

2021 Texas Master Gardener Virtual Conference Agenda



Monday, May 17

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Leadership Workshop—[Karen Reid](#)
(Registration Required)

Tuesday, May 18

8:30am – 9:00am

Welcome
Jayla Fry and Dr. Jeff Hyde

9:00am – 10:15am

Keynote Presentation—[Dr. Larry Stein](#)
What do pecans, fruit, grapes, spinach, tomatoes, watermelons and Texas Superstar plants have in common?

10:30am – 11:30am

Breakout Sessions #1

1. [The Patio Farmer](#)—[Tom LeRoy](#)
2. [Cultivars of Crapemyrtles](#)—[Dr. Mengmeng Gu](#)
3. [Garden Art: Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose](#)—[Dale Galiano](#)
4. [From the Grounds Up: An overview of coffee's history, production, and brewing methods](#)—[Julia Minter](#) and [Addison Regennitter](#)

11:30am – 1:00pm

Lunch Break with a virtual tour

11:45am- 12:45pm

Virtual Tour – Texas Tech University Gardens and Greenhouse Complex
Dr. Vikram Baliga

1:00 pm – 2:00pm

Breakout Sessions #2

1. [Narcissus, Naturally](#)—[Greg Grant](#)
2. [Growing Back into Schools with Junior Master Gardener In-Person AND Virtual Learning Tools](#)—[Lisa Whittlesey](#) and [Randy Seagraves](#)
3. [Earth-Kind® Grapes](#)— [Dr. Justin Scheiner](#)
4. [Texas Freeze Damage](#)—[Rachelle Kemp](#)

2:15pm – 3:30pm

Keynote Presentation—[Dr. Mike Arnold](#)
Anticipated and Unanticipated Impacts of Global Climate Change on Our Texas Gardens

3:45pm – 4:45pm

Breakout Sessions #3

1. Great Garden Ideas: Stealing Inspired Concepts from Brilliant People—Steven Chamblee
2. 10 Edible Plants Your Mom Wrongly Said Were Poisonous and 2 She Was Right About—Dr. Mark “Merriwether” Vorderbruggen
3. Technology in the Landscape—Rachel Kemp
4. Growing Cut Flowers—Soni Holladay

4:45pm – 5:00pm

Closing Remarks: Stay in breakout sessions for a daily wrap-up

6:30pm – 7:30pm

TMGA Search for Excellence Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 19

8:30am – 9:30am

Morning Virtual Tour—Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center
Lisa Gordon and Seth Hamby

9:45am – 11:00am

Keynote Presentation—Scooter Langley
Farmer’s Market and the Horticulture Technician Program within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

11:15am – 12:15pm

Breakout Sessions #1

1. Death and Taxes: Emerald Ash Borer and Crapemyrtle Scale—Laura Miller
2. Greener Grass: Tips for an Environmentally-Friendly Lawn—Dr. Becky Bowling
3. Dr. Seuss Taught Me to Garden—Jay White
4. Is There a Future for Golden Kiwi in Texas?—Dr. Tim Hartmann

12:15pm – 1:30pm

Lunch Break

12:30pm- 1:15pm

Directors Meeting and Agent Meeting

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Breakout Sessions #2

1. King’s Nursery—Dr. Andrew King
2. Finding Research Based Gardening Information Online—Skip Richter
3. Chocolate: From Bean to Bar—Ginger Easton-Smith
4. Introduction to Aquaponics—Dennis Howard

2:45pm – 3:30pm

Q&A with the Tour Guides

The John Fairey Garden—Randy Twaddle and Wally Wilkins
SFA Gardens—Jordan Cunningham

3:45pm – 4:45pm

Breakout Sessions #3

1. The Texas Superstar Plant Program: Then and Now—David Rodriguez
2. Citrus on Deck!—Stephen Brueggerhoff
3. Greenhouses: How Big Should You Go?—Steve Chaney
4. Texas Watershed Protection Planning—Emily Monroe

4:45pm – 5:15pm

Closing Remarks: Meet all together for a final wrap-up