

Over the Garden Gate



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Our February program, Raised Bed Gardening, was led by Jan Gardin; thank you Jan! Our March 16 class will be Insects led by Mary Barry and will be at the Forum from 10 am until noon. Please put the date on your calendar and bring a friend. Cost is \$5 for the general public and is free to MGs and Interns.



LOCAL EVENTS

March 1; 5:30 pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association meets at the at the Wichita County Extension Office, 2nd floor, 6th & Scott, Wichita Falls, TX
Pot Luck Dinner—Bring a covered dish

March 11; 9:30 am: First African Violet Society meets at meets at University United Methodist Church.

March 16; 10am-noon: The Forum, Club Room. Insects led by Mary Barry.

March 17; 5:30 pm: The Burkburnett Garden Club meets at First Bank, 300 East 3rd, Burkburnett, TX.

March 5; 9am: MPEC Workday

Turn your volunteer hours in to Jan Gardin or Fred Hall (Interns) each month.



Good things are happening at the Boys & Girls Club in Burkburnett! From a grassy field with large

rocks, to a plowed, improved garden bed with individual garden plots staked out. On the evening of Tuesday, February 22, a basic gardening class was held to help the boys and girls understand the concepts and language of vegetable gardening. Then on the afternoon of Friday, February 25, they planted their first crop—onions! Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping to make the kids successful gardeners! MG Intern, Bonnie Jones, is coordinating this project.



Firewise Landscaping

We are continuing the process of educating our community about Firewise Landscaping. The snow postponed one February program, but we did get to share information with regional Fire Chiefs at their February meeting. We had positive feedback from our hour long program at the H&G Show on February 27, from 3-4:15pm.

STATE EVENTS

Master Gardener Specialist – Plant Propagation
May 20-21, 2011
Montgomery County Extension Center
Conroe, Texas

In an effort to provide advanced training, the Master Gardener Specialist – [Plant Propagation Training](#) was created as a hands-on, intensive multi-day training that will empower Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas AgriLife Extension Service efforts in educational programs.

State Events from Texas Master Gardener Website

Visit [MGTV-Texas](#) on YouTube for several on-line tutorials to assist Master Gardener volunteers in becoming familiar with some of the latest innovations in web communication technologies. That may sound a bit complicated, – but you will find that these tools are easy to learn/use and – most of them are free. These training modules will provide the basic information to get started – then let creativity be your guide.

The goal of MGTV Texas is to train MG volunteers in the use of these tools to assist in supporting County, Regional and State Extension educational programs. As the number of trained volunteers increases, we will soon have a network of web communicators, sharing information on key programs and activities throughout Texas and beyond.

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