



## **Fort Bend County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau Program Topics**

July 31, 2019

**Balancing Trees, Grass and Weeds** – How to achieve a balance of healthy trees, green grass and weeds by using less water, fertilizer and chemicals

**Butterfly Gardening** – Host and nectar plants that attract butterflies

**Butterflies and Hummingbirds** – Attracting them to your garden

**Citrus Greening** – Identifying and responding to a threat to our citrus trees

**Citrus Quarantine Explained** – What is going on and why we need to limit the transportation of infected plants

**Common Garden Pests and How to Treat Them** - Unwelcome visitors to Houston area gardens

**Composting in the Home Garden** – Converting garden waste and kitchen scraps into plant food

**Container Gardening** – Getting creative when space is limited

**Diagnosing Common Fruit Tree Problems** – Before you treat

**Earth-Kind Landscaping** – For conservation, low environmental impact, and waste reduction

**Edible Landscaping** – Utilizing edible plants in an ornamental landscape design

**Fairy Gardens** – How to make enchanting miniature gardens

**Garden Journaling** – How to keep a diary of your plant successes and failures, weather patterns, and other important information

**Growing Citrus in Fort Bend County** – Soil, light, water, fertilizer, and other requirements for successfully growing citrus

**Growing Fruit Trees in Fort Bend County** – Selecting fruit trees that grow well here and understanding their soil light, water, fertilizer, and other requirements

**Hardiness & Heat Zones** – What they mean and how they affect plant selection

**Herb Gardening** – Growing culinary herbs and their uses

**Home Fruit Production** – Maximizing harvests, minimizing problems

**House Plants** – For fun, flavor, fragrance

**Insects** – Identifying the gardener’s friends and enemies

**Insects** – Embrace them or make them wider?

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** – An effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management in your garden

**Irrigation Efficiency & Auditing** – Understanding & optimizing your system

**Landscaping for Birds** – Why birds matter; how to attract them; plant/bird relationships

**Maintaining the Garden** – Gardening tips and the tools of the trade

**Native Plants for the Landscape** – Benefits of using native plants

**Perennials** – Beautiful plants year after year

**Pet-Friendly Gardening** – Landscaping with dogs and cats in mind

**Planning a Backyard Orchard** – What to know before you plant

**Propagation** – How to start new plants

**Pruning** – How, when, and why to prune your trees and shrubs

**Pruning Fruit Trees** – How, when, and why

**Rain Gardens** – Capturing rainwater runoff in a landscape feature

**Rainwater Harvesting** – Capturing rainfall from roof surfaces for use in landscape irrigation

**Roses** – Selection, planting, care, pruning; Earth-Kind and Old Garden Roses

**Rose Rosette Disease** – What it is and isn’t

**Salvias** – So many varieties to chose from

**Square Foot Gardening** – Keeping it simple in small spaces

**Succulents** – Easy-to-grow container plants

**Texas Master Gardener Program** – Introduction to the statewide program and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

**Texas Superstar Plants** - Highly recommended plants by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for their performance in the Earth-Kind landscape

**Turf Grass Care** – All about taking care of home lawns

**Vegetable Gardening** – Tips for a successful Spring or Fall vegetable garden

**Vermiculture**- or the art of lovingly raising worms! Learn what types of worms are the best for composting your kitchen waste, how to get started, how to care for them, and reaping their benefits.

**Warm Weather Annuals** – Growing flowers that thrive in the Texas summer heat

**Water Gardening** – What to know before diving into the deep end

**Who's Garden is it anyway – ours or the Wild Things?** – Co-existing with insects and other wildlife in the garden

**Wildscapes** – Gardening for wildlife

*If you have a topic in mind that's not on our list, please let us know. With enough lead time, we may be able to accommodate you.*