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**The next  
SCMG Association meeting is  
Thursday, March 4, 2021  
At 11:30 AM via ZOOM**

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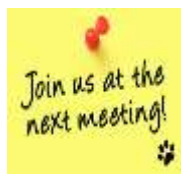


### Mary Jo Madden's comments

I was thinking that February was dragging along way too slowly, and that was confirmed when I checked the calendar - not even the 15th! I had no idea what was in store..... Here I am on the 21st, and I'm sure not alone in being ready for this month to be done! My underground fortress shielded me, as it did from similar weather 10 years ago. But I don't recall that 'weather event' being as brutal or as long of duration. Of course, I was doubtless younger and hardier in 2011! A week of below freezing temperatures! 10 inches of snow! Days without power! My lake is frozen! I pulled a muscle in my shoulder. Most of my precautions were in vain, although I never lost running water. Good, because I had to haul it, uphill of course, to the chickens and the donkeys. Multiple times each day.

I'm sure there were lessons to be learned in all this. On a personal level, I did a lot of reprioritization! Each day was more difficult than the day before. Each day the decision to make sure to get done what's important became easier to make. Cook a meal. Keep the wood stove going. Haul water. Take a muscle relaxer. I haven't unzipped the doorway of my metal-framed, plastic covered greenhouse. Stuffed with treasures, like my mother's Angel-wing begonias, and those Brugs that I was chaperoning along till spring in Forsythe pots. I still have buckets out in the yard, over the half dozen amaryllis that were sending up promising buds just a week ago. Lots of slime to clean up, I'm sure, but there's one more night of below freezing temps. I'll leave it to those rosier-viewed gardeners, like Greg and Andie and Belinda, to tell you about looking forward to the promise of spring and the joys of rebirth. Me, I'm in mourning.

*Mary Jo Madden, President*



**Go to page 3 for information on the March 4th meeting**

### Help Desk

The Help Desk is operating remotely for the time being. We hope to be back in the AgriLife office sometime in 2021. Questions can be directed to the Help Desk at [smithmghelpdesk@gmail.com](mailto:smithmghelpdesk@gmail.com) Susan Stone



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[aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu) (gardening publications)  
[aggieturf.tamu.edu](http://aggieturf.tamu.edu) (lawn publications)  
[plantclinic.tamu.edu](http://plantclinic.tamu.edu) (Texas A&M Disease Diagnostic Lab submissions)  
[plantanswers.com](http://plantanswers.com) (searchable archived gardening questions)  
[soiltesting.tamu.edu](http://soiltesting.tamu.edu) (soil and water tests)  
<https://citybugs.tamu.edu/idhelp/> (insect ID and submission guidelines)  
<https://tfswb.tamu.edu/> (Texas A&M Forest Service, pine trees and pine bar)

**March 4th SCMGA Meeting**

Our March 4<sup>th</sup> SCMG Monthly Meeting is going to be a special treat! We will be Zooming once again and will send those details as the meeting is closer. Our special speaker is Steven Chamblee from the Longview Arboretum. Many of you have had the pleasure of hearing him speak but for those that haven't, you are in for a treat! He is an entertaining and fun guy! Here's a little snippet of what you can expect!

"All About the Arboretum In a 35 Minute Session." Only open since November, 2019, the little arboretum that could has already experienced more success & failure, joy & heartbreak, and laughter & sorrow than

most other public gardens go through in a decade. Get the real scoop from the guy with the muddy boots.

*Belinda Kromer*

The meeting begins at 11:30 AM via **ZOOM**. To connect to ZOOM go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93788960505?pwd=b1VsSmRMcFNxRFBEEFUwazc5NS9CUT09>

**SCMGA Name Badge**

This is your annual opportunity to order a new Master Gardener name badge. Since the state required us to adopt the new, uniform logo, we have gradually been transitioning to having name badges made with it. Anyone who orders a replacement badge at this time will receive one that is made using the new logo. Even if you have not lost your original badge, you may want to go ahead and order one with the new design. As a reminder, name badges are required when participating in SCMGA volunteer opportunities such as garden work days, lectures, and other public events.

New badges will cost \$10, and can easily be paid for online. Email Terri Gerber ([tlgerber@suddenlink.net](mailto:tlgerber@suddenlink.net)) by Friday, March 5, and she will send you an invoice via email. You can click on the link in the email to make your payment (just like we used for our dues payment this year).

Terri will hold off on sending the invoice until 3/7. If we get orders for at least 25 badges, she will email you an invoice for \$7.00 instead of the \$10.00. All payments must be received by Friday, 3/10/2021.

**REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 21**

- This meeting was cancelled.

*Debby Watkins*



Online Gardening courses link: <https://agrillifelearn.tamu.edu/catalog?pagename=Plants-and-Garden>

**INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 5 2021**

International Master Gardener Conference (IMGC) is a five-day long conference packed with tours, workshops, and leading horticultural experts.

Link to the 2021 International MG Conference

<https://www.internationalmastergardener.com/>

September 12-17, 2021 in Norfolk Virginia



**A full schedule and pricing information will be made available in March 2021.**

Announcements regarding registration will be sent via email and reflected on this page. If you do not already receive email updates from us, you may [subscribe here](#).

*REGISTRATION FAQs*

- **Registration cap:** In order to stay within the limits of our online platform and ensure we can offer support for registrants, **registration is capped at 2,500 participants, and will therefore be first come, first served.**
- **Conference add-ons:** Certain conference workshops may have additional costs and lower capacity limits; those will also be first come, first served.
- **After I register, how do I get to the sessions?** You will be able to register and pay for your conference via a link we send out on April 5, 2021. You will then gain access to our virtual conference platform, where you will be able to join our live sessions during the conference and find other conference information and extras.

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