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## A letter from the President

Dear Fellow Gardeners:



We had a great meeting Thursday and the budget passed unanimously. The class on air plants by Marco Rangel from Quinta Mazatlán was stellar with beautiful photos in his PowerPoint presentation. Thanks again and kudos to Erika Rodriquez for finding this great speaker.

Reminder: Manuela has already sent out information about the Soil Management class in Weslaco on February 23, 2017, from 830A-12P. RSVP signup is required at the Extension Office and class is free.

We now have a chair and co-chair for the Spring Plant Sale: Manuela Doran and Juanita Frost. Mandatory for all Master Gardeners and Interns: All need to bring at least 10 plants home grown, by yourself, to the sale. The Board voted unanimously on this requirement. This is only a sale and not an expo. We don't want to miss an opportunity to generate some income this year. Please note: In the past, some plants have not been what most would consider Master Gardener quality; therefore, please weed, prune, shape, etc. These plants should be specimen plants and quality should be no less than nursery or box store level. We are Master Gardeners and this is what we do! Manuela may be reaching out to you for assistance and it's a no brainer. Most of the work will be by us at home planting/propagating etc. to get our plants growing.

One of the other things that we need to do is a Fall Plant Expo. We still need a volunteer to chair this project. If you commit to it, you will find it's actually easy and it flows fine. Don't be shy!

A friendly reminder to all subcommittees on Arboretum: We still need your game plans sent via Edgar so he can present to the Board. The butterfly garden needs to be first priority and needs to be planted etc. ASAP. Remember to present your plan for Board approval first. We have a budget and after approval you can spend within your budget. The butterfly people may ask for help to plant their garden. We need to accomplish this now so it will be presentable by the Plant Sale.

Chuck Malloy, President, CCMGA