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Tarrant County Master Gardener Association



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## AGENT'S CORNER

### *Our Soil, what Happened to it during the Drought?*

By Steve Chaney, Tarrant County Extension Agent



As we all are aware 2011 was a terrible drought time for most of us here in North Texas and everyone certainly suffered including our soil! After attending several meetings on water and the weather, it doesn't look like 2012 will be a change in the continued drought.

The Forestry departments throughout Texas are predicting the loss of millions of trees including up to 20-25% of the tree canopy right here in Ft. Worth. I would guess the majority of us all lost plant materials and sod in our own yards as well.



Looking around the metro there were a few yards and businesses that were still lush and beautiful and it wasn't because they overwatered. These landscapes have one thing in common and that's well prepared organic soils.

So, you ask what can I do to help offset the consequences of last year's drought and get ready for the possible drought this year. One possibility obviously is to plant a whole lot of new plants? Another possibility would be to water more? The best possibility would be to amend the soil, pick well adapted plants for our area, mulch well and water only as needed and very efficiently!

This last year with the extreme drought and high temperatures the soil was baked and the majority of the living organisms in the soil were killed. We need to amend the soil and add compost back to the soil to bring it back to life and

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then protect it with some good quality mulch to hold the effects of the heat and drought to a minimum. I read something on a poster that stuck in my mind all these years.

*“The soil is the engine of the garden and should be treated as a resource”.*

The beneficial soil life can then perform its job only if we do our part in following six important rules when growing new or existing plants.

### Rules to Grow By:

1. Use the best adapted plant varieties for each and every environment.
2. Plant in the preferred season. Trees in late fall, roses in early spring.
3. Balance the mineral content of the soil, perhaps through the use of a soil sample sent to A&M’s soil lab?
4. Build and maintain the soil organic content – humus. You can never get too much composted material back into the soil!
5. Do nothing to harm the beneficial soil life.
6. Consider troublesome insects and most diseases as symptoms of one of the above rules having been violated!

Of the above rules, the fourth rule is the most important. It is the law of recycle and return. When best practiced, it supports the other five rules and makes them less important.

So in the words of a famous Horticulturalist that I have long admired:

### *Compost once and Mulch Forever!*

Enjoy your yard; keep the soil alive and let Mother Nature take care of the plants. Instead of raking all of those leaves up and bagging them and sending them to the landfill, compost them and put it right back into your yard!

### Importance of Mulch as Insulator



Note how the half bed with mulch retains snow to melt slowly and insulates roots from freeze. The bare ground is left unprotected to extreme freeze/thaw and melt runs off quickly.

A nice thick layer of mulch serves so many purposes, but one of the most important is insulator. In winter, the mulch keeps drying wind from evaporating the soil moisture and it protects surface roots from freezing temperatures. In summer the mulch protects roots from scorching sun, extreme heat and retains moisture.



## Dear Gardener Friends,

Our favorite groundhog *Punxsutawney Phil* reported there will be six more weeks of winter. Are you wondering if Mother Nature has a surprise in store for us before we see spring? On the bright side, it may give us a bit more time to finish plans for our garden.

As you work on those plans don't forget to schedule time to answer phones at the extension office, **volunteer** at TCMGA projects around Tarrant County and in the MG Demonstration Garden at the Resource Connection.

Squeeze in a class or two. There are a lot of opportunities to teach gardening to kids or adults and a lot of opportunities for us to learn something new too.

The **TCMGA Annual Plant Sale** will be here before you know it. Plan to help with the sale during delivery and set up on Friday, April 13 or during the sale day, Saturday, April 14. Greeting the public and helping them learn about plants and making a selection is another way to educate the public.

**Turn in your monthly hours.** Member's documentation of TCMGA hours is an important way to demonstrate to the state the importance of Master Gardeners and AgriLIFE to the public.



Don't forget to make your reservation to **attend the TMG State Conference in San Antonio/ Bexar County May 3-5**. The state conference is an opportunity to hear different speakers, tour wonderful gardens and see interesting displays.

Have you checked out the **International Master Gardener Conference** website (<http://www.uaex.edu/imgc2013/default.htm>) yet? The 2013 conference will be Alaskan Cruise September 7 - 14, 2013. You can pre-register and pre-pay for this event. It should be a conference to remember.



See you in the Garden!

Nancy Curl, President  
Tarrant County Master Gardeners

The morning program was Murderous Plants in the Garden, presented by Barney Lipscomb of BRIT. The afternoon session was installing drip irrigation, presented by Gay Larson, Karen Brown and Jerry Tuttle.

President Nancy Curl called the meeting to order at 11:15AM. Attendance was 231 Certified Master Gardeners, Master Gardener interns and visitors. President Curl welcomed our new interns to their first meeting and introduced our visitors.

### Executive Board

The January minutes were approved as published in the newsletter and it was announced that our annual charter paperwork had been submitted.

Claire Alford, Programs, announced the program for the next meeting. Geno of Gene's Greens will speak in the morning and Janet Smith will talk about pollination in the afternoon.

Linda Hawkins, Ways and Means, announced that fertilizer was on sale now to be picked up next month. Caladiums can be ordered this month and next month to be picked up in April. She is planning on visiting with the interns to offer the fertilizer and caladium sales during one of their classes. Order forms for roses will be sent via email and also sold at the March meeting. Also in March there will be vendor tables at a cost of \$10 for Master Gardeners and \$25 for non Master Gardeners.

Treasurer Pam Braak submitted the treasurer's report for the month ended January 31, 2012

Cash, Beginning 1/1/2012	37,317.84
Deposits during month	463.79

Checks during month	(1,264.65)
Cash, Ending 1/31/2012	<u>36,516.98</u>

There were no questions and the treasurer's report was filed. President Curl asked that all fill out the phone survey. Results of the survey will be compiled and given to Steve Chaney. Any change made to phone duty will be at Steve's discretion.

Larinda Smith, volunteer coordinator for the Botanic Garden, spoke asking for help with Butterflies in the Garden. There are several different types of jobs to be done, from ticket takers to docents. The dates are March 3-April 8. The USDA requires that all people who work with the butterflies be trained. The dates for training are February 7, February 11 and February 16. The practice day is March 1 from 11-2, which is a Master Gardener meeting day. If we come after the meeting, she will be there for us. Please contact Larinda if you want to volunteer

Steve Chaney reported that his first Saturday classes are open to the public and he would like us to spread the word about them. The new computers are in the office and are working great, except the phone log isn't up yet. The organization purchased, as part of the approved budget, 3 new computers, two with one monitor and one with two monitors, in partnership with A&M. President Curl added computers were purchased under approved budget and we will be looking at more multimedia equipment to meet the needs of the organization.

### Committee Report

Hospitality. Thank you to Steve Purdy for cooking our hot dogs and to the hospitality committee for organizing the luncheon

Marilyn Cox, Children's Speakers Bureau, re-

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ported that the Growing A Vegetable Garden Program, done with the Clayton, Yes! after-school program is growing and doing well but still in need of more help. The schools that need help are Daggett Elementary and George C Clark. They are working with between 30-50 students at each of 6 schools. We have been requested to set up a program at Morningside Elementary which is not part of Clayton, Yes! and there is now a program at Handley elementary.

Dave Wilson reports he will barbeque in March and have everything from chicken, to ribs, to pulled pork, all for \$5 per plate. All profit will go to the 2013 TCMGA project budgets.

Nancy Jarrett reports that the plant sale needs volunteers. Friday April 13, plants will be delivered and set up. There will be a presale that day to Master Gardener workers and Resource connection employees. The sale will be Saturday April 14

### Announcements

There is now a schedule for 2012 classes at the Community Garden. Please contact Mary Lynn Haines to register for class or Nancy Curl to volunteer to teach a class.

The state conference will be in San Antonio this year. The International meeting will be a cruise to Alaska, September 11-14, 2013.

Sue Ellen Schlitzer has requested help with the grants committee.

Ginger Bason is looking for gardens for the Garden Conservancy Tour. Contact her if you know of one.

The Trial Garden will resume work on February 16.

Common Ground NRH Community Garden

announced a Garden landscape Design Contest. Please contact Diane Spradling for more information.

Alice Carlson is requesting votes for the Rain Bird Contest.

Condolences to the family of Kitt Sukup, a Master Gardener who passed away. A book is being purchased in her honor for the TCMGA library. Also, Larry Matl's mother, Judy Ratzlaff's mother-in-law, and Jody Puente's mother-in-law all passed away.

Earl Alexander made an announcement about Pinterest, a social network, where you can share your interest, including gardening.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

**Respectfully submitted by  
Donna Morris  
Secretary**



**Steve Purdy cooking hot dogs!**

## *Growing Roses for the Novice Gardener: A few easy tips to get started*

By Steve Chaney, Tarrant County Extension Agent

Ok, you just bought your first house and the builder left a little flower bed with a few unknown bushes in them. What do you do now; do you trust the neighbor, the local package store or the big landscape company that works in the neighborhood? You remember when you were little and your Grandmother grew all those beautiful roses all over her place in the country. You would love to have some but your Grandmother is long gone and you have no one to help you.

Don't give up, it's not that hard to grow roses that bloom well and take minimal care! There are a few simple steps to follow to get a yard full of beds and beautiful roses!

- 1) First you need to contact your local Extension office in whatever county you live in, every state has a Extension Service. Ask them how to take a soil sample and if they have a soil lab they would recommend? Take the sample and find out a little about your particular soil and ask for recommendations on growing roses.
- 2) Spend some time and locate areas in your yard that have full sun (a minimum of 8 hours), good drainage and good airflow. Make sure it's an area that you can see from the house or from your patio so you can enjoy the fragrance and beauty of the blooms!
- 3) Amend your soil with lots of well finished organic material, you can buy it in bulk, in bags or maybe your city gives it away like Ft. Worth does. If it's heavy sticky clay then consider adding something like expanded shale to open the soil up a bit to improve drainage.
- 4) Decide how much room you have and want to devote to roses. Do you want a miniature, a shrub or a climbing rose? Miniatures do well in small beds or pots, shrub roses do good anywhere and climbers need a trellis or a fence to climb on.
- 5) Decide on colors and then consult your local Extension office again to see what they suggest for your area. Take some time and walk your neighborhood and see what they have, meet your neighbors and get some tips. If your here in Texas then we suggest the Earth-Kind Roses which have been extensively trialed and proven successful in all areas of the state.
- 6) Read the sizes and when you plant allow room for maximum height and width so you will have good air flow.
- 7) Mulch them in good with a minimum of 3 inches of good organic mulch, being careful to not have it against the stem of the plant.
- 8) Water in as necessary for the first few weeks and then gradually wean it off so your only watering about once every 10 days if you haven't received any rainfall. Be sure and water around the base of the plant and don't spray it all over the foliage.
- 9) Once it starts to bloom then you can give it a lite application of organic nitrogen fertilizer once a month during the growing season to help it continue to bloom.
- 10) Last but not least, pour you a cold beverage of your choice and sit back and enjoy the beauty of all the blooms from your roses, the Queen of the Garden.

See it wasn't as hard as you thought to grow roses and be successful at it as well. Over the winter read up either online or at the library, or maybe enjoy a class on taking cuttings and grow your own. Then when you get that new neighbor that doesn't know anything you can take her a rooted rose bush that you grew and share a little of your knowledge with her!

Happy Gardening!

Go to [tarrantmg.org](http://tarrantmg.org) for full brochure and ordering form!



Tarrant County Master Gardener 2012 – Rose Sale



- \* EarthKind Rose
- \*\* Drift Rose
- \*\*\* Buck Rose

**Planting Guide:** Prepare planting bed with expanded shale; add 3" mulch after planting; water twice a week.



**Archduke Charles**  
 Bloom color-Crimson outer petal to pale pink center  
 Bloom Type-Single  
 Blooming Period-Repeat Bloom Spring - Frost  
 Mature H x W-3'-5" x 3'-4"  
 Rose Category-China  
 Introduced prior to 1837; Colors change as it ages, appears to grow several different colors at the same time. Often found in old cemeteries



**American Legacy \*\*\***  
 Bloom color-Deep Pink  
 Bloom Type-Double  
 Mature H x W 3' x 3'  
 Rose Category-Shrub  
 Buck Rose



**Apricot Drift \*\***  
 Bloom color- Apricot  
 Foliage - dark green, glossy  
 Mature H x W- 1½' x 2 1/2'  
 Rose Category-Shrub  
 Very resistant to disease  
 Introduced 2010



**Belinda's Dream \***  
 Bloom color-Pink  
 Blooming Period-April-Nov.  
 Mature H x W 3'-6" x 3'-4"  
 Rose Category-Shrub  
 Nicknamed "rose of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"  
 Texas Superstars



**Blushing Knock-Out**  
 Bloom color-Light Pink  
 Bloom Type-Single  
 Blooming Period-Spring - Frost  
 Mature H x W-3' - 6' x 3' - 4"  
 Rose Category-Shrub



**Caldwell Pink \***  
 Bloom color-Lilac Pink  
 Bloom Type-Double  
 Blooming Period-May-Nov  
 Mature H x W-3'-4" x 3'  
 Rose Category-China



**Cecile Brunner \***  
 Bloom color- Light Pink  
 Bloom Type - Semi-Double  
 Blooming Period-Repeat  
 Bloom - Spring - Frost  
 Mature H x W 3 x 5'  
 Rose Category - Polyantha  
 Also known as "The Sweetheart Rose"



**Cinnamon Spice\*\*\***  
 Bloom color- Salmon/Orange Red Blend  
 Bloom Type - Double  
 Blooming Period-Repeat  
 Bloom - Spring - Frost  
 Mature H x W 3 x 4'  
 Rose Category - Shrub  
 Buck Rose



**Climbing Pinkie \***  
 Bloom color-Rose Pink  
 Bloom Type-Semi-Double  
 Blooming Period-April-Nov  
 Mature H x W-8'-12' x 6'  
 Rose Category-Cl. Polyantha  
 Climber



**Comtesse du Cayla**  
 Bloom color-Orange-Red  
 Shows two colors at once.  
 Blooming Period- Repeat, blooms from spring-frost  
 Mature H x W - 3'- 4' x 3' - 3'  
 Rose Category- China  
 Introduced 1902  
 Named for the mistress of Louis XVIII.  
 Good for containers or small beds.



**Crepuscule**  
 Bloom color-Apricot/Yellow  
 Bloom Type-Semi-Double  
 Blooming Period-Blooms in finishes throughout season  
 Mature H x W-6'-12' x 6'  
 Rose Category- Noisette  
 Introduced 1904



**Flamingo Kolorscape**  
Bloom color-Hot Pink  
Bloom Type-Single  
Blooming Period-April-Nov  
Mature H x W- 3' x 3'  
Rose Category-Shrub  
Kordes Rose, introduced 2012



**Freckles \*\*\***  
Bloom color- Pink Blend  
Bloom Type-Double; repeats later in season  
Blooming Period-Compact, clusters almost  
continual bloom  
Mature H x W - 3'. 4' x .4'. 5'  
Rose Category-Shrub  
Buck Rose, introduced in 1976



**Iceberg**  
Bloom color-Pure white  
Bloom Type-Double in large clusters  
Vigorous growth, upright, bushy and tall  
Mature H x W - 3'. 5' x 3'. 6'  
Rose Category-Floribunda  
Introduced in 1958



**Jefferson Softee**  
Bloom color-Creamy Yellow  
Blooming Period-Repeat Bloom - Spring-Frost  
Mature H x W - 2' - 3' x 2' - 3'  
Rose Category-Shrub  
March Chamblee found this rose along the road  
in Jefferson, TX. Rarely without bloom.  
"Bulletproof" rose. Can grow in poor soil. Has  
cascading growth habit. Semi-thornless.



**Knock-Out Double Red**  
Bloom color- Median Red  
Bloom Type-Double blooms in clusters  
Blooming Period-Spring-Fall  
Mature H x W - 3'. 4' x 3'. 4'  
Rose Category - Shrub



**Marie Daly \***  
Bloom color-Pink  
Bloom Type-Double  
Blooming Period-April-Nov  
Mature H x W - 3'. 4' x 3'. 4'  
Rose Category-Polyantha  
Texas Superstar



**Mutabilis \***  
Bloom color- Yellow/Pink/Orange  
Bloom Type-Single  
Blooming Period-April-Nov  
Mature H x W - 4' - 10' x 6'  
Rose Category-China Large Shrub  
Earth Kind Rose of the Year 2005



**New Dawn \***  
Bloom color-Bluish Pink  
Blooming Period-Repeat Bloom  
Spring - Fall  
Mature H x W -15'- 20' x 8'- 20'  
Rose Category-Large Flowered  
Climber  
Awarded first plant patent  
Voted World's favorite 1997



**Peggy Martin**  
Bloom color-Pink  
Blooming Period-Repeat Bloomer  
Spring-Frost  
Mature H x W - 6'. 10' x 12'. 15'  
Rose Category-Climber  
Rose survived Hurricane Katrina  
Percentage of proceeds goes to  
New Orleans horticulture restoration



**Perle d'Or \***  
Bloom color-Apricot Yellow  
Bloom Type-Semi-Double  
Blooming Period-Repeat Bloomer  
Mature H x W - 3' - 6' x 3' - 4'  
Rose Category-Polyantha  
Small Shrub  
Earth Kind Rose of the Year 2007



**Pink Drift \*\***  
Bloom color- Deep Pink  
Foliage – medium green  
Mature H x W - 1½' x 3'  
Rose Category- Shrub  
Very resistant to disease  
Introduced 2006



**Prairie Breeze**  
Bloom color- Mauve  
Bloom Type- Repeat bloom  
Mature H x W - 3' x 3'  
Rose Category- Shrub  
Fragrance- Spicy  
Erect growth, bushy and slightly spreading



**Prairie Sunset \*\*\***  
Bloom color- Yellow blend  
Bloom Type- Repeat, in clusters 5-10  
Mature H x W - 4' x 3'  
Rose Category- Shrub  
Large, pointed soft yellow buds open to double blooms with vermilion red edged petals. The petal face is rose, with deep purple veins.



**Quietness \*\*\***  
Bloom color- Light Pink  
Bloom Type- Repeat blooms  
Mature H x W - 4' x 3' - 4"  
Rose Category- Shrub  
Buck Rose



**Red Fountain**  
Bloom color- Red  
Bloom Type- Semi-Double  
Bloom Type- Repeat Spring - Frost  
Mature H x W - 12' x 14"  
Rose Category- Climber  
Introduced in 1975  
Blooms on new and old wood



**Sea Foam \***  
Bloom color- Creamy White  
Bloom Type- Repeat Blooms Spring-Frost  
Mature H x W - 2' - 6' x 4' - 8'  
Rose Category- Shrub  
Climber



**Spice \***  
Bloom color- Blush Pink  
Bloom Type- Spring-frost in clusters  
Mature H x W - 3' - 5' x 3' - 4"  
Rose Category- China  
Light, spice fragrance  
This is one of the Bermuda "mystery roses"



**Summer Honey \*\*\***  
Bloom color- Yellow/Amber Blend  
Bloom Type- Repeat Double  
Mature H x W - 5' x 4'  
Rose Category- Shrub  
Buck Rose



**Super Hero**  
Bloom color- Medium Red  
Bloom Type- Repeat-April-Nov  
Mature H x W - 5' x 3'  
Rose Category- Floribunda  
Introduced in 2008  
Compact growth, good for borders



**Sweet Fragrance**  
Bloom color- Apricot/Pink Blend  
Bloom Type- Repeat Blooms  
Mature H x W - 4' x 3'  
Rose Category- Grandiflora  
Spreading shrub that produces a lot of color



**The Fairy \***  
Bloom color- Light Pink  
Bloom Type- April-Nov  
Mature H x W - 2' - 4' x 4'  
Rose Category- Polyantha  
Dwarf Shrub



**Winter Sunset \*\*\***  
Bloom color- Yellow/Orange  
Bloom Type- Repeat, blooms in clusters of 3-7  
Mature H x W - 3½' x 3'  
Rose Category- Shrub; Upright, bushy growth  
Buck Rose, introduced 1997; Also known as Fuzzy Navel



## Tarrant County Master Gardener 2012 – Spring Rose Sale



VARIETY	Color	Quantity	\$10 ea.
American Legacy***	Deep Pink		
Apricot Drift**	Apricot		
Archduke Charles	Light/dark Pink		
Belinda's Dream*	Pink		
Blushing Knockout	Pink		
Caldwell Pink*	Lilac Pink		
Cecile Bruner*	Light Pink		
Cinnamon Spice***	Salmon/Orange/Red		
Climbing Pinkie*	Rose Pink		
Comtesse Du Cayla	Orange-Red		
Crespuscule	Apricot/Yellow		
Flamingo Kolorscape	Hot Pink K		
Freckles***	Pink/Yellow		
Iceberg	White		
Jefferson/Softee	Yellow		
Knock-Out Double*	Red		
Marie Daly*	Pink		
Mutabilis*	Yellow/Pink/Orange		
New Dawn Climber*	Yellow/Pink/Orange		
Peggy Martin	Pink		
Perle d'Or*	Pale Apricot/Yellow		
Pink Drift**	Deep Pink		
Prairie Breeze	Mauve		
Prairie Sunset***	Yellow Blend		
Quietness***	Light Pink		
Red Fountain Climber	Red		
Sea Foam*	Creamy White		
Spice*	Blush Pink		
Summer Honey***	Yellow/Amber		
Super Hero	Medium Red		
Sweet Fragrance	Apricot/Pink Blend		
The Fairy*	Light Pink		
Winter Sunset***	Yellow/Orange		

	Quantity	Amount
<b>Grand Total:</b>		

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

We will send you reminders by email of the rose and bulb sale,  
Spring plant sale & AgriLife Extension programs.

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
Monday, March 19, 2012**

Payment **MUST** Accompany Order

Checks or Money Orders made payable to TCMGA.  
Send to:

Rose Sale  
P.O. Box 1540  
Fort Worth, TX 76101

Roses will be available for pickup  
Thursday, April 5, 2012  
After the TCMGA Meeting  
at the

TCMGA Community Garden @ Resource Connection

*Questions? Call Billie Hammack  
817-884-1296*

\*Earth-Kind roses are a selected designation given by the Texas A&M University Agriculture System. They consistently demonstrate a high level of landscape performance, outstanding disease and insect tolerance and resistance. They do very well in almost any soil type in North/Central Texas.

\*\* Drift Roses are a cross between full-size groundcover roses and miniature roses. They are repeat-bloomers that are tough, disease resistant, winter hardy and virtually maintenance-free.

\*\*\* Buck Roses were bred by Dr. Griffith Buck starting in 1950. They are low maintenance, cold hardy and disease resistant.

## March TCMGA Meeting Guest Speaker

Gene Stille, owner of Genes Greens will be the morning speaker for the March 1st TCMGA meeting. Genes Greens LP opened in Keller in 2003 and specializes in selling premium quality gourmet microgreens to the restaurant industry and catering to specialty groceries.

His state of the art greenhouse was built with plans and materials from the Netherlands. A certified organic grower he offers a dozen varieties including broccoli, young bulls blood and kohlrabi.

In the afternoon, we are pleased to have Dallas County Master Gardener, Janet Smith, speak about reproduction or **Sex in the Garden**.

This entertaining and educational talk describes what really goes on in our gardens: pollination. Learn how flowers lure insects to help with their reproduction and how they reward the pollinators. You will never look at the garden in the same old way again.

## Congratulations to Ed Vaughan

2011 Friend of  
Extension Award

**Mr. Ed Vaughan**

Master Gardener

The Friend of Extension Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding service to the people of Tarrant County by their exceptional support and personal involvement in Texas AgriLife Extension Service.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARDENERS!

### March Birthdays

- 4 Robert Lundin
- 5 Jodi Morris, Charlotte Krystinik
- 6 Moira Brunken
- 7 Linda Mitchell, Mary Ann Rojas (I)
- 9 Julie Tabor (I)
- 10 Susan Miller, Kay Lewis
- 12 Emily Ward
- 13 Pat Oliver, Claudia Teague,  
Diana Vicenti (I)
- 19 Nancy Price
- 24 Shirley Schaffer
- 25 Hala Shafik
- 26 Sharon Nice
- 29 Susan Stanek, Carol Lally
- 30 Dawn Hancock, Bernice Ramsbottom
- 31 Jo Poppelreiter, Kim Freeman

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

### Directory Changes

Please note the following TCMGA Directory Changes:

*Kim Clark address change:* 1512 Cherry Bark Drive  
Keller, TX 76248  
817-576-4442

*Rita Hottel telephone change:* 817-876-6354 (home)  
817-929-6847 (cell)

*Nona Baptiste email and phone change:* [skoolmarm102@gmail.com](mailto:skoolmarm102@gmail.com)  
817-271-2488

If you have changes in your contact information, please contact Steve Purdy at [spurdy06@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spurdy06@sbcglobal.net)

## 2012 Caladium Sale March 1st—Final Day to Buy

At the March 1st Master Gardener meeting we will be taking orders for Caladium Bulbs to be delivered at the April MG meeting.

Four **Fancy Leaf** varieties and one **Strap Leaf** variety will be offered. These varieties are: Candidum Classic White, White Queen, Red Flash and Carolyn Whorton. For the first time, we will offer a Strap Leaf variety called Red Ruffles.

The bulbs will be #1 size and will be purchased from the same source that we used in 2011. The performance last year of all varieties was excellent.

The price per bulb will be 60 cents this year. No limit on quantities per order. Make sure you place your order at the February/March meeting. Orders cannot be accepted after that meeting. Your complete order must be paid for by cash or check at the time of ordering.

If you have any questions, call Linda Hawkins at 817-791-4295.

Candidum



White Queen



Gingerland



Carolyn Whorton



Red Flash



Florida Sweetheart



## Raffle Committee Update

As you have probably noticed, the Raffle Table has been closed the last few meetings.

*That's because we are  
making some  
really neat changes!*

Instead of every month, we will now have a raffle every three months. AND.....the items up for grabs will be high dollar, big ticket items.

The next raffle will be at the April meeting. Tickets will be \$10.00 each.....yeah, I know... that's a lot of dough.

BUT....the two items that you could win will be either a brand new mulching lawnmower or a \$100 gift certificate from Calloway's.

Tickets will be on sale at the March meeting. For those wonderful people who bring food for the lunch, your name will be automatically entered for a door prize to be given out during the meeting. No need for a ticket. Shirley will submit your names before the meeting and two people will be chosen.

If you have items that you typically bring for the raffle, kindly hold them for the garage sale this summer.

We hope you like the changes we have made to the raffle which benefits the projects that we as Master Gardeners sponsor. So get your tickets at the March or April meeting for the drawing in April.

**Raffle Committee Chair  
Donna Fry**

## Activities Committee Field Trip Update

Lavender scents and smells. Texas Backland Prairie. East Texas ecosystem. All right here in the Metroplex. A behind-the-scenes look at the Dallas Arboretum and the horticultural side of the Gaylord Hotel.

The activities committee with Donna Fry, Dorothy Hildebrand, Linda Kitson, Starr Krottinger, Laura Lowe and Patsy Miller, chairman, have been busy planning this year's field trips. Some of the trips are still in the planning stage, a couple have confirmed dates. We'll be announcing sign-up dates in the near future.

**Confirmed for Friday, June 1** is a double visit to two unique ecosystems that reside almost side by side. The Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill opened last fall. It is a 205-acre nature and bird sanctuary nestled in the Metroplex's version of the Hill Country. Almost untouched by man, it has many of the flowers, trees and birds of East Texas.

We will also visit Cedar Hill State Park which includes Backland Prairie and rugged Austin Chalk limestone. Less than one percent of the American tall grass prairie survives. At Cedar Hill, plant species include Indian grass and big bluestem and a wide variety of wildflowers.

**Tentatively set for Thursday, September 20**, Master Gardeners will get a behind-the-scenes look at the Dallas Arboretum, its trial gardens and greenhouses. A special bonus is that Chihuly glass will be displayed throughout the garden for us to view.

Also on the schedule is a trip to the Purple Ranch Lavender Farm in Royce City. Started by Collin County Master Gardener June Hand, she and her daughter created the recipes for their lavender products. In addition to seeing several kinds of lavender, we will also see her unique rose rooting system. Roses outline the lavender farm.

The Gaylord Hotel in Grapevine is known for its beautiful landscaping and delicious restaurants. Many of the vegetables and herbs used in the recipes are grown on site. The committee is looking to get a behind-the-scenes tour with the Gaylord's horticulturist and chef.

We know Master Gardener's love to eat and we plan on sampling the restaurant scene in the areas we visit.

Look for the announcements of the field trips and sign up times. Feel free to offer suggestions for possible trips this year or the future.

**Activities Committee Chairman  
Patsy Miller**

## Nominating Committee Call for Nominees and Volunteers

The task of the Nominating Committee is to present a slate of qualified nominees to the general membership for voting purposes. From these nominees, and any that may be nominated from the floor, the general membership will vote to fill Executive Board positions that will be vacated at the end of the year.

Before any of the above happens, the Nominating Committee must be formed. According to the By-Laws/Standing Rules, the current board appoints the chairperson. The general membership shall elect four members, two of whom may be from the Executive Board. Anyone who served on the 2011 Nominating Committee is not eligible to serve in 2012.

At this time, I am asking all certified members (blue badges) to give serious thought to anyone you believe would be a willing and effective member for this committee. Eligible committee members will:

- Be certified members in good standing who have completed their certification requirements and paid their current dues
- Have been a certified member for at least one year
- Have not served on the Nominating Committee during the previous year.

Once committee members have been voted on by the membership, the committee will determine what positions need to be filled next year. We will again call on you to recommend candidates.

For now, the critical need is to identify MGs who are willing to serve on this 2012 Nominating Committee. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, and have verified they are willing to take on the task, or you yourself would be willing to serve if elected, please e-mail or call me. Thank you for your participation.

**Nominating Committee Chair,  
Sue Ellen Schlitzer  
[s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net)/817-294-1329**

## Looking for Gold Diggers

If you are good at finding loose coins in the sofa, money in the dryer, or change on the ground, we could use your help. A Grant Committee is being formed to locate funds to help support our projects. The committee will work on grants for the association and/or individual projects.

If you are interested, please contact:

Sue Ellen Schlitzer  
[s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.schlitzer@sbcglobal.net)

## BRIT FETES VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL PARTY

The BRIT staff put on another entertaining Volunteer Appreciation Celebration which included a chili cook-off prepared and served by the staff. Five teams prepared a wide variety of chilis which were voted on by the guests. Door prizes were given out as well as awards for most hours. Our own **Paula Billman** came in 5<sup>th</sup> with 232 hours. **Kay Yount** was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 327 hours !! The Tarrant County Master Gardeners - 45 of us! - put in 1651 hours - and that was in only 8 months! We worked in the library, research, the herbarium, publishing, education and administration.

Sy Sohmer, BRIT president and director praised the work of the volunteers. Other speeches of appreciation by staff members followed. The Herbarium's Sam Kieschnick said in his enthusiastic genuine way "Thank you.....thank you.....thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you."

The highlight was the delightful song with new BRIT-icized lyrics:

--to the tune of Home Home On The Range--

**Refrain:** Oh, give me a home where the plants never roam,  
Where the staff and the volunteers play,  
Where seldom is heard a non-botanical word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

You are our best face in our new public space  
And back in our ice-cold herbarium.  
You file plants with grace and the books you embrace  
When you volunteer in our Librarium.

**Refrain**

How often at BRIT you have all done your bit  
Helping kids to get outside and play,  
Whether working with Anne or picking on Sam  
Or reviewing a book for BarnAY.

**Refrain**

Then give us a hand as we dig in the clay  
Deadheading and filing all day.  
You digitize plants and get glue on your pants.  
What a great place to learn botanAY.

**Refrain**

You give us a hand and we think you are grand  
Cause you give public tours every day  
You do it with style and you wear a big smile  
And we're glad you decided to stay

There is no question that every volunteer left the party feeling appreciated.

Contact Kay Yount [kjyount2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjyount2@sbcglobal.net) about volunteer opportunities. It's a great place to work.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p><b>1</b> 8:30a Alice Carl- son 8:30a BG Trial</p> <p><b>TCMGA Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 8:30a Common NRH 9am Compost Demo—Veterans Park 9a– Veterans Park- Wildscape</p> <p><b>AgriLife Seminar</b> "Rainwater Harvest- ing" Make Your Own Rain Barrel</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9:30a Thistle Hill 1p Veterans Pk</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:30a Alice Carl- son 8:30a BG Trial</p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:30a JPS Medi- tation Garden</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:30a Common NRH 9am Composting Demo—River Lega- cy 9am SW Crthse</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> 	<p><b>12</b> 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a Bob Jones Nature 1p Veterans Pk 3:00p Fitzgerald</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:30a Alice Carl- son 8:30a BG Trial</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:30a Common NRH</p> <p><b>RC/CG Class The Earthkind Way</b></p> 
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day</p> <p><b>Spring Begins!</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9am SW Crthse 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9a FW Hulen Lbry 9:30a Thistle Hill 1p Veterans Park 3:00p Fitzgerald</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:30a Alice Carl- son 8:30a BG Trial</p>	<p><b>23</b> 8:30a JPS Medi- tation Garden</p>	<p><b>24</b> 8:30a Common NRH</p> <p><b>RC/CG Class Rainwater Har- vesting &amp; How to Make a Rain Barrel</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:30a Alice Carlson 9a Union Gospel 9a Fitzgerald</p> <p><b>Master Gardener Specialist - Irriga- tion Efficiency Training</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 9a Samaritan House 8:30a CG Veggie 9a CG Propagation Work Day 9a CG Rose Garden Work Day</p> <p><b>Master Gardener Specialist - Irri- gation Efficiency Training</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 8a BG Perennial 8:30a Common NRH 9a Teen Challenge 9a CG Herb Work 9:30a Thistle Hill 1p Veterans Pk 3:00p Fitzgerald</p> <p><b>Master Garden- er Specialist - Irrigation Effi- ciency Training</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>RC/CG Class How to Paint a Rain Barrel</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>RC/CG Class Composting, Com- post Tea, and Worm Composting</b></p>

**March 3-April 8, 2012****Ft. Worth Botanic Garden  
Butterflies in the Garden****10:00am-4:00pm daily**

Butterflies in the Garden - Thousands of live, tropical butterflies in the conservatory of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Order tickets online at [www.fwbg.org](http://www.fwbg.org)

**Saturday April 21, 2012****Ft. Worth Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale****9:00am-2:00pm**

Wide assortment of annuals, perennials, citrus trees, ornamental grasses, shade plants, shrubs, trees, tropical plants and vegetables

**Saturday  
April 14, 2012****TCMGA Annual Plant Sale****10:00am—2:00pm**

The annual TCMGA plant sale will be held on April 14. More info to come!

**Carol Lally****Master Gardener Specialist -  
Irrigation Efficiency Training**

**Monday,  
March 26 - Wednesday, March 28, 2012**

San Antonio Botanical Garden  
555 Funston Place  
San Antonio, TX 78209

**Cost: \$200.00** (includes manual, power points, three lunches, snacks and drinks)

To register go to <http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/march-26-28,-2012-master-gardner-specialist-training/>



**Spring Garden Tour**  
Saturday, March 31, 2012,  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
(alternate date April 14, 2012)

Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Grand Prairie

Tickets - \$10.00

Available from: Calloway's Nurseries in Arlington or from Woman's Club of Grand Prairie 972-264-2066 or 972-264-2320.

There are seven gardens on the tour--5 private homes, one community garden and the grounds at the Women's Building which includes refreshments as a part of the tour.

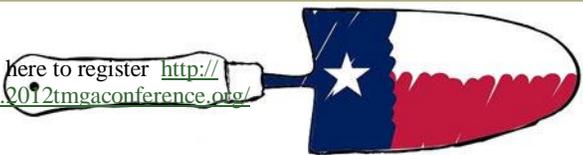
**April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012****Heart O' Texas Orchid Society's  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Show & Sale,  
"Orchid Heaven"**

Zilker Botanical Gardens Center  
2220 Barton Springs Road,  
Austin, TX 78746  
(512) 477-8672

**Show & Plant Sale : 10:00am -  
5:00pm Saturday & 10:00am - 4:00pm Sun-  
day.**

For a complete schedule of events, or for more information, please contact: Geoffrey Frost, 1011 Strickland Drive. Austin, TX 78748-4847 (Telephone (512) 413-3199; e-mail [geoffrey-lfrost@yahoo.com](mailto:geoffrey-lfrost@yahoo.com)), or visit our web-site: <http://www.hotos.org/>

Click here to register <http://www.2012tmgconference.org/>



**TEXAS MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE**  
2012 BEXAR COUNTY  
MAY 3-5, 2012

**March 2012****Saturday, March 17, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**The Earthkind Way**

Beverly Beazley, Bill Hall, Theresa Thomas

Class Fee: None RC, Bldg. 2300, Room 2301 Class limit: 30

**Saturday, March 24, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Rainwater Harvesting & How to Make a Rain Barrel -**

Hands-on Class

Charlie Shiner, Ron and Sue Ellen Schlitzer, Theresa Thomas, Claudia Teague

Class Fee: \$15 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

Class/Material Fee: w/Rain barrel \$45

**Friday, March 30, 2012** 10 am – 2 pm**How to Paint a Rain Barrel -** Hands-on Class

Claudia Teague

Class Fee: \$15 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20 Class/Material Fee:

w/Rain barrel \$45

**Saturday, March 31, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Composting, Compost Tea, and Worm Composting**

Charlie Shiner, Ron and Sue Ellen Schlitzer, Bill Hall, Theresa Thomas, Donna Fry

Class Fee: \$5 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

Material Fee: w/ Composters \$45 or \$65

**April 2012****Friday, April 13, 2012** 12noon – 6pm**TCMGA Annual Plant Sale – Pre-Sale set-up day**

TCMGA Garden, Resource Connection of Tarrant County

Delivery &amp; Set-up 12 noon – 3 pm

Pre-Sale–Open to RC, VA hosp &amp; MG helpers only 3 pm – 6 pm

**Saturday, April 14, 2012** 10 am – 2 pm**Tarrant County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale**

TCMGA Garden, Resource Connection of Tarrant County

Open to the Public

**Saturday, April 28, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Hypertufa Pots -** Make & Take

Susanne Mills

**May 2012**

Class Fee: \$15 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

**Saturday, May 19, 2012** 9 am – 11 am**Butterfly Puddler -** Make & Take

Theresa Thomas

Class Fee: \$20 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Herb Gardening**

Rita Hottel, Nan Garvin and CG Herb team

Class Fee: \$5 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

**May 2012 (cont'd)****Saturday, May 26, 2012** 9 am – 11 am**Cement Mushrooms**

Tammy Edwards, Jeanie Browning, Nancy Curl Make &amp; Take

Class Fee: \$20 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

**June 2012****Saturday, June 9, 2012** 9 am – 11 am**Cement Leaves**

Tammy Edwards, Nancy Curl Make &amp; Take

Class Fee: \$20 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

**Saturday, June 23, 2012** 10 am-12 noon**Canning & Making Jelly -** Demo Only

Pat Higgins and Bill Vandever

Class Fee: \$5 Class limit: 30

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**July 2012****Saturday, July 21, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Fall Vegetable Gardening****August 2012**

Theresa Thomas, Beverly Beazley, Bill Vandever

Class Fee: \$5 RC, Bldg 2300, Gym Class limit: 60

**Wednesday, August 15, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**How to Make a Living Wreath w/ Clay Pots & Succulents**

- Make &amp; Take

Donna Morris

Class Fee: \$45 RC, Bldg 2300, Gym Class limit: 20

**September 2012****Saturday, September 15, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Perennials**

Joann Hahn, Ginger Bason

Class Fee: \$5 RC, Bldg. 2300, gym &amp; garden Class limit: 20

**Saturday, September 22, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Garden Water Features & Shade Gardens**

Steve Chaney

Class Fee: \$5 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

**November 2012****Saturday, November 10, 2012** 10 am – 12 noon**Bugs – The Good, the bad, & the ugly**

Linda Hawkins, Lance Jepson &amp; Eleanor Tuck

Class Fee: \$ 5 TCMGA Garden Class limit: 20

To register for a class contact Mary Lynn Haines [merrymarylynn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merrymarylynn@sbcglobal.net)To schedule a class contact Nancy Curl [nl\\_curl@yahoo.com](mailto:nl_curl@yahoo.com)

## 2012 Home Horticulture Seminars Texas AgriLife Extension Service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
March 3, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Rainwater Harvesting" Make Your Own Rain Barrel *Optional-Extra Fee
May 12, 2012	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Bluebonnet D&E	"Lawns & How to Irrigate Responsibly"
June 2, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Growing Herbs for Medicinal & Cooking"
July 7, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Sustainability" Organic vs. Inorganic?
August 4, 2012	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Lonestar A&B	"Fall Vegetable Garden", The Best Season in Texas
September 1, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Native & Adapted Plants"
November 3, 2012	1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Lonestar A&B	"Landscape Design"
December 1, 2012	10:00 am-12 Noon	Lonestar A&B	"Individual Consultations"

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Fort Worth, TX 76196-0123  
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Cost of each class is \$15.

\*There is an extra fee of \$50 for materials to make the rain barrel during class.

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**Please contact Billie Hammack at [blhammack@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:blhammack@ag.tamu.edu) to register!**

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<b>Project Code &amp; Name</b>	<b>Work Days/Times</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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 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
<b>303 Community and Demo Garden Chair</b>	<b>Steve Chaney, s-chaney@tamu.edu</b>		<b>817-884-1945</b>
<b>Project Leads</b>			
Community Garden, Tuesdays			
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
Demonstration and Enabling Beds	Frank Durda		817-292-2270
Education	Nancy Curl, nl_curl@yahoo.com		817-319-1795
Education – TCU	Lance Jepson ljepson@aol.com		817-557-6122
Enabling Garden	Frank Durda		817-292-2270
Greenhouse/Propagation	Claire Alford, caagardner@aol.com		817-481-8861
Herb Garden, Tuesdays	Rita Hottel, rnhottel@att.net		817-295-2883
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	Carol Lally & Linda Winn lallyca@sbcglobal.net, mwinnclan@aol.com	817-656-2736/817-581-4486	
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 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds. 9:30 am	Emily Ward	817-281-5925
304 Union Gospel Mission	Mon. 10 am thru Feb	Gay Larson	817-441-6560
304 Teen Challenge	Wed. 9 am	Debbie Bollinger	817-498-1508
304 Common Ground NRH Community Garden	Wed. & Sat 8:30a-12n	Diane 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. March 9am-11am, April 8am-11a	John Pinkerton	682-433-2529
304 JPS Meditation Garden	2nd & 4th Fri. 8:30am	Bernice Ransbottom	817-485-6631
203 Grapevine Botanic Garden Docents	Call Chairman	Rachel Clark, Co-Chair Paula Wilbanks, Co-Chair	817-488-003 817-481-4398
<b><u>Environmental Projects:</u></b>			
305 Composting Demo	1st Sat., Veterans Pk, Arlington 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	817-295-5182
305 SW Sub-Courthouse	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat., last Wed. 9 am	Gailon Hardin	817-475-0923
305 Southlake Liberty Garden	Call Chairman 2nd Tues., 8-11 am	Wendi Carlucci	817-488-5640
305 Veterans Park-Wildscape	Wed. 1p—4pm 1st Sat., 9-12noon	Molly Hollar	817-319-6924
305 Bob Jones Nature Center	3rd, Wednesday, 9 am	Nancy Searl	817-542-3190
<b><u>School Gardens:</u></b>			
306 Alice Carlson OLE	Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am	Sharon Chastain	817-926-2575
306 Fitzgerald OLE	Mon 9:00 am, & Wed. 3:00 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.tmgnewsletter.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>

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