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Upcoming Meetings:

Dec. 1– Christmas Party
Jan 12
Feb 9

Message From The President

Welcome to November. The year is winding down, but our activities are revving up.

Our November meeting will be taken up with lots of voting and volunteering.

Vote:

- * Our membership will vote for Master Gardener of the Year.

- * New (or continuing) officers. The slate of officers was presented at the October meeting.

- * We also have new by-laws to approve, which were presented at the September meeting.

Volunteers:

- * We need volunteers for Plant Sale Chairman and department heads (for example, different kinds of plants, layout, hardscape, transportation).

- * We plan to award two \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors, but we need volunteers for Scholarship Chairman and committee members.

- * If the by-laws are approved, we need a Policies & Procedures Chairman and committee members to make sure the policies and procedures match up with the new by-laws.

So, be sure to make the November 10 meeting to cast your votes and volunteer.

Please **RSVP** as soon as possible for the Christmas/Graduation Party. The voting results are made official, awards

are given, interns from the Class of 2021 become new Master Gardeners and the officers are sworn in. Also, there will be a delicious dinner. It will be a very busy and enjoyable night on Thursday, December 1, starting at 6 p.m.

See you soon,

Marianne Kirkpatrick



Broccoli & strawberry planting.

Agent's Two Cents

By David Oates

Jefferson County Horticulture Extension Agent

"Gardeners, and especially master gardeners, are a resilient bunch of folks ..."

Friends are "annuals" that need seasonal nurturing to bear blossoms. Family is a "perennial" that comes up year after year, enduring the droughts of absence and neglect. There is a place in the garden for both of them." ~ Erma Bombeck

I ran across this quote on a gardening website several months ago and saved it to my desktop, thinking it might come in handy one day. Today will be that day to put this quote to a good use. With all the new individuals that we see working with different clientele on a daily basis, especially in all of our AgriLife Extension activities, it is sometimes a wonder how we keep track of everyone. We are all going different directions with multiple agendas simultaneously. It sometimes is just a wonder that we can remember each other's names.

Gardeners, and especially master gardeners, are a resilient bunch of folks who take just about everything in stride and make the best of just about any situation. That fortitude is what truly makes gardeners who they are. They are always eager to share new ideas or thoughts with almost anyone who will listen. With a new group of interns for the 2022-2023 year just completing their educational programs and starting

their volunteer hours to become master gardeners, we will be adding new individuals to the growing friends and family list over the next few months. If you happen to run across some of the new members in any of our upcoming master gardener activities, make them feel welcome as part of the master gardener family. We will also be welcoming more volunteers from the 2021-2022 program as well into the master gardener program as they complete their volunteer service in the upcoming months. We have seen those individuals become immersed into the programs just as if they had been here since the beginning of the program. Please take time to welcome those individuals as well into the program and make them feel welcome.



As we try to look towards the end of 2022 and begin tying up any loose ends and start the 2023 year, don't forget to "nurture" the friends and

family of the gardening world. Cultivate those "annuals and perennials" with care, and they will provide you season long enjoyment. Looking forward to a great new year working with a dedicated group of volunteers who share the same goals of working together to improve gardening for everyone here in Southeast Texas.

Hortense, We Will Miss You!



HORTENSE PRICE

Hortense
Morton-Price

July 30, 1956 to
September 6, 2022

Hortense Price brightened the lives of everyone she met and was loved by all who knew her. She graduated as valedictorian of her high school class in 1974 and received a BS degree from Tennessee state University in Mechanical Engineering in 1979. She didn't let the fact that she was one of only two females graduating from the university stop her from achieving her dreams. She worked as an engineer until 1987. Her next adventure was to marry Ray Price and raise two beautiful daughters. She also dedicated 33 years to teaching for Port Arthur ISD. She was a beloved teacher and soccer coach at Memorial High School where she was the head of the math and science departments. In addition to her teaching job, she was also a charter member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc Zeta Beta Chapter of Port Arthur, TX, and a merit badge counselor and assistant scoutmaster at her local council of Boy Scouts of America. One of her most beloved activities was attending her church.

Hortense became a Jefferson County Master Gardener in 2006. She was a friend to everyone and worked as much as she could to advance the service of the JCMGs. She will be missed by all who knew her.



TEXAS A&M
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EXTENSION

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CITRUS SHOW

**Thursday, November 17th, 6 - 8:30pm
in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Auditorium**

**To Enter Citrus Show: Bring 3 of your best citrus, cleaned and
polished to:**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office
1225 Pearl Street #200, Beaumont**

9 - 4 on Wednesday, November 16th

9 - Noon on Thursday, November 17th

Enter as many entries as you like - free of charge!

(Judging will take place on Thursday after all entries are received. Winners will be announced at evening program.)

**Educational Program 6 - 8:30 pm - \$10
Admission**

(Includes Citrus Show and Lecture)

Speaker

Jim Hearn, Research Assistant

Texas A&M Kingsville

Citrus Care in Southeast Texas

Diseases Affecting Citrus

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Master Gardeners at Work



Left: Farmer's Market at Riverfront Park

Below: Ghosts, Goblins and Gardens at Beaumont Botanical Gardens



Worm Casting Demo



Beaumont Farmer's Market

Master Gardeners at Work...

Citrus Sale



Rain Barrel Workshop



The Latest Dirt

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Announcements

**Christmas party and
New Master Gardener Graduation
Thursday, December 1
Beaumont Botanical Gardens
At Tyrrell Park
6:00 pm
RSVP required**

Weekly help ALWAYS needed at our community gardens

Wesley-Seeds for Needs Garden. 3810 N major Dr., BMT every Tuesday/Thursday starting early usually around 8am. **Get with Toni Lucenti for additional times and days.

Grow to Share NSS Garden-4950 concord Rd, Beaumont, Tx

Volunteer anytime but especially on Tuesday and Thursdays; please get with Belinda Bullard for other times help may be needed.

Beaumont Farmers Market

JCMG Educational Booth

6525 College Street

(under the pavilion)

Starting February 19th

Every 3rd Saturday

8 a.m. - 11a.m.

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