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May Happenings

This month is ripe with opportunities to gain Continuing Education hours. Hopefully, many of you have registered for the TMG Conference which is happening May 2nd and 3rd. The leadership portion of the conference is on May 1st. On May 4th, our very own Linda Ulmer will be presenting a lecture on Composting to participants from the Houston Galveston Area Council. Registration is required for that. And finally, on May 12th I will be sharing a Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters workshop here at the AgriLife Building. Free soil sample analysis for this event.



BEE in the Know

A new Advanced Training has been put out by Texas Master Gardeners.

This course will be held virtually (all sessions recorded) and will run every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-12pm from September 5 through October 31, 2023. Learn from entomologists and experts in the field of urban, medical, landscape and vegetable entomology, in addition to much more. Every participant will receive a kit with field guides, insect identification materials, loupe, and other tools related to the course and the topics.

The link to register and see more information, such as the agenda is: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ereg/ind ex.php?eventid=748022&>

What's Growing On...

Texas Master Gardener
Virtual Conference
05/01/23 - 05/03/23

HGAC Composting
Workshop
05/04/23 @BEES

May Board Meeting
05/09/23 @BEES

Healthy Lawns Healthy
Waters
05/12/23 @AgriLife

May General
Meeting
05/19/23 @AgriLife

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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 me by May 30th. Email me : kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu



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May Horticulture Hero: Cindy Ducros



Here is what the nominator said about our May Horticulture Hero: If we have a Volunteer of the Month, then I want to nominate Cindy Ducros for it. She has helped me and BCMGA in so many ways.

1. **Unprompted, she brought lunch out one BEES day for all of the volunteers.**
2. **She helped make kid crafts for the Outreach booths**
3. **She brought snacks for the Houston Botanical Garden field trip**
4. **She helped man the Sea Center booth**
5. **She helped with the second craft day we had**
6. **She spent three hours helping me plant plants in the Pollinator Garden**
7. **She is signed up for the Health & Wellness Fair event (on April 22)**
8. **She is signed up for the Migration Celebration event (on April 29) and is going to help me transport plants to the event.**
9. **She helps with all of the Intern Training.**
10. **She led the Intern training last Thursday when both Rose and Linda were out.**

These are only the things that I remember. I've probably forgotten some things. And, she's probably done a lot of other stuff that I am not even aware of.

This girl is a go-getter and she deserves recognition.
CONGRATULATIONS, CINDY!!



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Upcoming Education



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Healthy Lawns
Healthy Waters

Bastrop

Bayou

WATERSHED

May 12th from 8:30am -12:30 pm

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Register Here: <https://hlhw.tamu.edu/workshops/2023/may-12-bastrop-bayou-watershed-brazoria-county/>

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Agent's Corner

Horticulture Class at HORT TREC

I have been doing quite a bit of traveling this last month and I thought I'd share a few photos of my comings and goings. Pictured here are some Pecan tree grafting examples taught by Dr. Monte Nesbitt, practice with a grafting knife, a Pecan board of all the types of Texas pecans, and the Pecan orchard in Somerville at the Horticulture Teaching, Research and Extension Center.



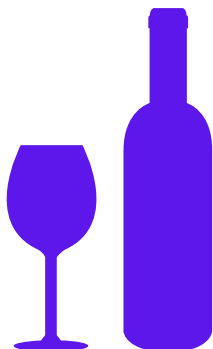
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Pictured here is the second part of the class that included a tour of the vineyards and lots of information on all the research that the Viticulture and Enology Department are doing on grapes. We also had a Wine Tasting of some Texas based wines. It was a great day!



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Volunteer Appreciation Month - April

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and we wanted to extend our thanks and gratitude to all of you as volunteers of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the Brazoria County Master Gardeners. In the State of Texas, volunteers donated more than half a million hours of service in education and community projects. We had a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for those that go above and beyond for our organization. Lunch was a Chili Cookoff between all the agents and guess who won First Place and bragging rights for the whole year!!

This girl!

In all seriousness, we couldn't continue to do what we do as an organization without our dedicated volunteers. Big shoutout to our Brazoria County Master Gardeners who could be here to accept their certificates and a word of thanks from us!



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Writers wanted!



If you enjoy writing about gardening and would like contribute an article or two to our newsletter, please feel free to reach out and let me know. I'd love to have you participate in this newsletter. I am looking for short but informative articles that speak to a variety of interests. It can be a question that you get quite often from friends and neighbors or maybe a subject that is near and dear to your heart or we can do something like a plant or tree of the month and share some great information on that. If you are interested, email me at kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu.

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