

Tomato Roundup:



All you ever wanted to know about growing tomatoes

**Tarrant County Master Gardener Association
Spring Regional Conference
Saturday, February 8, 2014**

**Resource Connection of Tarrant County
2300 Circle Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76119**

Register by mail or online. See inside.

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*Featuring Texas tomato gurus Bill Adams and Tom LeRoy
(authors of "The Texas Tomato Lovers Handbook " and "Commonsense Vegetable Gardening in the South")*

Cost per person — \$45 includes box lunch and snacks

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. *Check-in and Coffee (No registration day of conference)*

8:55 a.m. *Welcome/Steve Chaney*

9 - 9:55 a.m. **The Tomato — King of the Home Garden**

*Tomato: It's origin and history
Variety is the spice of life — or should I say salsa?
Heirlooms vs. Hybrids
Grafting: The best of both worlds*

10 - 10:55 a.m. **Tending the Tomatoes**

*Location of the tomato patch
Planting and protecting new transplants
Caging, staking or trellises
Fertilization
Irrigation*

11 - 11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. **Managing the Problems**

*Insect and mites
Tomato diseases
Weed control*

12:10 a.m. - 12:55 p.m. **Lunch/Visit Vendors**

1:00 – 1 :45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

Make and Take Tomato Cages (approximate size 48"x42")
o *For Hands On - Fee of \$10 paid with registration*
o *Or Demonstration only – no fee*
Make and Take Simple Drip Irrigation Unit
o *For Hands On - Fee of \$10 paid with registration*
o *Or Demonstration only – No fee*
Raised Beds (examples of three types)
Cooking with Tomatoes

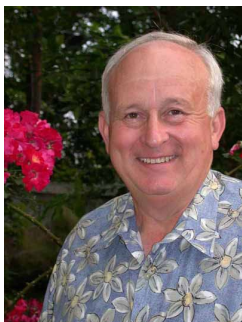
1:55 – 2: 45 p.m. **Tomato Relatives: Their Care and Culture**

2:50 – 3:45 p.m. **Bill and Tom's Most Frequently Asked Questions**

Audience questions, too

CLOSING AND EVALUATIONS

Conference Speakers



William D. (Bill) Adams is the author of numerous articles and his photos have been published in a number of magazines, calendars and books. He is the co-author/photographer of "Commonsense Vegetable Gardening for the South" with Tom LeRoy and he is the co-author of "The Lone Star Gardener's Book of Lists" with Lois Trigg Chaplin. Bill and Tom also teamed up for another book—"The Southern Kitchen Garden" Most recently Bill authored "The Texas Tomato Lovers Handbook," a guide to growing the most delicious tomatoes on the planet. This latest book is published by Texas A & M University Press.

Bill worked in mass media most of his career appearing on radio and TV programs and writing a weekly column. Adams also served as the Harris County Master Gardener coordinator with over seven hundred active members.

These days, after retiring from the Texas AgriLife Extension, Bill is concentrating his energies on gardening, writing and photography. He is a much-requested speaker at garden and civic clubs and he is a regular contributor of articles and photography to Neil Sperry's *Gardens* magazine.

Bill has been a member of Garden Writers Association since 1972 and has served several terms as a Southern regional director.

Tom LeRoy began his 35-year career with the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service (now Texas A&M AgriLife Extension) right out of college, after receiving a bachelor's degree in horticulture in 1975 and a master's degree in plant breeding in 1977, both from Texas A&M University.



He served the first 11 years as the Montgomery County Extension Agent – Horticulture where he implemented the first Master Gardener program in Texas. Twenty-five Montgomery County residents graduated from that first program. Since then over 115 Texas counties have started their own Master Gardener program. In 2004, Tom was presented an award from the Texas Master Gardener Association for what he terms his most notable accomplishment.

Tom served as the Harris County Extension Agent – Horticulture from 1988 until 1998, heading up its Master Gardener program. Tom has co-authored three gardening books with Bill Adams, "Growing Fruits and Nuts in the South," "Commonsense Vegetable Gardening in the South," and the latest, "The Southern Kitchen Garden ."

From 1998 until his retirement in July 2012, he served as the County Extension Agent - Horticulture for Montgomery County. Upon his retirement, he was honored with County Extension Agent Emeritus by Texas AgriLife where he works part-time as the Assistant Texas Master Gardener Coordinator.

Tom has been recognized by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, first in 1985 for Innovative Programs, including the first Master Gardener program in Texas, and again in 2006 for Standard Setting Leadership in Implementing the Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Model. This was the first time the Superior Service Award for Volunteerism had been presented by Texas AgriLife.



Registration Form

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To register online: go to tarrantmg.org

Name _____ Phone _____
Street Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Email Address _____

If you are a Master Gardener, please indicate your county: _____

Master Gardeners may earn up to 6 CEUs. Check with your county agent.

REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31. NO REGISTRATION AT THE CONFERENCE

Registration Fee \$45 _____

Break Out Sessions

(Indicate first choice with a 1 and second choice with a 2 for each session to allow us to plan for space)
12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

___ Make a Large Tomato Cage (may choose free option for instruction only) \$10 _____

___ Drip Irrigation - Make a simple drip irrigation unit (free instruction-only option) \$10 _____

___ Raised Beds No Charge

___ Cooking With Tomatoes No Charge

Total Amount Enclosed

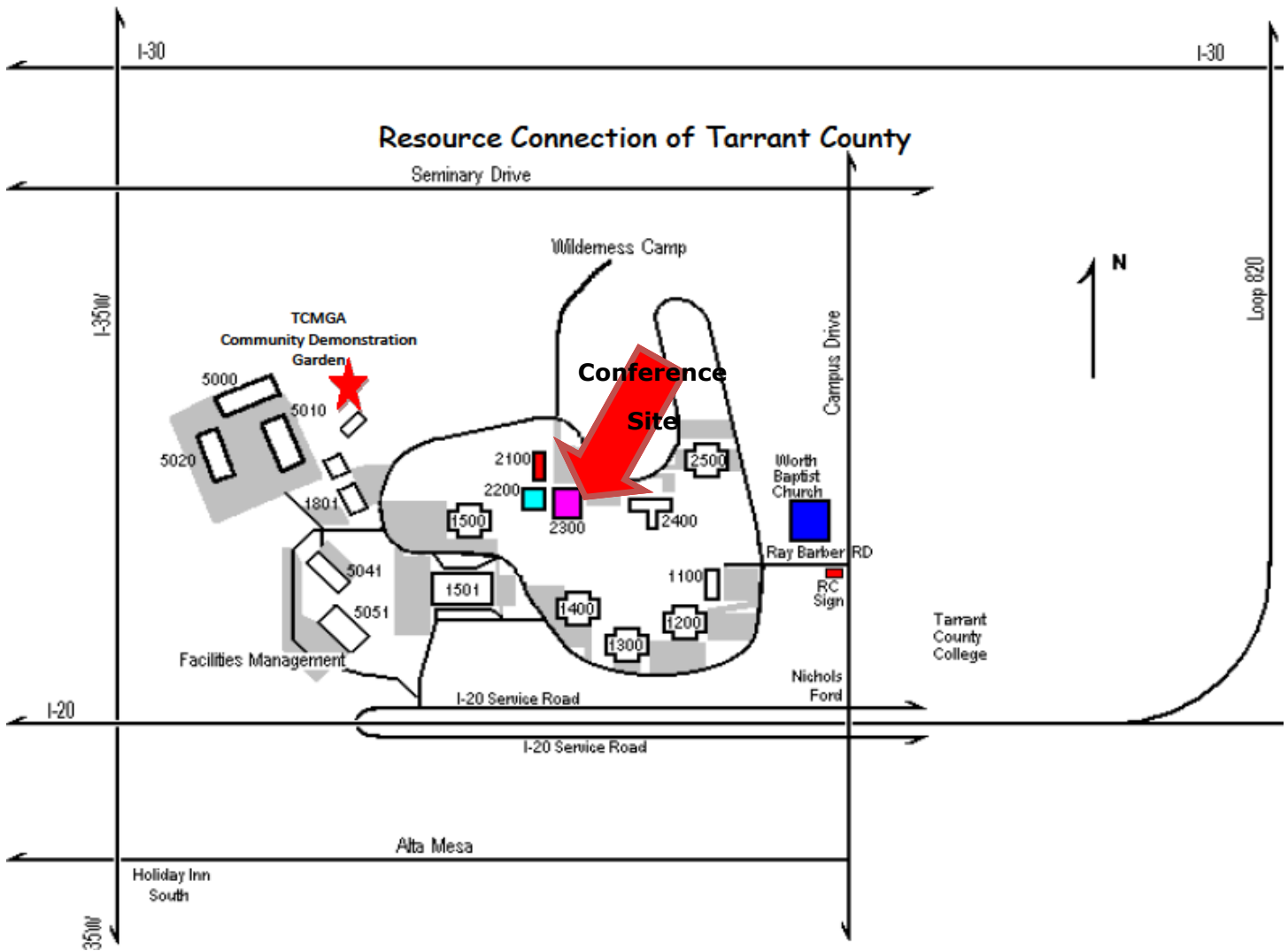
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Make checks payable to: **TCMGA**
Mail to: Pam Braak
520 Briarcroft Drive
Grapevine, TX 76051

LUNCH IS INCLUDED. SPECIAL DIET REQUEST? LET US KNOW _____

For more information contact: Pam Braak 817-488-5665 or p.braak@verizon.net

Confirmation will be sent via email. No refunds.



Regional Conference Location: Resource Connection, 2300 Circle Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119

Take Campus Drive Exit from Interstate I-20. Go north and turn left at Joe B. Rushing Rd.

Turn right on Circle Drive to Building 2300 on left. 20 mph speed limit on Circle Drive is **strictly** enforced.

Hotel Accommodations:

Along I-35W: Days Inn, 4213 South Freeway, Fort Worth, TX, 76115 (817) 246-4961

Baymont Inn, 6504 South Freeway, Fort Worth, TX, 76134 (817) 568-9500

Along I-20: Hampton Inn, 4799 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, 76132 (855) 271-3622

LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 3346 Forest Hill Cr., Ft. Worth, TX 76140 (817)293-5800

Comfort Inn, 3232 Southeast Loop 820, Forest Hill, TX 76140 (817) 551-5200