

# Here's the Dirt

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### February Happenings

Brrrr! Baby it's Cold outside!

I hope that you have been keeping warm during this season of chilly weather. It's not always a gardener's favorite time of the year to be outside, but it is a great time to peruse your favorite seed catalog and gardening magazines. Texas Gardener magazine is offering a discount code for subscription to their monthly magazine. You can subscribe at <https://www.texasgardener.com/> and use code TXMG23 when checking out. This is one of my go to magazines and I always enjoy the informative articles and great pictures.



### BEE in the Know

The Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale is happening this month and I know you are as excited as I am about it. Online sales open on February 4th and close on February 5th. And pick up dates will be February 10th and 11th at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. If you are available to volunteer, please use the Signup Genius Link to pick a date that you can help. You can find that here: <https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A5AF2CA3FEC16-bcmga>

### What's Growing On...

February Board Meeting  
02/14/23

December General  
Meeting  
02/17/23

Fort Bend Vegetable  
Conference  
02/07/23

Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale  
02/10-02/11

Master Gardener Intern  
Classes @BEES  
02/02  
02/09  
02/16  
02/23

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## February's Horticulture Hero: Terry Bohr



**Terry Bohr is the perfect person to honor as your first Horticulture Hero. He is the Human Hub of BEES. Terry is there every day working behind the scenes at BEES to repair and maintain different parts of the gardening infrastructure and tools we rely on to keep the demonstration gardens growing. When the December hard freeze was upon us, Terry handled turning off and draining all the well water and rain-water systems just prior to the freezing temperatures and returned just as it was beginning to warm up to bring back the water to BEES.**

**He helped volunteers ready the potted plants to be moved into the Education Building and took time to help garden leads find the supplies needed to protect their gardens from temperatures in the teens.**

**Members seek out Terry to ask for his advice and experience on when and what to grow in their vegetable gardens and berry patches. Though not a big talker, he has a lot of experience to draw on to point us in the right direction. You may have to wander out to the berry patch behind the barn or the row beds behind the potting shed, but it is worth the effort to get his gardening perspective while he works. If you are lucky, you might get a smile from him too.**



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## Nominate a Horticulture Hero

I may have only been here since September 1st, but boy, oh boy have I been impressed by all the hard work, drive, and dedication of our Master Gardeners in Brazoria County. We truly have an amazing group of individuals. I wanted to make sure that we recognize and fully appreciate our volunteers on more than just a yearly basis. That's where this program comes in to play. I would love for you to send me your nominations for a monthly Horticulture Hero. The requirements are simple. Just send me an email with a paragraph explaining why this individual should be nominated for this award. I will make the final decision each month and then award that person at the General Meeting. Some examples could be: above and beyond service at an outreach event, behind the scenes planning and coordinating, or even an outstanding presentation to a local group, The possibilities are endless. Get your nominations to my by February 28th. Email me : [kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu)

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**Brazoria County Master Gardeners**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Online**

**Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale**

**Online Sale Dates Feb. 4 & 5, 2023**

**Online Sale Pick Up Dates**  
**Feb. 10 & 11, 2023**  
**8:00-11:30 am**

Pick Up Location  
Angleton Fairgrounds,  
901 South Downing, Angleton, TX

**We are delighted to host our annual fruit and citrus tree online sale event that will include select citrus and fruit trees. more information: <http://txmg.org/brazoria/>**






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## Easy Spring Gardening



February 9th from 6-7pm

Join Brazoria County Horticulture Agent, Kimberly Mayer for this beginner class on Spring Gardening.

<https://brazoria.agrilife.org/horticulture/>



# 38th Annual Regional Fort Bend Vegetable Conference

## February 7, 2023

For details and to register online  
[click here.](#)

Or for information, to register in person and pay by  
check or cash contact  
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Jackson County Master Gardeners Educational Seminars

THIS PROGRAM IS  
**FREE AND OPEN TO**  
**THE PUBLIC**

PLEASE CALL THE  
EXTENSION OFFICE FOR ANY  
QUESTIONS  
(361)782-3312

## WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023  
10AM  
JACKSON COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, 411 N. WELLS, EDNA, TX



**We will be covering:**

- The top 20 most common Texas wildflowers & how to identify them
- Planting and caring for wildflowers
- A history of beautification from Lady Bird Johnson
- Behind the scenes with TXDOT & their wildflower seeding program
- Best driving routes for wildflowers in our Texas Coastal area.



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Kimberly Mayer,  
Brazoria County Extension  
Agent, Horticulture

Kimberly Mayer, the newest Horticulture Agent for Brazoria County, is a graduate of Texas A&M Kingsville and a Certified Master Gardener. Her County Extension Agent duties include providing education on horticulture-related topics and overseeing the Brazoria County Master Gardeners. In her spare time, Kimberly serves as the Executive Director for Keep Richwood Beautiful. She is this year's winner of the Governor's Community Achievement award. She has also been the driving force behind KRB winning awards like the 2020 HEB Green Bag grant. Kimberly also runs the Richwood Community Garden where, during the last three years, over 700 pounds of produce have been donated to those struggling with food insecurity.



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