

Texas Master Gardeners of Blanco County

Next Meeting: July 12, 2011

Methodist Church Activity Center, Johnson City

Blanco Baptist Church-- 2:00pm

Coordinator: Carol Rankin

Program: Making Hypertufa Troughs and Containers

Susan Evans

Come get your hands into a hands-on project and go home with a neat container for plants!



Blanco County MG Shirts

By Pat

We, Texas Master Gardeners of Blanco County now have shirts with logos for our Master Gardener Assoc.

The committee of Betty Mucha, Susan Evans and Pat O. were requested to design a logo for Polo shirts & t-shirts and to obtain a reasonably priced shop to do the embroidery & silk screening of our design. We were successful. Todd has reviewed & approved. (He ordered one.)

If you were at our last meeting you saw the results.

Polo shirts are to be use for meetings/ as presentation speakers, etc. and the T-shirts are for use when getting dirty is necessary. We want our name out there announcing who we are!

See photos Mary took at the meeting for what they look like. Men's Polo will have the 3 button standard placket.

The deadline for ordering the shirts (either or both) is July 18th . The order will be place on July.19th .

**The cost is \$20 for the Polo shirt. \$10 for the T-shirt.
Money MUST be received with your order.**

Drop off at The Extension office or Betty Mucha's house on Aug 17 or 18.

Sign up sheet for the Exhibit Hall volunteer hours will be at the next 2 MG Meetings. July 12th & Aug. 9th.

What you would be signing up for:

Those willing to help with the Plant Computation Booth and the Master Gardener Exhibit Table set up will be at the Exhibit Hall at a time To Be Determined. It takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Next Item concerning Plant Computation Booth is receiving entries on **Thursday Aug 19th**. We need one to two people at 2 hour intervals. Beginning at **10am to 7pm**. to receive plants.

Beginning last year it is required that we monitor our Master Gardener table throughout the Exhibit Hall opening hours. Security reasons

Friday August 19th Times: 9 am to noon, and 3 pm to 8pm.

Saturday August 20th Times: 11:30am to 8pm.

Take down is Sunday Aug 21 at NOON. Everybody willing to help then will be greatly appreciated. If you loan us something and can not be there to help, I will take home your item(s) and bring them to the next meeting(s).

Any questions or suggestions please contact me Pat O @ 868-2680 or 830-997-4744 or my e-mail.

Thank you!

June Meeting

Twenty-two members and one guest, Georgia's husband, discussed the state MG convention for next year, which will be held at the Norris Convention Center in San Antonio—the old Crossroads Mall at Interstate 10 and Loop 410. It was announced that Earthkind Specialist training will be held Oct 26.

Pat Owens modeled the polo shirt that will be the chapter dress shirt and showed the tee shirt that will be the workshirt. She, Betty Mucha, and Susan Evans deserve a big round of applause for getting the project completed so efficiently. A special bonus is that the logo—Texas state grass—Side oats gramma—was designed by our own Susan Evans.

The program consisted of summaries of sessions at the state conventions, presented by Susan Hamm, Mary Nabers, Pat Owens, Peggy Welch, and Jim Meadows.

We have \$4398.53 in the treasury, and was purchased a great 12 x 12 canopy for the Blanco Market Day plant sale and future projects. It is housed at the Extension Office.

Diana announced that the survey of members and interns favored leaving the meeting times as they are at present, alternating afternoon and night meetings.



Committee reports followed, with Georgia Warren announcing that her committee to landscape the water board office has had two meetings to plan and see how the plans fit the budget.

The Blanco plant sale netted \$230 after expenses, which was good considering the competition that day.

Jim is set for the Peach Festival in Stonewall. He will be supervising children's painting and then planting pots. Georgia and Carol are helping him.

Barbara Counts says that the 290/282 intersection planning has been done and seems to be surviving. It will be turned over to the Johnson City Garden Club. Susan Hamm reported that she has been watering at the National Park and the library. The zinnias are flourishing and she has sprayed with soap solution for bugs.

Jim commented that many people are coming to the Ag. Office with problems with vegetables. The wind and temperature swings have been hard on plants.

Pat volunteered to take over pin award duties for Peggy for awhile.



Sarah Harkinson gets her three year pin.

The Lavender Festival was good with large crowds, but the crop was small because of the drought. Many Master Gardeners worked in one way or another.

We will have three posts to man at the Blanco County Fair next month—three opportunities for volunteer hours.

Plant Competition Booth

The Exhibit table

The outside exhibit of native plants

We will need to have someone in the booths at all times. The theme is the Texas Frontier and decorations should reflect the theme. See Pat's article above for details and call in to sign up.

Heirloom plants and animals highlighted

The July *National Geographic* has an excellent article titled "How heirloom Seeds Can Feed the World." It is worth reading, and prompts me to want to try some heirloom varieties next year. Is anyone a specialist in this field who could give us a program?

Program Plans for the Rest of the Year

July 12, 2 pm—Susan Evans on making Hypertufa Troughs and Containers, location tba—Refreshments/Coordinator: Carol Rankin

August 9, 7 pm—Blanco County Rodeo preparation—Refreshments/Coordinator: Betty Mucha

Sept. 13, 2 pm—Tricia Timmons with propagating session, location tba

Oct. 11, 7 pm—tba

Nov. 8, 2 pm— Patricia Michael on Permaculture Designing--Blanco First Baptist Church--

Dec. 13, 7 pm—Holiday Party—Peggy Welch's

Chelita has asked that the persons who sign up to provide refreshments also act as meeting coordinators. They will have these responsibilities:

Contact speaker and confirm any audio-visual or other needs

Get key and open facility if needed

Set up room (table and chairs)

Write a thank-you note to the speaker

With that in mind, here are some contacts coordinators will need:

Speaker Contact Info

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