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Upcoming Events

2013 Class Schedule and Speakers: please see next page

May 14 6:00 pm Social at Cathey Hardeman's

May 21 Class of 2013 Training Ends; Potluck Lunch. All MG's are encouraged to attend.

June 11 9:00am Monthly Meeting with speaker Clint Weaver of R. Weaver Apiaries (Raising and Care of Honey Bees)



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Photos from the April Field Trip



Get to Know Your Fellow
Master Gardeners!

Visit with Intern Dia Copeland

MG Intern Class Schedule

- May 7 Propagation and Seeding
Helen Quinn, Master Gardener
Nicky Maddams, Master Gardener
- May 14 Composting and Rainwater Harvesting
Sharon Murry, Master Gardener
Johnny Visor, Nature by Design
- May 21 Short Program and Potluck
Extension Office and Grounds Tour
Kim Hall, Grimes Extension Agent



MAY brings us the following birthday:

Scotty Bennett – May 10
John Milligan – May 11
Sharon Murry – May 27
Cheryl Dowdy – May 30
Pat Randall – May 30

May your year ahead be full of happiness and joy!

What is your favorite flower and tree? Do you grow them?

Clematis; I am trying! I love the live oak tree because it withstands so many obstacles.

Estimated to be 500 to 750 years old, this national champion is on a friend's private farm a few miles from my property. It is alone in the pasture where cattle still graze underneath and nibble on the leaves. It has endured every kind of storm and still stands strong.



Dia's national champion oak

May Vegetable Planting Guide

Beans, Green	through May 5
Beans, Pinto	through May 5
Corn, Sweet	through June 15
Cucumber	through June 15
Eggplant	through June 10
Lettuce, Romaine	through May 21
Peas, Southern	through June 15
Peppers	through June 15
Radish	through May 5
Squash	through June 15



DIA COPELAND

Questions Received at Extension Office

This month was all about identifying weeds and how to eradicate them. We identified bitter weed, red sorrel and a rogue hybrid oak. Control recommended followed Aggie Horticulture's IPM program.

[Aggie Horticulture](#)



Where were you born and how long have you lived in Texas?

Wichita Falls, Texas. I am a lifelong Texan.

Where is the farthest you have traveled from Texas?

Paris, France and Hawaii.

Where would you like to go on your dream vacation?

Costa Rica.

Where is the prettiest garden you have ever been to and what made it so?

Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC; the night garden was amazing. Also Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells, Texas. Don't know how Max does what he does with that sandy, rocky hill!

What is your favorite season?

Spring.

Why are you a Master Gardener or Intern?

A 25-year desire to become a Master Gardener to learn best techniques to permanent success.

What is the closest you have been to a natural disaster?

Survived 1979 tornado in Wichita Falls.

When in your life have you needed an alibi?

Almost daily.

When was the last "back to nature" experience you have had?

Every morning when I wake up and see the green landscape against the blue sky.

Where would you like to go that is "off the beaten bath"?

Love dirt roads with no one in sight.

What vegetable do you hate?

Brussels sprouts.

What do you love the smell of?

Rain.

What is your favorite ice cream?

Blue Bell Great Divide.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Ironing.

What electronic gadget could you not live without?

My potter's wheel.

Are you a social butterfly or do you prefer solitary endeavors?

Solitary.

Name one wonderful childhood memory involving gardening.

Watching my Minnesota grandmother pick strawberries and rhubarb from her garden, then make a fantastic pie.

What would you say is your garden style (country, cottage, formal, etc.)?

Drought tolerant and somewhat contemporary to compliment the architecture of my home.

** Note: This month we only have one interview. I will be featuring the interns in the upcoming newsletters. If you are a current MG and have not been featured, I would love to hear from you. Either I have tried a number of times to reach you or I understand life is too busy and challenging at this time.*

*The robin's song at daybreak
Is a clarion call to me.
Get up and get out in the garden,
For the morning hours flee.*

*I cannot resist the summons,
What earnest gardener could?
For the golden hours of morning
Get into the gardener's blood.*

*The magic spell is upon me,
I'm glad that I did not wait;
For life's at its best in the morning,
As you pass through the garden gate.
- Howard Dolf*

In February, we were approached by the Sheridan of Navasota Nursing Home to help plan a gardening program for the seniors.

Ann DeWitt is chairing this endeavor and this week the first accessible raised bed was delivered to the site. More to come!



Grimes County Fair June 1-8, 2013

Anyone wishing to enter plants in the Horticulture Division at the County Fair must be in possession of such at least 3 months prior to show. That means by March 1st. All entries must be in good condition, free from dirt, disease, and insects, and pots should be squeaky clean!! Plant categories are:

Class 39 Container Plants (ex. Cactus, Fern, Violets, etc.)
Class 40 Terrariums
Class 41 Hanging Baskets
Class 42 Cut Flowers
Class 43 Herbs
Class 44 Miscellaneous (one item other than those listed)

For details of other classes in Creative Arts & Living Division, check the website grimescountyfair.com, or the Fair Book at the Extension Office.

IN OUR CO-OP

Do you know about all the amazing things in our MG Coop? How about this tool?

Make your gardening easier with the CobraHead® Weeder and Cultivator. Its blade is a steel fingernail® that becomes an extension of your hand.

- It weeds, cultivates, scalps, edges, digs, furrows, plants, transplants, de-thatches, and harvests with ease.
- The CobraHead out-weeds and out-digs all similar tools.
- The time proven blade design breaks up and plows almost any soil.
- The comfortable and efficient handle allows easy left-hand or right-hand action.
- Made in Wisconsin, USA



Have you considered attending the TMGA State Conference? This year it is being held in McAllen, Texas and is hosted by Cameron and Hidalgo Counties Master Gardeners on October 17 – 19, 2013.

Experience the Blossoms, Birds and Butterflies of South Texas!

Please email [Nicky Maddams](mailto:Nicky_Maddams) for more information if you are interested in attending; we are booking a block of hotel rooms together.



**Mercer Arboretum Master Gardener
Field Trip**



*Photos Courtesy of:
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