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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



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Grasshopper Control Tips for Texas

By Michael E. Merchant, PhD, BCE, Professor & Extension Urban Entomologist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Grasshoppers are occasional pests of ornamental landscapes. The differential grasshopper (see image) and four other species (red-legged, migratory, two-striped, and Packard grasshoppers) cause most of the damage seen by homeowners and urban residents in Texas. Because grasshoppers require relatively large breeding grounds in which to build large populations, most severe outbreaks occur near farmland and other less disturbed areas, such as in rural communities, farmsteads, and urban fringe areas. Although grasshopper damage is difficult to completely prevent during outbreak years, homeowners can minimize their impact through the use of barriers, insecticides and landscape plants that are less prone to damage.

Biology

Generally only one generation of grasshoppers is produced each year; however, cool, dry weather during the spring months and the successive emergences of different grasshopper species can result in a seemingly endless procession of these insects throughout the summer and fall months. Grasshopper eggs are generally laid during the fall and late summer in rural, non-crop landscapes, such as along ditches, fence rows, and shelter-belts, and in weedy areas. They may also be laid in crop areas after harvest, within weedy fields, and in forage areas and pastureland. Eggs usually hatch the following spring, in June and July. The development of grasshopper nymphs to

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*Differential grasshopper, *Melanoplus differentialis*, is one of the most common grasshoppers in Texas*

It's been said we may be in for a bad grasshopper season this summer, so this article is intended to assist you in addressing this issue.

Per Mike Merchant, "grasshopper outbreaks are often quite local and one county might be having a major problem and the next one not. This is often related to local weather patterns, as grasshoppers are very sensitive to biological conditions resulting from rainfall, especially".

I had also heard that a product called Nolo bait may be used, here's Mike's comments in that regard.

*"Nolo bait is a product that contains spores of a protozoan pathogen called *Nosema locustae*. Young grasshoppers are most likely to consume the bait, and slowly die from the resulting infection. I generally do not recommend Nolo bait for small property owners because it is only effective on the earliest grasshopper life stages. Nolo was developed for rangeland grasshopper control and can be effective when applied to large acreages (thousands); however, because the later grasshopper life stages are highly mobile as well as highly destructive, application of Nolo bait will not offer much protection to smaller areas that are invaded by grasshoppers from neighboring properties."*

Grasshoppers—continued

the adult stage requires 40 to 60 days or more.

Adult forms of the differential grasshopper usually appear in mid-July. The adult grasshopper is the most voracious feeder, and is able to disperse over large areas due to its strong wings. The adult grasshopper is the most likely stage to invade and damage ornamental landscapes.

Control

Because residents of urban communities generally have little control over the surrounding countryside, management options for grasshoppers in urban landscapes are limited. Homeowners can protect valuable plants, to some extent, through the use of residual insecticides. Geotextile fabrics can be used as barriers to protect valuable vegetables and specimen ornamental plants. Also, landscape plants that are less attractive to grasshoppers can be used.

Recent tests have shown that insecticides containing bifenthrin (found in some Ortho® Home Defense products) and lambda-cyhalothrin (Scimitar®) provide the fastest knock-down and longest residual control. Products containing permethrin (several manufacturers), cyfluthrin (Bayer® Advanced Lawn and Garden products), and esfenvalerate (Ortho® Bug-B-Gone) should also provide good control. Insecticides containing chlorpyrifos, diazinon and carbaryl will provide control of shorter duration.

[Geotextile fabrics](#) have found increased use among vegetable gardeners as floating row covers to protect plants. These fabrics are light enough to permit needed sunlight and air circulation to occur within plants that are covered, yet strong enough to provide a barrier to many insects. During heavy grasshopper infestations, even these barriers may be damaged by hungry grasshoppers. It may be necessary to apply insecticides (that are labeled for the plants being protected) to the fabrics before they are used to cover the plants. Some plants that require insect pollination may require hand pollination when covered by row covers. These fabrics may be obtained through some garden centers and via mail-order garden supply catalogs.

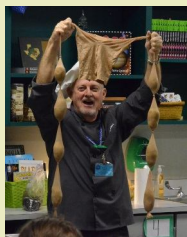
The following list of plants preferred and not-preferred by grasshoppers was developed largely by (retired) extension horticulture agents, John Cooper and Stan Lovelace, based on observations during heavy grasshopper feeding in Denton County in 1998. Additional species have been added based on reports from Master Gardeners and others. The plants listed were observed under heavy feeding pressure from differential grasshoppers. This list should be used with caution, understanding that different results may be obtained under differing conditions with different grasshopper species.

Preferred	Slight Damage	Not Preferred
Althea	Flowering almond	American beautyberry
Amaryllis		Artemesia
Bachelor's buttons	Grape	Bridal wreath spirea
Bush honeysuckle		Confederate jasmine
Butterfly bush**	Hardy aster	Coralberry
Canna lily		Crape myrtle
Cherry laurel		Dwarf yaupon
Day lily		Dwarf burning bush
Eleagnus**		Dwarf Mexican petunia
Hardy hibiscus		Eldarica (Afghan) pine
Iris		Euonymous
Liriope**		Forsythia
Mondograss		Juniper
Mums		Lantana
Nellie R. Stevens holly**		Mexican bush sage
Peach		Moss rose
Photinia		Nandina
Privet		Passionvine
Purple loosestrife		Perennial thrift
Rose		Perennial dianthus
Tradescantia		Persian lilac
Wegelia		Penstemon
Wisteria		Purslane
		Pygmy barberry
		Rock rose
		Salvia greggii
		Turk's cap
		Verbena (perennial)
		Vitex

Pantyhose—A Gardener's Best Friend

7 Ways to Recycle Pantyhose to Get a Leg Up in the Garden

By Diane Geiser, MG



Gardeners are a thrifty bunch—we save seeds, recycle plant debris into nutrient-rich compost, and capture fresh water in our rain barrels. We're also more comfortable in overalls than pantyhose (*isn't everyone?*), so why not recycle nylon pantyhose as clever garden tools? Try these seven ideas to give you a leg up in the garden this summer.

- 1. All Tied Up** Cut pantyhose into 1-inch strips and use as garden ties for staked tomatoes or climbing roses. The soft material won't damage plant stems and the stretchiness allows for future growth.
- 2. Bird Be Gone** Stop the birds and caterpillars from stealing the first bite (*and second and third and...*) of your tomatoes. Slip the pantyhose section or knee high over the tomato or cluster of tomatoes, step back and watch the confusion that ensues.
- 3. Bulb Bag** Looking for the perfect way to store next season's bulbs? Simply insert each bulb into a cut-off pantyhose leg, then tie a knot between the bulbs to ensure they do not touch each other while in storage. Nylon provides excellent air circulation and easily expands to fit your stash. Place in a crate or cardboard box in a cool dry place.
- 4. Sweet Smells** If your garden produces an abundance of fresh herbs, harvest and dry them for aromatic gifts or self-indulgent luxuries. Use knee-high nylons, or cut and tie pantyhose sections into sachets, and fill with dried herbs. Experiment with different colored nylons as well. These fragrant sachets are perfect for lightly scenting a drawer or adding to a warm bath.
- 5. Lumpy Legs** Master Gardener Henry Cole shared this idea: Fill pantyhose legs with potatoes, onions, or garlic making a knot between each harvested item. Hang in a cool dry place. When you need an item, simply snip one off the chain, leaving the rest for later.
- 6. Take a Load Off** Cantaloupe can be a real space hog in the garden unless you think *up* rather than *out*. Trellis your cantaloupe vine and when the melon is golf ball size, insert it into the toe portion of your nylon. Tie it to the trellis. The nylon will expand as the melon grows and take the weight off the vine.
- 7. Screen Saver** Line the bottom of a pot with pantyhose and fill with soil. Water will drain, but the nylon screen won't allow soil to escape out the hole in your pot.

So what are you waiting for? Dig out those old pantyhose and put them to work in your garden today!

Name that Plant?

Skill: Seed level (simple)

Description:

You'll be on pins and needles to guess what I am!

I am a perennial. I begin blooming late spring and then non-stop through the summer, especially if you deadhead me.

My leaves are gray-green to blue-green, basal, lanceolate, entire, and grow in clumps from which long stems emerge bearing flowers three-inches wide in white, light blue, cornflower blue, lavender, and darker blue

I mound like a cushion so I am great for planting in the front of beds or as a border.

Have you guessed what I am yet?

Answer: Revealed in next month's newsletter.

You Know You're a Gardener When:



Your neighbors recognize you in your pajamas, rubber clogs and a cup of coffee.



**Patsy Miller,
TCMGA President**

**“See you at
the June 27
TCMGA
Meeting!”**



President's Message

Hello, Fellow Gardeners,

Happy Early Fourth of July.
Wishing all of you a fun and safe holiday.

Of course, Master Gardeners aren't taking a holiday from sharing their talents and knowledge with others. Coming up on June 27, we will be sharing at our annual garage sale (which takes the place of our July meeting). I'm looking forward to someone's castoff becoming my treasure. I have invited MGs from neighboring chapters and employees at the Resource Connection to join us in the garage sale and Dave Wilson's delicious barbeque.

Steve Chaney ("How to Sharpen Your Tools"), Donna Morris ("Air Layering Propagation"), and the 2013 interns ("Container Gardening") will be sharing their knowledge at special mini classes offered before the garage sale opens. Don't forget to visit the projects, learn what they are doing and make a bid or two on their auction items.

Speaking of projects, Foster Elementary School in Arlington has just been certified as a Tarrant County Master Gardener project. Thanks to Dorothy Hildebrand and Tammy Chan on their work in making it happen. This is a REAL School Garden and I know they will be seeking volunteers.

Coming up in August is another

volunteer opportunity. Many of you enjoyed the new additions to our Home and Garden booth. The show's event director has offered us a stage of our own – right next to our booth for the two-day show, August 17-18. We will have more room and time for our speakers. We are also being asked to be a part of a Kid's Corner. The H&G committee will be meeting soon to starting planning the August show. Let us know of ideas you have for speakers or demonstrations or kid's activities. Contact me or coordinator Marilyn Newman if you would like to be part of the planning committee. We have also been asked to be part of Arlington's EcoFest in September, and we will be adapting some of our home and garden ideas for that booth.

Lots of activity I going on at the community demonstration garden. We have a new kitchen and new chairs in the finished pavilion. Many of our education classes are being held there. Check out the variety of classes offered in the back of the newsletter. A sign committee is meeting to design a sign for the community garden. A faithful group meets every Tuesday morning at the garden and they would love to have more help. (Remember, we all have to have 4 hours in the demonstration garden for recertification.) In truth, there is usually some group there every day, for there is a lot to do. Give Bill Vandever a call and I bet he has a job to fit your talents and interests.

See you on June 27.

**Patsy Miller
TCMGA President**

TCMGA General Meeting—June 2013

President Patsy Miller called the meeting to order at 10: 58 a.m. and welcomed our group of 76 Master Gardeners and visitors. We had toured the gardens of Tammy Edwards and Janet Stevens.

Executive Board

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

Taddie Hamilton, First Vice President programs, introduced Janet Stevens and thanked Janet and Tammy Edwards for opening their yards to us. The July meeting will be held on June 27 and will be our annual garage sale. This is a good time for projects to get publicity about their work. Please let Taddie know if you need a table for your project. Projects get all the proceeds from their silent auction item and part of the proceeds from the garage sale. There will be three mini classes and BBQ available.

Donna Fry,Raffle, announced that our July meeting, to be held on June 27, will be our annual garage sale and silent auction. Pricing of items will begin at 9:30. Please be sure all your items work before you bring them. There will be three mini classes: containers, air layering, and square foot gardening, held during the morning beginning at 10 a.m. There will also be Dave Wilson BBQ available for \$5.00.

Ginger Bason, State president, reminded us of the state conference in October in McAllen. This year there will be special awards honoring 15, 20, 25 years Master Gardener membership. Please contact Billie Hammack if you have been a member this amount of time.

Sue Kelley, Plant Sale, has Ways and Means items to deliver. Please contact her to get your items.

Pam Braak, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report
For Month Ended
May 31, 2013

Cash, Beginning 5/1/2013	\$40,720.17
Deposits during month	\$3,833.16
Checks during month	<u>(\$4,474.42)</u>
Cash, Ending 5/31/2013	<u>\$40,078.91</u>

There were no questions and the report was filed.

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Committee Reports

Susan Stanek, Nominating Committee announced that Bill Vandever and Pat Higgins have agreed to the nomination to the Nominating Committee. Nominees from the floor were Dick Pafford, Sue Kelley, JoAnn Hahn, Starr Krottinger, and Eleanor Tuck. Nominees will also be accepted at the July meeting. Voting will take place at the July meeting.

Announcements

√ If you didn't have your photo taken for the 2013 directory or you think you might want a new photo, our photo team will be taking photos at lunch time each meeting from now until November.

√ We will be having a canning and jelly making class this Saturday June 8. We will be using our new kitchen and new chairs in our new pavilion. There will be a class on pruning blackberries on June 25.

√ Leeann Rosenthal was named Volunteer of the year by REAL Gardens. She is project lead at Fitzgerald Elementary.

√ Jody Puente is recovering from a broken hip and subsequent hip replacement.

√ Charlotte Krystinik had a knee replacement

√ Sarah Nelson had a baby boy

√ Our Junior Master Gardener group was named State JMG program of the year. Congratulations to Henry Cole, Diane Spradling, and their group.

There is no old business

There is no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20

**Respectfully Submitted
Donna Morris, Secretary**

Canning Class at RCCG using new Kitchen!



TCMG EDUCATION—RCCG

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

Tuesday, August 13, 2013 8 am – 10 am **Prune Blackberries**
 Moved from June 25 Steve Chaney, Char McMorro Lecture & Hands-on
 Cost: None TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

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

Saturday, June 15, 2013 10 am – 12 noon **Ornamental Grasses**
 Moved from June 15, 2013 Starr Krottinger, Marilyn Cox Lecture & Tour
 Cost: \$5 RC, building 2300, Mesquite 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**
 Char McMorro, 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: \$ 5 RC, building 2300, Magnolia Rm Class limit: 20



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 on 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 on checks only.

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

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EDUCATION -

FTW Botanic Garden— Children's Vegetable Garden



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

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.

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 14, 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
Moved from May 18		
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	

TCMGA Specialist Training

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2013 JMG® Specialist Training
Williamson County Extension Office
3151 SE Inner Loop Road
Georgetown, TX
July 23-25, 2013



With your help, the National Junior Master Gardener® Program is growing good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education. To support your efforts, a dynamic and intensive 3-day JMG® Specialist Training will be held July 23 - 25, 2013. The JMG® Specialist Training is designed to assist those coordinating or supporting JMG programs at the local and regional level.

Upon completion of the JMG® Specialist Training Conference, you will receive certification as a JMG® Specialist by the National Junior Master Gardener Program office and a host of invaluable resources that will help grow JMG® and youth gardening programs in your area.

Your registration includes:

- A comprehensive JMG® Specialist training manual
- Access to JMG® training presentations, including powerpoint presentations, sample training agendas and handout materials
- Your choice of one complimentary JMG® curriculum publication

Attendees will participate in:

JMG® Program presentations, including a comprehensive program overview, curriculum reviews to bring you up to date on the various program components available, current research on the benefits of gardening with youth through JMG, ideas for creating successful partnerships, and strategies for cultivating community support and fundraising.

Panel discussion groups—learn from the experts!

Hands-on workshops—gain experience as you learn!

Networking sessions—generate new ideas as you learn from others!

Come join us and learn new ideas and techniques that will help you implement effective youth gardening programs through JMG®. Together, we can cultivate a love of plants and gardening while fostering leadership and community service in youth across Texas.

For more information:

Web: Visit www.jmgkids.us click on the National JMG Specialist Training link

Call: Stacey Gomez, Conference Coordinator, (512)943-3300

E-Mail: slgomez@ag.tamu.edu

County Extension Office website: <http://williamson.agrilife.org>

Landscape Design Study Course

The Landscape Design Study Courses are held in College Station, Texas in conjunction with the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. They are offered in four separate schools, approximately six months apart. Participants may take the four courses in any sequence. Garden Club members, Master Gardeners*, nurserymen and others who are interested in furthering their knowledge of landscape design are welcome to attend.

Next course: September 23-24, 2013 in College Station, TX
(Series XXIII, Course III)

* *Master Gardeners: This is an opportunity for more in-depth training in landscape design than is normally included in the Master Gardener curriculum. Each course is typically approved by local Master Gardener chapters to qualify for 12 hours of continuing education toward maintaining certification for Master Gardeners.*

For more information go to <http://txmga.org/training10/specialist/landscape-design-study-course/>



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://tarrantmga.org/tcmga_new_website_032.htm
for specialist training reimbursement form.

Clean Out the Garage Sale

June 27, 2013, TCMGA Meeting

The July regular meeting would be on July 4th. The next best date that was available was June 27. So.... This is one of our most fun meetings. Members bring gardening and garden-related items which are sold at bargain basement prices. **All proceeds from the garage sale go to TCMGA projects.**

Please bring your sale items before 10:30 AM to the door of the gym closest to the stage and give them to Donna Fry and her committee to be priced.

While Donna is pricing items, you have the opportunity to peruse the displays of the projects. Each project will have a display and a silent auction item. Learn about the projects and various activities TCMGA supports in Tarrant County. Project chairs and volunteers will be available to answer questions and sign you up to help! Give them your email address so you can be added to their email list. A bid sheet will be beside their Silent Auction item. **The money earned from this auction goes directly to that project.**

From 10-11am we will have "Gnomes in the Garden" mini classes in the Mesquite Room.

10-10:15 – **How to Sharpen your Tools** – Steve Chaney.

10:20-10:35 – **Air Layering as a Propagation Technique** – Donna Morris, a Plant Propagation Specialist, will demonstrate the method of creating new plants through Air Layering.

10:40-10:55 – **Container Gardening** – a tease of the 2013 Intern Project. Members of the Intern class will discuss gardening with containers.

At 11am we'll have the regular TCMGA Business Meeting – and election of Nominating Committee; then **Lunch** featuring Dave's fantastic BBQ available for \$5.00 a plate along with salads and desserts brought by our members.

At 11:30am the **Garage Sale opens** – Your decision will be to **Shop or Eat First!** An entrance and exit for the Garage Sale and Silent Auction area will be designated. At the exit, MGs will write a ticket and add up your items, then you proceed to the cashiers who will accept cash or checks.

At 12:30pm – **All Silent Auction bids close.** Bid sheets from each project will be collected. Winners will be announced from the stage. If you win the item, collect your bid sheet from the stage and proceed to the cashiers to check out.

The **Garage Sale Closes** at 12:45pm.

See you Thursday, June 27, at 9am with garage sale items in hand! Come, visit with friends, learn about the projects, and learn from expert Gnomes! Bring cash or checks so you can purchase the wonderful items – Remember, these items are really Treasures!

TCMGA E E T I N G

By Taddie

Hamilton

1st VP—Programs

Tarrant County Master Gardeners
My Junk is Your Treasure
Garage Sale
Thursday, June 27
Building 2300 Resource Connection



Garage Sale Time Table

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Bring your garage sale items to be priced to the door closest to the stage.

10-11 a.m. ~ Visit the project displays and bid on projects' auction items. Attend "Gnomes in the Garden" mini classes in the Mesquite Room.

10-10:15 a.m. ~ Sharpening Your Tools with Steve Chaney

10:20-10:35 a.m. ~ Air Layering as a Propagation Technique by Donna Morris, plant propagation specialist

10:40-10:55 a.m. ~ Container Gardening ~ 2013 Intern Class

11 a.m. ~ TCMGA Meeting

11:30 a.m. ~ Garage Sale Opens/Lunch ~ Eat or Shop? Which comes first? Delicious BBQ (\$5)

12:30 p.m. ~ Silent Auction bids close ~ Winners will be announced from the stage.

12:45 p.m. ~ Garage Sale closes

Money earned from the garage sale goes directly to projects.

2013 Proposed Meeting Programs

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- The History and Cultivation of Species and Hybrid Begonias</i> PM – <i>Where did Those Beautiful, Colorful Leaves Come From? Hybridizing and Propagation</i>
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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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July 2013

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

[artanddor-
ishill@verizon.net](mailto:artanddorishill@verizon.net)

Directory/Membership Updates

Please note the following TCMGA Directory changes:

Kim Gunnlaugsson's new email is naturegirltx@gmail.com

Jody Morris's new email is ljpmorris@gmail.com

Marilyn Sallee's new address is 6150 Century Ave, #307, Middleton, WI, 53562

Alan Winter's new email is alan5024@att.net

Patsy Miller's email should be pjmiller24@sbcglobal.net

Pat Engel's email should be patpateng@yahoo.com

Amy Walker's new email is walkeramyb@gmail.com

Please welcome back Jennifer Trevino, class of 2009; 3511 NW 25 st., Ft Worth, TX 76106, phone - 682-552-0585,
 email deedledumpling@gmail.com

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



TCMGA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continued

Nominating Committee Update

The June 28th meeting will be the last opportunity to nominate a candidate to serve on the 2013 Nominating Committee. Final nominations will be sought followed by voting.

Nominees to date are:

Pat Higgins(2005)
Sue Kelley (2011)
Starr Krottinger (2010)
Dick Pafford (2011)
Eleanor Tuck (1997)
JoAnn Hahn (1994)
Bill Vandever (2007)

If you know someone who would be good committee member, please check with the person before making the nomination. If you are interested in the position, you may self-nominate or have a Master Gardener from the floor nominate you.

Committee guidelines, according to our bylaws, are as follows:

- Nominees should be certified members (blue badges) in good standing. They should have completed their certification requirements and paid their 2013 dues.
- Nominees should have been certified for at least one year.
- Nominees should not have served on the Nominating Committee during the previous year.
- The general membership shall elect four members, two of whom may be from the Executive Board.

Please give your thoughtful consideration to nominations and voting.

**Susan Stanek,
Nominating Committee Chair**

July 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 3:15p Fitzgerald	4 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	5	6 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse 9am Wildscape Composting Demo— Veterans Pk.
7	8 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	9 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day TCMGA CG Class: Container, Chair & Fairy Garden— 10a	10 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15p Fitzgerald	11 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial 9a FW Hulen Lbrly	12 9a JPS Meditation Garden	13 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse TCMGA CG Class: Fall Vegetable Garden- ing—10a
14	15 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	16 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	17 8a Thistle Hill 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 9a Bob Jones 3:15p Fitzgerald	18 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial	19	20 8:30a Common NRH TCMGA CG Class: Glass Totems—10a
21	22 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	23 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day FWBG Children's Veggie Class—Fall Vegetable Gardening—10a TCMGA Specialist Training—Junior Master Gardening	24 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15p Fitzgerald TCMGA Specialist Training—Junior Master Gardening	25 8a Liberty Garden 8:30a Alice Carlson 8:30a BG Trial TCMGA Specialist Training—Junior Master Gardening	26 9a JPS Meditation Garden	27 8:30a Common NRH FWBG Children's Veggie Class—Butterfly Puddler—10a
28	29 8:00a Heritage 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald	30 8a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day	31 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Veterans Pk 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Durham Inter. 3:15p Fitzgerald			

Notable July Events

- **TCMGA Meeting—None this month!**
- **FWBG Children's Vegetable Garden Classes—July 23 & 27**
- **TCMGA CG Classes—July 9, 13 & 20**
- **TCMGA Specialist Training Conclave—July 23—25**

TCMGA Events

International Master Gardener's Conference 2013

Alaskan Cruise
September 7—14, 2013



Texas Master Gardener Conference

Thursday—Saturday
October 17-19, 2013



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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
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Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
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Hospitality (Cook-outs)	Beverly Beazley, babeazley@tx.rr.com		817-483-7080
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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 Wed. 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>

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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