

The Blooming Bell



Photo by Sylvia Maedgen

Several MG's from the 2018 class hired Diana Kirby back in May to offer advice and ideas on their landscaping of their yards. Photo courtesy of Central Texas Gardener.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Work Day 7 am* Burger Wed. 10:30 am Herb Study-Mint 9:30 am	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Work Day 7 am* Social 8:30 am General Meeting 9 am	9	10 Back to School Bash-Ft. Hood 5 pm	11 Propagation Class-Killeen 1 pm
12	13	14 Vegetable Container Gardening-Killeen 6 pm	15 Work Day 7 am*	16 Gardening in Bell County – Propagation of Plants 6:30 pm	17	18 Teaching at Children's Hospital-Temple 8 am
19	20	21	22 Work Day 7 am* BOD Meeting 9 am Blooming Bell deadline	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Whistle Stop Playground Clean-up-Temple 7:30 am	30	31	

Upcoming events:

- ◆ Gardening in Bell County, Greenhouse Basics, Belton, Sept. 20
- ◆ Fall Plant Sale, Belton, Sept. 29
- ◆ Fall Plant Swap, Oct. 10

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

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

The President's Corner

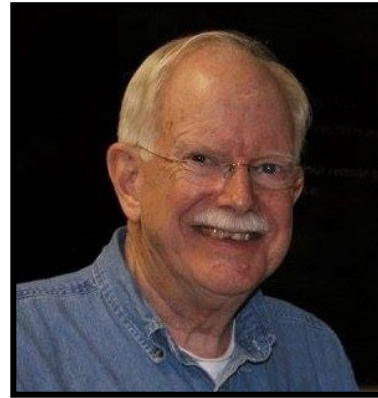
- Wayne Schirner

In spite of the heat, there are still many Master Gardener projects that are ongoing. The Killeen Municipal Court Community Garden has had several new permanent beds constructed and are ready to be filled with soil and planted. They have harvested over 1500 pounds of produce from the vegetable garden in just the first 3 weeks of July, bringing the total for the year to over 3000 pounds of produce. The recently approved project on "How to Start a Vegetable Garden" is underway, and participants are busy collecting materials and building their vegetable beds in time to start planting by the end of August. The BCMGA Herb Study group is undergoing a reprisal and will start up again on 1 August. Subsequent meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of every month. They will finish on those Wednesdays in time for Burger Wednesday, so we can continue with that monthly fellowship time too. There is a listing under Projects in the VMS system, and also a calendar event on the first Wednesday of every month that you can use to sign up for this group. Attendees will get education hours while presenters will be able to get volunteer service hours.

There is now at least one nominee for every elected position on the Board of Directors that will be open as of January 1st. The slate of nominees will be announced at the October General membership meeting, and voting will occur at the November meeting. Installation of new officers will occur at the December Christmas Party/meeting, with new terms to officially begin on 1 January 2019. Thank you to those who have stepped up to volunteer to serve the organization for the next two years.

After serving as the lead coordinator of the New Class committee for the last 11 classes, Mary Ann Everett has decided to give someone else a chance to serve in that position. We have been exceptionally fortunate to have had Mary Ann's leadership in this role. She has assured me that she will continue to be an active member in the BCMGA, and I look forward to working with her in other venues. The Board of Directors has chosen Gary Slanga to be the lead coordinator for the New Class committee. I am confident that Gary will do a superb job in this position and that he will receive lots of support from the members of the BCMGA.

On the BCMGA Web page, in the right-hand column, is a link to the Strategic Action Plan that was approved in October 2014 and to be finished in October



2019. Ideally, a 5-year plan would be reviewed annually and as items are completed, removed from the list and new items placed on the list. This annual review has not occurred, and many members and board members were probably not even aware that we had a 5-year plan. Reviewing the plan at this point reveals that many, if not all, of the goals have been achieved, at least partially. I am asking all members of the BCMGA to look at this plan and make a list of any items that should remain on the 5-year plan because it is an ongoing goal, but more importantly, think of new goals that should be considered for the new 5-year plan. I tasked the BOD to do this in the July meeting, but I also want any active member to be able to propose additions to the plan. I suspect that we will develop a plan that is more representative of the entire organization if we have more members participate in the process. Thank you in advance.

Finally, the bylaws are currently in the process of being updated. Hopefully we will be able to have those presented at the October general membership meeting, so we can approve them at the November meeting.

That's it for this month. Stay cool while you stay active in the BCMGA.



1 More Thing...

- Wayne Schirner

Trying to stay on the topic of the science of gardening and addressing Garden Myths, this month's topic is on Epsom salts. There are two web links that I invite members to review: <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/403/2015/03/epsom-salts.pdf> and <https://www.gardenmyths.com/epsom-salt-for-plants/#more-2819> The second link even has a link to a short video on the topic of using Epsom salts in the garden.

Briefly, Epsom salts is magnesium sulfate. The only reason to add Epsom salts to your garden is if there is a documented deficiency in either magnesium or sulfur based on a soil test. It is uncommon that a home gardener would have a deficiency in either of these elements, but a soil test is the only way to know for sure.

High levels of phosphorus in the soil, a much more common issue, prevents plants from absorbing magnesium, even when there is an excess amount of magnesium in your soil, so routinely adding more doesn't help anything. There is no evidence that Epsom salts does anything to control pests or diseases, although these are claims made by some proponents of adding Epsom salts to their garden. Since Epsom salts contains only magnesium and sulfur, if your soil test reveals adequate amounts of these elements, it will not make plants grow better, nor make more flowers, nor make tomatoes grow bigger.

Some claim that Epsom salts will prevent blossom end rot (BER) in tomatoes or peppers. There have been many theories about the cause of BER, and the definitive answer is still undetermined, but the latest science suggests that BER is caused by plants being stressed by any one of several reasons, the most common being irregular watering. There is a documented calcium deficiency in the fruit that has BER, but the latest science suggests this deficiency is caused by BER, not the cause of it.

What is known is that magnesium interferes with calcium uptake and transportation in the plant, so adding Epsom salts to prevent BER could actually make the problem worse. Bottom line, should you use Epsom salts in your garden? The answer to that is simple, ONLY if a soil tests reveals a deficiency of magnesium or sulfur in your garden soil. The next time someone suggests routinely using Epsom salts in the garden, you now have enough evidence to challenge this common garden myth.



Magnesium Sulfate

A brown paper bag for soil testing is shown. The bag has a form attached to it. The form is from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, Soil, Water & Forage Testing Lab. It includes fields for Sample I.D., Name, and Business. There is a box for submitting the form and a note to see instruction #4 on the back. At the bottom, there is a small text block about educational programs.

Wizzie's Wonderful World of Insects

Thrips

- Wizzie Brown, Travis County AgriLife Extension Entomologist

Thrips are very small plant feeding insects. Adults are elongate and slender with fringed wings. Immatures look similar, but are smaller in size and lack wings. Color can vary from pale yellow to dark brown-black.



Thrips feed by puncturing plant tissue and sucking out juices leading to discoloration, stippling, or silvering of the leaf surface. Feeding can cause stunted growth and premature leaf drop. When thrips feed on fruit or flowers, damage causes a brown discoloration of the surface and may give a distorted appearance to the fruit or flower. Thrips are also capable of transmitting various viruses.



Not all thrips are detrimental to plants. Some species feed on fungal spores or pollen while others are predators and feed on other insects and mites. Some types of thrips may occur on a wide variety of plants,

but only cause damage to a certain few.

Management of thrips should use an integrated program incorporating cultural practices, natural enemies, and less-toxic insecticides. Monitoring for thrips can either be done by shaking a branch over a white piece of paper and looking for dashed lines on the paper or clipping buds or other suspected plant parts and placing them into a jar of 70% alcohol and shaking to dislodge any thrips. Yellow sticky cards can also be utilized for monitoring.

Thrips can move into landscapes from adjacent weedy areas. When possible, keep nearby weeds in check. Keep plants healthy by planting native or adapted plants in the correct location in the landscape, watering and fertilizing properly, and pruning correctly. Reflective mulch can be utilized to disrupt the ability of thrips being able to seek out host plants. If you choose to use a pesticide for thrips control, look for less toxic ingredients such as insecticidal soaps, azadirachtin (neem), horticultural oils (use when under 85 degrees outside), spinosad, or pyrethrins.

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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What's Been Happening...

July General Meeting

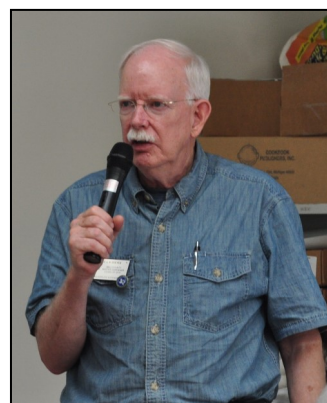
- Sylvia Maedgen

Photos by Sylvia Maedgen

The July general meeting included the educational presentation by Bill Walker on corn. Gail Pierce gave an update on the Fort Hood Community Gardens. Jan George talked about the upcoming tours in September and October. Carol Morisset provided updates on upcoming outreach and speaker's bureau events. Wayne Schirner talked about the new project "How Much Does it Cost to Create a New Garden." Kathy Love gave updates on the VA Project. Refreshment hosts included Bill Walker, Wayne Schirner, Elaine McSpedon, Claudette Hawkins, and Sylvia Maedgen (not pictured).



Karen Colwick, Stayce Parry, and Gail Koontz received their Turfgrass Specialist certification and pin from Wayne Schirner.



What's Been Happening...

Garden Design Tour with Diana Kirby

- Kathy Lovelace Photos by Central Texas Gardener

Back in February the New Class interns were taught the basics of landscape design by Diana Kirby of Diana's Designs from Austin. Several of us enjoyed the presentation so much that we wanted to learn more.

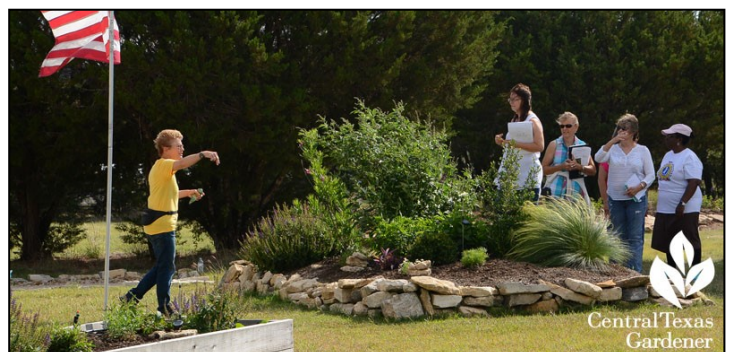
We were able to arrange for Diana to spend May 10th traveling to our yards to offer her landscape consulting advice and suggestions. She also brought along the film crew from the Central Texas Gardener show that airs on KLRU-TV, Austin PBS. The feature we are to be featured in is set to air sometime in early 2019. The segment will spotlight us as having common garden design questions and problems that Diana addresses in each of our yards with each of us.

After the fun day "garden hopping" with Diana we were thrilled when she invited us for a tour of her own home and gardens. On June 1st we traveled to South Austin and had a wonderful time hearing all the stories and steps Diana and her husband have taken to get their beautiful yard and garden to the showplace that it is today. Something that we all learned from these wonderful garden tours is ...*Every gardener and garden are a work in progress that really never ends.*

The tour consisted of the gardens of Mary Ann Everett, Rachel Glass, Kerin Grimes, Nancy Novakoski, and Kathy Lovelace. Jan George joined in on some of the fun with us also, but was not in on the filming.



Above: Diana's gardens - Photos by Kathy Lovelace



What's Been Happening...

Meridith Dunbar Early Childhood Academy

- Marjorie Gillmeister

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

Garden beds at MDECA are flourishing and the harvest is plenty. Eggplant, tomatoes, kale, and pineapple tomatillos started in eggshell pods by the children earlier in the year are still producing in spite of the Texas summer heat.



What's Happening in Your Yard

Sunflowers and Bees

Photos by Wayne Schirner

- Wayne Schirner

10 ft. tall sunflower



Busy Bee



Gecko Eggs & Praying Mantis

- Sylvia Maedgen

Photo by Sylvia Maedgen

While I was cleaning out my carport, underneath the stack of firewood, several geckos ran out, adults and babies. I also found some gecko eggs. Some had already hatched, but I found 5 that hadn't, but we accidentally cracked one of them. I put them in a 2 in. container with soil and placed them on the floor behind my potting bench and a purlin support where the other geckos were hiding. I'm hoping they will be safe until they hatch and they can join the rest of the family. Also, my dog was very curious with the praying mantis that was on our back porch.



What's Happening in Your Yard

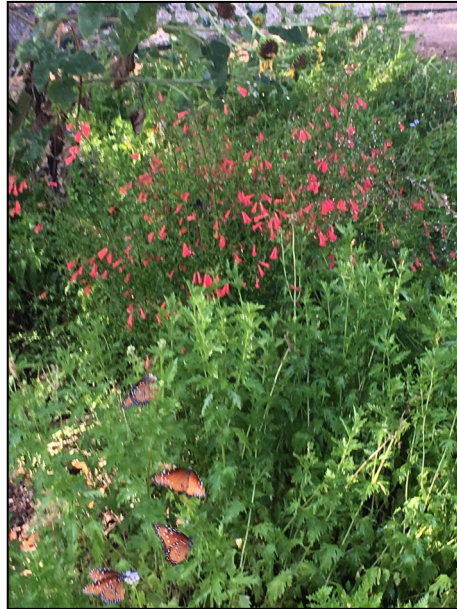
A Little Bit of Everything

Photos by Gail Pierce

- Gail Pierce



Looks inviting!



Butterflies galore!



Okra loves the heat.



Waiting for the rain.



Too hot to enjoy.

Recipe -

Tomato Basil Bisque

Recipe by Sylvia Maedgen

1/4 c. unsalted butter	4 c. chicken broth/stock
1 small red onion, finely chopped	4 c. fresh peeled whole Roma tomatoes
1 stalk celery, finely chopped	1 TBSP. chopped fresh basil
1 carrot, finely chopped	Pepper and salt-free seasoning to taste
1 tsp. minced garlic	dash of nutmeg
1 TBSP. flour	dash of comino
1 TBSP. light brown sugar	1/3 c. heavy cream
1/4 tsp. ground red pepper	

Melt butter over medium heat. Stir in the onion, celery, carrot and garlic and sauté until tender and beginning to turn brown. Stir in the flour and cook about 1 minute.

Add the broth, tomatoes, brown sugar, red pepper, pepper, salt-free seasoning, nutmeg and comino. Bring to a boil over medium high heat and then reduce heat to medium low and cover and simmer for 20 minutes. After 20 minutes, add the basil and simmer for an additional 5 minutes.

Use a stick blender to puree the bisque in the pot. Stir in the heavy cream and cook over medium heat until hot.

Note: The onion, Roma tomatoes and basil were from my garden. This batch was the last of my Roma tomatoes.

Also, you could substitute canned tomatoes for fresh tomatoes.



Announcements



BCMGA Herb Study 2018-2019

- Kim Pringle

Please join us for a stroll on the topic of herbs in a one year Herb Study to begin on August 1, 2018, and meeting on the first Wednesday of every month through July, 2019 in the meeting room at the Extension Office, subject to change. Many topics will be repeated from the study held from 2006 to 2011.

Please see schedule below. The Herb study has been added to VMS for education and service hours. Questions can be directed to Kim Pringle - kimberpringle@earthlink.net, Vivian Rush - vivjimrush@gmail.com and Connie Rivera - cjrivera20@icloud.com. We look forward to seeing you there and be prepared!

The purpose is to educate volunteers about herbs, service the two herb demonstration beds at Extension Office and coordinate public program requests through Speakers Bureau.

This is a participatory study, not a lecture, open to all members of the BCMGA. Held in the meeting room in the Extension Office Building, subject to change, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Social time from 9:15 to 9:30 am so study can begin promptly at 9:30. The study should be manageable around Landscape and Burger Wednesday activities.

Attendees participate in study by doing one of the following, or something similar, for each herb listed:

- (1) research the herb and report one finding about growing conditions or uses, etc.;
- (2) if you grow the herb, describe your experience;
- (3) use the herbs in a project, bring a recipe using the herb or a sample to taste or
- (4) bring a photo of herb used in the landscape.

Let's be creative and have lots of fun. Recommended books for growing herbs in central Texas: Southern Herb Growing by Madelyn Hill and Gwen Barclay, and Herbs for Texas by Howard Garrett.

Month/Year	Program	Herbs
August 1, 2018	Mingle with mint	Spearmint, Peppermint, Bergamot, Lemon balm, catmint
September 5, 2018	Anise anyone	Fennel, Mexican mint marigold, anise hyssop, hyssop officinalis
October 3, 2018	Stately, Classic Cottage Garden Ornamentals	Bay laurel, Comfrey, Foxglove Lemongrass
November 7, 2018	Instant gratification: Salad herbs	Arugula, Basil, Cilantro, Dill
December 5, 2018	Tea Time. In addition to study, lets talk about your favorite herb books	Lemon balm, Lemon verbena, Scented geraniums, Chamomile and Stevia
January 2, 2019	Cooking with herbs	Marjoram, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, Winter Savory; Caution: Salvia divinorum
February 6, 2019	Love potions, Aromatherapy, and Essential oils; we will make something	Lavender, lemon verbena, patchouli
March 6, 2019	More salad herbs	Dandelion, Salad burnet
March 15 - 16, 2019	Herbal Forum at Round Top	
April 3, 2019	Pretty edible flowers	Borage, Calendula, Dianthus, Nasturtium, Roses, Violets
May 1, 2019	Tropical herbs	Ginger, Rungia Kossel (mushroom plant)
June 5, 2019	Silver Herb Gardens and Belladonna	Artemisia, Germander, Lamb's ear, Santolina
July 3, 2019	Let's choose the last topic	

Announcements



Wildflower Planting Seminar - September 7, 2018

- Jan George

John Thomas, owner of Wildseed Farms, will give a Seminar on preparation and planting wildflower seeds on September 7, 8, & 9, 2018. There will be a group of us going by car on Sept 7th. If you are interested in going, let me know and we'll get a car pool together. We will probably do a little shopping, have lunch, do a wine tasting and attend the fall planting seminar at 2:00 pm.

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Bamberger Ranch Preserve Tour - October 4, 2018

- Jan George

Our tour of Bamberger Ranch Preserve (located south of Johnson City and about 115 miles from Belton) has been rescheduled to October 4, 2018, due to a conflict of scheduling on their part. The cost will be \$53.00 which includes transportation and admission fee to the ranch. We will gather at 6:30 am and depart at 7:00 am, returning around 4:00 pm. You will need to bring a sack lunch to be eaten on the bus on our return trip. The ranch does not have dining facilities. We will be transported to different places on the ranch by a wagon that seats 40 people so only the first 40 people to sign up will be allowed on the tour. There are steps to get up on the wagon so be sure you are able to climb steps. I will be taking your reservations and money at the Aug. 8th monthly meeting. **You will not have reservations until your fee has been paid.** If you cannot attend the Aug meeting, you can mail your check to Jan George, PO Box 882, Florence, TX 76527 prior to Aug 8th. No reservations will be taken after this date! **No refunds will be given.**

This will be a very educational tour that will teach us land stewardship and how to preserve our natural resources. The ranch has a man made bat cave that holds a million Mexican Free-tailed bats and is home to a herd of 40-60 endangered Scimitar-horned Oryx. We will also see dinosaur tracks and fossils. We will also learn about the methods Mr. Bamberger used to turn the worst piece of land he could find in the Hill Country back to its natural habitat. For more information, visit their web site at - <https://bamberger ranch.org/>.



and Wine Tour - October 13, 2018

- Jan George

The Wildseed Farm is located in Fredericksburg. The tour will be on October 13, 2018 and will cost \$33.00. You will gather at 8:00 am, departing at 8:30 am and returning around 5:00 pm. John Thomas will give a demonstration on tagging the butterflies. The first release will be at 11:30 and the second will be at 2:00. You can take a sack lunch to be eaten on the bus (they do not allow food or drink to be taken on the grounds) or buy a sandwich there. There is a winery there if you care to do a wine tasting for \$12.00.

You will also stop at Fat Ass Winery on the way back. This is a fun place and the wine tasting is \$10.00. Again, if you cannot attend the Aug. 8th monthly meeting where I'll be taking reservations and money, you can mail me your check prior to Aug. 8th. **You will not have reservations until your fee has been paid.** This is the only time I will be taking reservations. If we do not have 26 people interested in going on Aug.8th, we will cancel the tour and you can car pool if your are interested in attending. **No refunds will be given.**

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Youth Programs

- Marjorie Gillmeister

It's been an exciting spring/summer season thus far and I'm planning the youth programs calendar primarily for:

**MDECA (Meredith Dunbar Early Childhood Academy/Temple)
ages 4 years old
(Activities once/month -Sept-Dec 2018)

** Montessorri Temple ages 2-6 years old
(Activities once/month -Sept-Dec 2018)

*Belton Education Station ages 1-12 years old (*not an approved project/request to have speakers and age appropriate lessons depending on availability of speaker/volunteers).
(First activity in August "How to eggshell garden")

If you have an activity, specialize in a topic you'd like to share, and love to work with children, please contact me at mjgillmeister@me.com.

I'm finalizing dates of activities and I will send out an email with dates, times, and children you'd be working with. Looking forward to hearing from many of you and creating a "Youth Program Team" to help inspire and educate our youth in the Bell County community.



Gardening in Bell County

- Carol Morisset and Christy Reese

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

- August 16 Propagation of Plants
- September 20 Greenhouse Basics
- October 18 Texas Native Gardening in the Winter
- 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: Carol Morisset - carol.j.morisset@gmail.com [OR](#)
Christy Reese - hotmixworld@yahoo.com

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August is ... National Peach Month

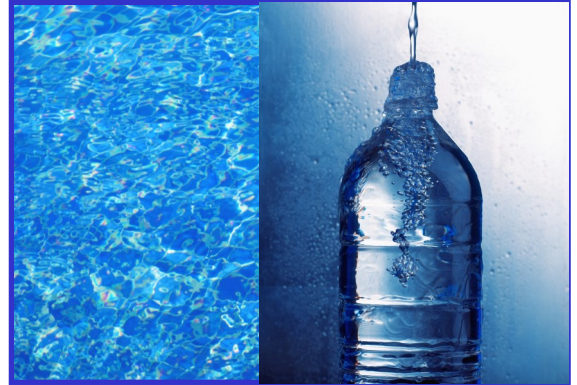


August is National Water Quality Month

National Water Quality Month in August reminds us that it takes much more than just turning on the tap to guarantee clean, potable water.

The average person uses approximately 80 gallons of water or more per day. The water we use includes bathing, cleaning, household waste, and drinking water.

Depending on where we live, the amount of water, usage, population and treatment facilities available vary. Around the world, these variables change greatly. In some villages, available drinkable water is scarce and indoor plumbing does not exist.



Protecting our water resources and educating ourselves about water quality is an important goal of National Water Quality Month.

2019 Bell County Youth Fair
FCS Superintendents Needed

The Family and Consumer Science Division of the Bell County Youth Fair needs a few more superintendents for our upcoming 2019 Bell County Youth Fair. The divisions in Family and Consumer Division include some several food and baking divisions and several Arts and Crafts type divisions. Some of the superintendent responsibilities are recruiting judges knowledgeable in the specific divisions, answering questions from students, organizing the entries prior to Fair, on check in day and during the week of the Fair. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in being a superintendent, please contact Betty Nejtek at enejtek@hotmail.com or 254-913-4065.

Congratulations! It's a girl!

Rebecca Burrow, Master Gardener, Class of 2017, gave birth to Elizabeth Faith Burrow on June 5, 2018. She weighed 8 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 21 in. long. She is just beautiful! Mom & Dad are very proud.



Announcements

August General Meeting

- **Kathy Love**

The August general meeting will be held on the 8th. The education presentation will be on "Central Texas Venomous Creatures including snakes, spiders, etc." by John Atkins. Mr. Atkins has a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University and has worked for several conservation agencies through the years.

Social time is 8:30 a.m., meeting at 9 a.m. in the learning center building. Refreshment hosts include: Sharon Hardin, Kathleen Lester, Bill Walker, and Janice Smith. 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.

Board of Director's Meeting

The August Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22nd 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, August 17th.

Grounds Workdays

- **Johnny Jones and Tom Rennels**

Here is the workday schedule for August:

August 1, 2018 7:00 a.m. Workday
August 8, 2018 7:00 a.m. Workday
August 15, 2018 7:00 a.m. Workday
August 22, 2018 7:00 a.m. Workday
August 29, 2018 7:00 a.m. Workday

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

Whistle Stop Playground Clean-up

- **Kathy Patterson**

There will be a clean-up at the Whistle Stop Playground on August 29, 2018, which is the 5th Wednesday. Please plan to join in the clean-up at 7:30 am. If it is raining, this clean-up day will be cancelled.

Advanced Learning

Upcoming Specialist Training

- Aug. 15 East Texas Fruit & Vegetable Conf. Overton - Cost \$30 pp/\$50 couple
Deadline to register - Aug. 10
- Sept. 4-6 Vegetable Specialist Training San Antonio - Cost \$200
Deadline to register - Aug. 15
- Sept. 8 Fall Landscaping Symposium San Angelo - Cost \$30 - no refunds
Deadline to register - Sept. 5
- Sept. 18-20 Texas Superstars Specialist Training Tyler - Cost \$225
Deadline to register - Aug. 24
- Sept. 24-25 Landscape Design School Series XXVI, Course I College Station - Cost \$135/\$145/\$165
Deadline to register - Aug. 1/Sept. 1/ After Sept. 1
- Dec. 5-7 Composter Specialist Training Rosenberg - Cost \$225
Deadline to register - Nov. 14
- Ongoing Earth-Kind On-Line Master Gardener Training modules
Go to - <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>



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