

# Speakers Bureau

The Fort Bend County Master Gardeners can provide a speaker for your Fort Bend County club meeting. We have 54 horticulture program topics from which to choose. Click [Speakers Bureau Program Topics \(PDF\)](#) to see the list.

If your group would like to invite a Master Gardener to speak at a club meeting, please fill out the form and click Submit to request a speaker. **NOTE: Speakers need to be scheduled at least 4 -6 weeks in advance. A minimum of 10 attendees required.**

## Fort Bend County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau Topics June 8, 2024

**Balancing Weeds, Trees, and Grass** – How to achieve a balance of healthy trees, green grass, and weeds by using less water, fertilizer, and chemicals

**Butterfly Gardening** – Host and nectar plants that attract butterflies

**Butterflies and Hummingbirds** –Attracting them to your garden

**Citrus Quarantines** – The Five W's of citrus quarantines

**Common Garden Pests and How To Treat Them** – Learn the difference between pests and beneficial insects, how to get rid of pests

**Companion Gardening** – Helping to improve plant growth, repel unwanted harmful insects, improve pollinators and soil health

**Composting in the Home Garden** – Converting garden waste and kitchen scraps into plant food

**Compost** – What are the ingredients for the best compost

**Container Gardening** – Getting creative when space is limited

**Earth-Kind Landscaping** – Individuals using Earth-Kind landscaping principles and practices can create beautiful, easy-care landscapes, while conserving and protecting natural resources and the environment

**Fairy Gardens** – How to make enchanting miniature gardens

**Fall and Winter Color** – How to add color to our winter gardens

**Fearless Pruning** – Pruning landscape plants, shrubs, and trees for flowering, health and after-winter damage

**Flowering Plants for 4 Seasons** – Color all year long

**Fragrant Plants** – Adding fragrant plants to our gardens

**Fruit trees for the backyard** – Which trees will perform in a small backyard

**Gardens of the World** – Photo tour of gardens of our world

**Garden Friends** – Beneficial insects

**Hardiness & Heat Zones** – What they mean and how they affect plant selection

**Healing Gardens – Sensory Gardens** – The history and purpose of healing gardens and how to make one for yourself

**Herb Gardening** – Growing culinary herbs and their uses

**Herb Gardening** – Shade, sun, and best seasons

**Herbs: Nature's Pharmacy** – A look at medicinal herbs including historical use, popular medicinal herbs and how to research to find the results of studies, contraindications, etc. of herbal medications

**House Plants** – For fun, flavor, fragrance

**Hydroponics** – The process of growing plants in a water based nutrient solution, without soil, which has an advantage for growing in high density urban areas

**Insects** – Identifying the gardener's friends and enemies

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** – An effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management in

your garden

**Irrigation Efficiency & Auditing** – Understanding & optimizing your system

**Landscape Maintenance** – Learn how to cut corners on common landscaping tasks to get them done quicker and easier

**Landscaping for Birds** – Why birds matter; how to attract them; plant/bird relationships

**Lawncare** – How to be the envy of your neighbors

**Maintaining the Garden** – Gardening tips and the tools of the trade

**Native Bees in Your Garden** – Helping our garden friends

**Native Plants for the Landscape** – Benefits of using native plants

**Perennials** – Plants for beauty year after year

**Pet-Friendly Gardening** – Landscaping with dogs and cats in mind

**Preparing for winter landscape** – How to prepare for advancing winter, which plants to protect, what projects to start?

**Problems with Citrus** – Is it a disease? Is it a bug? What’s eating my tree?

**Propagation** – How to start new plants

**Rain Gardens** – Capturing rainwater runoff in a landscape feature

**Salvias** – So many varieties

**Shade Plants** – Plants that thrive in the shade

**Shades of Green** – Adding texture and interest with green plants

**Spiders - Misunderstood Garden Friends** - Exactly what do spiders do for us in our gardens

**Succulents** – Easy-to-grow container plants

**Texas Superstar Plants** – Highly recommended plants by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for their performance in the Earth-Kind landscape

**Trees of Fort Bend County** – Finding the perfect tree for your yard selection - planting, pruning, and tree care the first two years

**Tropical Fruits To Grow In Fort Bend County** – Ten easy tropical fruits that do well and how to grow them

**Vegetable Gardening** – Tips for a successful Spring or Fall vegetable garden

**Vegetable Gardening** – All vegetables in all seasons for best production including ground or raised beds, and how to build them

**Vermiculture** – or the art of lovingly raising worms! Learn what types of worms are the best for composting your kitchen waste, how to get started, how to care for them, and reaping their benefits

**Weeds** – How to identify, destroy, and prevent weeds

**Wildscapes** – Gardening for wildlife

**Yoga for gardeners** – Stretching the mind and muscles of gardeners