

Mission, Objectives and Values

MISSION: The Bell County Master Gardeners Association assists the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in providing high quality, relevant, research-based horticultural education and service to the residents of Bell County and the state of Texas through outreach, teaching, and demonstration projects.

STATEMENT: Program objectives are implemented through the training of local volunteers known as Master Gardeners. We collaborate with Extension to conduct youth and community education; establish and maintain demonstration gardens; and provide a speakers bureau. We work with special audiences in the community (4-H horticultural clubs, Junior Master Gardener groups, schools, and others) for youth and community outreach of a horticultural nature. We recruit and educate new Master Gardener candidates for effective volunteering.

The Texas Master Gardener Association is an Educational and Service Organization of trained volunteers representing Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System and is open to people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

VALUES: The Bell County Master Gardener Association

- Promotes gardens and gardening
- Provides opportunities for education
- Provides opportunities for networking, the exchange of information, and experience
- Promotes respect for the environment
- Promotes research based understanding of plants and environmental effects to them and by them
- Promotes continual improvement of personal information & knowledge