

The Blooming Bell

December 2018



Wishing you and

your family

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS **and Happy New Year!**



Randy and Kathleen Brown and their grandsons enjoyed The Twelve Days of Christmas display at the Dallas Arboretum in November. Photo by Randy Brown



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2	3 Montessori - 8:30 am Butterfly Lifecycle Hats	4	5 Work Day 8 am* Herb Study-Tea Time 9:30 am, Social 9 am	6	7	8
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Upcoming events:

- ♦ Herb Study-Cooking with Herbs, Jan. 2, Belton, 9:15 am
- ♦ Blackland Income Growth Conf., Jan. 15, Waco CC, 8 am
- ♦ Gardening Series, Garden Preparation: Composting, Jan. 17, Belton, 6:30 pm
- ♦ Bell County Crops Conf., Jan. 22, Belton Expo, 8 am
- ♦ Bell County Irrigation Conf., Jan. 23, Belton Expo, 8 am
- ♦ Professional Grounds Conf., Jan. 24, Belton Expo, 8 am
- ♦ Herb Study-Potions, Aromatherapy & Essential Oils, Feb. 6, Belton, 9:15 am
- ♦ Gardening Series, Planting Techniques, Feb. 21, Belton, 6:30 pm
- ♦ Home & Garden Show, Feb. 23-24, Belton Expo, 10 am - 5 pm

* 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

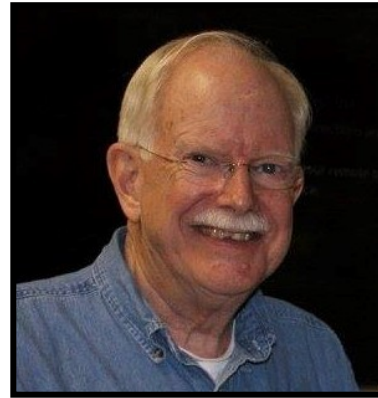
By the time you are reading this, the Annual Christmas Party is over, the new officers and directors have been installed, and many awards were presented. I would like to extend a special word of thanks to the many members who worked to make this annual event a huge success. Ilene Miller has taken the lead in organizing this party for many years, so give her a big BCMGA hug the next time you see her.

This will be my last President's Corner article, so I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their outstanding support of the entire association. As I write this, we have already documented 14,130 volunteers service hours for 2018, and we still have another month to go. I have been blessed by your friendship and encouragement for the past two years. I am very confident that Glenn will be a superb leader as we expand our outreach to the citizens of Bell County and Texas.

2019 will be here soon and we will start it off with Burger Wednesday on January 2nd. The Herb Study Group will also be meeting on the 2nd at their usual time.

I will close with reminders of several events coming up in January. The BIG Conference will be held in Waco on January 15th. We are co-sponsors of the horticultural section of this conference, and I encourage members to take advantage of this event to get some education hours. Registration is the day of the event at the convention center in Waco. The following week is when the Crops, Irrigation, and Professional Grounds Conferences are scheduled. There is still a need for 10 volunteers to assist with registration at the Professional Grounds conference on Thursday January 24th. Just send me an email and I will add your name to the list.

Thanks again for all you do. I hope the Christmas holidays serve to remind you of the many blessings we have in our great nation. See you next year.



1 More Thing...

New post on Garden Myths

22 Myths About Christmas Trees

- Robert Pavlis

Hoe, hoe, hoe its Christmas time and a good time to expose myths about Christmas trees. How do you keep Christmas trees hydrated? Should you add diapers to the tree stand? Are artificial trees more eco-friendly? Do they still contain lead? Can you reuse trees grown in pots? How do you cut the bottom of the tree? These and many more questions will be answered in this holiday gift to you.

Go to the link below to read more on this information:

<https://www.gardenmyths.com/myths-christmas-trees/>



What's Been Happening...

November General Meeting

- Sylvia Maedgen

Photos by Randy Brown

The November general meeting included the educational presentation by Wayne Zieschang on 'Greenhouse Basics'. The new proposed bylaws were approved and will become effective on January 1, 2019. Newly elected officers and directors were approved at the general meeting. They include the following; President-Glenn Melton; 2nd Vice President-Bill Walker; Recording Secretary-Janice Smith; New Class Director-Gary Slanga; Outreach Director-Christy Reese; Landscape Director-Johnny Jones; and KMCG Director-Edie Campbell.



(Left) Joan Stanley transferred to the BCMGA and Wayne Schirner presented her with her BCMGA name badge. Joan has been a MG for 25 years.

Welcome to our group Joan! We look forward to working with you.



(Above) Members began donating food, paper goods, cleaning items, and monetary donations for the 3 organizations that included: Helping Hands and Churches Touching Lives Through Christ; Families in Crisis; and Food for Friends.



(Left) Refreshments included a delicious variety of soups. The theme was Bountiful Harvest. Refreshment hosts for November were Ilene & Mike Miller, Gail Garner, Sandra Mikesell, Linda Hunter, Pat Allen, Charlotte Jones, and Pam Dragoo.



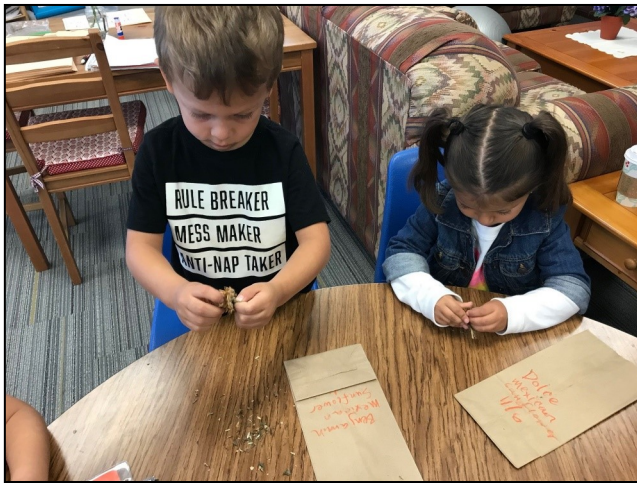
What's Been Happening...

Meridith Dunbar Early Childhood Academy

- Marjorie Gillmeister

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

On November 6th, thirty-one children ages 4 years old learned how to seed save from dead flower blooms from finding the seeds, cleaning the seeds, then storing in paper envelopes. Seeds saved will be used in a future activity to be held in late winter "Starting Seeds Indoors".



Montessori - Temple

- Marjorie Gillmeister

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

On November 13th, fifty-two children ages 2-9 years old harvested and saved seeds from the butterfly garden they built earlier in the year where they started flowers from seed in eggshell pods. The seeds will be used next season to build the butterfly garden habitat.



Lakewood Elementary - Career Day

- Marjorie Gillmeister

Photo by Marjorie Gillmeister

On November 16th, I led the group with the role of a farmer and how to start seeds in eggshell pods. Gail Koontz led the group on the role of a Master Gardener and using the Eggshell Gardening method. 126 children in 1st and 2nd grade planted seeds in an eggshell pod to take home. A big thank you to Master Gardeners helping with the activity: Jo Carlsen, Karen Colwick, Kelby Kosel, Joan Bumgarner, Shellie Downing, Janice Smith, and Gail Koontz.



What's Been Happening...

Seed Saving with Williamson County MG's

- Crystal Fisher

Jane Van Praag and I went to the Seed Saving class held by Williamson County Master Gardeners on October 27th in Georgetown. The room was totally full. The speaker was Jane LaComette, who gave us some of her personal seeds. It was well worth the trip. Williamson County Extension agent, Kate Whitney, helped to pull it all together.

Jane and I both discussed the benefit that Bell County would provide our citizens by having a similar class some evening next year that is open to the public for their own education on how to save their own seeds. We were considering doing this project ourselves, so there were a few observations I wanted to make. Since seeds can sometimes disguise themselves pretty well, a refresher wasn't a bad idea.

Most interesting was how to save tomato and other moist seeds inside whatever vegetable they came in, even sliced tomatoes. Plus we got some good bonus seeds to take home.

The first hour was spent educationally - many had no idea where the seeds were on the plants. The second hour was spent walking through their own garden outside their office. Apparently Texas A&M used the grounds for a while, so they were most helpful in establishing plans for each of their areas in their gardens: Drought, Vegetables, Roses, and Orchards. People who attended were welcomed to pick seeds directly off their plants.

By now you know, we'll be saving seeds from our own yards. They'll need to be dried, chaff removed, and labeled. Bringing them to future monthly meetings will be a big help. Many reasons for packaging them up is for events where Bell County Master Gardeners appear:

- The VA Hospital Suicide Stand Down had men pouring over the one variety of bagged seeds, in hopes of finding some other varieties to plant. I had bagged up only one type of seed from my own collection - Esperanza seeds that another MG had given me. Over 110 packets were taken. After witnessing the disappointment over no varieties available, it became evident that pushing our Seed Saving Project was essential, so we can offer more to the public. That's an education that they'll learn on their own. But, I do look forward to hearing anyone's comments from trying.

- In January, there is a Plant Swap in Killeen. Melinda Arriola was the first to request packaged seeds to have available at the BCMG table.

- JMG events. Rather humbling to see children become thrilled over being able to take a package of seeds home to plant in their own yards.

- Obviously, even the Mother Earth Expo in Belton would find a lengthy line to our bowl of free seeds. It would have to have a limited quantity.

- One of the mentors of the new class asked if they could have some seeds, too. Absolutely! What a treat it would be to learn how well they did growing them on their own from the seeds they received at the beginning of their experience of becoming a Bell County Master Gardener.

- Carol Morisset would be welcomed to have a bowl at each of the future Thursday night monthly classes if she's interested.

- Power Point talks around the county would be an ideal opportunity to have some seeds available. Kim Pringle will be giving a talk to the Temple Garden Club in January, another opportunity.

- Naturally, any BCMG member would be more than welcomed to take a look at what we've collected should any one be interested.

- This list can go on and on. All it would take, once the seeds are packaged up, would be to put them in a bowl near the sign in sheets... ready and available for people to see them.

Thank you for bringing any dried and cleaned seeds to future meetings. All time spent on harvesting, cleaning the chaff off the dried seeds is available to collect time for the VMS website. Just make sure they have an identifying label. It's an easy way to spend a couple of hours while watching TV. I hope to have a surprise or two for those sweethearts coming to help this Wednesday. This reminds me of the times we'd spend over the potting bench, for those who remember it, methodically working and being able to visit at the same time is a good opportunity to learn more about the plants from those who actually grew them. I hope this event repeats itself several times this next year. As needed, Scarlot will broadcast the date for anyone wanting to come help again. It will obviously depend upon how quickly our seeds disappear.

Should you ever see anyone huddled around the bowl of available seeds, pause for a moment and talk to them - possibly to suggest that more than 3 varieties of seeds would be difficult to care for if they will be trying to grow all of them from seed. You can also add some good advice with regards to the ones they selected. Likewise, inviting them to come to our Plant Sales. It all goes toward a good cause.



What's Been Happening...

Gardening Series - Raised Bed Gardening

- Carol Morisset

On November 15th our Bell County Master Gardener outgoing president, Wayne Schirner presented 'Raised Bed Gardening'. Wayne has initiated a research study with several of our other master gardeners to evaluate the best combination of ingredients to grow vegetables/plants in raised beds.

Wayne has been gardening all his life since the age of 5. His gardening activities were sporadic as he finished school, had a short career in the aerospace industry, followed by medical school and his residency. He discovered square foot gardening and began gardening in several states before moving to Texas in 1998. After 35 years in the Army Medical Department he retired and graduated from the Bell County Master Gardener program in 2015. He enjoys teaching and has earned advanced training in vegetables, irrigation efficiency, grass, and greenhouses.

Water Symposium

- Randy Brown

BCMGA furnished and presented door prizes and had info available at the table.



What's Happening in Your Yard

The Story of the Almost Frozen Butterfly

- Crystal Fisher

Photos by Crystal Fisher

We will have used all my seeds to kickoff the Seed Saving project. 99.9% came from me. Since my name is on this project, I don't want it to fail. So, I'm doing everything I can to prevent that. I harvested some Esperanza on the way home from collecting seeds at the Ag office. When I stopped at a house in the neighborhood, no one was home when I went to get permission to harvest their Esperanza seeds. So, I went back a couple hours later. Still not home, I went ahead and helped myself to all their seed pods.

Much to my surprise, I came across a Gulf Fritillary that was almost frozen. Poor little guy. I put him in my bowl and brought him home with hopes of being able to revive him. Once inside, I made some sugar water for him and knew it wouldn't be enough, then I realized that I had some blackberries that could be mashed up. My goodness, the poor dear was so thirsty, it drank and drank, while I took pictures of it. The whole time, I knew he wouldn't make it till morning besides all the flowering plants are gone now. But, he was so cold, how could I leave him behind. He was almost frozen stiff and couldn't move.

I believe that God, in all his wisdom, watches over his creation as well as he watches over us. As he put us in charge of them, maybe God will smile upon me one day when I need the same break.



In a bowl of Esperanza seeds.



Sugar water and mashed blackberries. He drank and drank and drank. Soo very thirsty. I had a funny feeling he would appreciate it.



Once he warmed up, he fluttered his wing and flew just a few feet. I found him and brought him back where he can get warmth from the overhead lights.



I don't think he'll make it till morning. But, at least, I know he had something to drink and fill his tummy and that he was able to die in a warm house.

Announcements



BCMGA Herb Study 2018-2019

- Kim Pringle

Please join us for our Herb Study on December 7, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the meeting room at the Extension Office. Social time from 9:15 to 9:30 am so study can begin promptly at 9:30. This is a participatory study, not a lecture, open to all members of the BCMGA. The study should be manageable around Landscape and Burger Wednesday activities.

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.

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. 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.

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 - cjriviera20@icloud.com. We look forward to seeing you there and be prepared!

Month/Year	Program	Herbs
December 5, 2018	Tea Time. In addition to study,	Lemon balm, Lemon verbena, Scented geraniums,
January 2, 2019	lets talk about your favorite herb books	Chamomile and Stevia (bring your favorite tea cup)
February 6, 2019	Cooking with herbs	Marjoram, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, Winter Savory; Caution: Salvia divinorum
March 6, 2019	Love potions, Aromatherapy, and	Lavender, lemon verbena, patchouli
March 15 - 16, 2019	Essential oils; we will make something	
	More salad herbs	Dandelion, Salad burnet
April 3, 2019	Herbal Forum at Round Top	
May 1, 2019	Pretty edible flowers	Borage, Calendula, Dianthus, Nasturtium, Roses, Violets
June 5, 2019	Tropical herbs	Ginger, Rungia Kossel (mushroom plant)
July 3, 2019	Silver Herb Gardens and Belladonna	Artemisia, Germander, Lamb's ear, Santolina
	Let's choose the last topic	



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★ BCMGA Membership Dues for 2019 and Background Checks ★

★ - Gail Christian

★ 2019 Membership dues are \$25 and payment is due by January 31, 2019. All members (except Lifetime members) are required to pay the \$25 dues. In addition, approximately 79 members will also be required to submit a background check form that you should have already received by email before Thanksgiving. Background checks are required every 3 years for all members.

★ If you are not sure you require the background check, you may send me an e-mail to - gtchrist1@gmail.com. If you are one of the 79 members that requires a background check and you pay your dues and do not return the form, your check will not be deposited until the form is received. If you do not have the required number of service hours, your check will be returned to you and you may ask to be on our Friends list as you will not be a Certified Master Gardener.

★ You may mail your check and background form (if required) to the Extension office, The address is Bell County Master Gardeners - Membership, 1605 N. Main, Room 102, Belton, TX 76513. Please put Membership either on the envelope or the check. Scarlot in the Extension office will also accept a check and give it to me. Do not put it in our MG office, or give it to anyone else except Scarlot or me (Gail Christian). After I enter the information in our spreadsheet, I will give the checks to Gail Koontz (Treasurer) for deposit. I am also usually at the Extension office every Wednesday morning and will have the forms and a membership spreadsheet with me.



☀ New 2019 Class Committee Meetings ☀

☀ - Bernie Hurta

☀ Important Dates for committee members to meet —

- ☀ ♦ Friday, January 4th at 9 am - Orientation Prep and Personal Mentors meeting with Karen Colwick.
- ☀ ♦ Wednesday, January 9th at 9 am - Set-up classroom and Board Room before General Membership meeting.



**2019 Texas Master Gardener
State Conference**

**April 25-27, 2019
Victoria, Texas**

Online Registration Now Open at
<http://2019tmgaconference.com/activities/>

**2019 International
Master Gardener Conference**

**June 17-21, 2019
Valley Forge Casino Resort, PA**

Online Registration Coming Soon!
<https://www.internationalmastergardener.com/>

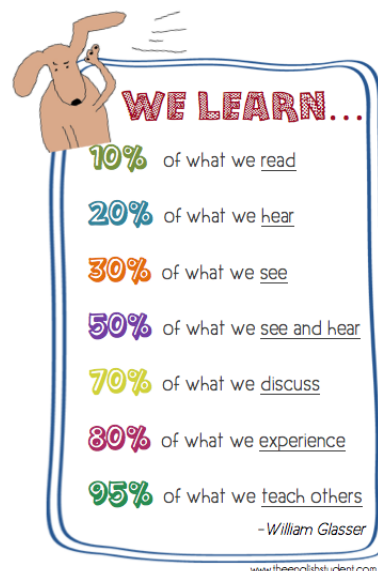
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Gardening in Bell County

- Carol Morisset and Christy Reese

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

- Jan. 17 - Garden Preparation; Composting
- Feb. 21 - Planting Techniques
- Mar. 21 - Spring Vegetable Garden
- Apr. 18 - Spring Lawn Care, Turf Care
- May 16 - Butterflies & Bees
- Jun. 20 - Preserving Your Harvest
- Jul. 18 - Pests/Diseases in the Garden
- Aug. 15 - Fall Vegetable Garden
- Sep. 19 - Fall Lawn Care
- Oct. 17 - Landscaping/Xeriscaping
- Nov. 21 - Vermiculture (worms)



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 45 participants so register early in VMS.

For information email: Carol Morisset - carol.j.morisset@gmail.com **OR** Christy Reese - hotmixworld@yahoo.com

More Gardening in Bell County - Home & Garden Show

- Carol Morisset and Christy Reese

We will also have the following classes at the Home & Garden Show at the Bell County Expo on Saturday, February 23, 2019:

- ♦ 10 am - Succulents
- ♦ 11 am - Container Gardening
- ♦ 12 pm - Native Plants
- ♦ 1 pm - Turf Grass
- ♦ 2 pm - Tomatoes



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Texas Gardener Magazine

Texas Gardener Magazine is offering the Texas Master Gardeners a discount on their Magazine! This is an opportunity to read the new Master Gardener articles and see what your peers are doing around the state. Follow the links below for the print and/or digital copies of the magazine. Sign up now to receive the inaugural Texas Master Gardener article in the magazine.

Printed Magazine one year subscription for \$18.71:

<https://www.texasgardener.com/Store/Products/viewproduct.aspx?id=133>

Digital version, one year subscription for \$14.96:

<https://www.texasgardener.com/Store/Products/viewproduct.aspx?id=134>

Please only utilize the above links for the Texas Gardener Magazine discount if you are a Master Gardener. **These are not to be shared with the public** including friends and family. Texas Gardener has graciously given us this opportunity for a discount, but it is intended only for Master Gardeners. We would appreciate you respecting these wishes. The links will be housed in the members only section of the txmg.org website for MG access.

Specialty License Plate

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is pleased to offer the Texas Master Gardener license plate. The license plate is available for \$30.00 annually in addition to your vehicle registration fee. Personalization is an additional \$40. Of the \$30.00 plate fee, \$22.00 will be returned to the Texas Master Gardener Program for scholarships and associated activities.



For more information from the TXDVM or to order online, go to their web site below:

<https://renew.txdmv.gov/Renew/SpecialPlateOrderServlet?grpid=60&pltid=106>

Coming in the January 2019 issue, pictures from our Annual Christmas Party.

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Refreshments Update

- Jane Van Praag



Wow, Ilene Miller told me we'd have soups, but her sub-committee--comprised of her husband Mike, Gail Garner, Sandra Mikesell, Linda Hunter, Pat Allen, Charlotte Jones, and Pam Dragoo--and she put on a full spread, indeed everything from soup to nuts! Their theme was Bountiful Harvest. Try as I might, I couldn't find room to sample everything, there were so many items available and all beautifully displayed. Bountiful Harvest, indeed! And then Marjorie Gillmeister added to the feast with her homemade shortbread hearts decorated with real edible flowers baked in. Some of us felt they were too pretty to eat and instead should be framed as works of art!

If you haven't signed up yet to help with refreshments for our monthly general meetings, well, LUCKY YOU, we still have plenty of vacant slots available, so you WON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN! For this volunteer opportunity to truly be fun, and fair, it's best to have about 5 or 6 persons sharing the load, considering we are feeding around 90 members each time!

For instance, regular as clockwork Karen Colwick, whom we can always count on doing her share and more, signed up as soon as I first put out the sign-up sheets last month. She needs the help of 4 or 5 more of us. !!!!! Time is short between now and January: e-mail me at jlvnpraag@sbcglobal.net to let me know you'll help Karen. E-mailing me works for other months too. Thank You!

Here's a list of those who have already committed, so you can choose to work alongside these fine persons or perhaps start on a month for which nobody's yet registered. Presented in the order of signatures:

2019 General Meeting Refreshments List

January 9

Karen Colwick

February 13

Sylvia Maedgen, Glenn Melton, Wayne Schirner

March 13

Pam Dragoo

April 10

Our MG Herbal Group: Jeanne Richard, Betty Burkett, Sylvia Maedgen, Janet Stein, Kim Pringle, Jane Van Praag

May 8

Stacye Parry, Jane Van Praag, Pam Dragoo, Kathy Love, Jo Carlsen

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

Sophia Gomez

November 13

December ?

Our general meeting will be conducted at our annual Holiday Party; its committee solicits volunteers for salads and desserts.

Don't forget to keep track of your preparation time so you can record it under volunteer service hours! Also, I hope you'll share your recipes with me afterward to incorporate into our future first supplement of our BCMGA cookbook.

Food tastes better when cooked with love!

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**TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION**

 Conference Location Waco Convention Center 100 Washington Ave. Waco, TX 76701	 Date and Time Tuesday January 15, 2019 8:50am - 4:00pm	 Who Attends Health Professionals, Registered Dietitians, Registered Nurses, Educators, Students
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**From the Ground Up -
Connecting Agriculture & Health**
Agriculture - Science - Health

Register Online! <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/groundup>

☐ \$45 register by January 3, 2019
\$25 enrolled full-time student
Fee includes lunch

Approved to offer 5 hours CHES (entry level) Continuing Education contact hours from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NHEC).

Approved to offer 5.0 Clinical Professional Education Activity by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

All other professionals will be given a certificate for 5 clock hours of education.

Presentations:

☐ Critical Thinking About Modern Agriculture: A Framework to Increase the Quality of Public Discourse
Brandon McFadden, PhD.
University of Delaware

☐ Modern Food Production Methods
Jolena Waddell, PhD.
Tarleton State University

☐ Reaching People Where They Are: How to Promote Healthy Eating to Low-Income Audiences
Jenna Anding, PhD., RD, LD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

☐ Key Strategies to Navigate Social Media for the Health Professional
Danielle Hammond-Krueger, MPH, RD, LD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

☐ Bridging the Intention-Behavior Gap
Mark Faries, PhD.
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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From the Ground Up – Connecting Agriculture & Health
Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 8:50 am – 4:00 pm
Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue, Waco, TX 76701

8:30 am	Doors Open	
8:50 am	Welcome	Dana Tarter <i>Regional Program Leader</i> <i>Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service</i>
9:00 am	Critical Thinking About Modern Agriculture: A Framework to Increase the Quality of Public Discourse	Brandon McFadden, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>Applied Economics Graduate Director</i> <i>University of Delaware</i>
10:00 am	Modern Food Production Methods	Jolena Waddell, Ph.D <i>Professor</i> <i>Tarleton State University</i>
11:00 am	Key Strategies to Navigate Social Media for the Health Professional	Danielle Hammond-Krueger, MPH, RD, LD <i>Extension Program Specialist</i> <i>Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service</i>
12:00 pm	Luncheon	
1:15 pm	Reaching People Where They Are: How to Promote Healthy Eating to Low-Income Audiences	Jenna Anding, Ph.D, RD, LD <i>Professor & Extension Program Specialist</i> <i>Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service</i>
2:30 pm	Bridging the Intention-Behavior Gap	Mark Faries, Ph.D <i>Associate Professor & Extension Program Specialist</i> <i>Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service</i>
3:30 pm	Evaluation/Adjourn	Dana Tarter

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December General Meeting

No December General Meeting.

Board of Director's Meeting

No December Board of Director's meeting.

Grounds Workdays

- Johnny Jones and Tom Rennels

Here is the workday schedule for December.

December 5, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday

December 12, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday

December 19, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday

December 26, 2018 8:00 a.m. Workday

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

Upcoming Extension Events in 2019

- Wayne Schirner

Jan. 15-16 Blackland Income Growth Conf.
Waco Convention Center

Jan. 22 Bell County Crops Conf.
Bell County Expo Center

Jan. 23 Bell County Irrigation Conf.
Bell County Expo Center

Jan. 24 Professional Grounds Conf.
Bell County Expo Center

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Advanced Learning

Upcoming Specialist Training

Dec. 5-7 Composter Advanced Training
Rosenberg - Cost \$225
Deadline to register - Nov. 14

Feb. 8-9 Fruit & Nut Trees Advanced Training
Gonzales - Cost \$185
Deadline to register - Jan. 18

Feb. 13-15 Vegetables Advanced Training
Dallas - Cost \$235
Deadline to register - Jan. 15

Mar. 13-15 Tree Care Advanced Training
Dallas - Cost \$175
Deadline to register - Feb. 15

Mar. 14-15 Turfgrass Advanced Training
Conroe - Cost \$?
Deadline to register - Feb. ?

May 16-18 Earth Kind® Advanced Training
Athens - Cost \$?
Deadline to register - Apr. ?

Jun. 12-14 Tree Care Advanced Training
Kerrville - Cost \$?
Deadline to register - May ?

Aug. 13-15 Vegetables Advanced Training
San Antonio - Cost \$?
Deadline to register - Jul. ?

Ongoing Earth-Kind On-Line Master Gardener
Training modules
Go to - <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>



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Newsletter	Sylvia Maedgen
Outreach	Carol Morisset Christy Reese
Youth Programs	Marjorie Gillmeister

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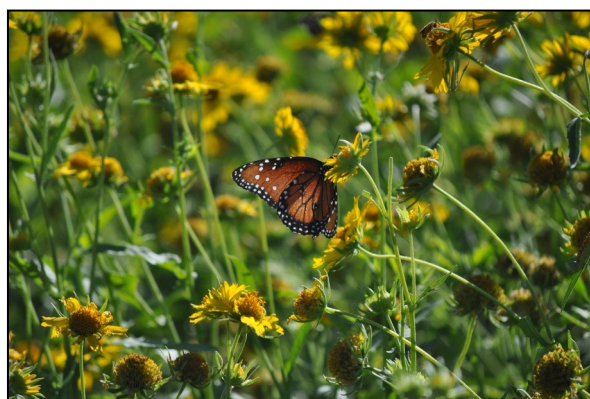
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