



# WELCOME TO THE 2026 TEXAS MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE!

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN INSPIRING EVENT. THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM EMBRACES A REGENERATIVE AND RESTORATIVE THEME –FOCUSING NOT ONLY ON RENEWING LANDSCAPES, BUT ALSO ON REVITALIZING THE KNOWLEDGE, ENERGY, AND PURPOSE OF THOSE WHO STEWARD THEM.

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## Leadership Workshop

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**MONDAY, JUNE 22**

**SEPARATE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT**

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SPEAKER: MARTIN J. COWLING

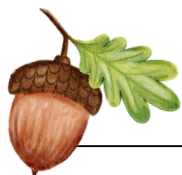
12:30PM - 4:30PM

1. CREATING THE RIGHT GARDEN: A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT ATTRACTS TODAY'S PEOPLE
2. RESTORING THE VOLUNTEER GARDEN: ENGAGEMENT, BURNOUT AND STRESS
3. LEADING THE RESTORATIVE GARDEN: CHANGE-READY, RESILIENT TEAMS IN EXTENSION

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TO CONTACT THE CONFERENCE TEAM,  
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# Conference Agenda

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**MONDAY, JUNE 29**    **2026 TEXAS MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE**

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## **WELCOME AND CELEBRATION**

8:45AM - 9:00AM

DR. JAYLA FRY - STATE COORDINATOR  
NICKY MADDAMS - PROGRAM MANAGER AND CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

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## **KEYNOTE:**

9:00AM - 10:15AM

**LIFELONG DESIGN: ENVIRONMENTS FOR HEALTH AND LONGEVITY**  
MARY PALMER DARGAN

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## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

10:30AM - 11:30AM

1. **AI IN THE GARDEN** - SHEA ANN DEJARNETTE
  2. **WINE, REST, AND THE ART OF BEING HUMAN** - ANDREEA BOTEZATU
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11:30AM - 12:30PM

## **LUNCH BREAK**

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## **MINI SESSIONS:**

12:30PM - 1:00PM

1. **FLOATING FLOWER BOWLS** - CHRISTOPHER SHERIDAN
  2. **GUIDED MEDITATION FOR GARDENERS** - MARION OWEN
  3. **WHAT EXACTLY IS A WILDFLOWER?** - BETH MCMAHON
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## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

1:15PM - 2:15PM

1. **TUSSIE MUSSIE WORKSHOP** - CHRISTOPHER SHERIDAN
  2. **CREATING CONTENT WITHOUT BURNING OUT VOLUNTEERS** - ANDY WILCOX
  3. **THE EXTRAORDINARY OSAGE ORANGE** - NANCY ROSS HUGO
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## **FILM:**

2:30PM - 3:30PM

**THE EXTRAORDINARY CATERPILLAR (HOMEGROWN PARKS)**

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## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

3:45PM - 4:45PM

1. **BOUNTIFUL CONTAINERS: SMALL SPACE FOODSCAPING** - BRIE ARTHUR
  2. **GARDEN MAINTENANCE FOR REAL LIFE** - MARIANNE WILBURN
  3. **ECHOES IN THE GARDEN, A RESTORATION JOURNEY** - PEGGY SINGLEMANN
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4:45PM - 5:00PM

**FINAL WORDS AND 2027 CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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