

Over the Garden Gate



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2010 Workdays Set for Master Gardener Projects

Mark your calendars! The Wichita County Master Gardener Association has set up permanent work schedules for our two ongoing projects.



KELL HOUSE WORKDAYS: Starting in January workdays will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.. Lead contact for this project is Betty McCulley. She can be reached at 692-7329.

MPEC GARDEN WORKDAYS: Starting in January workdays will be 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m.. Tara has left the plans of the layout of the garden and Fred will bring them to the next meeting. Lead contact for this project is Nan Warren. She can be reached at 767-2020 or enenjay@gmail.com.



Fred will send e-mail reminders each month.

Its Time to Turn in Your Volunteer Hours!

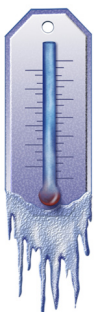
For all of you wanting to become or remain a Master Gardener, **NOW** is the time to turn in your hours!



MG volunteer hours are to be turned in to Jerry Warren. You can e-mail them to:

enenjay@gmail.com.

Interns turn your hours in to Fred Hall. You can e-mail them to fmhall@ag.tamu.edu.



Freeze-Dates for Wichita Falls

- ° Last Spring Freeze: 3/27
- ° First Fall Freeze: 11/10
- ° Freeze-Free Days: 228

Ruby Ackins Needs Flower Seeds!

It's time to start gathering flower seeds for our seed giveaway at the 2010 Home and Garden show.



Bring your seeds bagged and labeled to Ruby Ackins.

Ruby will repackage them for our give away.

Nominating Committee Report 2010 Officers

- Nominated are:
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| President | Beth Turlington |
| Vice President | Paula Savage |
| Secretary | Gail Elmore |
| Treasurer | Open |
| TMGA Delegate (2) | Open |
| Alternate TMGA Delegate (2) | Open |

LOCALS

NOVEMBER 3: Wichita County Master Gardener Association monthly meeting is at Wichita County Extension Office, 2nd floor, 6th and Scott, Wichita Falls, TX. **Time: 5:30 p.m.**

NOVEMBER 13: The First African Violet Society of Wichita Falls, monthly meeting is at the University United Methodist Church, 3405 Taft Boulevard, Wichita Falls, TX. We will have a speaker from the metroplex, Bill Foster, demonstrating Underwater Design. **The program counts as advanced training hours for those needing additional hours.** **Time: 10:00 a.m.**

NOVEMBER 16: Burkburnett Garden Club monthly meeting is at the First Bank. **Time: 5:30 p.m.** **Contact:** Rex Bristol 636-0486

NOVEMBER 16: Red River Orchid Society monthly meeting is at the Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar, Wichita Falls, Texas. **Time: 7:00 p.m.**

NOVEMBER 26: Texoma Water Garden Society monthly meeting. **Time: 6:30 p.m. (pot luck dinner) or 7:00 p.m. for meeting.** Contact: Nan Warren, 767-2020 or enenjay@NTS-online.net.



Kell House Update

Jason Cooper's presentation on how to best utilize and revitalize the Kell House back garden was well received at October 21 meeting of the Heritage Society executive committee. Photographs have been located showing the back garden during its heyday. The photos will be used as a guide for the restoration of the garden.

A donation of \$500.00 was given by Lorraine Blackwood along with a number of Crinum Lilies for the garden restoration. Other donations include compost from Arvilla Taylor, amaryllis from Ruth Byre and roses from Nan Warren.

Arron Huff of Complete Lawn Service has offered a bid of \$907.00 to trim and remove trees.

Next workday is Saturday, November 7th at 9 a.m. Lead contact for this project is Betty McCulley. She can be reached at 692-7329.

Dallas Arboretum Offers Classes of Interest to Master Gardeners

Tried & True: Trial Gardens at the Arboretum

We are lucky to have two beautiful trial gardens at the Arboretum that you can use to find the best plants for your garden. Join Jenny Wegley, Greenhouse and Trial Garden Manager at the Arboretum, as she gives you a behind the scenes look at what goes into our trial program. Jenny will share some of the winners in our trial program and then take you on a walking tour of the gardens in all of their fall glory. Next, she will take you on a behind the scenes tour of our greenhouses so that you can see where many of the plants are grown out before they go in the trial beds. Come find out what our trial programs are all about and how you can start applying our research into your garden!

11/14 from 9am – 11am; \$22 or \$20 for Members

Hypertufa – Creating Your Own Garden Containers *

Modeled after the old stone watering troughs in England, these versatile containers can be constructed into a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. Susan Morgan, Dallas Arboretum horticulture manager, will show you how to create these durable planters made of sand, peat moss and Portland cement. Handcast your own charming hypertufa container that you will be able to take home at the end of class. This is a hands-on class, so you may want to consider wearing an apron or clothes that you can get dirty. This class sold out last fall, so register early!

12/5 from 9am – 12pm, \$45 or \$40 for Members

*** If this class sells out, a second session will be opened on 12/5 from 12pm - 4pm**

Association Contacts:

Lulu Canan, *President* 691-4496; Paula Savage, *Vice President* 691-0231; Gail Elmore, *Secretary* 569-0188; Beth Turlington, *Treasurer* 692-7570

Committees Chairperson:

Paula Savage, *Newsletter* 691-0231; Beth Turlington 692-7570 and Mary Barry 592-2075, *Web Site*; Jerry Warren, *Volunteer and Advanced Training Hours Recorder* 767-2020 or enenjay@gmail.com

State Directors: Peg Marquardt, Mary Barry, Delores Lane and Jeff Smith

Specialists: Peg Marquardt, Rainwater Harvesting and Plant Propagation; Mary Barry, Jr Master Gardener Advisor:

Fred Hall, Texas Cooperative Extension, Wichita County (940)716-8610

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NOV. 16-17: **H2O4TEXAS: The Water Event – Fort Worth, Texas** This event will increase public awareness of the critical water shortfalls facing Texas and begin mobilizing support for full implementation of the State Water Plan, a goal that the H2O4TEXAS campaign will continue to pursue before and after the conference. Sen. Kip Averitt and Rep. Allan Ritter, in conjunction with the Texas Water Foundation, will host this conference, held at the Omni Hotel, 1300 Houston St. Noon-7 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday. **For the agenda, visit <http://www.gillelandcreekpress.com/H2O4TEXASagenda.pdf> and to register, visit <http://www.texaswater.org/waterfortexas/>.** It is recommended that you register and book hotel rooms soon, as they are expected to fill quickly.

JANUARY 28, 29, 30, 2010

- Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association - Annual Texas Conference On Organic Production Systems

Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association will hold its Annual Texas Conference On Organic Production Systems in San Marcos, Texas, at the Embassy Suites. For more information, check TOGFA's web page. Information will be published as it becomes available.

APRIL 8-10, 2010 Texas Master Gardener State Conference

Hosted by Dallas County Master Gardeners. For more information about this conference go to: <http://www.2010tmgaconference.org>