



HENDERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION (HCMG)

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Master Gardener Association Receives Awards

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Texas Master Gardener Association (TXMGA), in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M University System, recognizes and presents awards each year to county Master Gardener Associations for their outstanding achievements. This year's annual award ceremony was postponed due to Covid-19.

On Thursday, August 20, TXMGA hosted a Zoom meeting to present the 2019 awards. Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) won awards in three categories. HCMGA is considered a Medium-Large organization with 50-99 certified Master Gardeners.

HCMGA placed first in Outstanding Master Gardener Association. This award is given to associations that have ongoing programs and/or projects of important to the community. HCMGA has numerous programs and projects. Two of the most popular programs are free to the public: the Library Series, educational presentations offered monthly, and the Summer Series which are presentations given by experts in their field. HCMGA projects include the Dream Garden, an ornamental demonstration garden located at the East Texas Arboretum, and the new Harvest Garden, an edible demonstration garden at the Henderson County Regional Fairpark Complex. HCMGA placed first in this category in 2018 also.

First place was received in the Written Education category for weekly articles written by a Master Gardener and published in local newspapers. This award recognizes any form of printed material written as a tool for education.

HCMGA received second place in the Project category. This category recognizes a project which is at a physical location. Plant stakes, bench cards and website pages created for HCMGA's annual plant sale was submitted. The plant sale is a major fundraiser for HCMGA.

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