vouchers have been depleted for the month, you might have to pay to park on the street or pay the fee for parking in the lot.

New Business

Nominating Committee, Mike Warren, is seeking a committee of four members in good standing who have been certified for at least one year. The following MGs were nominated from the floor: Ginger Bason, Rocky Deutscher, JoAnn Hahn and Sally Harris. Nominations for the

Minutes of the TCMGA General Meeting— Cont'd)

Nominating Committee can still be accepted. Contact Mike Warren if you have a nomination. Nominations will close at the July meeting and then be voted on by the membership. After the vote, the names of the four committee members will be published in the August newsletter.

Announcements

The July meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14th, the second Thursday of the month.

Some caladium orders still have not been picked up. Call Carol Norfleet (817-423-5930) to arrange pick up.

Free Plants: There are plants in the hoop house that need a home. Left over plants from the plant sale, pepper plants and some herbs are available. Please help rescue these plants as water in the hoop house will be turned off soon.

Garden Conservancy tours will be October 9th in Fort Worth. Talk with Ginger if you can help.

Fort Worth Museum of Science & History is presenting a program on the Evolution of Insects June 2 at 7:00 p.m. Special rate for MGs is \$5.00.

Members were asked to start gathering items for the upcoming garage sale. Garage sale proceeds will go to the projects. The Annual TCMGA Garage Sale and Projects Silent Auction will be at the August meeting.

June Make & Take classes: Butterfly Puddlers, Cement Leaves and Copper Rain Chains. Check the website for details. Members should check the bulletin board for details and pre-register at the meeting. After the meeting, check with Mary Lynn Haines, and watch for the eblast flyer announcing the classes.

Eleanor Tuck needs help with bulk mailing. Contact Eleanor at (817-244-1772) for details.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer
Secretary

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The weather is cooling off and much more conducive to getting out in the garden.

To ensure a good crop of warm-season vegetables before the first frost, grow from transplants, not seed. You can often find transplants at local nurseries in 4 or 6 inch pots, if you can find larger transplants buy them as it's often worth the extra cost to shorten the time until harvest.

Quick establishment of transplants in the garden is critical to success. Even with the hot, dry weather of North Central Texas, these transplants will survive as long as you provide adequate watering to each and every transplant. It will take about 2 weeks for a transplant to establish a large enough root system to begin fast growth of the stems and leaves. During these two weeks you will need to provide light watering daily to the transplants along with a good layer of a organic mulch to keep that moisture in and around the plants.

Drip irrigation is the most efficient method of watering, much more directed and less evaporation. If you don't have access to any type of drip, then create small basins around each plant for these first few weeks. These basins make it easier to apply a pint or so of water daily to each plant, be sure and don't drown these babies or the root system could possibly rot instead of grow.

After the plants are established well, and starting to produce then the application of the fertilizer of your choice would help to make these plants kick into gear and start producing the loads of vegetables your so hungry for all fall.

Remember, the most important reason to grow a garden in the fall is often a selfish one – it feels good to us. Working in the garden is much more pleasant in the fall. The heat of the summer is in the past, the garden is much more vibrant and beautiful. As that guru of gardening Dr. Doug

Welsh once said, “fall into gardening” once again or for the very first time!!



Fall Vegetable Crops

***Broccoli, Lettuce and
Cauliflower!***

Special Feature—Summer Insect Pests

Drafted by Lance H. Jepson, Master Gardener Entomology Specialist

Edited by Dr. Mike Merchant, TAMU Entomology Specialist



photo by Vijay Cavale <vijay at indiabirds.com> <http://www.indiabirds.com>"

SCALES:

If you find stunted, yellow foliage lacking vigor, leaf drop, sticky secretions or black mold on branches or leaves, you might suspect scale.

Scales are barnacle-like in appearance on leaves or stems of plants. Some

scales are waxy and may appear gray or white. Look in [Scale insects on Ornamental Plants B-6097](#), you will find one of the most important, sap-feeding pest groups. Some scales are very difficult to find and control. This publication provides an overview of scale insects and control recommendations. One control is to essentially swab leaves with soapy water or an alcohol/water solution, then wipe the leaves off until dry.



SPIDER MITES:

Look for light-colored speckling on upper surfaces of leaves, browned or dry-looking leaves, with minute



webbing and mites on leaf undersides. If you're not sure, shake the plant over white paper and look for red, green, yellow eight-legged mites. There are many spider mites in Texas



including the southern red mites, *Oligonychus ilicis* (McGregor) which is similar to the two spotted mite. Look in: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/growgreen/downloads/mites.pdf>. Try insecticidal soaps or horticulture oil or spray.



APHIDS:

Look for curled leaves, honeydew, stunted blossoms and loss of vigor. These 1/16th inch pests are found in

many colors. [Aphids in Texas landscapes, house and landscape pests \(B-6074\)](#) Texas Agriculture Extension Service. Zerle L. Carpenter, Director. Texas AM....will give you several ideas for control. If a brisk spray of water doesn't solve the problem, try a mild insecticidal soap or horticultural oil applied directly to aphid colonies.



MEALYBUGS:

Mainly a pest on indoor plants. Outdoor, waxy-looking insects are more often than not aphids or scale insects, or else predatory lady beetles. If the "mealybug" is moving, it is likely to be a predator.



Check for mealybugs on stunted plants.

Look for cottony clusters where leaves are attached to stems.

These pests are white with fringes of varying length around their oval-shaped, flattened bodies.



Aggie-
horticulture.tamu.edu/citrus/l2311.htm has information on the Mealybug grapefruit problems with mealybugs. Try lifting them off of your home fruit trees with an alcohol soaked swab before using horticulture oil.



WHITEFLIES:

Look for yellow leaves, stunted plants, scale-like gray, black or clear oval-shaped nymphs or “pupae” on leaf

undersides. The adults are tiny, whitish, moth-like insects. Spray with insecticidal soap or horticultural oil on leaf undersides. A number of other **whitefly** species are important plant pests in **Texas**. ...See: entowww.tamu.edu/fieldguide/aimg97.html.



THRIPS:

Examine the flower for brown, purple, silver or white speckled leaves, or distorted plant parts. Thrip-infested blossoms of roses and

other flowers are often discolored and do not open. Look for minute, elongated insects on leaf undersides. Large infestations require treatment with Conserve (spinosad) or other labeled insecticide. Unless you have a magnifying glass, you probably won't see these tiny pests on your plants,

but you may notice signs of their presence as described above. For additional information see entowww.tamu.edu/fieldguide/bimg119.html.



Beneficial Bugs

Below is a list of beneficial bugs:



Ant Lions
(doodle bugs)



Assassin Bug



Bark Lice



Adult Bees



Ground Beetles



Ladybird Beetles



Earthworms



Flies,
Adult and Larva



Lacewing



Minute Pirate



Praying Mantis



Spiders



Parasitic Wasp



Predatory Wasp



Predacious Stink Bug



Dale Clark, owner of Butterflies Unlimited, has turned a childhood love into a viable career. He supplies facilities all over the country with butterflies and moths he has raised. And since butterflies live an average of two weeks, the need is continuous!

Master Gardeners visited his butterfly farm in Glenn Heights in May to view up close his multiple gardens of host and nectar plants, see captured females in cages laying eggs on host plants and the resulting pupae – his “product” -- which he ships (in toilet paper via FedEx) all over the country.

Since some butterflies prefer an open area to lay their eggs, Master Gardeners walked around the flight cage stocked with plants with beautiful butterflies flying all around.

MGs learned that Texas is home to the largest number of butterfly species – 470 -- and lucky for Dale, the North Texas area is host to 176 species. Clark has seen 103 different species in his yard.



The purpose of his garden is to bring in breeding stock and some of the host and nectar plants on vivid display were: Miss Huff lantana, garden phlox, zexmenia, antelope-horns, prickly ash tree, hackberry tree, candlestick tree, passion vine, Mexican sunflower, Mexican flame vine, pentas (he over winters), zinnias, blue mistflower and butterfly bush, among many others.

A complete list of host and nectar plants are on his Web site, www.dallasbutterflies.com, which is the Web site of the Dallas County Lepidopterist's Society. The society welcomes everyone whatever level of butterfly knowledge. It is having an open house at Dale's on September 10th. His gardens will have an entirely different look, he promises.

Also, check out the butterfly classes at the Texas Discovery Garden at Fair Park. The summer one is June 18th 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. See the Web site http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/upcoming_events.php for more information.



Photos by Pam Braak

July TCMGA Meeting Speaker



If you have ever suffered the heartbreak of trying to rescue yet another dying rose in your garden, come to the Master Gardener meeting on July 14.

Candy Fite of the Texas Rose Rustlers will give you the information you need to be successful.

Candy grew up in the garden. Working next to her grandmother in Barrington, Ill., she helped tend organic vegetable gardens, flowerbeds, rose beds, one immaculate, dandelion-free two-acre lawn and how to compost in a kitchen bucket.

As an adult, and living in Texas, she learned quickly that gardening, especially rose gardening, was not an easy task. After digging up her eighth dead Hybrid Tea rose, she joined the Texas Rose Rustlers (TRR) in 1998. An eclectic group of old garden rose enthusiasts, the Rose Rustlers focus on the study and preservation of antique roses. She served on the TRR board as the program chairman for two years and the editor for *The Old Texas Rose* for five years. Candy may not be able to grow roses like her grandmother, but thanks to the Texas Rose Rustlers, she's learned how to be successful, too. She will share her knowledge on raising roses with Master Gardeners in the first session and rose propagation in the second session. Candy is writing a book to be published next year.

Bill Vandever
1st Vice-President



TCMGA Nominating Committee Needs Committee Members

The following six individuals have been nominated to serve on the 2011 nominating committee, Betty Cupps (2009), Rocky Deutscher (2009), Sally Harris(2009), JoAnn Hahn (1994), Susan Stanek (2003) and Bill Vandever (2007).

Nominations are still being accepted and may be made by contacting Mike Warren at (817.692.7282) or e-mail mwarren@tarrantcounty.com or may be offered from the floor at the July 14 monthly meeting.

After all nominations are offered and accepted, nominations will be closed during the July 14 business meeting. The voting membership will then vote for their top four choices to serve on the nominating committee. Members must be present to vote.

The top four vote getters will join the chair, Mike Warren, in an effort to bring the best slate of officers for 2012 to the membership in September.

Mike Warren
Nominating Committee Chair



Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Each year the NUSA Board of Directors recognizes the commitment and work of neighborhoods in awarding the "Neighborhood of the Year" recipients. The "Neighborhood of the Year" award has been presented since 1984 as a collective "thank you" for the hard work by neighborhoods, and is the only national award given on an ongoing basis to neighborhood organizations for their self-help initiatives.

The 2011 winners for these awards are as follows:

Social Revitalization/Neighborliness Single Neighborhood Category Award Recipients:

1st Place Project

Fairmount Neighborhood Association
Fort Worth, Texas
Project: Fairmount Community Garden

2nd Place Project:

Oakhurst Neighborhood Association
Fort Worth, Texas
Project: Connecting Oakhurst

3rd Place Project:

Sherman Avenue Neighborhood
Monrovia, California
Project: Sherman Avenue Partnership

Finalist:

North Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association
Fort Worth, Texas
Project: Senior Awareness & Vitality

Even though the Fairmount Community Garden and Oakhurst Neighborhood Association are not MG projects, it's wonderful to see our own Master Gardeners heavily involved in winning community gardens! What an honor, great job Susan Harper and Ginger Bason! Texas was well represented in this category!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

July Birthdays

- 4 Talley Scott
- 5 Don Graves, Linda Stuard
- 6 Barbara Finholt
- 7 Flora Dalagowski
- 10 Rebecca Danvers
- 16 Emily Reynolds
- 18 Doris Hill
- 19 Joyce Hallbauer
- 20 Peggy Falconer, Hope McClendon
- 22 Catherine Vollmer
- 23 Bev Nelson
- 24 Tammy Edwards
- 27 Ron Schlitzer, Theresa Kay Thomas
- 30 Sally Simpson
- 31 June Gemhauser

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

Membership & Directory Updates

Please note the following updates in your membership directory:

Debbie Bollinger's email address has been changed to dloreecebollinger@gmail.com

David and Marilyn Newman's email address has been changed to Marilynnewman1@aol.com

Report any changes or corrections to Steve Purdy at spurdy06@sbcglobal.net or at 817-545-7888.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 9am Compost Demo—Veterans Park
3	4 8a Heritage Elem.. 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 	5 8:30a CG Veggie 9a Randall Mill PK Greenhouse 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	6 8a BG Perennial 9a Veterans Park 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9:30a Thistle Hill 1:30p Veterans Park 3:15p Fitzgerald CG—Hypertufa Class	7 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	8 8:30a JPS Meditation Garden	9 9am Compost Demo—River Legacy 9am SW Crthse
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Upcoming Events

Community Garden Classes

Upcoming July Classes:

Wednesday, July 6—How to Make a Hypertufa Pot

Date to be Determined— How to Make a Cement Mushroom

Contact Nancy Curl at
nl_curl@yahoo.com

BRIT Professional Development

Tuesday, August 9—Home on the Range ,
The BRIT Seed School

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 15th
4 CPE Credits—Cost is \$45

Ft. Worth Garden Conservancy Tour

Tuesday, October 9—Garden Conservancy Tour of six gardens.

Contact Ginger Bason for more information.

MG Specialist Training

Master Gardener Specialist –Composter

June 22-24, 2011

San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place,
San Antonio, TX

In an effort to provide training, the Master Gardener Specialist-Composter Training was created as an intensive multi-day training that will empower Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas AgriLife Extension Service efforts in Earth-Kind® educational programs. The class focuses on composting for the home gardener with insight to commercial compost production and recycling.



Master Gardener's Specialist Training - Rainwater Harvesting

Hood County

July 13th and July 14th, 2011

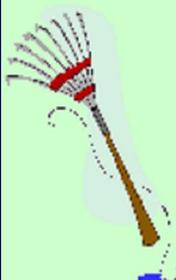
Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service in Hood County and Lake Granbury Master Gardeners are offering a Master Gardener Rainwater Specialist Training [Registration Form](#) in Hood County on July 13th and July 14th, 2011. The training will take place in the Meeting Room at the Hood County Annex 1, 1410 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas. [Agenda](#) This hands-on training will include the tours of collection systems at the Lake Granbury Master Gardener demonstration site.

**R U Ready to Rummage for a Cause?
Master Gardener Garage Sale
August 4 meeting**



**Master Gardeners
Practice the 3 "Rs"
Recycle, Reuse,
Repurpose**

**Donate clean, usable
gardening-related items
to benefit MG projects.**



For items worth over \$20, contact Susan Stanek

Tax donation receipt available upon request

FIELD TRIPS

TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST

BRIT



Plant to planet.™

Botanical Research Institute of Texas

From University, turn into the FW Botanic Gardens at the Flower Clock and then turn right into the BRIT parking lot Meet in the Entry Hall

10 a.m.

Staff-Guided 90 Minute Tour

Built with Rapidly Renewable Resources

Living Roof

Herbarium with One Million Specimens

Rare Books and Botanical Library

Scientific Research Into How Plants Affect Our Lives

Rainwater Collection

Research Gardens



Tuesday, September 20th

Mansfield, TX

One of the largest wholesale nurseries in Texas

We will see how plants are grown, packaged and shipped to nurseries and large retailers across the state. They plant up to 4000 flats each day, send out 25-30 trucks each day. Their entire operation is fully automated and computer controlled.

Activities Committee

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
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Enabling Garden	Frank Durda		817-292-2270
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
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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	Bernice Ransbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden			
Docents	Call Chairman	Shari Stanfield	817-685-9990
<u>Environmental Projects:</u>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington 2 nd Sat., River Legacy, Arlington	LaVonne Nowlin Charlie Shiner	817-581-1850 817-488-6123
305 FW Library at Hulen St.	3rd Wed. 9 am	Evaline Woodrey	817-295-5281
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
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	2nd Tues., 8-11 am Tues. 9-12pm Randoll Mill Pk. Wed. 9-12pm, 1:30pm-4pm	Greenhouse Nancy Swan	817-535-9991
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	1st Sat., 9-12 pm 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	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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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.tmganewsletter.org
Our RC Demo Garden Website:	http://www.localharvest.org/member/M27123
Native Plant Society of Texas	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.org
Wildscape:	http://thewildscape.org
Urban Solution Center:	http://urbansolutioncenter.tamu.edu
Botanical Research Institute of Texas:	http://www.brit.org