



# The Blooming Bell

June 2018



Photos by Randy Brown

BCMG's traveled to Dallas for a day at the Dallas Arboretum in April. Randy and Kethleen Brown are enjoying the beautiful flowers and landscape.

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24	25 Blooming Bell deadline	26	27 Work Day 8 am* BOD Meeting 9 am	28	29	30

\* In the event of rain, there will be No Workday.

#### Upcoming events:

- ♦ Gardening in Bell County, Fall Gardening, Belton, July 19
- ♦ Fall Plant Sale, Belton, Sept. 29

Remember to record volunteer service hours and education hours separately. You may include your travel time to meetings and work projects as service hours.

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# The President's Corner

## - Wayne Schirner

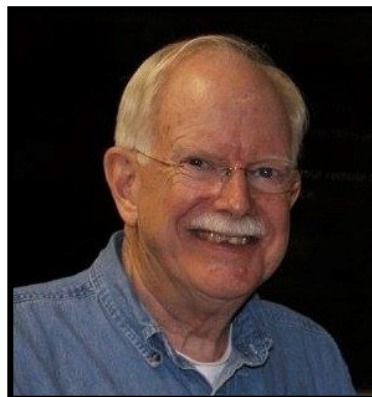
Wow! Already half-way through 2018. We've accomplished a lot, but I know there is always more to do.

Congratulations to all 23 members of the Class of 2018 who met the requirements to receive their certificate of completion. Eighteen of these also met all of the volunteer service hours requirements and are now fully certified Master Gardeners. I have challenged the graduates of the new class to recruit someone they know to join next year's class. I made the same challenge at the May meeting of the Board of Directors, and now I am challenging the entire membership. I firmly believe that if we actively and personally recruit new members that we will be more likely to have new members that are committed to staying with the BCMGA. Our latest membership numbers have exceeded 140. It seems like every year we tend to lose about as many as we recruit through the new class. In order to retain members, we must work to meet their interests in gardening. In order to continue to meet our mission, we can't just train people to be better gardeners, we need to train them to be teachers of gardeners.

The next time you are at the extension office, take a moment to notice the new deer fencing we have placed around the demonstration beds. Hopefully we will be successful in keeping the big and little critters out of the gardens. Karen Colwick came up with an idea for one of the beds for fall planting. We want to plant pole beans and use different types of trellises to support the beans. We're shooting for planting the middle of August when beans can be planted again for a fall crop. I have an idea for one trellis and Karen has a different trellis in mind. We can probably accommodate at least 3-4 more different types of trellises. After all we do call those the "demonstration gardens," so let's demonstrate something.

The grounds crew has also been hard at work placing new crushed granite around the education building. One more load should complete the project. It's looking really good.

The Nomination Committee has started the process to put together a ballot for new Officers and Directors starting in 2019. The three officer positions to be filled are: president, second vice president, and recording secretary. The bylaws do not allow elected officers to continue in the same position, so all three of these will need someone new. I am asking that anyone who has a desire to serve as an elected officer to let us know about their interest. Wouldn't it be great if we had more than one name per position on



the ballot? There are four of the seven elected Directors positions that have terms expiring the end of December. Those positions are: New Class Membership, Outreach Director, Landscape/Grounds Director, and Killeen Municipal Court Gardens Director. The bylaws allow Directors to be re-elected to their positions, and I suspect some will want to remain. I'd still like to see members step up and allow their names to be placed in nomination for these positions. To remain a vibrant association, we should always be trying to expand the involvement of our members.

A busload of 26 members will venture together to TAMU on June 15<sup>th</sup> to attend the dedication of the Gardens at A&M. This was intended to have occurred during the TMGA State Conference in April, but the opening was delayed because of unforeseen issues involving the weather. We hope to have a great time and will represent the BCMGA well.

Remember that starting with the June general membership meeting, the social hour will start at 8:30 and the meeting will start at 9:00. Bill Walker, Class of 2017, will provide education on growing blackberries. I hope to see everyone there. Have a great summer and be safe.



# 1 More Thing...

- Wayne Schirner

I came across a quote recently that I thought was particularly pertinent in my attempt to be more disciplined in my personal gardening efforts.

"Gardening is an exercise in optimism. Sometimes, it is a triumph of hope over experience."  
Marion Cran



Marion Cran lived from 1879-1942 and wrote over 34 books on gardening topics. Her words above are just as relevant today as they were when she wrote them over 60 years ago.

## Garden Myth: Should You Water Wilting Plants?

- Written by Robert Pavlis, author of two books, [\*Garden Myths\*](#) and [\*Building Natural Ponds\*](#).

[Article for Garden Myths Partner Program](#)

Date: April 2018

As plant leaves wilt, they become soft and droopy. The leaves do not have enough water in them to keep them turgid. The common advice to solve this problem is to water the plant. This may or may not solve the problem. In some cases, it makes the situation worse.

Why do leaves wilt? Leaves do not have a skeleton structure, like mammals, that keep them standing straight. Instead they use water pressure and function similar to a garden hose. When the water is turned on, water pressure increases and the hose becomes stiff and round. When the water is turned off, the pressure drops and the hose gets limp. In plants, the water pressure is kept high because the roots continually absorb water from the soil. If the soil dries out, the roots can't get enough water and the plant goes limp. Watering dry soil will correct the problem.

Does wilting hurt a plant? The short answer is yes. Occasional short-term wilting will not do too much harm, but it is still not good for the plant.

Some people think that wilting is a natural phenomenon that shows the plant is conserving water. That is simply not true. When plants do not have enough water, they go into crisis mode. They stop growing, they close stomata to conserve water, and they shut down

other vital processes. Wilting is a sign that the plant is in crisis mode. If this is due to a lack of water, the plant should be watered right away to reduce long-term damage.

Some plants, like ligularia, have very large thin leaves and therefore wilt more easily than plants with smaller or thicker leaves. By mid-day my ligularia are all wilting even when grown in shady wet soil. By late afternoon, they are back to normal, showing fully turgid leaves. Is this the best situation for these plants? Not really, but some plants are better able to survive the crisis than others, and a few hours of wilting does not seem to cause permanent damage to ligularia.

A poor root system can also cause wilting. Too much water can cause rot in the roots, and when this happens, the roots are no longer able to absorb water and leaves wilt. Seeing the wilting, many people water even more, making the wet situation worse. This is a common problem with containers and houseplants. If the wilting is due to root rot, the plant should not be watered until it grows some new roots.

Roots can also be damaged during transplanting, which results in wilting leaves. Such plants need enough moisture in the soil to grow new roots, but excess water will just lead to rotting roots. What these plants need is some shade so that their leaves lose less water.

Water only if the soil is getting too dry.

# Wizzie's Wonderful World of Insects

## Hornworms

- Wizzie Brown, Travis County AgriLife Extension Entomologist

Tomato and tobacco hornworms are very large caterpillars that can quickly defoliate plants and/or damage fruits. They feed on solanaceous plants (nightshade family), such as tomatoes, tobacco, eggplant, peppers, potatoes, and various ornamentals and weeds. Hornworms are a group of caterpillars in the Sphingidae family that have a horn-like tail which gives the group its name.



Tobacco hornworm, *Manduca sexta*, on tomato.

Tomato and tobacco hornworms are often mistaken for each other as they look similar. Both can grow up to four inches long and are yellowish in color when smaller and become greener as they grow larger. Tomato hornworms develop eight white v-shaped markings on each side of the body and have a black horn while tobacco hornworms have diagonal lines along the sides of the body and a reddish horn. Pupation takes place under leaf litter or soil.

Adult tomato hornworms are often called five-spotted hawk moths as they have 5 pairs of orange-yellow markings along the abdomen. Adult tobacco hornworms are called Carolina sphinx moths and have 6 pairs of orange-yellow markings on the abdomen. All moths in the Sphingid family are commonly referred to as hummingbird moths as they fly around flowers where they hover to get nectar. Tomato hornworm adults are nocturnal while tobacco hornworm adults are crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk).

Damage to plants is caused by the larval stage feeding on foliage and fruit. Hand picking caterpillars is an easy way to manage populations in backyard settings. Caterpillars can be tricky to find sometimes as they tend to be well camouflaged.



A hawk moth, *Manduca rustica*.

Hornworm populations can also be affected by biological control. Many other animals use them as food, including wasps, birds, and small mammals. Some wasps, like paper wasps, paralyze hornworms then take them to the nest to feed their young. Other wasps, like parasitoid wasps, deposit eggs inside the hornworm where they develop and eat the hornworm from the inside. Parasitoid wasp pupal cases can be seen protruding from the hornworm's body.

Management of hornworms is a personal decision as some people enjoy having adult hawk moths around for pollination, while others would rather not compete for tomatoes.



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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com).

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# Do You Know About...?

## Turfgrass Selection for Texas

- Fran Sheppard

Wouldn't it be nice if one size fit all? We live in a big state, Texas, and selecting a good turfgrass is just as important as anything you do with your yard in selecting the plants in your yard.

I am sure you have been reminded, at various meetings, trainings, and other events, about how important selection of a species is. That takes into account how a species has adapted to the area and conditions where one lives. Is the site sunny or shady? What type of soil do I have? What is the purpose of this turfgrass area? Will it get a lot of traffic? What about the rainfall-feast or famine? What amount of time will I have to give to keeping up with maintaining this area? This would include such things as soil testing, preparation of the area for planting, composting, fertilizing, mowing, irrigating. If one wants a lovely looking turfgrass, or any garden for that matter, there will be maintenance involved. Am I up to that challenge? It is good to do one's homework before implementing changes in the landscape.

In Texas there are warm-season and cool-season grasses. Let's begin with the warm-season grasses.

Bermudagrass is grown all throughout Texas, and is very tolerant of drought, traffic, and must have full sunlight. Some varieties are more aggressive than others. Some require more maintenance, meaning more frequent mowing and more nitrogen fertilizer.

Buffalograss is best grown where the annual rainfall is 25 inches or less. If it is grown in high rainfall areas, it tends to be easily overgrown with weeds and other grasses. It does best in full sun, and little tolerance for shade. Of course it would do well from Central Texas to West Texas.

Centipedegrass is slow growing, and is best adapted in East Texas. It grows best in full sun, with light shade, but does not tolerate traffic or drought. Needs little fertilizer or mowing. This variety would not do well here in Central Texas.

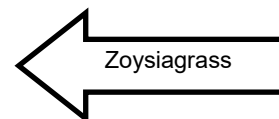
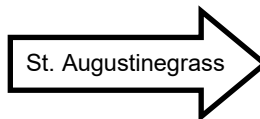
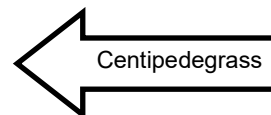
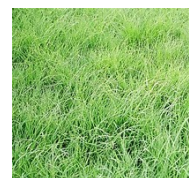
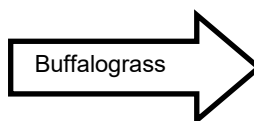
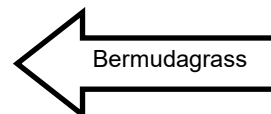
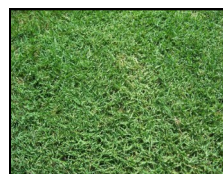
St. Augustinegrass is mainly used as a lawn grass. It is the most shade tolerant of the warm-season grasses. It can be killed by severe winters in the northern one-third of the state. It is less drought tolerant than Bermudagrass. It can

be grown in Central and West Texas with more supplemental irrigation.

Zoysiagrass is similar in being adapted to the same areas as that of Bermudagrass. Improved varieties usually require less nitrogen fertilizer than Bermudagrass. It is drought tolerant, but may turn brown sooner during an extended drought. It is not as shade tolerant as St. Augustinegrass, and it will tolerate moderate traffic.

Among Texas cool-season grasses, are the following: Kentucky Bluegrass, Ryegrass, Tall Fescue, and Texas Bluegrass. These varieties grow best in the spring and fall, and are primarily adapted in northern areas of Texas. They are not tolerant of our summer heat or high humidity which occurs in most areas of our state.

If you need more information on Turfgrass Selection for Texas, please check out the Texas M&M AgriLife Extension Publication L-5519.



# What's Been Happening...

## Workday at Learning Building Grounds

Photos by Pam Dragoo



## May General Meeting

- Sylvia Maedgen

Spring is in the air! We had a wonderful feast for our May General meeting social. A special thank you to Jeanne Richard, Pam Dragoo, Emily Kuczek, Christy Reese, and Betty Burckett (not pictured) for all the great fresh food they provided.



Photos by Sylvia Maedgen

# What's Been Happening...

## Salado Demonstration Garden

- Susan Terry

The Demonstration Garden at Salado Museum Phase II is complete. Thanks to Wayne Phillips and Salado Stone for the spectacular rockwork, First Monday Gardeners, our faithful Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists along with Salado gardeners, for their exemplary plant knowledge and planting skill, and Cockrell House Design for their generosity and carpentry expertise. Lin and Kasey Cockrell made 4 trellises out of cattle panels and recycled barn wood. They donated everything except the cost of the cattle panels. All of our native plants were sourced from McIntyre's in Georgetown, an excellent resource for native plants. Plant markers are in place. Gary Guiloz, Curb Appeal Landscape will add irrigation for a very reasonable price.

Phase III will include the fountain and Bermuda grass. Wayne Phillips and Salado Stone have been very generous; Wayne has donated his time and materials to create the flower boxes to match the original one and make the fountain.

Photos by Susan Terry



## Belton Farmers Market

- Juan Anaya

Photo by Juan Anaya

Master gardener Don Latham, wife Carolyn and close friend Sandra Wilson prepare for a busy day at the Belton farmers market.



## SPJSP Kids Zone

- Gail Koontz

Photo by Amber Bartek

On Saturday, May 5, 25 kids and 15 adults visited with Betty Burkett, Kathleen Ramey, Josh Chupik and me as we helped them plant seeds in a newspaper pot. Josh had to leave early so was not available when our photographer arrived. A fun time was had by all.



# What's Been Happening...

## Rain Barrel Workshop

Photos by Daisy Klassy



# What's Been Happening...

## Graduation - May 16th

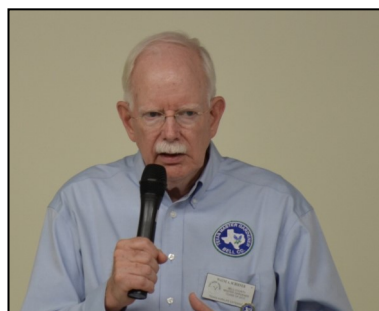
Photos by Randy Brown



# What's Been Happening...

## Graduation - cont'd.

Photos by Daisy Klassy, Randy Brown, and Sylvia Maedgen



# What's Been Happening...

Photos by Brenda Albo

## The Unincluded Club

- Janice Smith

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Ishikawa led a session on egg-shell gardening for youth members of the Un-included Club. They were excited to learn about this new way of growing plants from seeds, and hope to be able to start their own plants for the next gardening season instead of having to buy transplants! MG Brenda Albo assisted with the class and took the photos for us.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, MGs and composting gurus Maryanne Everett and Louann Hight demonstrated the benefits of composting and vermiculture (the kids loved watching the worms at work!), and helped the youth start their own composting area. This was great fun and the kids were excited to learn and participate. The vegetables they planted in March are doing great, too.

One of their interests is in learning how to keep a garden journal and document both their successes and failures..... if anyone would be interested in helping teach a class on this topic, please contact Janice Smith.



# What's Been Happening...

Photos by Sylvia Maedgen

## Chisholm Trail Second Graders Visit a Second Time

- Gail Koontz

The second annual Chisholm Trail Elementary field trip took place on April 24. Three bus loads of lively second graders and their teachers joined 23 Master Gardeners for a garden tour through the AgriLife Extension Center grounds, meeting room, greenhouse, and education building. Glenn Melton directed each bus in to unload and then out.

Each class and their teachers rotated through six different learning stations. Karen Colwick and Kathy Harte talked about rainwater harvesting/water conservation. Carla Harmon invited them into the greenhouse to learn about the life cycle of plants. Marjorie Gillmeister introduced them to eggshell gardening. Stacye Parry and Elaine McSpedon talked about edible plants. Debbi Harris and Kathy Lester educated them on vermiculture (and they got to touch worms!). Kathy Love and Dorothy Thomas talked about the soil.

Leading each group from station to station were our amazing guides: Joan Bumgarner, Jeanne Richard, Laura Murphy, Sandi Remson, Sandra Blankenship, Laura Pope, Barbara Ishikawa, and Kathy Lovelace.

Jan Upchurch provided each student with a lanyard and garden map. At the completion of each station, each received a sticker for that station. Carol Morisset served as our nurse and counter.

Jan George and her whistle helped us all keep track of time to start and time to move to the next station.

And Sylvia Maedgen captured the event in pictures.

In 2017, this event was written up for a Junior Master Gardener/Youth Programs award and won first place. See the picture of Elizabeth Seeger and me, with the award. It's all about teamwork to make an event like this successful. Hats off to you, Master Gardeners! Well done, once again.



# What's Been Happening...

## Killeen Municipal Community Court Garden

Photos by Randy Brown



# Member Spotlight

- Carol Runyan

## Louise Crowell, MG Class of 2007

While reading one of my gardening books a couple of weeks ago, I came across an article about BCMG Louise Crowell, Class of 2007. Being intrigued by the article, I called Louise and she graciously invited me over for an interview. She and her husband, Lou, were tired of the rat race of living in Houston, so in 1983 they bought a farm of 92 acres of abused and worn out farmland in the Blackland Prairie area near Rogers with the plan of restoring the prairie. They began their restoration efforts while still living in Houston. They started by first clearing up the farm, picking up trash, removing broken fences and unusable farm equipment, tearing down an unlivable house and barn, and then mowing. They also build a house and dug a tank and moved in permanently in 1986. They also reshaped the contours of the land for better drainage. They had some bluebonnets on the land but planted more by having Louise throw the seed out of the back of a pick-up truck as husband drove across the prairie. Can't you just picture that! (Did you know that a bluebonnet seed pod can throw a seed seven feet?) The Walker Honey Company of Rogers placed 15-20 beehives on the property.

Soon not only Texas Bluebonnets, but Bee Balm, Indian Paintbrush and Indian Blanket appeared. Lou used a combine and harvested the bluebonnet seed and began selling the seed. They founded the Crowell Bluebonnet Seed Company (CBS) and designed their own packet for selling the seed. Lou also developed a machine to put exactly 20 seeds in each packet. They sold their seed to various businesses including the Blue Bell Creamery.

After 16 years of hard work, they decided to sell their farm and moved to Temple in 2001. According to Louise, the yardstick they used when deciding to sell was "They couldn't do it or didn't want to do it anymore". Louise was recently recognized by the Texas Master Gardeners as an active member over 90 years old. She now has about a dozen tomato plants in her back yard as well as potatoes and lettuce. I have to tell you a funny story about her lettuce. Several years ago she began sharing her lettuce with our group. It seemed seeds from the previous year's crop had blown over her fen and were growing all across her front yard!

Louise is truly a remarkable lady. Not only does she garden, but she also quilts, does counted cross stitch and needlepoint, plays bridge and walks routinely for exercise. May we all try to emulate her!

The garden book I referred to in the article is "Native Texas Gardens" by Sally and Andy Wasowski.



Louise with patch of bluebonnets from seed from her Roger's farm.

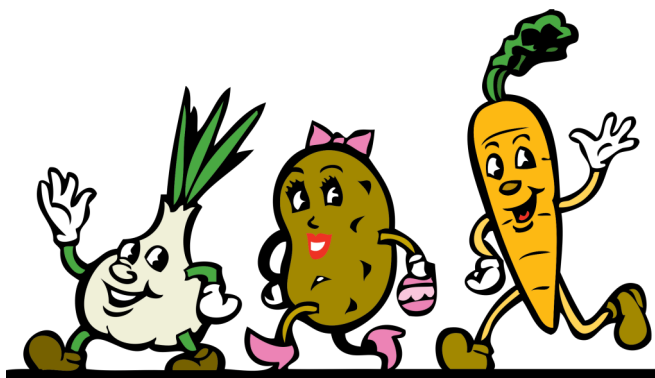


# What's Happening in Your Yard

- Gail Christian

Photos by Gail Christian

Glen Melton and Michael Butts pulled some very nice vegetables out of their demonstration gardens last Wednesday.



*Gardening is Fun!*

## “Smurfette” Rolls in the Weedkiller

- Crystal Fisher

Photos by Crystal Fisher

Santa Fe, my small Australian Shepherd, surprised me when I found that she had rolled in the Extra Strength Round Up that had been suggested by the Temple Fee Store to kill the Bindweed. I also included a surfactant and blue dye so we could detect where we sprayed. I would have never thought she would have rolled all over it. Fortunately, her coat is thick, it never got down to her skin. Today, she's getting sheered like a lamb.

A word of caution... you might want to keep your pets inside when spraying such a toxic chemical. I just didn't see her rolling in it when she was let out to potty and would have never thought a dog would have done that. For the rest of last night, she was called “Smurfette”. But, still a beautiful blue dog to this owner.

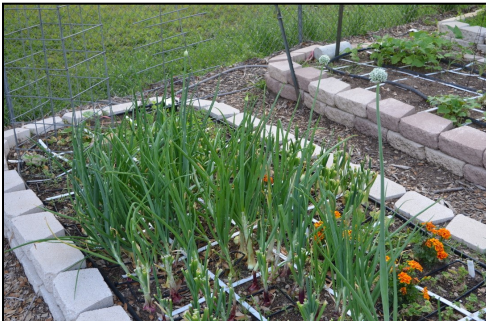
The good news is that the combination of the three ingredients in the spray really killed the Bindweed. It is an aggressive weed that has been growing for 2 solid years... but is now gone. Thank you Temple Feed for that suggestion.



# ***What's Happening in Your Yard***

## **Master Gardeners Demonstration Gardens**

Photos by Randy Brown



# Announcements

## Bamberger Ranch Tour - October 3, 2018

- Jan George



This is probably one of the most educational tours we will have. It will teach use how to care for our environment and improve our natural resources. Bamberger ranch is a 5,500 acre educational and teaching facility located in Blanco County; therefore, it is very difficult to obtain a reservation. They can only take 40 people per tour. I will start taking reservations the first of Aug. The cost will be about \$50.00. I don't know exactly. I will have the exact figure in August. We will have to bring our lunch and eat on the bus since they do not allow food on the grounds. The tour will be from 9:30-1:00. You can visit the Bamberger Ranch web site at <https://bambergerranch.org/> to gain more information.



## and Wine Tour - October 13, 2018

- Jan George

The Wildseed Farm located in Fredericksburg will have a Monarch butterfly release and give us a demonstration on how they band the butterflies. This should be a wonderful and unusual experience. We will also visit a couple of wineries. You do not have to wine taste. You can enjoy the beautiful grounds. You will be able to purchase a sandwich, drink, and ice cream at the Wildseed Farm or bring your lunch. Once again, food and drink is not allowed to be brought onto the property so you will have to eat on the bus. I will have all the details and prices by the first of August and will start taking reservations at that time.

## Gardening in Bell County

- Carol Morisset and Jan Upchurch

We are proud to present the following educational opportunities for our neighbors and fellow gardeners:

- |             |                        |                |                                      |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| • June 21   | Insects in Your Garden | • September 20 | Greenhouse Basics                    |
| • July 19   | Fall Gardening         | • October 18   | Texas Native Gardening in the Winter |
| • August 16 | Propagation of Plants  | • November 15  | Raised Bed Gardening                 |

Location: Bell County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Conference Room  
1605 N. Main, Belton, TX

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Cost: Our seminars are free of charge but the BCMGA will accept donations of up to \$5.00 per class  
Seminars are limited to 25 participants so register early.

For information, contact one of the following: [j-upchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j-upchurch@sbcglobal.net) [OR carol.j.morisset@gmail.com](mailto:carol.j.morisset@gmail.com)

# Announcements

## June is Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month

EAT YOUR FRUITS & VEGGIES!

### Tonkawa Native Plant Society of Texas Chapter

- Terrie Hahn

We have a very special speaker this month and anyone attending will get 1 hour of credit towards the total credit hours of their training.

His name is Michael Eason, an excellent botanist who has just completed a new wildflower guide for Texas and will be doing a presentation on the contents of the guide. He has worked for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in the past on the Millenium Seed project for 10 years and also at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. He also does lots of plant surveys primarily in west Texas and founded the Texas Flora Facebook group. He has taught botany at both Sul Ross and Texas State University. He will bring and sign books as well. It will be well worth the drive to attend.

All are welcome. **The meeting is at 6:15 on Thursday, June 28th at the Temple Public Library on the 3rd floor in the boardroom**, which is the room directly across from the elevator. Please pass this on to anyone you know that might like to attend like other MG chapters or MN chapters or NPSOT chapters or friends.

**If you can't make the Wildflower talk by Michael Eason in Temple** on June 28th, check out the same talk in **Georgetown on June 14th** hosted by NPSOT-Williamson County which meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 to 8:30 PM. Meetings are free and open to the public. Arrive early (6:30pm) to visit, or to check out available information or seed swaps and chat with other native plant enthusiasts. A short business meeting begins at 7 pm. Presentations begin promptly at 7:30 pm.

We normally meet at the Georgetown Public Library but our June location is the Williamson County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office meeting room, at 3151 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, TX 78626

### Refreshment Roster for General Meetings - Looking for a Few More Volunteers

- Jane Van Praag

The July and August general meetings each still need some additional volunteers to prepare refreshments. The menu for July will be built around Bill Walker bringing us fresh corn on the cob; you'll be working alongside him, Wayne Schirner, and Claudette Hawkins. There is no set theme as yet for August so whomever signs up will get to join Sharon Hardin and Kathleen Lester in developing one. Please use my e-mail above to let me know you're willing to do your part!

# Announcements

## June General Meeting

### - Kathy Love

The June general meeting will be held on the 13th. The education presentation will be on "Growing, Harvesting and Eating Blackberries" by Bill Walker.

Social time is 8:30 a.m., meeting at 9 a.m. in the learning center building. If you have non-member friends whom you believe would be interested in this program, bring them along. Remember, our monthly education program is always open to the public.

If you were recognized at the 2018 State MG Conference for completing your specialist training, we will be presenting your certificate and pin during the business meeting so please attend and be recognized. If you are not sure if you are receiving your certificate & pin, email [lkathy021@gmail.com](mailto:lkathy021@gmail.com).

## Board of Director's Meeting

The June Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at 9 a.m. in the class/meeting room of the AgriLife Building. Please submit your agenda items to Stacye Parry, Recording Secretary by Friday, June 22nd.

## Grounds Workdays

### - Johnny Jones and Tom Rennels

Here is the workday schedule for June:

June 6, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday  
10:30 a.m. Burger Wednesday  
June 13, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday  
June 20, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday  
June 27, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday

In the event of rain, there will be No Workday.

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# Advanced Learning

## Upcoming Specialist Training

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| June 11-12  | First Detector (Pest & Pathogen Surveillance)<br>Angleton - Cost \$125<br>Deadline to register - June 1  |
| June 28-30  | Greenhouse Management Specialist Training<br>Fort Worth - Cost \$225<br>Deadline to register - June 18   |
| July 24-26  | Junior Master Gardener Specialist Training<br>Corinth - Cost \$225<br>Deadline to register - June 26   |
| Sept. 4-6   | Vegetable Specialist Training<br>San Antonio - Cost \$200<br>Deadline to register - August 15  |
| Sept. 18-20 | Texas Superstars Specialist Training<br>Tyler - Cost \$200/\$225<br>Deadline to register - July 13/Aug. 24                                       |
| Sept. 24-25 | Landscape Design School Series XXVI, Course I<br>College Station - Cost \$135/\$145/\$165<br>Deadline to register - Aug. 1/Sept. 1/After Sept. 1 |
| Dec. 5-7    | Composter Specialist Training<br>Rosenberg - Cost \$225<br>Deadline to register - Nov. 14  |



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