



# The Grapevine

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

## Meet Our New Master Gardener Adviser



**Christina Reid with husband Nicholas and son Brooks.**

**Christina Reid** joined the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County as Horticulture Agent on September 17, 2018. She is a Texas Tech University graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a minor in Horticulture. She brings with her an extensive knowledge and love for vegetable gardening, and for planning and designing landscapes. She is interested in historically significant cultivars and cut flowers. In addition to her college degree, she has an ISA Certified Arborist license. You will see

Christina in attendance at Master Gardener events, as she is our new adviser. She comes to us from Oklahoma City, where she was the adviser to a Master Gardener Association of over 300 members, and she is looking forward to working with all of us in Lubbock. Please say hello and introduce yourself!

# October Calendar

## Tuesday, 10-2

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

**5:45:** Help with submitting hours-helpers will be available with laptops

**6:30 :** Master Gardener Jean Anne Stratton will speak on propagation

**This program counts as 1 CEU.**

## Saturday, 10-6

**Gardening for Birds and Pollinators**

1:00

South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center  
3308 95th Street

Presented by Master Gardener Lilla Jones.

**This program counts as 1 CEU.**

## Saturday, 10-6

**Special Field Trip**

10:00

1555 FM 168

Nazareth, TX (Casa la Entereza)

The Randall County Master Gardeners have invited Lubbock Master Gardeners on a special field trip . Meet at Casa la Entereza in Nazareth, TX at 10:00 AM for a guided tour of this unique property. Attendees will learn about the design of this incredible energy and water efficient home, raised bed and xeric gardens, greenhouse, as well as the nearby Playa Classroom and 20-acre playa. Nazareth is located 90 miles north of Lubbock. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Kristin Bingham (kristin.bingham@icloud.com) for more information and to RSVP.

## Friday, 10-12

**Panel discussion on solutions to climate change moderated by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Nobel Prize winning climate scientist.**

Texas Tech Allen Theater 7:00 pm

Admission: \$20

Select-A Seat 806-770-2000

**This program counts as 1 CEU.**

## Saturday, 10-27

**Grape Day at Llano Estacado Winery**

3426 E. FM 1585 10:00-5:00

**Master Gardeners will have a booth. We need 8 volunteers. Please contact Eileen Cowart to sign up.**

## Saturday, 10-13

**Composting: Recipe for Success**

10:00-11:00 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church Presented by Master Gardner Arla Loter

Fee: \$10

**This program counts as 1 CEU.**

## Saturday, 10-13

**Second Saturday at the Arboretum**

10:00 am

Presenter: Dr. Cynthia McKinney

**Topic: What's New in the World of Retail Flowers**

**This program counts as 1 CEU.**

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# October Calendar

**Thursday, 10-18, through Sunday, 10-21**

## **Pumpkin Trail at the Arboretum**

Evening hours:

Thursday: 6:00-9:00

Friday: 6:00-10:00

Saturday: 6:00-10:00

Sunday: 6:00-9:00

Goal for 2018 is 2,000 carved pumpkins.

Call 767-3706 for more information.



## **Monday, 10-22**

### **Vegetable Gardening Workshop**

South Plains Food Bank GRUB Farm  
304 76th Street 8:30-3:00

Fee: \$10 Includes lunch

Presenters:

Dr. Russ Wallace: Managing heat, cold and wind stress

Dr. Rupinder Saini: Weed control and cover crops

Dr. Sukhbir Singh: seed selection, dormancy, germination, transplanting, etc.

**This program counts as 3 CEU's.**

**Register by e-mail : [fogdirector@spfb.org](mailto:fogdirector@spfb.org)**

## **Saturday, 10-27**

### **Fall Plant Sale /Garage Sale**

Lubbock Memorial Arboretum

9:00-1:00

Plants, tools, garden books, and other garden items will be offered.



Left to right: **Janis Vanderpool, Empress Terrell, John Wallace, McKenna Keele, Kristin Bingham and Jean Anne Stratton**

It was a pleasure to meet our first scholarship recipient, Ms. McKenna Keele, at the September meeting and see the good our organization is doing for the next generation of gardeners. Our scholarship endowment fund balance is \$4151.59, and we will be adding another \$2009.61 to the account from the Spring and Fall Plant sales, as well as donations from our #GivingTuesday 2017 event. This brings us to just shy of \$4000 from being fully endowed! As we are entering the fall and the season of thankfulness, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you that have supported our endowment fund and the future of the LMGA Scholarship Program. Without your generosity, these scholarships would not be possible. We will be participating in #GivingTuesday 2018 again this year – watch for more information on our Facebook page leading up to November 27<sup>th</sup>!

*Krisitn Bingham*

Left to right: **Patricia Gonzales, John Wallace, and Maxine Asmah** at our Arts and Crafts Fiesta booth. Also helping at the booth were: **Anne Pedersen, Sheryl Gonzales, Judith Hardin, Tess Trost, Angie Gregg, Judy McEachern, Eileen Cowart, and Grady Cowart.** Proceeds from the plants we sold at the booth will go to the scholarship fund.



### Need Help Submitting Hours?

**To maintain certification as a Lubbock County Master Gardener, you must report 12 volunteer hours and 6 CEU hours each year.** You can report these hours through our Master Gardener website under “Members” using the password LMGA, or you may e-mail Jean Anne Stratton, our Certification Secretary, with your information. **If you need help using on-line reporting, come to our General Meeting on October 2nd at 5:45, and members will be available to help walk you through the process.** The end of the year is fast approaching. **We have numerous ongoing volunteer opportunities** at the school gardens, the GRUB farm, and the Arboretum. You can earn hours writing for the newsletter, the website, and the Facebook page as well. **And this month there are 8 CEU hours available. So far this year, members have reported 439.75 CEU hours and 1259.33 volunteer hours. Please check your recertification status with Jean Anne Stratton and report all your volunteer hours and CEU’s.**

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.*  
*Elizabeth Andrews*

# El Nino Weather Patterns May Bring a Wet Winter

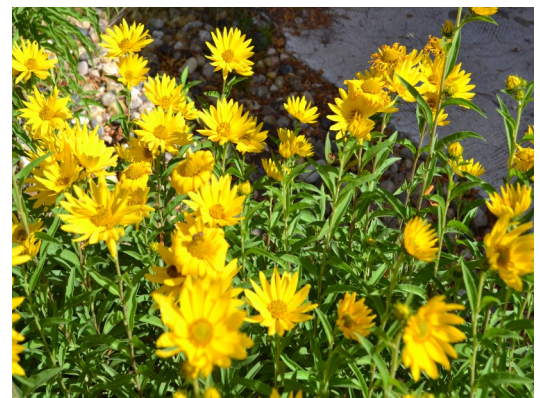
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COLLEGE STATION – Texas is emerging from one of the hottest, driest summers on record, but the long-term forecast suggests winter and spring will be wet, according to the state climatologist, Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon in College Station. Statewide temperatures from May through August were the third hottest on record. This summer was also drier, with precipitation levels more than 2.5 inches below average for the state, ranking this year as the 29th driest on record. But that could change soon, Nielsen-Gammon said.



Nielsen-Gammon said long-term forecasts call for El Niño weather patterns through winter and spring. El Niño weather patterns typically mean above-average rainfall, especially for southern parts of the state. Texas can expect more consistent rain into the fall, winter and spring as the El Niño patterns strengthen.

Whether warmer or colder temperatures will accompany the El Niño pattern is a toss-up, Nielsen-Gammon said. While cooler temperatures typically accompany precipitation, factors associated with climate change will mitigate the overall effect of those weather events. “At this point, it looks like equal chances of having above- and below-average temperatures,” he said.



The Maximilian sunflowers are starting to bloom in **Cecilia George's** garden. These native plants are magnets for Monarch butterflies.

**Anne Polk** has created this tree ring flower bed in the middle of her beautiful turf.

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