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Elizabeth's Thoughts

Well, we made it. Winter is officially over. I can now wear sandals without feeling the need to apologize, because Spring sprang. This happy occasion occurred the day after two freezes in a row. That fun time knocked all my cannas back to the ground! Well warned, I had spent an entire day before hand covering cold tender things that were looking beautiful. They looked much less so after I uncovered them two days later. But they all lived through it. That is a victory!



The same day that Spring sarcastically waltzed in wearing a sun dress after my garden spent two days under coats, I was at the Cotton Belt Building. Between meetings, I answered the questions of a very kind but stressed lady who was at the Extension Office trying to find an answer to her own garden woes. She was bemoaning that though she has lived all over the United States she has never seen weather as crazy as Texas. I could only sympathize as she called our climate bi-polar, and tell her she wasn't a bad gardener— she was dealing with bad weather and it wasn't likely to get any better. I gave her the advice that we have been using in the IDEA Garden as we replace plants: Look to the things that have survived the weather of the last three years. Use more of those plants or plants in those families. Look for plants that can handle our heat And cold that is a zone higher than we are so that they might survive the sharp and brutal cold we are experiencing more and more often over the last few years. Yes, sometimes those “freak” cold events only last one night out of an entire Winter, but one night of 7 degrees is still a bitter pill that many of our plants can't easily swallow. The lady left feeling at least like she had a plan and that she wasn't alone in the fight against the violent swings of our weather patterns. Knowing is half the battle, they say.

The fact that we gardeners learn, adapt and implement new ideas in wholesale ways is also a victory, not just for us and our pocket books, but also for the environment. The better we plant and the more responsible we are with our plant choices, the more stable the garden-sized ecosystems we create will be. That may not save the climate but it will definitely help out the birds, lizards, frogs and bugs that depend on our good judgement to have a place to live.

So, as you slip into sandals in the coming days, enjoy this new season. Revel in the things that are blooming and growing. While taking stock of your garden, look to the survivors. Think about how you can fill holes in your garden with more things like those sturdy stunners. The weather is always going to win, but we gardeners can have our victories too.



PR and Promotion

Greg Grant

I started my first job in Extension in 1985 as the Extension Assistant in Horticulture at Texas A&M. And I've been participating in promoting educational events ever since. I also started garden writing for the public the same year and at one point was a national director for the Garden Writers Association of America. Public speaking naturally became part of the educational game plan and to date I have made over 2,000 presentations at various seminars, meetings, conferences, and workshops. One thing they all had in common was the need for public promotion in order to have an audience to educate. Thankfully, I came up with a successful protocol for promoting these events.

These days, many groups produce a flyer for posting on Facebook and perhaps a bulletin board, window, or in a newsletter. Although flyers are important and essential, they aren't near enough, as many on-line calendars and newsletter don't publish flyers. It's very important that flyers be aesthetically pleasing and include all information for the event including who, what, where, and why. Just this week I saw one flyer that never gave the location and another that didn't give the time for the event. In addition to posting the flyer repeatedly on Facebook as the event nears, it's also important to create a separate Facebook Event for each program which provides extra visibility.

Of equal (if not more) importance is writing a press release of about 250 words. This press release should give all the same information as the flyer, plus additional information about the event including parking, sponsors, deadlines, web links, phone numbers, etc.

The press release along with the flyer should be sent well in advance to an email list that includes as many organizations, agencies, county agents, Master Garden groups, papers, magazines, radio stations, and colleagues as possible. Both the flyer and press release should be attached to the email with the press release also copy-pasted into the email and the name of the event included in the subject. This gives everyone the chance to read about the event plus put it in their own calendars, newsletters, articles, etc. It also gives them the opportunity to use the flyer, the press release, or both depending on their needs. Once again, many calendars and newsletters don't use flyers and need the written info. The press release should also be added to the Facebook flyer and event posts on Facebook so that everyone knows all the details

If one has access to a garden column in a local paper, either the 250 word press release or, even better, a 500 word article inspiring folks to attend is even better. An attractive photograph to go along with the article and Facebook posts is essential for grabbing attention. And these days, certainly other social media platforms are worth using as well, though none reach the "mature" gardening audience that we are dealing with as well as Facebook.

This method has proven successful with many events and has ensured many a crowd so plan to implement it with every educational program that we host.

Need VMS instructions for entering your hours? Mary Hamlin put together a great document with step by step instructions, and you can find it in the members section of our web site. Here's the link:

[Members - Resources \(txmg.org\)](http://txmg.org/Members-Resources)

Need more help? Contact Mary Hamlin (mhamlin@flash.net) or MJ Madden (maryjmadden@gmail.com) with any of your VMS issues.



REPORTS FROM THE GARDENS

Heritage Rose Garden

The Heritage Rose Garden is looking so beautiful now. We had a couple stop by recently from Ohio and they were so amazed by our Botanical Gardens. They had a lot of questions which we enthusiastically answered and they were so appreciative. They had never seen a bluebonnet and loved that we could show them what they look like.

The entry arbor is in full bloom with Rose Fortuni-ana and most of the bushes and climbers are blooming.

The struggle is keeping the unwanted weeds out and that is a weekly chore and a half! Artemisia is spreading everywhere we don't want with its long underground shoots. We have a great team of Master Gardeners who are ready each Tuesday to take on whatever task we have and that makes all the difference. I appreciate you all!

Linda Gurasich



Shade Garden

For this installment of the Grapevine, we thought it fitting to highlight one of our favorite spring bloomers, Texas Gold Columbine, *Aquilegia chrysantha* var. *hinckleyana* 'Texas Gold.'

The Texas Gold Columbine is a hybrid with its native parentage found in the remote, shady areas of Big Bend. This Texas Superstar® is known as a cool season perennial although it has a long bloom period, lasting from March until May. Buttery yellow flowers present as long, downward facing and characterized by elegant spurs. They sit atop graceful flower spikes, wafting above airy blue-green, parsley-like foliage, creating a dramatic effect.



Texas Gold Columbine is happy planted in dappled light to bright shade such as beneath the canopy of a deciduous tree or as an understory plant in a woodland setting. This specimen assumes an open clumping habit; 18-24 inches tall and wide and is lovely planted in sweeps. It tolerates a variety of soils as long as it has good drainage. In clay and other poorly draining soils it can be susceptible to crown rot. This columbine, unlike its northern cousins, can take the Texas heat and drought. Mind you, in the blaze of summer, foliage may decline and should be cut back. But not to worry, fresh growth will emerge in early spring. This beauty is suited to naturalized, woodland, hummingbird and rock gardens and will not disappoint. For more information, check out the following link: <https://texassuperstar.com/plants/columbine/index.html>

Katy Barone

IDEA Garden



It's beginning to feel like SPRING! The deep freezes that we and our gardens weathered didn't deter the beautiful *Ilex decidua*, and it put on a show for us all winter long. The Possumhaw holly is a small native tree and a Texas Superstar. The female plant drops its leaves in the fall to reveal showy red to orange berries, and the one at the IDEA garden welcomed gardeners and visitors providing color throughout the winter until it was denuded in just a few minutes by a hungry flock of cedar waxwings in early March. (Photo by Brenda Strong)

Spring bulbs began to emerge and dot the landscape with color as the gardens began to awaken from the winter. Among the many outstanding displays in the IDEA garden in the early spring was a tulip show courtesy of Betty Atchley and Laurie Graham. Betty had chilled the tulips

over the winter and Laurie planted them just inside the main entry to the garden to remind us about what was to come (and that preparation begins long before the show goes on). HOPE restored!

As March moved into April the colors in the DEA Garden began to emerge. The 'Sunshine' Ligustrum (Southern Living Plants), the Chinese ground orchids, and many narcissus and daffodils now greet us each day. The garden will soon be sporting even more color as annuals are being planted each week.

A newcomer to the garden is Zephirine Drouhin which is an old Bourbon rose from 1868. (Photo by Betsy Browder).

"Beautiful, high-centered, cerise-pink flowers with an overwhelming Bourbon fragrance make this climbing rose a knockout in spring and fall. The canes are thornless, and dark green foliage is thick and very healthy displaying coppery purple new growth that makes a vivid contrast with the pink blossoms."- Description from Antique Rose Emporium website



Betsy Browder

REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 16, 2023

The March 2023 Board of Directors Meeting was held in person at the CottonBelt. At the meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Investment decisions for SCMGA Reserve Fund monies
- The new TXMG Endowment Fund options for MG organizations in the State
- Amendments to SCMGA Financial Policies and Procedures on Refund Policy
- Policy and Procedure Amendment to clarify Specialist training (Advanced Training)
- Policy and Procedure Amendment for Helpdesk hours, Policy 1016 UNIFORMITY OF HOURS
- Report on Educational Field Trip, attendees and success
- Lifetime Member policy tabled until April meeting
- Planning for April Awards Monthly Membership Meeting



Belinda Kromer, Past President/Parliamentarian

Greenhouse Update

Let me start out by saying congratulations to the new class of interns. It was wonderful and fast meeting everyone at the greenhouse on the 30th which is your last day of class with Greg. I was so happy that several of the interns expressed a great interest in coming to the greenhouse to work. We always welcome new gardeners and their ideas.

The workdays are slowing down as the food crops we started from seed have been dispersed to folks who are interested in growing them. I can say, even though I've never grown food crops, I really loved growing them. They sprouted so quickly and became beautiful plant specimens, but they must get in the ground so they can be fertilized and produce their crops.

The greenhouse propagation and seed starting slows down as the temperatures rise. Nothing really wants to put on lots of new growth in a greenhouse with extreme temperatures. We will be repotting what seedlings we have left and start sunflowers since they germinate quickly. Plus, there are always other things to do such as cleaning and planning for next year's plants. I always want to thank all the wonderful gardeners who come to the greenhouse to work. I have lots of folks who come regularly and it is so nice to get to know each other and hear your ideas. We've propagated plants that I'm not familiar with and there's been lots of idea sharing from the gardeners.



It's definitely a community project in the greenhouse. I can't do it alone and I wouldn't want to!
Happy Gardening to All!

Debbie Taylor

Garden Guides Update

The 2023 garden guides is off to a great start with several enthusiastic Master Gardeners being able to attend the March 14 training. Our three gardens will be featured on each tour and though we no longer tour the rose garden its rich history will be given.

The first tour was given to a group from Anderson County. Belinda, Gary, and Navye led the tour.

Your garden guides are Lyn Benson, co-coordinator Navye Cummings, Jolanna Damkroger, Gary Gardner, Belinda Kromer, Marybeth McCown, co-coordinator Susan Seale, Lynette Sewell, Becky Wade, Dale Wade, Debby Watkins, and Ruth York. If you are a member of an organization or club that would enjoy a stroll in the gardens contact Amanda for scheduling (amanda.southard@ag.tamu.edu or 903-590-2980). Information and laughter come with every tour.



Susan Seale

Social Media

I hope you're all enjoying our spring weather that has finally, I think, arrived for good. The Spring Home Garden Tour will be upon us in a little less than two months, so I will be busy promoting that event in the coming month. This year the committee has set a goal of 500 attendees to this event, so getting out the word to the public will be very important. Please share our garden tour posts so more people will be aware of this event.

Also thanks for the contributions to my garden jokes file. I always like to have some in reserve.

Here's the top three posts for February

Andie Rathbone



February 23
23,361 people



February 28
23,332 people



February 10
20,196 people

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!!!

Tyler Morning Telegraph (Weekend only)

April 2 – Spring Break – Sara Arthur-Emery
April 9 – Happy Spring – Marinda Arney
April 16 – Tools of the Trade – Larry Hutson
April 23 – Poor Man's Stained Glass – Jim Powell
April 30 – Rainwater Harvesting - SCMGA

Tyler Morning Telegraph under Lifestyles at <https://www.tylerpaper.com>.

Lindale News & Times (Thursdays only)*

April 6 – Bluebirds – Carol Koehler
April 13 – Sweet Spots Outside the Flower – Gary Gardner
April 20- Rainwater Harvesting - SCMGA
April 27 – Put Your Kitchen Scraps to Work – Ruth York

You can read the Lindale News & Times online for free at <https://www.lindalenewsandtimes.com/current-edition>.

**Note: Please remember the Lindale News & Times is a small local newspaper with lots of hometown flavor, so if there's an important community issue, high school football or the 4H is having a livestock show or even if a large corporation buys a full page ad, we get bumped that edition. They do try to use all the articles we send, however the date might be different.*

Lynn McGinnis



VMS Update

We've gotten word from Texas MG that they're having a problem with people advertently or inadvertently tagging VMS as spam. If you do that you won't get anything sent out of VMS even if you whitelist the addresses. So please be careful not to tell your system that VMS is spam or is to be blocked. If you think you might have done that, let us know and we'll help you check it.

Mary Hamlin

Historian's Corner

A Short History of the Shade Garden

The Shade Garden has a unique history. Vance R. Burke founded the Camellia Club in the late 1940s. In a partnership between the city and the club, five acres south of the rose garden were designated for a camellia garden. The first camellia garden consisted of one bed of 68 donated camellias representing 53 varieties. A fountain was donated by Pearl Patterson from her estate on West Oakwood Street and serves as a memorial to this day.

Since then, the garden has gone through a number of phases. By the 1980s, both the rose garden and the camellia gardens were in decline due to repeated winter freezes. The Tyler Men's Garden Club and Dr. Eldon Lyle, Rose Research Foundation pathologist, helped to restore the gardens with transplanted camellias from Dr. Lyle's pine grove. Louis Squyres purchased many camellias to replace those lost as well.

In 1997, under the guidance of Keith Hansen, Smith County Extension Agent, SCMGA adopted one of the beds and named it the Shade Garden. This bed would showcase plants that could thrive in limited sunlight. A large selection of hostas and ferns were planted for evaluation. Additional camellias and 25 Japanese maples were provided by the Men's Garden Club in 2000. Up until Keith's retirement in 2015, unique plants were trialed or displayed there.

When Greg Grant arrived in 2016, he decided that the SCMGA should take on the combined Shade and Camellia Gardens. Soon volunteers were working the unique 18 bed garden. Many improvements have taken place in the past 7 years. Dry creek beds and new walking paths were designed by Sue Norton of San Antonio and implemented by volunteers, some just this past January. A multitude of Japanese Maples were donated by Klüber Lubrication as a means of giving back to the community. In the fall of 2022, through the generosity of Hoffman Nursery and under the tutelage of Keith Hansen, the Shade Garden began Carex trials. Seven varieties, which included a mix of native and special cultivars, were planted.

The future of the Shade Garden is bright with many additions planned to include camellias, azaleas, and other shade hardy plantings. Through the generosity of Avco Commercial Roofing, a bench will soon be installed in the new woodland area for visitors to enjoy. Good things are happening in the garden.

***Thank you to Steve Farrell and Nan Bateman. Their article on the Shade Garden appeared in the 2020 Master Gardeners calendar. It was a treasure trove of information. Thanks also to Katy Barone who provided updated information on the garden.

Tommie Ann Grinnell



New Class and Mentor News

It's official! Members of SCMGA Class 29 completed their Intern requirements and become certified Texas Master Gardeners this month. After seeing their outstanding performance and volunteerism, we look forward to really wonderful contributions from this class. We are so thankful for the super team of Mentors who walked alongside Class 29 - y'all are the best!

SCMGA Class 30 completed their classroom training and now move on to internship. Congratulations to all! The students met their Mentors at a potluck lunch on the last day of class. They will be officially recognized at the annual awards meeting on April 6th, where they will receive their name tags. As newly minted Interns, Class 30 has a busy April planned with garden and greenhouse workdays, Help Desk training and writing for the 2024 Calendar. Many thanks to our wonderful group of Mentors, who will provide introductions, familiarization and guidance. Your support is invaluable! Please provide a warm welcome to the Interns when you see them out and about.

Heather Stephens, Chris Cochran, Sue Lambert

TAYLOR-MADE DIRT*



Even in the face of no temperature control in the greenhouse--often too hot or too cold--Debbie Taylor, our SCMGA greenhouse manager, does not use the D-word on our Wednesday workdays. As every Greg Grant-trained master gardener knows, we mix potting SOILS.

We have had great growing successes with all varieties of plants over these past two years using home-made planting mixes. Did you know that plant cuttings taken in the fall from the IDEA garden are returned to the garden in the spring as healthy, vigorous specimens? Did you know the greenhouse is a teaching center for the hands-on skills of propagation, both tried and true ways as well as experimental methods? Did you know Debbie stretches the allotted Greenhouse budget by mixing the planting mediums from scratch rather than buying bags of it? Successful plant growing, increasing knowledge of propagation skills and saving money are three great reasons we mix soils weekly with Debbie.

We watch week after week the growing success (pun intended) and efficacy of these Taylor-Made recipes. Debbie has demonstrated mixing potting soil but one day in March we discussed the ingredients. Greenhouse intern volunteer Alleyson Shealey said "I learn so much when I come [to the greenhouse]" and Diane Lestor added, "I'm going home ...and make a proper mix for my seed starting."

We want to share soil-mixing with you so the following is from Debbie:

"There are recipes everywhere online. This is how we mix the soil we use in the greenhouse. We use a lot of soil so this [recipe] worked best for us."

Recipe No. 1 for SEED STARTING MIX we used in greenhouse this year:

3- parts peat moss (you can use coconut coir but we chose cheaper peat)

1- part perlite

1-part vermiculite (can leave out if you can't find it)

Compost - 2 part (optional)

We made recipes with and without compost and there was no evidence to say it's better for our small greenhouse projects. We fertilized our seedlings with 1/2 strength fertilizer after their true leaves or 4 leaves appear.

Recipe No. 2: POTTING SOIL Mix

1 bag of potting soil Any brand will do. I used cheaper varieties sold around town and use these additional ingredients.

The mix for this soil is :

Peat moss - this will help the mix lighten up some and retain moisture

Sand - this is optional. Use a coarse sand and it should help with drainage

Perlite or Vermiculite - It helps with drainage. I use perlite. It is 1/2 the price and it is sold in large bags around a few Tyler nurseries and KBW (a local wholesale landscaper supplier).

We have only a couple more months of work in the greenhouse. Join Debbie and her crew every Wednesday morning at 8:30 for our brand of fun. You'll see the tables full of a wide variety of healthy growing plants!

Thanks Debbie for giving us the dirt on your homemade soil mix recipes.

From all the Greenhouse volunteers,

Marybeth McCown
(Class 27)

April Awards Ceremony and Celebration



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our special
April 6 Awards Celebration.

Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Place: Tyler Rose Garden Center



During this time, in lieu of our regular chapter program, we will be announcing our 2022 Chapter Awards winners and honoring their achievements and dedication to Smith County Master Gardeners Association. We are also celebrating with Class 29, as they complete their internship and obtain their initial Certification as Master Gardeners. In addition, we are welcoming Class 30 as they receive their training certificates after completing classroom work and embark on their internships.

Gail Bean

Books Project

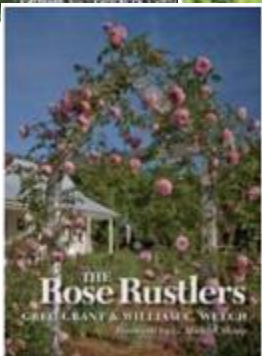


The Library series have seen a couple of books sold at each event. There will not be books at the April Library Series, but books will be there in May.



Anyone coordinating Master Gardeners' participation at local events - please let me know if you would like Greg Grant's books to be made available. I will try to arrange my schedule to be there, and will need about a week's notice.

Maggie Taliaferro



Help Desk Update

We had a good training class last week with most of the members of Class 30 in attendance, and we look forward to their participation at the Help Desk! With our current system of having two MGs on a shift, and having a nice assortment of Specialists to fall back on, much of the apprehension about working the Help Desk has been removed.

Most of the questions we get this time of year are about lawns—grass varieties, fertilizer timing, and so on. A close second is on fruit & nut trees — spraying schedules for peaches, plums, and pecans, and dealing with damaged limbs.

Gardening is cyclical, and so are the questions! Think about joining us.

MaryJo Madden

Calendar & Garden Guide Update

The next calendar meeting will be April 4 at 1:00 in room 116. We have decided on trees as our subject, just need to decide our topics for the articles now. There are other jobs to be done besides writing, so those need to be assigned as well. We will also need an amazing tree picture for the cover plus any pictures pertaining to gardening for the inside. You can start sending those to me matthews1952@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for all the help on our 2024 calendar.



Sherri Matthews

Education Dispatch

March was a big month for Education, we continued to grow our partnership with local libraries. We worked with the Troup Library to do a Gardening 101 program. It was a fun group of adult learners with tons of good questions. Plus, they have two library cats and a garden that they let me take over to do my mini, how to fill a raised bed, demonstration. It must have gone well because they have invited us back in April for a program on herbs.

We had the Educational trip to King's Nursery in Teneha, which was such a great time of plants, information, music, food and fun. I want to commend Gail Bean our amazing VP for all the work she did to arrange and organize that for us and how beautifully she kept us all together and mostly on schedule. After 3 years of not being able to do a big outing together it was such a welcome return to a happy tradition.

Behind the scenes we are putting together programs and scheduling events. This year the Goodman is once again hosting its Artisan Market on April 14 and 15 and asked us to help out. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to answer that call. We are doing an Education Table and 3 short educational programs each day, so we will have our hands full. If you are out and about one of those days we hope you swing by to see us and shop the market. Goodman does a plant sale as their major fund raiser every year and the Day Lily and Orchid Societies also sell their specialties, plus there are always other vendors and a food truck.

Programming Committee Report

Elizabeth Waldrop

The Speakers Bureau continues to educate and promote gardening. In March we presented various topics to five civic/garden clubs reaching a total of 169 folks. Two upcoming presentations are already scheduled for April. If you wish to participate and share your knowledge let us know.

The Library Lecture Series welcomed 80 attendees to hear President Elizabeth Waldrop. All found the history of the physic garden compelling. Be sure to reserve 21 April for our own Katy Barone's notes on "no till" gardening. Invite a friend.

Tuesdays in the Park will be here soon. If you have an interest to share, please let us know. Two of the three slots are open.

We have locked in a well-known horticulturist and writer to kick off the 2024 Library Lecture Series. A meeting of the Education Programs Committee is upcoming. Committee members stay tuned; All are welcome.

Dale Wade



Tech Committee

Our Tech committee met March 20th.

We're working our plan for 2023! Videos in production are: History of From Bulbs to Blooms – featuring Mr. & Mrs. Ed McGee, Greg Grant & Keith Hanson, Celebrating 30 Years of Smith County Master Gardeners, featuring several of our early members & officers, and lots more to come! There's only 2 more lectures at the Library Series, but you can catch all of them online on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@SmithCountyMasterGardeners>.

We're still in the beginning stages of our photo storage procedure, and we testing out other software that may prove to be more efficient than what we are currently using. So, with all that said, if you are slightly tech savvy or even very tech savvy, we'd love to have you on our committee. If you're interested, please contact me lynnmac@suddenlink.net.

Lynn McGinnis

From Bulbs To Blooms



The B2B committee enjoyed a day out at Greg's and Big Momma's, tromping for Trilliums (we saw lots!), checking out Narcissus blooms, and observing lots of other flora (pawpaw blooms!) and fauna (bald eagles and Tiger Swallowtails butterflies!) What a wonderful day. Thank you to Greg, Melanie and Jackie for hosting us once again - great gumbo and fresh lemonade can't be beat! Here's hoping we can make the tromp an annual event. Greg exaggerated its difficulty - or maybe he wanted to discourage too much tromping.

We're now to the point where we start making decisions about what we'll sell in our online store and in-person outdoor market. You're invited to contribute your own personal tried-and-true suggestions (and maybe where to find them) for bulbs, their relations (corms, tubers, rhizomes,...), and/or possibly seeds. Please share only plants you have personally grown for at least three years.

We're also considering selling some special items in honor of our 25th anniversary. If you have ideas or designs for such things, please share those, too. We have some beautiful artwork coming!

As you're out and about during these beautiful days, please continue scouting for blooming bulbs. We'd especially like to find some of the hardy Amaryllis types like St. Joseph's to dig - with permission, of course. Dr. Creech talks of "liberating wood stock", but we'll be less sneaky.

Fall-planted/spring-blooming items are already available to order through Brent & Becky's. Send 25% back to SCMGA by shopping through bloominbucks.com. Take a look and see if they might have some old favorites you'd forgotten about to recommend for our sale this year.

Thank you. We are blessed to be surrounded by wonderful volunteers!

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Master Your Garden – Channel 19

Now that it's spring, it's nice to be outside doing our weekly gardening spots on Channel 19. If you want to see the spots that were done earlier in the year, the station has now put a "Master Your Garden" tab on their homepage. It's hard to believe that we're two-thirds the way through our annual schedule and that we'll soon be putting together a schedule of topics for next year. If there's a topic you'd like to see us do, please send me an email with your suggestion. I'm always looking for new ideas.

Here's what we're going to be talking about in April:

April 6	Gardening for Pollinators	Elizabeth Waldrup
April 13	Master Gardeners at the Library	Katie Barone
April 20	Making Great Hanging Baskets	Shirley Long
April 27	Dividing Perennials	Debby Watkins



Andie Rathbone

April 2023

Smith County Master Gardeners

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shade Garden workday 8:30 AM
2	3	4 HRG/IDEA Garden Work- day 9:00 AM Calendar Comm. 1:00 PM	5  Passover Shade Garden workday 9:00	6 SCMG Meeting Rose Center 10:00 AM	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8
9 	10	11 HRG/IDEA Garden Work- day 9:00 AM	12 Shade Garden workday 9:00	13	14	15 Shade Garden workday 8:30 AM
16 National Volunteer Week 	17	18  HRG/IDEA Garden Work- day 9:00 AM	19 Shade Garden workday 9:00	20 SCMG BOD CottonBelt 10:00	21 MGs at the Library	22 
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