

Over the Garden Gate



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Things to do in February (from MG calendar)

Plant or Transplant

- Continue planting bare-root and containerized fruit trees
- Blackberries and strawberries
- Asparagus, beets, broccoli, Chinese cabbage, carrots, greens, Irish potatoes, kale, leeks, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsley, peas, radishes, rutabagas, spinach, Swiss chard and turnips

Fertilize

- Pecan trees with 21-0-0 fertilizer late in the month
- Asparagus at planting should receive a high nitrogen (7-1-2 or 4-1-2) fertilizer

Diseases:

- Continue to look for leaf spot on photinia and hawthorns.
- Use preventative sprays at bud break on fruit trees

Insects:

- Fire ant mounds begin to show up this month. Apply individual mound treatments. Baits are not effective at this time because the ants are not foraging
- Look for giant bark aphids on oak, yaupon and wax myrtle.

General Information

- Apply pre-emergent weed control to established lawns.
- Prune bush type roses in mid-month. Do not prune climbers until after they have bloomed. Do not prune EarthKind roses.

LOCAL EVENTS

February 7, 5:30pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association meets at the County Extension Office, 600 Scott.

February 10, 9:30am: First African Violet Society meets at University United Methodist Church, Wichita Falls.

February 16, 5:30pm: The Burkburnett Garden Club meets at First Bank, 300 East 3rd, Burkburnett.

February 24: Set up for Home & Garden Show.

February 25: H&G Show

9:30-10:45 Dr. Bill Welch "Tough Perennials for Texas Gardens"

11-12:15 Bryan Rupp "Texoma's Climate: Past, Present, Future"

12:30-1:45 Judy Barrett "Secrets to Gardening Success with Herbs and Heirlooms"

2-3:15 Julie Whitis "Square Foot Gardening"

February 26: H&G Show

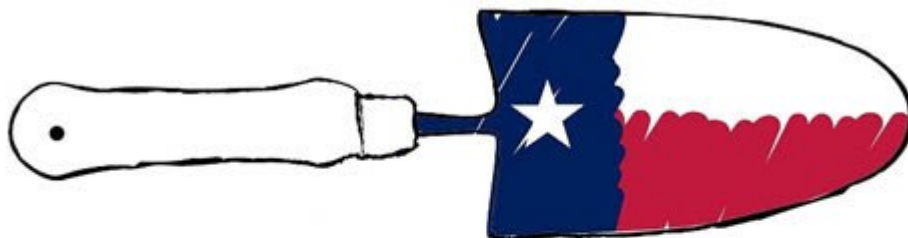
1:30-2:15 Sue Ramser & Gail Elmore "Home Growing African Violets"



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STATE INFORMATION

State information is from the Texas Master Gardener website



TEXAS MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

2012 BEXAR COUNTY

MAY 3-5, 2012

Welcome!

Welcome to the 2012 Texas Master Gardener Conference, "Riverwalk and Garden Talk," hosted by the Bexar County Master Gardeners and Texas AgriLife Extension. This year's conference will be hosted at the Norris Convention Center, conveniently located at IH-10 & Loop 410 in San Antonio.

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The Norris Center
4522 Fredericksburg Road
San Antonio, Texas 78201

www.norriscenters.com

There will be a number of classes, events, tours, and great times to be had. Conference goers will enjoy a wonderful evening in the Oak Ballroom attending the awards banquet and listening to our keynote speaker, Mary Sue Koontz Nelson present *Living and Loving It!* To learn more about Mary Sue Koontz Nelson and the rest of our speakers, visit the speakers page.

This year's conference is provided by Water Conservation, EarthKind, Texas SuperStars, and many more.

TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS TO ERNIE PUTOFF EACH MONTH.

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