

Blooming Bell

BCMGA May 2010

May

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 8:45 Herb Study Group Meeting 1-5:00 2010 Class	6	7	8
9  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	10	11	12 1-5:00 2010 Class	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			 <p>Monthly Meeting Installation of Officers & 2010 Class Graduation</p>			
23	24	25	26 9:00 Board of Directors Mtg.	27	28	29
30	31  MEMORIAL DAY					

Spring Cleaning

Submitted by President Mel Myers

This time of year we often think of spring cleaning. We might even transfer that thought process into our garden. It is a good time of year to look at our gardens and think of ways to improve on what we have. With the roses completing their first cycle of beautiful blooms, we are looking for the next wave to appear. We have planted our vegetables and await the day we are rewarded for our work.

This is also the time of year that we begin to think about the new things happening with Bell County Master Gardeners. We will be meeting at the Expo Center in May to see the new interns completing their requirements for becoming a member of our organization. We also look forward to see their enthusiasm as they become a part of the family of Master Gardeners. May also marks the time that some of the existing board members will be attending their last meeting as an officer and new board members are ready to assume their duties.

We are experiencing a metamorphosis much like the butterfly as the former self is transformed into something completely different. As the spring flowers burst forth in bloom so will our organization. Things will be new and different as we welcome the new members.

May is also an exciting time at the community gardens. The cold crops of winter have gone and the new crops are coming on. It is a time to rest from the labors of getting ready and planting except for the weeds that seem to grow so much faster and spread so much. Our time has been transferred from planting to weeding. Never fear, our day will come and the harvest will surely be bountiful.

Have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you at the Expo!!

Annual MG Dues

Submitted by Jan Anderson

It is time to pay your annual dues. The amount is \$25, payable to BCMGA. You can give your check or cash to Jan Anderson at the next monthly meeting or mail to her at 3114 River Place Drive, Belton, Texas 76513. Please pay promptly as July 1st is the deadline. **PLEASE NOTE:** Dues for Junior Master Gardener teachers are covered by the JMG Program. Also, 2010 class members do not pay dues this year as their dues were included in the class fee.

Burger Wednesday Postponed

Submitted by The Greenhouse Crew

Due to an overload of activity from garden touring to new class graduation, the Burger Wednesday programmed for May 5th will be deferred until June 2nd. Any excess expanded shale and cotton burr mulch remaining from the demonstration garden projects will be available for sale at that time. Prices will be announced later. We plan on being rested, ready to work on new projects and, of course, ready to eat a delicious meal!

May Monthly Meeting & New Class Graduation

Submitted by the New Class Committee

Make your reservation now for our May 19th Association Meeting, Installation of New Officers and 2010 Class Graduation. The meeting will be held at the Expo Center and will begin with a social time at 11:30. Lunch will be served at Noon followed by the Graduation and Monthly Meeting. This year lunch will be catered by "Let Us Do the Cooking" and the menu will include Lasagna, Tomato, Cucumber and Red Onion Salad, Corn Casserole, Biscuits, Triple Chocolate Brownies, and Oatmeal Crusted Cheesecake with fruit topping.

Cost for the luncheon is \$12 for association members and guests. There is no cost to the new class members. Please make your reservation by Friday, May 14th with Fran Sheppard, 254-698-3532 or Diane Calderwood, dcalder@hot.rr.com. You can pay for your reservation in advance or at the door.

2010 Volunteer Appreciation Night

Submitted by Joan Hinshaw

The AgriLife Extension Office hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Night at the Bell County Expo Center Thursday, April 22nd to honor the many volunteers who make their various programs possible. Several Master Gardeners attended as well as volunteers from Bell County 4-H, Cooperative Extension Program-Prairie View AMU, Pecan Growers, Master Wellness, Youth Fair, and Texas Extension Education Clubs.

A delicious dinner of salad, pasta and sauce, rolls and iced tea was capped off with ice cream sundaes. Then awards were presented from each program. Dirk Aaron awarded four Master Gardeners with special recognition. They are: Annette Ensing, Don Wyatt, Gary Slanga and Kim Pringle. Well done, Master Gardeners!

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