



*Williamson County
Master Gardener Newsletter
March 2015*

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President's Message

by Wayne Rhoden



As I am writing this article, it is 30 degrees and raining here in Georgetown. It is hard to believe the strange weather we have had this year. Makes you want to just hunker down and read a good book. But the good news is that we are holding our annual plant sale on March 28th and look forward to some good weather for the sale. Brenda McIndoo has been working diligently to get our plants ordered from various sites and as always she has done an excellent job. We have many of the same plants as last year but some new additions this year that we think will sell well. As you know this is our big fundraiser for the year and please let your neighbors and friends know about the sale. She will need volunteers to help with the plants during the sale and Marcy Echols will need help with collecting the money during the sale. Contact them if you are willing to work with either to make this a success.

We will also have educational programs during the sale and if you want to see what we have for programs, visit our web site and look at the times and who the speakers are (or see page 25 of this Newsletter). We hope that you will also let your friends and neighbors know about these programs. We are asking for some volunteers to come to the training for our Speaker's Bureau because we are getting more requests for speakers from the community and we do not want to turn anyone down because we do not have speakers available. There are also other tasks in the bureau that do not require you to speak in front of an audience so please consider coming to the training on March 5th. Contact Val Black if you are interested in attending the training.

Kaye Davidson also needs volunteers for the Help Desk. This is another opportunity to gain valuable knowledge answering the questions that come into the office on various subjects. Kaye is trying to pair knowledgeable volunteers with novices to lead you into gathering the information to answer each question that comes in. Those that have already volunteered can tell you that it is interesting and worthwhile to volunteer for this project.

Do not forget that we will have information sessions for the fall class. If you know of someone that is interested, have them sign up or show up for the sessions. The first one is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015 at 1 PM at the training room at the extension office.



JMG Volunteering at Anderson Mill Elementary School

by Maggie Bond



Happy volunteers on a beautiful February afternoon at Anderson Mill Elementary School get ready to help four classes of kindergartners sow Easter egg radishes, plant broccoli and cauliflowers, feed and water plants and mulch around the beds.

Pairs of garden gloves ready for the first class!



Buckets of mulch were filled from Jane's truck. And numerous cans of water were filled.



The seeds are sown and beds watered.



Some planting was done.



Shade cover applied to the tender newseedlings.



Jane's spacing line and some very healthy plants.



Each of the four classes had approximately 20 students, who soaked up the information and happily followed instructions. They diligently planted seeds as directed by Jane, using her nail polish marked line for correct spacing. They planted and fed the seedlings, put pine straw around all plants to conserve moisture. They placed mulch around the raised beds and watered profusely. The watering, I believe, was their favorite! So many cans of water had to be filled! A very productive and jolly afternoon was had by all.

And the volunteers? Well, They went home tired and dirty, but satisfied that their afternoon efforts had been rewarding and hopefully had inspired a few young, budding gardeners.

Last week, the third graders planted onions, broccoli and cauliflower plants. They sowed spinach, carrot and sugar snap peas. They also put up a trellis for the sugar snap peas and watered.

***The Junior Master Gardening Committee is Having a Busy Year
by Patsy Bredahl***



Patsy Bredahl

Arlene Boyer is up and running with her gardening program at the Boys and Girls Club in Georgetown. Her group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 with about twelve first through fourth graders. Arlene has done a great job creating future gardeners with the help of Jody Foster and others from the JMG committee. Inez Vance and others have been frequent workers cleaning up the beds where weeds decided to take over.

Great Oaks Elementary School in Round Rock held a Science Fair on January 29, 2015 and invited our JMG Committee to present. Jane Bowman, Brooke Balvesek, Anne Dawson, and Patsy Bredahl were the presenters. Jane brought models of insects and butterfly metamorphosis for display. What kid isn't interested in insects? We also showed the kids different and unusual vegetables, newspaper pots and paper towel gardening.

The JMG Committee will be presenting at Purple Sage Elementary in the RRISD for their Math and Science Fair. We will have similar plans as for the presentation we did at Great Oaks with some great volunteers.



Jane Bowman

A group of volunteers have been helping plant and work at Anderson Mill Elementary along with students, parents and staff. This project is being led by Jane Bowman.

Naumann Elementary in the Leander ISD has started a garden club with Jane Bowman getting them started along the way last year. They have a garden class every Monday after school. Dianne Capron has been helping with the program.

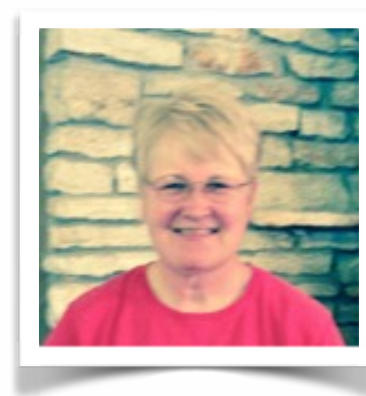
Many other JMG groups are in the works and we will continue to contact schools with Brook Balvesek's assistance.

JMG is planning to have some activities for children at the Williamson County Master Gardener Plant Sale on March 28, 2015. Taylor is also having a Garden Expo that same day and the JMG Committee will also help with children's activities there.

We have a lot of committed volunteers on the JMG Committee. I have not mentioned all the names of those who have participated in the activities in which we have been involved, but they are all appreciated! I want to thank each and every one of our committee members for all they have done in creating our future gardeners!

Organic Pest Control Spray for your Vegetable Garden

by Jean Legan



As we approach the spring planting season, here's a suggestion for home vegetable garden pest control. I've tried many concoctions to keep aphids, spider mites, and small pests off my vegetable plants without jeopardizing pollinators in the garden. After years of trying many insecticides, I finally cooked up a solution that is plant-friendly, effective on small pests, and can be used up to the day of harvest! Spray it on when you initially see the critters setting up shop on your veggie plants. If you have heavy infestations, you should repeat applications on 2 or 3 consecutive days. It's amazing how quickly those bugs exit and your veggies thrive!!

INSECTICIDAL SOAP RECIPE (not for human consumption)

Before starting this recipe, make sure you have a well-ventilated kitchen or cook space with vinyl/rubber gloves available to use for chili pepper handling.

Ingredients:

½ ounce dried hot oriental peppers (or other fresh/dry equivalent)

6 whole garlic cloves, smashed with skin on.

sliced peel from one fresh medium-size orange

1 tablespoon fresh ginger sliced

2 tablespoons grated bar Fels Naptha (or other pure soap bar)

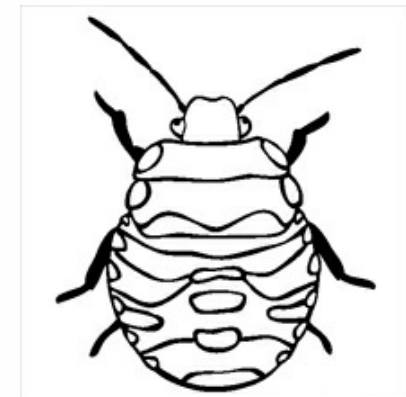
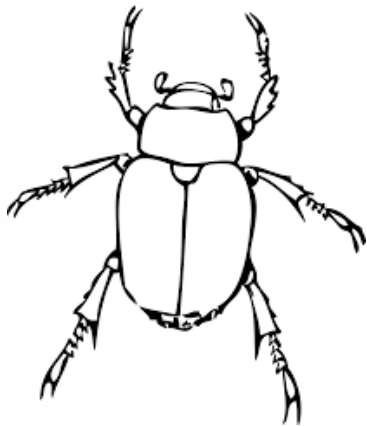
Water as needed

Method:

In a 2 quart heavy saucepan, break up the dry peppers and smashed garlic cloves. Add 2 cups of water—enough to cover the peppers and garlic. Bring to boil and simmer (with lid off) for 10 minutes or until the volume is reduced by half. When concentrated down, add the orange peel and sliced ginger. Simmer for another 10 minutes with lid on. Finally, add grated bar soap and stir well.

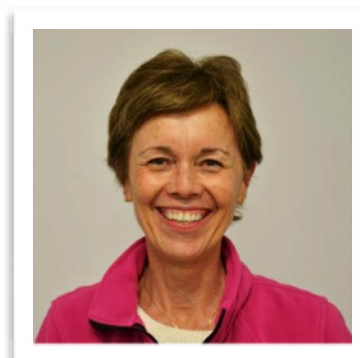
Let mixture sit at room temperature until cool. Strain the mixture thru a cheese cloth lined strainer and mash the juice out of the solids. You should have about $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of concentrated mixture. This will make 2 quarts of insecticidal soap—divide what you have in half, add to a 1 quart spray bottle then dilute up with cold water. Shake well before each use, wear gloves, and stand up wind while spraying! Keep the other half of the concentrate stored in a glass jar/container in a cool place until ready to use again. Keeps a while.

Editor's note: Wikipedia tells us "Fels-Naptha is an American brand of bar laundry soap used for pre-treating stains on clothing and as a home remedy for exposure to poison ivy and other skin irritants. Fels-Naptha is manufactured by and is a trademark of the Dial Corporation, a subsidiary of Henkel. The soap was originally created around 1893 by Fels and Co. and was the first soap to include naphtha. The inclusion of naphtha made the soap very effective for cleaning laundry, but it was not generally safe for personal use." Many stores carry Fels-Naptha, but if you have trouble finding it, it is available online at websites such as www.amazon.com.



Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery Gets a Facelift

by Claire Hall



On February 13 Master Gardeners helped get Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery ready for the season. A team of 11 people applied their skills to the Butterfly Garden and to the myriad roses throughout the grounds.

Some of the perennials in the Butterfly Garden suffered cold weather damage so will have to be replaced but the lantana, pavonia, blackfoot daisy, Jerusalem sage and Mexican mint marigold hung in there. Lots of weeds hung in there too, so we removed them from the Cremains area adjacent to the Butterfly Garden. The silver pony foot looks stressed but will hopefully rebound.

The roses in the rest of the gardens look healthy. They responded well to last year's drastic trimming. We fed and mulched most of them and will continue the process during the year.

Many thanks to volunteers Marcy and Steve Echols, Christie Gardener, Jodie Beach, Jean Legan, Carolyn Olivent, Carol Parsonage, Nancy Ranc, Cathy Reyes, and Inez Vance.

If you are interested in volunteering at OLOTR, I'll schedule another work day in March so keep your eyes open. It is a peaceful place to spend some time!



OLOTR Clean-up Team



Carolyn Olivent and Inez Vance



Nancy Ranc

Ants vs. Termites

by Wizzie Brown



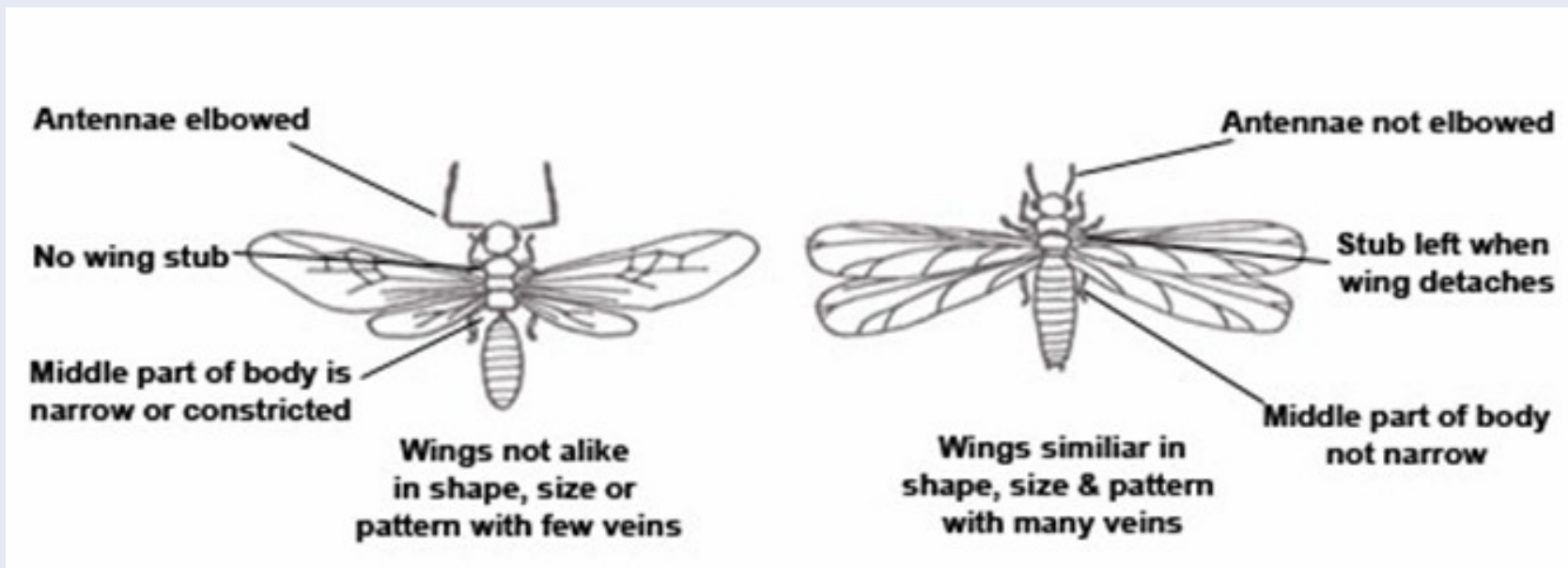
Soon ant and termite swarmers will be seen flying in Central Texas. “Swarmer” is another term used to describe the reproductive stage of ants and termites. These insects have wings when they initially leave the colony, but the wings are either shed (by termites) or chewed off (by ants) before they form a new colony. Some people may have trouble distinguishing the two types of insects, but with a few key characteristics, it can be very simple.



Ant swarmer in mound.



Drywood termite swarmer.



Ant swarmer (left) and termite swarmer (right).

Ant swarmers have elbowed antennae and a narrow, or constricted, waist. The front and back wings of ants are not similar in size or shape and have few veins. If the wings are missing from the ant swarmer, there will not be a wing stub left on the thorax from where the wing was attached.

Termite swarmers have antennae that are not elbowed and the waist is not narrowed. The wings on termites are of similar size and shape and have many veins. Termite swarmers have a wing stub left on the thorax once the wing detaches from the body.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Monthly Gardening Tips *March 2015*

by Winola VanArtsdalen



- Our average last frost date is March 15.
- **Avoid wounds on oak trees February through June** because beetles that carry the fungus are most active in periods of mild temperature.
- Divide summer and fall-blooming perennials when new shoots are about 3” tall.
- To encourage bushier, branching growth from herbaceous perennials that tend to grow tall, pinch back the leading shoot tips. Do this at least a month before flowering. The plant's ultimate height may be reduced by a quarter.
- Top dress bulbs with compost for good blooms next year. Remove spent flowers, but leave foliage until it dies back so bulbs can store enough energy to bloom next year.
- Turf: Aerate when soil is moist, not wet, with a machine that removes plugs. Aerating followed by top dressing of compost allows some of compost to filter into holes to amend soil texture. You can hire a contractor or get together with neighbors to rent an aerator.
- Do not fertilize until after second mowing of GRASS, not just weeds!
- Fertilize Bermuda and St. Augustine in late March to early April and Buffalo and Zoysia in late April to early May. If you use top dressing, skip this fertilization, as would be too much nitrogen. Over fertilization causes more leaf growth and less root growth, which makes plants more susceptible to drought.

Source: Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service

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A Note from Wayne:

Our opening for members of the board and subcommittee chairs are filled. We do have some openings for members on the sub-committees. If you are interested in one of the sub-committees, please email me at mgardener@suddenlink.net or give me a call at 512-869-8016. If you wish to see the responsibilities for each committee and sub-committee, visit our web site where the standing rules are posted. The link is <http://txmg.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/williamson/files/WCMGASstandingRules.pdf>. Scroll down to Article IX: Committees.





Williamson County
Master Gardener
Association

Plant Sale

Saturday March 28th
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Native, Adapted Plants and Herbs for
Williamson County**
Cash, Checks or Credit Cards

3151 SE Inner Loop
Georgetown, Texas

Free - Educational Horticultural Programs
8:00 AM – Preview of Plants available for sale
10:00 AM – Herbal Medicinal Plants
11:00 AM – What is Wrong with my Tree?
1:00 PM – Poisonous Plants in the Landscape

Breakfast and Lunch available from
Williamson 4-H



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Save the Date

Williamson County Master Gardener Meetings

Monthly meetings are held at the Williamson County Extension Office, 3151 SE Innerloop Road, Suite A, Georgetown, Texas. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Social time is held from 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The program (usually an educational speaker) is from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Winnie Bowen will speak about tulips. Winnie is a consummate traveler with a travel blog to prove it. Winnie is going to share with us her experiences from the Land of Tulips. Winnie will brighten up our evening with her pictures of tulips in the Netherlands and a beautiful presentation of the world wide flower market through which most of the world's flowers pass on their way to us. One hour educational credit.

Monday, April 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Rachel Butler will discuss chickens for your backyard. One hour educational credit.

Monday, May 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Emily Button from Hill Country Water gardens will discuss fairy gardens. One hour educational credit.

Monday, July 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Steve Reynolds will speak about bromeliads. One hour educational credit.

Monday, August 10, 2015, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Theresa Wilts will discuss starting seeds for fall. One hour educational credit.

Monday, September 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Betsy Ross will teach us about building better soil . Betsy Ross raises beef on grass. She in turn has learned the benefits of compost teas and worm composting to improve the soil structure which leads to improved forage which leads to improved cows and the resulting beef. She will be talking about soil structure and how we as homeowners can accomplish that and reap the benefits. One hour educational credit.

Educational Opportunities for Master Gardeners

Williamson County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Webinars and Patio Series

Webinars and patio lectures are held at the Williamson County Extension Office, Extension Training Room, 3151 SE Innerloop Road, Suite A, Georgetown, Texas. Webinars and patio lectures are free. Call 512-943-3300 to register by noon on the Thursday before the class.

- no information at this time

Williamson County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Classes

Unless otherwise indicated, classes are held at Williamson County Extension Office, Extension Training Room, 3151 SE Innerloop Road, Suite A, Georgetown, Texas. Call 512-943-3300 or register online at <http://williamson.agrilife.org/program-registration/>.

Monday, March 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mosquito Vector and Abatement Workshop. For more information see <http://counties.agrilife.org/williamson/files/2015/01/Round-Rock-Brochure.pdf>. This class is held at J.B. & Hallie Jester Building, 1801 Old Settlers Blvd., Round Rock, Texas

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Private Pesticide Applicator's Training. For more information see https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1X5o-RznnZolzU6v9bE0k3NXuhH2QJB9-ueLrpOgOq3c/viewform?edit_requested=true.

Travis County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Master Gardener Classes

Seminars held at Zilker Botanical Garden are free; Zilker Park entrance fee is \$2 per adult (\$3 for non-Austin-residents), \$1 per child or senior. For more information, call (512) 477-8672. Zilker Park is at 2100 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

You must register for seminars held at Travis County Extension Office online by phone 979-845-2604. Location and fee for classes is noted in description. Class sizes are limited. The Extension Office is at 1600 Smith Road, Austin, Texas.

March 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

“Dealing with Drought – Using Native Plants in the Landscape.” Native Texas plants bring beauty and function to your garden while being well adapted to handle Texas’ blazing summers, drought, and other weather extremes. In addition to being water-wise, native plants provide great benefits to pollinators and birds. 4-H CAPITAL’s gardening specialist and Texas Master Naturalist Meredith O’Reilly will guide you in choosing the right natives for your yard and your garden goals. Held at Travis County AgriLife Extension Service Office. Registration: \$10 through 3/08, \$15 starting 3/09 and onsite. For more information, see <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/TravisCounty>.

April 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

“Dealing with Drought – Tree Care.” Many trees are stressed by prolonged periods of hot, dry weather. Selecting trees that use water efficiently is one way to make your landscape more resistant to droughts. Learn about several tree maintenance procedures to increase a tree’s chance during drought such as mulching, proper pruning, limiting fertilization and supplemental irrigation. Lara Schuman, an ISA Certified Arborist and acting Program Manager at City of Austin Urban Forestry will share her knowledge on caring for trees. Held at Travis County AgriLife Extension Service Office. Registration: \$10 through 4/05, \$15 starting 4/06 and onsite. For more information, see <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/TravisCounty>.

May 9, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Butterflies in the Garden." Wanting to start a butterfly garden for your school or even your own backyard? Maybe, you have a small garden and just want to help encourage pollinators to pay your plants a visit. In this talk we will focus on butterflies and how you can invite them into your space. Kellyn Smith has been a Master Gardener since 2013. A lover of all insects she has a specialty in entomology and founded the butterfly garden at her school, a place she and her students treasure. Held at Zilker Park.

May 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Dealing with Drought – Alternative Methods of Gardening." If you have limited garden space or time yet still have a desire to nurture your green thumb, Master Gardener Pat Mokry will teach you how to raise carefree veggies, herbs and flowers using self-sufficient grow boxes. Then, for some more 'new' gardening techniques, Master Gardener Marian Stasney will describe the ancient practices of both keyhole gardening and hugelkultur. Registration: \$10 through 5/10, \$15 starting 5/11 and onsite. For more information, see <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/TravisCounty>.

April 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Dealing with Drought – Preparing for the Fall Garden." Imagine gardening without sweat dripping from your brow or mosquitos buzzing in your ears or having to water every day. Those are just a few of the many benefits of the cool season vegetable garden. Join us as we discuss vegetable selection, soil preparation and the importance of timing for the fall and winter garden. Master Gardener Patty Leander is a writer for Texas Gardener magazine and grows vegetables year round in her Oak Hill garden. Registration: \$10 through 6/07, \$15 starting 6/08 and onsite. For more information, see <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/TravisCounty>.

Native Plant Society of Texas, Williamson County Chapter

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Plant Taxonomy Class with Dr. Flo Oxley.

Location: Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, Texas Room D206/D207.

Class fee: \$10.00/class. The fee covers the cost of library room rental, honorarium fee, and refreshment reimbursements. More information at <https://npsot.org/wp/wilco/upcoming-events/>.

Monument Cafe Market Gardening Classes, 500 S Austin Ave, Georgetown, Texas

For more information, call 512-240-4715.

Saturday March 7, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

“March In the Garden” with Michelle Akindlya. Join us for our monthly series where we go over the garden to-do list. Learn what to plant, what to harvest and other timely garden tasks. This class is perfect for the beginning gardener and those new to growing in Central Texas.

Saturday March 14, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

“Getting Started with Aquaponics” with Joe Schram from Joli Farm. Come learn about an exciting alternative to conventional farming that uses up to 90% less water than other traditional growing methods.

Saturday March 21, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

“All About Weeds” with Michelle. Learn how to identify and manage common weeds using organic methods.

Saturday March 28, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

“Growing Cucurbits” with Michelle. Learn how to grow cucumbers, squash and melons using organic methods.

Hill Country Water Gardens and Nursery, 1407 North Bell Blvd, (Hwy 183), Cedar Park, Texas

- No classes planned for March.

Natural Gardener Gardening Classes, 8648 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, Texas

Classes are subject to change so please call first to confirm. Classes are held outdoors under an open air canopy – be sure to dress for the weather. Arrive early for best seating. You are welcome to bring your own chair. Classes last about an hour. For more information, call 512-288-6113 or see <http://www.naturalgardeneraustin.com>.

- No classes planned for March.

Online Classes

The state Texas Master Gardener Association allows only three recorded (static) online educational hours per year from the 12 different free online EarthKind Modules. The link for these classes is: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>.

WCMGA also has approved the webinars from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, <http://www.wildflower.org>. There is a small fee associated with their webinars.

A total of three online educational hours per year is allowed towards certification, whether they are all through A&M or a combination of EarthKind and Wildflower.

There is no limit on live online educational hours per year allowed for certification through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.



Events of Interest to Master Gardeners

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Sunshine Gardens Plant Sale

Austin's most loved, locally raised heirloom veggies and herbs make their big debut 9:00 a.m. at Sunshine Community Gardens, 4814 Sunshine Drive, Austin. The sale is the largest Certified Organic Non-Profit Plant event in Texas. Over 150 Tomato varieties, 72 Wicked Hot and Sweet Bell Pepper varieties, 15 kinds of Eggplants, 5000 thousand herbs and other plants ready for spring planting.

Monday, March 16, 2015 - Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Zilker Faerie Homes & Gardens

The third annual Woodland Faerie Trail features faerie homes and gardens created by Austin area gardeners, architects, clubs, families, school groups, and others. To enter your faerie home creation for installation along the Woodland Faerie Trail, complete the application and register by February 28, 2015. For more information, see http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Zilker_Botanical/zbq_faerie_event01222015.pdf.

Saturday March 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Williamson County Master Gardener Association Plant Sale and Educational Fair

Williamson County Extension Office, Georgetown, Texas. See page 25 for more information.

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Passion for Plants – East Austin Garden Fair

Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzales Street, Austin, Texas. For more information, please call 512-854-9600. Free and open to the public, this fun, hands-on fair involves community members in creative, low-cost ways to grow vegetables, herbs and fruit to improve their family diet as well as information about Earth-Kind landscaping. Get expert advice from Master Gardeners on all aspects of gardening and composting, as well as backyard chickens and beekeeping. Free vegetable, herb and ornamental plants offered to participants while supplies last.

Sunday, April 13, 2015, 1:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

East Austin Urban Farm Tour

See <http://eastaustinurbanfarmtour.com/>.

Thursday, April 16, 2015, 8:00 a.m. thru Saturday, April 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Texas Master Gardener Conference

Belton, Texas (Bell County)

See <http://txmg.org/event/2015-state-conference/>.

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 thru Friday, September 25, 2015

International Master Gardener Conference - Horticultural Horizons in the Heartland

Mid-America Center, 1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs Iowa 51501

See http://calendar.tamu.edu/?calendar_id=771&y=2015&m=09&d=22&eventdatetime_id=20836&.

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If you would like to contribute to the April 2015 *Williamson County Master Gardener Newsletter*, please send your submission to Jinna MacLaurin at austindadamama@gmail.com by March 16, 2015. As you garden, volunteer and learn, please take a moment to share your experiences with other gardeners. Thank you!



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