

Over the Garden Gate



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Our August program was 'What's Surviving in Your Yard?' led by Jerry and Nan Warren. Our September program will be on Thursday, September 8, 7pm at **Home Depot**. Jason Cooper will give leadership to 'Trees for Our Area.' This program is **free**, but because of limited seating you must pre register by calling the Extension Office, 716-8610. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend and bring a friend.



Forum Program

Photo Beth Turlington

I hope each of you are planning to attend the Living Well With Less Water in Texoma 2011 on October 1 at the MPEC in Wichita Falls. We are fortunate to have this regional Master Gardener program in our area instead of having to travel to the metroplex! Thank you to all who had a part in putting this wonderful, timely program together. Don't forget to turn in your early registration form.



Please, Please Water Your Trees!
Example of a drought stressed tree — and they've been watering. Photo Gail Elmore

LOCAL EVENTS

September 1: Last day for 'Living Well' water conservation program early registration.

September 2—16: 'Living Well' water conservation program late registration.

September 6, 5:30 pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association meets at the County Extension Office, 600 Scott Street.

September 8, 7pm: 'Trees for Our Area' program at Home Depot led by Jason Cooper; preregister with Extension Office.

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

September 15, 5:30 pm: The Burkburnett Garden Club meets at First Bank, 300 East 3rd, Burkburnett, TX.

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

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

STATE INFORMATION

State information is from the Texas Master Gardener website

Texas Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist

Location: Dallas County **Date:** September 26-30, 2011

Full Registration: \$350.00 **Daily Registration:** \$25.00

Do your friends think you a little eccentric because of your interest in creeping/crawling things? The Texas [Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Program](#) may be just the thing for you. Offered annually, this year's program will be held at the Research and Extension Center in Dallas. It's a great opportunity for any Master Naturalists or Master Gardeners with a special interest in *insects* to get a week of in-depth entomology training. The training will earn you certification as a specialist through your statewide Master Volunteer program.

The course is approximately 40 hours-long, with field trips and laboratories in addition to lectures by both Extension entomologists and local insect experts. Once the course is completed, students are required to contribute a minimum 15 hours of volunteer contributions to the county office (above and beyond the 12 hour volunteer requirement for Master Gardeners) to receive their certification. Read all about this year's [program contents](#).

[Registration](#) must be completed and submitted online, but the form must also be printed and mailed in with registration, per instructions on the website.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us through **Ms. Kaye Garrison** (972-952-9201, 972-952-9201). Registration is filling up quickly and is based on a first-come-first served basis. There is a **maximum class size of 30** to keep the instruction as personal as possible and allow us to do all those cool hands-on activities.

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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