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SCMG Association Meeting
November 1st
at 11:30 AM
at Harvey Hall, Hall #3

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Wayne's Word



It's a great time to be a SCMG'er. The cool crisp air is calling, "Get out and enjoy it." You have to be kidding me. It is the end of October? Where did the year go? I am also in a state of denial as we are in winter.

A 40 degree drop in twelve hours! It is also hard to handle all the rain we have had in the last 10 days. I had over 5-1/2 inches. Oh Texas, why not a more even distribution? I was talking today with a guy from West Texas and he said they got more rain this week than they normally get in a year and from January through September they probably won't get any. So we are blessed with great rains. And with an El Nino coming, we are expected to have a wet winter.

Can you believe the Award Winning Bulbs to Blooms conference and sale? I know most people come for the Sale, but we should emphasize the conference. What an efficient and smooth running operation. Record sales in record time! When I came in from loading trees and shrubs the bulbs were gone and inventory was complete, all except 8 varieties that were left. It was an excellent effort on the

part of SCMG and its great membership. My thanks to everyone who helped make this day a great success. Special thanks to Susan, Brenda, Ann and Greg.

One of the points I promised to cover this month was fall. So what happened? Fall is a favorite season of mine. The days of sweltering heat and sweat are gone and we can enjoy our fall flowers. The hibernating garden can be as exciting as the spring and summer garden. The bonus is there is no heat and humidity. But with the 40 degree drop in 12 hours, I am confused! I think the plants will also show signs of confusion. We have already had trees and flowers blooming that were not supposed to bloom because of cooler nights in late September. It will be exciting to see what happens now. If you were able to purchase some bulbs I hope you got them planted. Let your imagination be your inspiration to create a tapestry of colors to enjoy this winter.

In closing, it is a great time to drive around and take in some of the fall colors you might happen upon. My wife and I are headed to Lost Maples in early November to do just that's. We used to drive in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the fall to catch the color and miss that here. It a great time to be a gardener. Enjoy the fall and be safe out there!

Wayne Elliott, President

November SCMG Meeting at Harvey Hall

The November Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, November 1st at 11:30 at HARVEY HALL, in HALL #3. Hall #3 is where we sacked bulbs for the Bulb Sale.

This month we are honored to have as our speakers, two of our very own agents, Clint Perkins and Greg Grant. Clint is presenting, "Earth-Kind Vegetable Gardening Practices". He will share results from his own vegetable garden, using these practices. Hopefully, Greg will offers some gardening practices of his own.

Look forward to seeing all of you at Harvey Hall for our next meeting!

Janie Fowler

Our Tyler Rose Garden

I've said it before and I'll say it again. Our gardens at the Tyler Rose Garden are legitimate public gardens, and as you all know, our IDEA Garden is as classy as any in the country. It's far and away the prettiest and best maintained part of the Tyler Rose Garden. That's because of good direction, constant planning, and lots of volunteer labor.

Our renovations to the Heritage Rose Garden are ongoing. The plans are to gradually reassume its mission to showcase the antique roses that led to the development of the other roses in the Tyler Rose Garden and those that were in the Tyler Rose Industry. In the future we will be meticulous about not only the roses we grow in that garden but the heirloom companion plants that grow alongside them. It will essentially be a "period garden" that looks like a grandmother's cottage garden. In addition to showing off reseeding old-fashioned annuals we plan to also display the heirloom bulbs that we sell in our sale. As you may have noticed, due to shade cast by the large Muskogee crapemyrtles, we are adding new beds in the sun.

My plans are to also upgrade the Sunshine Garden to fulfill its original intent in being comprised of mostly yellow "sunny" looking plants. As shade is becoming an issue there as well, some of the trees and woody plants will need to be removed. To lessen maintenance, the goal is to use all perennials to create a "sunshine border."

Though our Shade Garden is acceptable it's in desperate need of more volunteers and on overall leader. As I've already volunteered to, at least temporarily be in charge of the Heritage Rose Garden, I would like somebody interested in shade gardening, woody plants, or public gardening to be in charge of the Shade Garden. Right now we only have a scant part-time assembly of volunteers in that garden so we aren't really able to keep up herbaceous plants adequately. If this remains the case we'll just have to embrace a woody plant collection (arboretum) since

they don't require as much hands-on time. Since we already have a nice collection of camellias and Japanese maples, I plan to expand both of those collections to give us continuity. Since maples provide outstanding and varied fall color, this gives us something in our garden that most other areas of Texas don't and can't have

Right now we have issues in that garden with irrigation, weeds, volunteer trees and vines, sasanquas root suckers on the grafted camellias, lack of mulch, and a need for grooming on both the perennials and the woody plants.

As you probably know, the Camellia Society that no longer exists, originally planted the camellias and the Tyler Men's Garden Club, that no longer exists, contributed a number of the Japanese maples in the collection. I would like to both maintain and diversify those plantings.

I need somebody that can oversee this garden, recruit volunteers to tend it, keep plants labeled and mapped, monitor the bluebird trail there, and send out e-mail alerts about the garden as needed. It's a beautiful garden that ties all our other gardens together and I will keep adding a diversity of new and unusual woody plants, spraying the weeds with herbicide, and blowing the paths there as time permits each week.

I would also like each person in charge of the different gardens as well as any regular volunteers in the gardens to attend the Texas Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta meeting each year. At these meetings, all the public gardens in Texas, both large and small; present there last year's worth of activities in a short presentation. It's the only time each year that all these like-minded garden folk get together to visit. Next year's meeting will be hosted by The Gardens at Texas A&M February 20-22. I very much want us to have a presence there. -Greg



MG BULB SALE – November 1

Again this year, Master Gardeners will be able to purchase bulbs from a selection of bulbs not sold at the October 13, "From Bulbs to Blooms" Conference and Sale. In addition to those bulbs, we will offer *Sternbergia lutea* or Autumn Daffodil, which arrived too late to be included in the sale. Other bulbs available November 1 include Spring Star Flower, Snowflake, Ice Follies, Oxblood lilies, Grand Primo, *Italicus*, *Erlicheer*, and Hoop Petticoat (both white and yellow).

The sale will be held on Thursday, November 1, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM in Harvey Hall.

Cash or credit card.

Officers for year 2019

To be elected at the November SCMG meeting

President – Janie Fowler

Vice President – Debby Watkins

Secretary – Sherri Matthews

Treasurer – Henry Burch

Assistant Treasurer – Debrah Golden

Historians – Laurie Graham & Denise Rasco

Parliamentarian – Wayne Elliot

State Directors – Linda Munn (2019) & Chris Cochran (2019/2020)

Alternate State Directors – Jean Smith (2019) & Neysa Mueller (2019/2020)

At-Large Directors – Mimi Hershey (2019) & Steve Farrell (2019/2020)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES



The Board of Directors met October 19, 2018. The following action items were discussed:

2019 Budget – The Board approved the 2019 budget, with a proposed net income of slightly over \$5,000. The new budget will be posted on VMS and the member section of the SCMG web site prior to November 1, 2018.

TAMU Scholarship – The \$2,000 scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year was awarded to Sarah Lozano of Tyler, Texas.

“From Bulbs to Blooms” Conference and Sale – The Board discussed the positive feedback received on this year’s bulb sale. Bulbs not sold at the October 13 sale will be offered to SCMG members at the November 1 meeting in Harvey Hall.

VMS – The board discussed the lack of compliance with reporting hours on VMS. The Board will look for ways to assist members in this area.

Bylaws Changes – The Board approved additional changes to Article IX, Section 7, “Officers” related to length of terms. The changes will be submitted to the membership for approval in accordance with Article XIV, “Amendments”.



The 2019 Calendar prepared by the Smith County Master Gardeners is now available for purchase.

Calendars can be purchased at the following locations: Ace Hardware, Noonday, Blue Moon Garden, Breedlove Nursery, Cycle of Seasons, Lindale, Fleming Farm and Ranch, Lindale, Forget Me Not Florist, Hand Nurseries, Hughes Plant Farm, In the Wind, Lindale Library, Potpourri House, Rainer’s Nursery, Roquemors, Whitehouse, Rose Museum Gift Shop, Rubicon, Southland Feed, Steele’s, Troup, Tyler Public Library.

The Calendar can be mailed to you from the Smith County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 1517 W. Front St, Suite 116, Tyler, TX 75702. Just send a request including a \$10.00 payment (\$7.00 plus \$3.00 shipping) made out to Smith County Master Gardeners.

Sherri Matthews

From Bulbs to Blooms

This year’s bulb sale, “From Bulbs to Blooms” was a big success judging from the happy customers, numerous accolades, large attendance, and of course, the very positive bottom line. Thanks to everyone who did their part, the sale went smoothly and everyone went home satisfied. 442 people attended, including 99 master gardeners. Most bulbs were sold and the few remaining will be offered to the membership at the November 1 meeting in Harvey Hall.

A big thank you to the Committee and all volunteers who worked so hard. Special thanks to Anne P., Peggi, and Ann K for managing the bulbs, Henry for managing the money, Ann Smith for managing volunteers, Deanna and Katy for vendor selection, Wayne and Harvey for security and transportation, Jean and Andie for publicity, Jan and Pat for refreshments, Neysa for door prizes, Steve for managing the silent auction, Susan Wiggins for managing non-plant sales and to Cindy for emceeing. And, a big, big thank you to everyone involved in the smooth handling of trees and shrubs this year. To Cindy for the idea, Ann K for designing the process, and to Wayne, Mack, Brenda, Teresa and Mike Engleman for managing the distribution. And last, but not least, a big thank you to Greg. The growth and success of our annual bulb sale is due to his leadership, bulb farming, speaking and of course, providing an outstanding exclusive bulb for our silent auction.

Working on our annual bulb sale is a great opportunity for every Smith County Master Gardener. It’s our biggest fund raiser, but it’s a rewarding effort and fun, too. Please support Brenda Strong as she takes over the reins for the 2019 “From Bulbs to Blooms” Conference and Sale scheduled for October 12, 2019.

Susan Stone

New Smith County MG

Please welcome Bob Barnes who moved here from Angleton.

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May They Rest in Peace



Bobbie Truell, MG Class 7, passed away on October 1st.



Nelwyn Smith, MG Class 22, passed away on October 12th.

First Tuesday in the Garden

Join us at Noon on the Patio in the IDEA Garden the First Tuesday in November for our Fall Gardening series of programs. Seating is limited, so you may want to bring a lawn chair. The lectures run about 30 to 40 minutes, followed by a question and answer session.

Nov. 6 - "Container Gardens for Winter & Christmas" with Susan Nelson



2019 TMGA Conference—Victoria—April 25-27, 2019



Meet Bloomhilda.....

Be aware when you see Bloomhilda she will emit messages with updates on the 2019 Texas Master Gardener Conference at the Victoria Community Center April 25-27, 2019.

Latest Bloomhilda update:

Five tours are being planned for Saturday, April 27th.

One of the tours will be Goliad State Park's El Camino Real de los Tejas Visitors Center and park grounds on April 27. The center will be featured during the 2019 TMGA Conference.

Registration for the conference opens December 2018. For more info. go to: <http://2019tmgaconference.com/>

For more events and more details - go to—<http://txmg.org/smith/coming-events/>

Our Secret Garden at AgriWorld



Looking back at From Bulbs to Blooms

