



The Grapevine

The newsletter of the Lubbock County Master Gardeners Association
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McKenna Keele Awarded First Master Gardener Scholarship



McKenna Keele, a student at Texas Tech, has been awarded the very first Master Gardener Scholarship. She will receive \$500 to help continue her studies in viticulture and enology (wine making) for the 2018-2019 school year. **Kristin Bingham , Linda Slatton, and Dee Dee Odorizzi** , acting as the scholarship committee, approved the award.

We had budgeted for two scholarships this year, but did not receive another applicant. The extra \$500 will be put into the endowment fund for future scholarships. It is hoped that next year

we will have more word of mouth publicity, as well as communication with high school counselors and college financial aid offices, to expand the pool of applicants. **Thanks to all who worked on the plant sale and Masters Touch classes. The proceeds from these events go toward the scholarship fund.**

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

July Calendar



Tuesday, 7-10

Please note change of date!

**Master Gardener General Meeting
6:30 Covenant Presbyterian, 48th &
Salem**

**Master Gardener Cecilia George will
speak on Shrub Selection and Care.**

This program counts as 1 CEU.

Friday, 7-6

Special Arboretum Program

6:00-8:00 pm

**Meet wildflower photographer and
author Willa Finley,
whose photographs will
be on display.**



Saturday, 7-14

Second Saturday at the Arboretum

10:00 am

**Presenter: Glenna Keesee,
South Plains Iris Society**

Topic: Irises

**This program counts as 1
CEU.**



Saturday, 7-21

**Downtown Farmers Market
Buddy Holly Avenue 9:00-1:00**

**Master Gardeners will have a booth.
We will need volunteers for 2 1/2 hour
shifts beginning at 8:30 am and ending
at 1:30 pm. Please let Grady or Eileen
Cowart know if you can help!**



A New School Garden

The Board approved our participation in a new youth garden at the June Board meeting. The Boys and Girls Club of Lubbock has received a grant of \$5,000 plus supplies from the Family Dollar company for a demonstration project at the Club. The goal of the project will be to teach the youth how to grow and harvest vegetables as well as run a "Farmers Market" style booth at the Family Dollar Store. There the youth will learn marketing and display skills. The vegetables will be given away, not sold, and donations will be accepted for the project. Master Gardeners will act as consultants with the project leaders and assist in teaching classes. The staff at the Boys and Girls Club is interested in using the Junior Master Gardener curriculum with this project. We will need a Master Gardener to act as project manager and volunteers to help with the classes. The youth at the Club will be able to do all the heavy work—they just need advice and encouragement. Watch for more information as this project develops.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**

Wine and Clay Festival

article and photo by John Wallis



Empress Terrell, Dennis Howard, Maxine Asmah and John Wallis staffing our booth at the Wine and Clay Festival

LMGA volunteers ran an informational booth for the 21st Annual Wine and Clay Festival at the Llano Estacado Winery on June 23 from 10 AM to 5 PM. Eight LMGA members worked this event. This was a different type of event for us. .

Thirty-Four names were collected for the Friends of the LMGA database. Volunteers recorded 81 visitors to the booth who asked questions and/or received handouts of informational materials. The event was successful and fun for the volunteers, who explored the artist booths before and after their shift was completed. The big advantage of this event was that it was indoors in the cool winery during a hot day outside. And volunteers could enjoy a glass of wine after their shift if they desired! The assistance of Janis Hubble-Vanderpool is gratefully acknowledged. *Photo and article by John Wallis*



A New Arrival!

Katherine Drury is delighted to announce the birth of her daughter Eleanor. She was born on April 24th, weighed 7 pounds, 10 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to everyone at the Drury home!



We had a very successful Backyard Chickens class in our summer series of informal classes. **Sally Doherty** did a great job of presenting an in-depth discussion of keeping backyard chickens for the small and/or urban chicken keeper. Thirty people attended! (The chicken in the picture is named “ Rooster Cogburn.”)

Photo and information by John Wallis



Dennis Howard and **Jean Anne Stratton** look on as **Ashley Rogers**, president of the Roscoe Wilson Elementary School PTA, presents a gigantic “ Thank You” card that was made by children at the school in gratitude for all the help Master Gardeners have given them with their “ Magic Garden.” The Roscoe Wilson school garden has strong support from the parents and teachers and is an integral part of the school curriculum.

Photo by Kristen Bingham



We are told Lantana is an annual but I beg to differ.

In our Zone 7, I am always so very pleased every spring/early summer, when you think those 'dead sticks' need to be dug up – they revive and come back to life. They come in so many colors, from red to yellow, white, orange, lavender, pink and my favorites-bicolors AND butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators love them

Photo and information by Linda Slatton

Editor's note: With our climate warming, it might be time to classify lantana and some other plants as "tender perennials."

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My Easter Lily cactus (*echinopsis ancistrophora*) is putting on its summer show. I purchased this plant at a succulent greenhouse in New Mexico and was advised to water it once a week in the summer, which I do. The "mother plant" will produce small "babies" at the base which can be cut off with a sharp knife and rooted, but first you must allow the cut surface of the small offshoots to dry and produce a callous. (I rotted out several plants before learning this.) Or, you can leave the offshoots on the plant and it will get wider and the "mother plant" will eventually die. The plant is not cold hardy, so I bring it in during the winter. It produces blossoms like this all summer. Each blossom lasts only a day and has a wonderful fragrance that attracts pollinators.

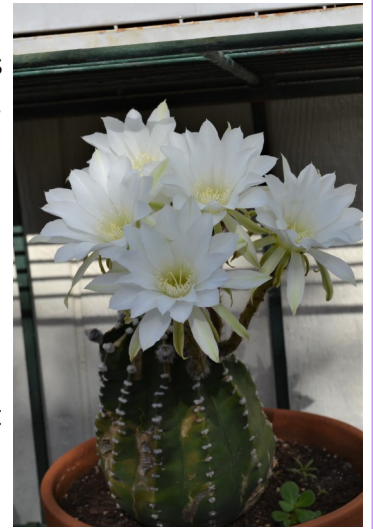


Photo and information by Cecilia George

DeeDee Odorizzi photographed this plant at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Does anyone know what it is? A bromeliad? An air plant? Part of the joy of gardening is observing all the wonderful forms plants can take.



From Our Gardens



Ruffled daylilies grown by
Angie Gregg.



First tomato of the season from John Wallis' garden. This is on a "Celebrity" tomato plant bought at our plant sale in May.



The entrance to Jean Anne Stratton's sunflower garden.



Tess Trost's columbines.