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SCMG Association Meeting
January 3, 2019
at 11:30 AM
at the Rose Garden Center

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Wayne's Word

I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been my pleasure to serve you this year. It has been a challenging year with many

accomplishments. Award winners at the TMG conference, a hugely successful Home Garden Tour, a great "Secret Garden" and a very educational and successful Bulb Sale and Conference. Of course, the gardens saw growth and changes that we can all be proud of. I want to congratulate each of you on your contributions and work as a SCMG'er.

We have a wonderful excited class of interns that are already making their mark in SCMGs. The new student class will

have 18 students and we look forward to their efforts and contributions in the coming years. The class starts on January 3 and we will need mentors for each of these students. Please consider serving in this capacity. The Library Series also kicks off on January 18. Come out and support Susan and the speakers she has lined up.

We will have a treat at our January meeting with our scholarship winner, Sarah Lozano, speaking to us. She is from Tyler, majoring in Horticulture at Texas A&M University. She will share her vision for what her goals in life are and I think you will be greatly impressed with her maturity and ambition.

Looking forward to seeing each of you in the New Year. May you be blessed this season!

Wayne Elliott, President

January Association Meeting

The January monthly meeting will be on Thursday, January 3rd, at the Rose Garden Center at 11:30.

Wayne Elliott will introduce Sarah Lozano, the recipient of this years SCMG Scholarship. Sarah is currently attending TAMU, where she is studying horticulture.

Deanna Olson will do the honors of installing the 2019 slate of officers.

Wayne Elliott is going to sum up the past year, by reflecting on some of our outstanding projects and our award winning organization.

Also, on the program, we will hear from our garden coordinators as to what is happening in the different areas and our expectations for future gardening.

Look forward to seeing all of you next year!

Merry Christmas and Have a Happy Gardening New Year!!

Janie Fowler

Garden Work Days

The workdays in the IDEA and Heritage Gardens will continue to begin work at 9:00 AM each Tuesday morning starting January 8th.

Cindy Harrington

Shade Garden news

The Shade Garden will be working from 9am to 11am on Wednesdays beginning from January 2nd.

The Saturday crew will work from 8am to 11am on January 5th and 19th.

We welcome more volunteers to join us on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Steve Farrell



New Year's Resolutions

As we start a year with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and a new class with the Texas Master Gardener program, it's imperative to take a step back and be reminded of our overall mission and goals. As we all know, life is full of bumps, roadblocks, pitfalls, and setbacks. So let's take a moment at the beginning of the year, while things

are dormant and chilling, to pull out a roadmap and a compass.

First and foremost, always remember that the Master Gardener program is one in the same with and falls under the jurisdiction of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. That means the goals and mission of AgriLife Extension are the goals and missions of the Texas Master Gardener program. So what is the mission of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension you ask?

The mission of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is to provide quality, relevant outreach and continuing educational programs and services to the people of Texas. Extension educates Texans in the areas of agriculture, environmental stewardship, youth and adult life skills, human capital and leadership, and community economic development. The agency improves the lives of Texans through an educational process that uses research-based knowledge focused on issues and needs.

Within the broad context of this mission, we:

- Foster the improvement of agriculture and agribusiness.
- Improve the stewardship of the environment and Texas' natural resources.
- Ensure a safe, nutritious food supply.
- Strengthen Texas families.
- Develop leadership skills and productive citizenship among youth and adults.
- Enhance economic security and financial responsibility among the people.

- Improve the quality of life in Texas families.

The stated vision of the Extension service is to help Texans better their lives. Through the application of science-based knowledge, we create high-quality, relevant continuing education that encourages lasting and effective change. We are teachers. We teach. We make things better for people. And like all teachers, it's important that we focus on our "students" more than ourselves.

The reason the Master Gardener program was invented was to assist county horticulturists with their educational workload. I can't do it all by myself. So the ultimate goal of a county Master Gardener program is to make each of you into a county horticulturist.

The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer development program offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and is designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and improve the quality of life through horticultural projects. The objectives of the Texas Master Gardener program are to:

- To expand the capabilities of Texas AgriLife Extension Service to disseminate horticultural information to individuals and groups in the community.
- To develop and enhance community projects related to horticulture, including: horticultural therapy projects, community gardens, and demonstration gardens.
- To develop a Master Gardener network to assist in administration of the local Master Gardener Program. To enhance 4-H programs through the establishment of 4-H horticultural clubs and Junior Master Gardener groups.

However, we are all human. And as enthusiastic gardeners we are all very passionate about what we do. Issues will arise. Personalities will clash. In a nutshell, stuff will happen. But as Master Gardeners for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service we put all that aside and remember what we do best. We make things better, nicer, and prettier. Our job is to make folks smarter, healthier, and happier. After all, we are on a mission and I desperately need your help to accomplish it.

- Greg

2019 MASTER GARDENERS AT THE LIBRARY

Tyler Public Library, 201 S. College Ave, Tyler, TX 75702

11:30 am – 1:00 pm / Free and open to the public

Free overflow parking available at Fair Plaza parking garage across the street from the Library

LECTURES and DATES

January 18, "Crape Myrtles - The Lilac of the South" – Selecting varieties, planting, pruning and protecting one of the South's showiest summer flowering trees, with Keith Hansen, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent Emeritus, and owner, East Texas Gardening.

February 15, "Basics of Hobby Greenhouses" - Think you want a Greenhouse? Helpful hints and tips to help you decide, with Debby Watkins, Smith County Master Gardener Greenhouse Specialist



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors met December 21, 2018. The following action items were discussed:

- Hours Reporting in VMS – Several members continue to be delinquent in reporting volunteer and continuing education hours in VMS. The Board discussed ways to assist members in resolving this issue.
- Heritage Garden – The Board approved a budget amendment of \$816 for roses and mulch for new beds in the Heritage Garden.
- Scholarship Policy – The Board clarified certain accounting issues related to the sale of Greg's books which help fund the SCMG Scholarship Program. The 2018 scholarship recipient from A&M will be introduced at the January 2019 meeting.
- 2019 Class – There will be 18 students in the new class which starts January 3, 2019.
- Help Desk – Plans are underway to create a Master Gardener Help Desk as a way to better serve the public. Staffing issues will need to be addressed.

Smith County MG Class Schedule 2019

Class dates listed in **red bold**, will be held at the Research & Extension Center in Overton 1710 N. FM 3053, Overton, TX. 75684

For more information, call or come by the county Extension Office

1517 W Front Street, Suite 116, Tyler, TX 75702, our phone number is (903) 590-2980.

January 3 - 9am - 4pm: Intros/Dealing with the public/Botany (Keith Hansen). Extension office

January 10 - 9am - 4pm: Water/Soils/Fertility/Composting (Clint Perkins). Extension office.

January 17 - 9am - 4pm: Landscape Plants/Earth-Kind Roses. Extension office.

January 24 - 9am - 5pm: Overton Plant Pathology (Dr. Kevin Ong, Extension Plant Pathologist).

January 31 - 9am - 4pm: Annuals (Dr. Pemberton)/Propagation (Debbie Watkins). Extension office.

February 7 - 8am - 4pm: Overton East TX Turfgrass Conference, multiple speakers. \$35.

February 14 - 1pm - 5pm: Overton Intro to Entomology (Erfan Vafaie, Extension Program Specialist, IPM).

February 21 - 1pm - 5pm: Overton Vegetables & Herbs (Dr. Joe Masabni - Extension Vegetable Specialist).

February 28 - 9am - 4pm: Trees /Fruit Production (Daniel Duncum). Extension office.

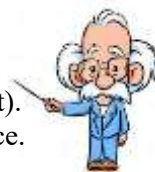
March 7 - 9am - 4pm: Year-Round Bulbs, Perennials. Extension office.

March 14: Smith County Master Gardeners Association volunteer opportunities and instructions.

March 21 - 9pm - 4pm: (*Field trip-Car pool*) Tyler Rose Garden, Blue Moon Gardens, Rozell Sprayers, and Breedlove Nursery- Edom and Tyler.

March 28 - 10am - 3pm: (*Field trip-Car pool*) Tour SFA Gardens -, Nacogdoches.

April 3 - 11:30am - 1:30pm: Awards/Intern Luncheon. Tyler Rose Center.



At the January 3rd Meeting

\$20 dues will be collected so please bring cash or check. Members must be in good standing with hours and CE's.

New e-mail—Debby Watkins

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Officers for year 2019

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)



Grape, Berry & Fruit Tree Propagation Workshop

Friday, February 8, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Landing – Myers Park & Event Center in McKinney Speakers from Texas A&M AgriLife will present information explaining propagation and proper pruning of grapes, berries, and fruit trees. Dr. Greg Church, certified arborist and former Collin County horticulture agent, will speak on proper pruning of fruit trees. We will visit the Myers Park grapevine area during the workshop. The workshop fee is \$35.00 and includes snacks, beverages, and a box lunch. Registration deadline is February 1, 2019. For more information or to register, please visit: <http://www.ccmgatx.org/about-us/register-for-an-event.aspx?id=10503>

SFA Lecture Series

The Theresa and Les Reeves Lecture Series is at the Ina Brundrett Conservation Education Building at the Pineywoods Native Plant Center, 2900 Raguet Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. There's a social at 6:30 PM. The lecture is at 7 PM.

JAN 10 2019—Jay White, Texas Gardener, Brenham, Texas. "Home Garden Trends - Average Gardeners, Mean Vegetables and Distributed Benefits".

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

The Victoria County Master Gardener Association is very proud to host the April 25-27 event at Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St., Victoria, TX 77901.

Registration available from **December 1 - February 28** - \$175 with late registration **March 1 - April 1** - \$200

Note: Registration closes April 1. If registering after March 1, merchandise will not be available.

For more info. go to: <http://2019tmgaconference.com/>

In the months to come details will be available on speakers, workshops, tours, registration and our Victoria Crossroads area community. So, feel free to visit here again and again as exciting plans are revealed.

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