



BCMGA NEWS



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Happy Graduation:

We graduated the Spring 2001 class at our April meeting. We're happy to welcome our new Master Gardeners:

John Alcorn
Cindy Erndt
J. C. Farmer
Ernie Jahnke
Linda Lerma

Lillie Licklider
Greg Marsh
Howard Pickle
Sandra Pulido

Pam Thonsgard
Cheryl Vining
Judy Wood
Roger Woolsey

Messrs. Farmer and Pickle were sporting a coordinating cap and gown set (one wore the cap and the other wore the gown) in a lovely fuschia color - a trend I doubt will be continued by very many in the future.

Meeting Items of Interest:

\$\$\$ Those Master Gardeners who haven't paid their dues need to either bring them to the next meeting or mail them to Tommie Holt.

The Audit Committee finished auditing and approved the BCMGA books.

Thanks to everyone who brought the wonderful food to the meeting. There is a recipe for Judy Wood's pasta salad below. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, you will want to make it for yourself. It's delicious!

Treeseach Farms is sponsoring a Master Gardener appreciation barbecue on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You must be an active Master Gardener to participate. You should have received an invitation for this in the mail. If you didn't receive it, call the Extension Office for more information.

Cindy Erndt commented (and I must agree) about how great the greenhouse looked in preparation for the plant sale. There were plants covering all of the tables.

You have probably received information for the 2002 Texas/Oklahoma Master Gardener Conference in Wichita Falls. If you attend the conference seminars, that time will count toward your recurrency.

Spring Plant Sale:

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!!! Cindy Erndt and Donie Stowers want to thank everyone who helped out with the plant sale on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The great turnout made it successful because everyone pitched in and helped. Special thanks to Ted Cooper and Don Gerard for making the sign holders.

SPECIAL ORDER - Think about any plants you were not able to buy at the plant sale and are interested in ordering because a special order for Master Gardeners will be placed with Treeseach. Contact either Donie or Cindy by May 6 to order. The plan is to have the plants at the May meeting for pick up.

Demonstration Gardens:

mark your calendars for these
April and May work days:

April Work Days:
April 23
April 26
April 30

May Work Days:

May 1	May 18
May 4	May 21
May 7	May 24
May 10	May 28
May 14	May 31
May 17	

Parking - Great news! There's a parking problem at the Demonstration Gardens. That must mean there are more people going out to there to work. The solution to the problem: Park on either side of the big building that is in front of the greenhouse (the one where we have the flowerbed across the front). Park on the front side first and then as it fills up, park on the back side. If you are loading or unloading, you may pull over to the side of the road, but will need to move your vehicle when you are finished. Basically, we don't want to block access, so please don't park on the side of the road.

<p><u>Mark Your Calendar:</u></p> <p>April 27: Master Gardener Appreciation Day- Treeseach Farms</p> <p>May 14: May meeting</p> <p>May 30-June 1: Master Gardener Conference</p> <p>June 11: June meeting</p>	<p><u>Future Speakers:</u></p> <p>May 14: Herman Auer - will discuss peach trees</p> <p>June 11: Jerry and Jan McGinity - will discuss herbs</p>
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News and Information to Know:

Texas Gardener Magazine Subscription - Mark Snyder has been working with the *Texas Gardener* magazine and has worked out a great deal for new and renewal subscriptions. Master Gardeners can receive a 25% discount on the magazine, making the cost \$14.21. Are you interested in a subscription or renewing your current subscription? Checks need to be made out to BCMGA and turned in to Mark Snyder. You can bring it to the next meeting or, if you can't make it to the meeting, mail it to Mark, along with your mailing address. The deadline for Mark to receive your payment is May 15. Mark will send one check along with the list of names and addresses to the *Texas Gardener*. If you have a subscription that is not up for renewal, you can still take advantage of this offer. An additional year will be added to the remainder of your current subscription. You may want to provide Mark with your account number, so it is credited properly. Questions? - contact Mark Snyder.

Guidelines for Volunteers - Do you have the *BCMGA Guidelines for Volunteers* which were revised and printed last July? If not, you may want to get a copy, so you know what will apply toward your volunteer hours. Did you know that attendance at the monthly meetings will count?

Do you have an email address? - If you have an email address, please email it to Tommie Holt, so he can add it to the roster.

Gardening Stuff:

A note from Don Gerard: Don and Pat Gerard, Pat Cayer and Clayton Terry attended the Rose Rustlers' quarterly meeting on April 6, in Independence, Texas, at the Antique Rose Emporium. A presentation was made by Mike Shoup, founder and owner, tracing the combined history of the Rose Rustlers and his operation. His goal is to reintroduce old garden and found roses back into commerce by creating demonstration gardens and combining them with native companion plants. Toward this end he has created "emporiums" at Independence, in Georgia, and in San Antonio. A presentation by Glen Schroeter demonstrated the propagation techniques used at the ARE (cuttings). One item pointed out was that rooting gel is much preferred over liquid or powder. It seems that it adheres better and gives better coverage, resulting in a higher percentage of success. Finally, we heard from Ray Ponton, a Rose Rustler who has a whole lot of spare time on his hands. His expertise is hybridization of roses by cross pollination. His technique is fairly simple and little baby roses planted from seed look really neat. Did you know roses produce seeds?

Fun Stuff:

Pasta Salad - from Judy Wood

5 C cooked turkey or chicken
 2 - 14½ oz cans pineapple tidbits - drained
 2 - 11 oz cans mandarin oranges - drained
 1 C slivered almonds
 3 C green grapes - halved
 3 C macaroni shells (I used #1)

Dressing:

2 C mayo or Miracle whip
 1 T salad oil
 5 T orange juice
 1 tsp salt

The Garden

submitted by Carol Farmer

Come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING, PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN, WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

Note from the Editor: (just the usual stuff)

If you have information to share with the rest of the Master Gardeners such as gardening tips, articles, plants to share, thank you's... please let me know. Here's how to reach me:

Thanks - Anna Gawlik, Editor/Historian

The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is 6:00 p.m. on the Friday after our monthly meeting.

Happy Gardening!!!

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