

Over the Garden Gate



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Jason Cooper gave leadership to our September program, Trees for Our Area, 7pm at Home Depot. Thank you Jason! The time and location were changed for this program and it was well attended by the general public. We are looking for volunteers to make up a team to determine the availability and schedule for community training in the near future. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Fred.



Above: Fay Saxinger & Mary Barry with Firewise Display Good House/Bad House at the Kemp Center **Below:** Mary, Anne & Jason with County Fair Display **Below right:** Rain! Photos by Beth Turlington

LOCAL EVENTS

October 1: Living Well with Less Water in Texoma program 8am—4pm at the MPEC.

October 4, 5:30 pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association meets at the County Extension Office, 600 Scott Street.

October 8, 10am—2pm: African Violet Sale and Workshop at River Bend Nature Center.

October 14, 9:30am: First African Violet Society meets at University United Methodist Church.

October 20, 5:30 pm: The Burkburnett Garden Club meets at First Bank, 300 East 3rd, Burkburnett, TX.

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



Thank You for the Rain! More Please.



STATE INFORMATION

State information is from Fred's email & the Texas Master Gardener website

To help homeowners, landscapers, and Master Gardeners equip themselves to better understand Oak Wilt, Hypoxylon Canker and the effect of drought on trees, Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Forest Service have teamed up to offer an "Oak Wilt and Drought Related Stress" Seminar on October 18, 2011 at the Williamson County Jester Annex located at 1801 E. Old Settlers Boulevard #110, in Round Rock. The program is an all day seminar that starts at 8:30am and should conclude around 4:30pm. The cost for the program is \$25 dollars and includes all program materials, lunch, and breaks. Space is limited, so please plan ahead and pre-register by October 12, 2011. A registration form and flyer are attached for your convenience.

Topics that will be covered during the program include the biology, pathology, recognition, and suppression of Oak Wilt as well as other drought related issues related to trees. We will also have a field site demonstration. The topics will be presented by Dr. Dave Appel, Extension Plant Pathologist and Associate Department Head of Plant Pathology at Texas A&M University, and Rob Grotty, Staff Forester with the Texas Forest Service.

If you would like more information, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 512-943-3300 or visit us on the web at <http://williamson.agrilife.org>.

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Master Gardener Earth-Kind® Specialist Training October 26 – 28, 2011 Johnson County – Cleburne, Texas

Registration Fee: \$175.00 [Registration Form](#) with payment is due **NO LATER** than **October 1, 2011**. **NO** refund after **October 14, 2011**. **Cancellations** must be made on or before **October 14, 2011**

The National Earth-Kind® Specialist [Training Course](#) is designed to provide advance training and resources to Master Gardeners to certify them to be part of a state and national corps of Earth-Kind® experts and educators. To become a certified National Earth-Kind® Specialist, participants are required to attend the National Earth-Kind® Specialist training course [\[Agenda\]](#) to fulfill training requirements and subsequently meet the service requirements described below. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within her/his local county programs.

To be eligible for the National Earth-Kind® Specialist training course, [\[Class Information\]](#) an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification or be an employee of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. **All Master Gardener applicants must be approved** by their local County Extension Agent.

The National Earth-Kind® Specialist is required to increase awareness and provide training in Earth-Kind® principles and facilitate implementation of Earth-Kind® practices at the home/neighborhood/community level through demonstration and/or research programs. A National Earth-Kind® Specialist is required to serve a minimum of one year, with a minimum of 12 hours of service. **Service requirements include, but are not limited to:**

- Serving as a local National Earth-Kind® Specialist resource· Assisting with Earth-Kind® training for Master Gardeners
- Support or organize home/community/neighborhood Earth-Kind® education programs and/or demonstrations
- Increase clientele awareness and implementation of Earth-Kind® through, training, and mass media efforts (i.e. radio, newspaper, television, and newsletters)

Upon **completion** of the National Earth-Kind® Specialist service requirements, the Master Gardener will be formally recognized at the annual Texas Master Gardener Conference, at which time they will be awarded a Master Gardener Specialist certificate and lapel pin.

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