



# The Grapevine

*The newsletter of the Lubbock County Master Gardeners Association*  
**September 2018**

## September Calendar

### Tuesday, 9-11

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

Alicia Thomas will speak on bees.  
Please note that this is the **THIRD** Tuesday, as the second Tuesday comes right after Labor Day.

This program counts as 1 CEU.

### Saturday, 9-15

**Rain**

#### Barrel Workshop

10:00 am, Hodges Community Center  
Price: \$40 for Arboretum members, \$60 for non-members. Rain barrel and all supplies included in the price.  
Call 797-4520 to reserve your spot.

**This program counts as 2 CEU's.**

### Saturday, 9-8

**Garden and Arts Center Fall Festival**  
Garden and Arts Center  
9:00-6:00

More information on page 2.

**No Second Saturday program this month.**



### Saturday, 9-22

#### Landmark After Dark Night Hike

Lubbock Lake Landmark  
2401 Landmark Drive  
Hike begins at 7:15(dusk)



Begin at the Interpretive Center, hike along the nature trail. Listen to a tale, watch for creatures scurrying to bed, do some star gazing or participate in a solo-sit. This hike will take you down the nature trail, past an ancient playa lake, and back to the Interpretive Center.  
75-90 minutes.

## Garden and Arts Center Fall Festival

Come by and visit the LMGA booth at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Festival on the grounds of the Municipal Garden & Arts Center at 4215 University Avenue on Saturday, September 8. Our booth (#51) will be in the first row of booths on the east side (right hand side approaching the Center) of the concrete walk leading from the parking lot to the Center.

**MGs will provide horticulture information to the public from 9 AM to 6 PM. We will also have plants donated by the members available to the public with payment of a donation.** All donations will be deposited in the LMGA Scholarship Fund. **Members may bring their plants to the Center after 1 PM on Friday, September 7.** We have permission from GAC Manager Paula Griffith to store the plants overnight inside the Center. Plant name tags will be available for you to label your plants.

**If you haven't already done so and would like to volunteer to work a two-hour shift at the booth, please email our Volunteer Coordinators Eileen and Grady Cowart.** Please wear your LMGA name badge. Morning shift starts at 8:00 AM for booth set-up. Volunteers are asked to park their vehicles at the Hodges Center (across the parking lot from the Arboretum Interpretive Center).

The GAC is sponsoring a booth contest this year. The winner will receive a free booth space in 2019. **Please contact John Wallis if you would like to bring decorative items, including specimen plants, for our booth.** Just keep in mind our booth dimensions are 5 feet by 7 feet.

*Article by John Wallis*



## Rooting Rose Cuttings the Old Fashioned Way

*Article and picture by Nell Rains*



Many of my garden roses are over twenty years old so I take cuttings to insure a continued supply of own-root roses that grow well for me.

Having tried every baggie method this spring to root cuttings, I remembered a method that worked for me many years ago. Maybe it will work for you as well.

Take rose cuttings from this season's growth, meaning that they have bloomed and are about pencil size in diameter. Place them in a container of water in the shade to keep them hydrated. Cuttings should be long enough to fit under a clean quart jar.

Choose an that has loose garden soil under the canopy of shade where they will be left undisturbed.

Recut the cutting. Remove the spent bloom and leaves. Cut below a bud eye at an angle and dip the lower tip in rooting hormone. Make a hole in the soil with a pencil. Place the cutting in the soil with at least two buds below the soil line and push the soil up around the cutting to remove any air. Water if the soil is dry and place a quart jar over the top of the plant.

Depending on the rose variety, most cuttings root in about six weeks. New leaves will begin to show and you can remove the jars slowly and harden them off.

# Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Trade Show and Expo

*article and pictures by Dennis K. Howard*

Penny and I traveled to San Antonio for the 2018 TNLA Expo this month. This year's show was held in San Antonio at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center.

Well over 450 vendors and wholesalers were in attendance to showcase their products and services during the show. Many of the wholesale nurseries were showing new varieties and new hybrids. There were equipment dealers showing everything from new concepts in pruning shears to the latest in huge drum grinders and automated seed plating equipment.

We were really looking to see what was available from the vendors in the way of new products and ideas for the hobby farmer, urban gardener and Master Gardeners. Below are some of the products that caught our eye.

## **Raised Bed Systems**

An Oregon company called Durable Greenbed was showing a system of environmentally sound raised bed kits that we found attractive and well thought out. These systems use an engineered wood chip based panel, aluminum connecting hardware, and redwood or cedar trim finished in a non-toxic bio-based stain. These beds are available in a wide variety of sizes and configurations, are easy to assemble and have a 25+ year life when exposed to the weather. More information can be found at [www.durablegreenbed.com](http://www.durablegreenbed.com). I have information and a sample of the materials used in these systems if you are interested in looking at them.



## **Rain Catchment Barrels and Tanks**



Exaco Trading Co. is importing a line of European rain catchment barrels and supplies. They are designed to be architectural and provide some alternatives to the limited offerings for rain barrels than what we have had available. The company is also importing a full line of hobby greenhouse, shade structures, composting systems and gardening accessories. Their web address is [www.exaco.com](http://www.exaco.com).

We particularly liked some of their rain barrel alternatives. They offer a variety of different styles, textures and designs that are intended to become part of the landscape design rather than something that needs to be

hidden by the landscape. Their brick wall rain barrel was one that we were quite drawn to.








Their bullet style rain barrel can be adapted to a wide range of architectural applications and becomes a focal point when adapted properly.



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## BRINDABELLA ROSES™ VARIETIES

Form. Function. Fragrance. Time to smell the roses!

 <p><b>FIRST LADY™</b></p> <p>GRAdkp PP28,332</p> <p>Beautiful lavender pink flowers in that romantic old world style, coupled with a wonderful traditional rose perfume.</p>	 <p><b>RED EMPRESS™</b></p> <p>GRAred PP28,215</p> <p>Large, well-formed crimson red flowers with a traditional rose perfume.</p>
 <p><b>PURPLE PRINCE™</b></p> <p>GRAppl pp28,364</p> <p>Large, well-formed purple flowers with the most perfume you could ever expect in a rose, in the truest sense.</p>	 <p><b>FRESH POWDER™</b></p> <p>GRAaus PP28,307</p> <p>White flowers with hues of light pink as flowers age, and moderate fruity fragrance with hints of citrus.</p>
 <p><b>DAWN™</b></p> <p>GRAaslm PP28,056</p> <p>Gorgeous old world blooms in salmon with hints of apricot as the heat of summer arrives, and powerful true rose perfume.</p>	 <p><b>TOUCH OF PINK™</b></p> <p>GRAsuper PP23,115</p> <p>Soft romantic flowers with pale pink centers and white outer whorls, and strong fruity perfume with hints of citrus.</p>
 <p><b>GLOW™</b></p> <p>GRAgr PP28,074</p> <p>A chameleon in the garden, with ever changing blends of pink, yellow and apricot and strong fruity fragrance with hints of citrus.</p>	

### Roses

One of the growers/nurseries was showing a new line of Roses. BrindaBella Rose, were originally developed in Australia and are now available in the US. They offer genetic resistance to black spot and powdery mildew and feature a bushy growing habit, dense foliage, large, double, fragrant flowers in a variety of colors. You can look at the varieties and specifications at [www.suntoryroses](http://www.suntoryroses)

### Tropical Fruit Trees

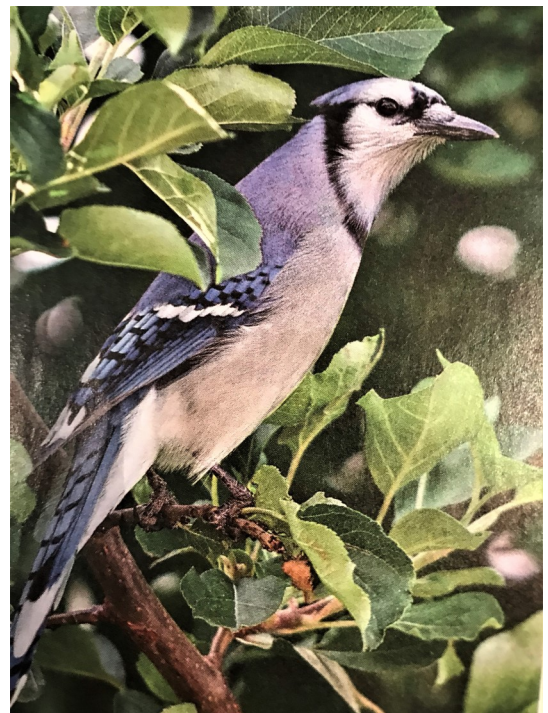
Hopkins Tropical Fruit Nurseries in Florida were showing a line of tropical fruit trees, some of which were cold rated for our area with some minimal protection needs on the very coldest of days. We were attracted by the cold hardy avocado trees. They also feature a full line of fragrant plants, butterfly plants, ornamentals, and spices. Their web site is [www.hopkinstropicalfruitnursery.com](http://www.hopkinstropicalfruitnursery.com)

This is only a fraction of the innovative and interesting products that we saw. In addition, we met some of the most knowledgeable people in the industry and brought back a tremendous amount of information that can be used in our own gardens.

### Share Your Eggshells

A simple way to help sweet momma birds with their calcium needs is to share your eggshells. Once emptied, rinse them out and let them dry before breaking them up a little and then leave them outside for a special treat. Robins and Blue Jays especially enjoy them.

*Article and picture by Linda Slatton*



## Plants from Far and Near



A beautiful blossom from Sheela Noble's lily pond



Angie Gregg took this picture at a garden in Monte Carlo in July.



Cecilia George's daughter Paula found these mushrooms near her home in Massachusetts. It is amazing what rain and massive leaf litter can produce!

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New gourd art with a summer theme by Linda Slatton