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meeting is
Thursday, May 4, 2023
At 10:00 AM at
Tyler Rose Center**

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Elizabeth's Thoughts

Well, I am saying goodbye to April, with its bunnies, eggs and rain for May in all its new fangled mirth. Which means I am also saying goodbye to the mild, if temperamental, days of Spring.

I always feel like May is the beginning of Summer. I know that season technically doesn't show up for over 7 weeks. But, try telling that to your itchy pink skin during your first sun scald of the year or the lightheaded vertigo of dehydration in 90 plus degree weather. Summer or not, I treat it as though it is and so does Mother Nature it seems to me. May is when the hot weather flowers begin to nod their cheery daisy-like heads. I am eagerly awaiting the wilting groundsel to be replaced by Black-eyed Susans and Indian Blankets in my pasture. These will boldly bloom until August when they finally fade with heat exhaustion just like me. Actually, they will last longer than me, I will wilt by mid July.



Knowing that my foray into Summer will be shorter than its actual duration I try to really enjoy the early bit. I throw myself into weeding, mulching and doing all the things I won't have the interest or energy to do once its brutally hot. I indulge in May, the most sensual of months. The natural world is full to brimming with sights, sounds, textures and smells. To enjoy this, I take meandering walks through the pasture looking for flowering treasures and spend long sultry evenings on the porch watching the lightening bugs throb against the darkening tree line. I also spend more time in my herb garden. May is when it truly shines. The basil bushes out and begins to blossom while the bees riot in the bounty. There are many May afternoons I can walk out of the kitchen door and the whole garden will be humming so loudly it shocks me to attention. The honeysuckle blooms, and love it or hate it, the smell is intoxicating. My one fancy rose, a David Austin variety called Othello, will scent the whole patio with the heavy oily scent of damask roses that coats the air with ancient perfume.

May is a feast for the senses and I plan to drink it all in. I hope you do too. We Master Gardeners are going to be busy not only indulging in the balmy hours coming up in our own gardens, but this is the time that the gardens in the Tyler Botanical Garden are going to come into their full beauty and require our attention. The weeds will be just as eager to grow and bloom as the lovely things we are cultivating. The Home Garden Tour is going to invite the public back after a 4 year hiatus, requiring all hands on deck. Plus, we have all been invited to virtually attend the Texas Master Gardener Conference May 2nd and 3rd. There will be plenty to enjoy. Dig in!

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Our Member meeting program in May will feature our very own Martha Fowler.
Please join us to hear about Propagation techniques.

**May 4, 10 a.m.: Asexual Plant Propagation
Speaker: Martha Fowler, Master Gardener
Propagation Advanced Training**



HELP WANTED

Greg Grant

Naturally springtime in the horticulture business is our most active time of the year. This includes the nursery industry, our own backyards, and education work in the field of Extension education. At one point last month, I had six straight days of talks, tours, or contests. Unfortunately, the hectic spring put my PhD work on the back burner. Though my coursework is over, I need to desperately get moving on a dissertation proposal, a research project, and my oral and written exams. As much as I'd like to speed things up, I'm probably looking at crawling along for another couple of years. Working full time and going to school isn't for the faint of heart!

That's where Master Gardeners come in. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension came to the realization years ago that life for a county horticulturist in an urban county wasn't sustainable or bearable. The interest in lawns, trees, insects, diseases, and gardens is overwhelming. Dealing with phone calls and walk-in questions stretches the capacity of our office staff which also handles the responsibilities of the Agriculture and Natural Resources agent, the Family and Community Health agent, the 4H agent, the Better Living for Texans agent, and the Prairie View agent. Our office is a beehive of county, state, and government programs involving industry and amateurs, youth and adults, and plants and animals. With education being our main focus, subject matter knowledge is essential. Just when we think we have a handle on something, it gets a new name, a new solution, or is replaced by a new problem.

But as challenging as learning plants, insects, diseases, and technology are, learning to work with people is even more important. Our greatest need in the Extension office is a dependable, reliable, and people-friendly Help Desk. Of course, it's impossible to know all the answers to the ques-

tions we get. Heck, some of them don't even have answers. What folks want most is to be able to talk about their trees, shrubs, lawns, and gardens. This means we have to be good listeners. Even if we don't know the answers to their questions or concerns, we have to show them that we care and give them some hope or direction to resolving their situation.

It takes time and effort to call, email, or visit the lovely Cotton Belt Building. It's our job to make them feel welcome and to leave with the satisfaction of knowing that somebody cared enough to try and help them. We do that by showing a genuine interest in their problem. We listen and then we ask questions. If we know the answer, we write it down for them and/or print out one of our many publications that detail the solution. I often mark the most important words with a highlighter. I also give them a copy of our latest office newsletter, sign them up to receive the newsletter each month, and give them a copy of the latest Texas Gardener magazine. As an office funded by a combination of federal, state, and county tax payers, it's absolutely critical that nobody leaves thinking we are just another bureaucratic government agency disinterested in their troubles. This is especially when those troubles involve plants, animals, nature and things that truly bring them pleasure.

We need more trained Master Gardeners to assist our Help Desk, particularly those with good people skills. Our office staff counts on the Help Desk to keep folks happy. I am currently exploring ways to better train Smith County Master Gardeners to run the Help Desk and to encourage more Master Gardeners to participate.

HELP DESK UPDATE

If you have not yet attended our two-hour training class for the Help Desk, but you are interested in doing so, please get in touch with me (maryjmadden@gmail.com). We are planning a class for sometime this summer, and we want to make sure the date & time work for most MGs. Those who attend class will earn 2 CE's, and have a commitment to work at least three Help Desk shifts before the end of the year. While volunteering at the Help Desk, you can earn CE hours in addition to your volunteer hours! Help Desk hours are M-F 9:00—12:00 and 1:00—4:00. The sign-up link for those who have been trained is below.

[SCMGA: HelpDesk \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.scmga.com/HelpDesk/signupgenius.com)

Mary Jo

REPORTS FROM THE GARDENS

IDEA Garden

“WOW!” “This is beautiful and different!” exclaimed an excited visitor to the IDEA garden one Tuesday morning. This is often the response we hear when visitors see the Mystic Spires Blue Salvia in bloom. This salvia is an excellent compact selection derived from the popular salvia called Indigo Spires, which is a much larger plant. The penetrating deep purple-blue flower provides a handsome vertical spike that creates excitement in the garden dominated by round flowers. The Mystic Spires Blue is about 18-30 inches tall and produces 12-14 inch tall spikes of glorious blue flowers which adorn the plant from early spring through frost. This plant continues blooming and the spent blooms turn white to add to the interest of the plant. The compact, semi-evergreen perennial with dark green leaves and heavy stems tolerates heat and both low and high humidity. Pests, disease or browsing deer do not bother this plant. It is a Texas Super Star, hardy through zone 7 and grows in full sun. It adapts to most soils but needs good drainage. Excess water and fertilizer produce more green vegetation and

less flowers. Plants can be pruned during the growing season as reblooming occurs quickly. In the fall and after the first frost prune to about 12 inches from the ground.

DO NOT cut the plant to the ground until growth is strong in the spring. This plant attracts hummingbirds, bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects.



Mystic Spires Blue Salvia makes a great addition to any flower bed or a real show stopper in containers. Salvias are especially valuable when summers are hot and dry for they ignore heat and go steadily about their business of making flowers. Salvias are among the easiest and showiest of flowers for the garden. So, if you need a “WOW” factor in your garden, do not pass this one up. You will not be disappointed!

Linda Munn

Heritage Rose Garden

Spring in the Heritage Rose Garden has been beautiful, if wet! Our main goal has been to repair and repaint the storage shed and the 2 benches. But, getting 3 sunny days in a row before our Tuesday workday has been a challenge. We have been able to strip the benches of most of the paint, but we can't get it to dry enough to repair and paint. I'm watching the forecast closely and I will probably need to call a special workday to get that completed. The shed has been stripped of all the decorative edges and we will try to get that sanded and painted. There has been a lot of termite damage, so we have some treatment to do as well as repairs. Thanks to all who have worked on this through the rain!



The phlox has been putting on a spectacular color show! Our plant list identifies this as Prairie Phlox, Phlox Pilosa, and it's a native. It's a good nectar source for bees, butterflies, and skippers. It spreads rapidly and should be thinned out unless you have the space to let it go. Some lucky volunteers will get a starting of this beautiful plant when it's time to remove some.

I've seen many visitors use the phlox as a backdrop for their children's photos. It's fun to be in the garden when visitors come through. They appreciate what we have created and always have many questions and positive comments. There is no doubt that we are spreading gardening love!

Linda Gurasich

Shade Garden

This month we thought it fitting to highlight *Carex*. We are growing 8 varieties in the Shade Garden, courtesy of Hoffman Nursery, and monitoring their hardiness.

Carex is frequently mistaken for a grass, however, it is a sedge. While appearing much like members of the Poaceae family, they are actually classified in the family Cyperaceae. Sedges can be distinguished from grasses by their flowering stems, which are triangular in cross section and solid, rather than round and hollow. When you roll the stem between your fingers, you will notice the three distinct sides. Also, they have razor sharp leaves. There is a saying, “Sedges have edges!” So it’s best to wear gloves when handling them.

There are over 100 sedge species, however, genus *Carex*, is considered the only “true sedge.” *Carex* are marked by diversity in color, texture and cultural adaptation and are by far the most popular in the trade. Because of their general hardiness and clumping habit, they adapt well to cultured gardens. Whether used as a lawn substitute, for erosion control on slopes, in dramatic mass planting or as a wispy border, these well-behaved plants can find a home in just about any landscape. Variegated species can brighten up a dark corner in a shady space. Taller types can act as “thriller” in a color bowl.

Carex vary by their land of origin, climate and habitat. Those in the trade most often originate from Asia, New Zealand and North America. North America species are well suited to restoration areas, wildscapes and more natural garden settings. All *Carex* vary in terms of shade, heat and drought tolerance. *Xeric*, *hydric* and or *mesic* refer to the amount of rainfall/moisture required for growth. *Xeric*



species prefer dry conditions, hydric wet or moist. Mesic have the widest range, happy in a variety of soils and tolerate wider range of climates and rainfall conditions. Many of the North American native species are in this group. It is important to know the growth requirements when planning these additions to your landscape. Right plant, right place!

The *Carex* we planted in the Shade Garden are peppered throughout, matching species with their sun and moisture requirements as best we could. Most are thriving and looking spectacular, though we had some casu-

alties due to summer heat, sketchy irrigation and winter freeze. A list of what we are growing is provided below, along with a couple of links you might find useful. If you are in the neighborhood of the Shade Garden, please come check out what we have growing. See if you can spot them all!

Carex in the Shade Garden: *C. cherokeensis*; *C. flacosperma*; *C. laxiculmis* ‘Hobbs, Bunny Blue’; *C. radiata*; *C. divulsa* (Berkley Sedge); *C. morrowii* var. *temnolepis* ‘Silver Tassel’; *C. oshimensis* ‘Evercolor Eversheen’; *C. vulpenoidea* (Fox Sedge)

<https://hoffmannursery.com/carex>

<https://hoffmannursery.com/blog/article/sedges-for-rain-gardens>



Katy Barone

Greenhouse Update

Spring has sprung and it's time for moving plants from the greenhouse. We have distributed some plants in different gardens so they can be part of the beautiful gardens that people admire. The Idea Garden receives most of the plants as we get many of our propagated cuttings from their garden in later summer and fall. We did start some milkweed seeds as one of our new interns was kind enough to share seeds. They were 2 kinds that I am unfamiliar with growing. The names are Balloon milkweed and Swamp milkweed. They are seedlings now and I hope they keep growing into full sized plants. Balloon milkweed isn't a Texas native, but I did read it is liked by the monarchs.

We have rooted cuttings of the Fortuniana rose that dresses the arbor as you enter the Heritage Garden. The clippings were left on the greenhouse table some months back with a note that stated "clippings from the main arbor in the Heritage Garden." We must have a dozen small pots that are ready for someone else's arbor.

I want to thank folks for the enthusiasm in the greenhouse. It is so nice to see gardeners who come right in on Wednesday and know just what to do. They get all the supplies out and are ready to work. Also thanks to everyone who has shared seeds and cuttings that are special to them. I love seeing what everyone is growing in their gardens. It takes a dedicated group to keep it all running. If there is anything that I can teach you it would be to research those plants and seeds you are planting this spring. This way the plant can grow in the ideal spot for its life, not where you want it to grow. Believe me, I've learned this lesson the hard way. I'm getting too old to be moving my plants around each spring and fall. It's so much easier to do the research in the beginning.

Debbie Taylor

Education Dispatch

I want to thank all the amazing volunteers who helped with our April Education Events. We reached over 400 people last month. I know we all had fun sharing our joy of gardening with the people who visited our booths and classes. We met so many special folks and made meaningful connections answering questions and teaching. We also did projects with children that presented them with fun learning experiences that we hope connected them to the natural world. A special kudos goes out to the interns who stepped up to help out. I am so encouraged to see you guys jumping in with both feet, keep it up.

We already have events scheduled for May and are planning for the summer ones. Please keep your eyes open for opportunities that will be posted in the Eblast and discussed at the Monthly Meetings. If you haven't yet joined us for one of these events please sign up, you don't know what you are missing.

Elizabeth Waldrop



Volunteers at the Goodman

REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 20



The April 2023 Board of Directors Meeting was held in person at the CottonBelt.

At the meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Treasurer's report included discussion around 2023 "Annual Internal Audit" by MG volunteers, Martha Fowler and Ruth York.
- Progress of upcoming SCMGA Home Garden Tour and need for additional MG volunteer signups.
- Next steps for Lifetime Member award and needed changes in Policy and Procedures.
- Added award for 2024, *Intern with the most Continuing Education Hours* and adding that language to the Policy and Procedures.
- Better process for keeping Committee and Project Chairs engaged and communicating throughout the year.
- Greg announced he will be out of office the 1st week of May!
- Goodman Museum needs Garden help with heritage planting and weeding. Work day planned.

Belinda Kromer, Past President/Parliamentarian

New Class and Mentor News

Class 30 Interns hit the ground running in April, frequently accompanied by their Mentors. They have been spotted at the TBG, the Greenhouse, the Help Desk, the Rose City Artisan Fair, and advance work days for the Home Garden Tour.

Members of the class participated in an all day visit to the SFA Gardens, where they met with Drs. David Creech and Jared Barnes and wandered with Greg through the Pineywoods Native Plant Center, the Mast Arboretum and the Ruby Mize Azalea Garden. Be sure to introduce yourself to our newest members when you see them!

Heather Stephens



VMS Update

We're a third of the way through the year, and 31 certified Master Gardeners have ZERO volunteer hours in VMS, and most of those also have no CEs. As a reminder, in order to recertify, certified MGs have to have 24 volunteer hours and 9 CEs registered in VMS. Our Texas AgriLife office really needs our full input of hours and CEs, so for those of you who do have hours (and we've seen you in the gardens, at educational events, at the Library series, etc), please get those hours and CEs registered in VMS.

Mary Hamlin



The theme this year is All About Butterflies. Stay tuned for more announcements regarding the many volunteer opportunities related to this project, led this year by Delane Ceasar-Sykes and Beth Guinn.

Beth Guinn

Social Media

One month until our 2023 Spring Home Garden Tour and we are posting a weekly preview post featuring each of the gardens that will be on the tour. Please share these posts as well as any other posts that talk about the garden tour.

As usual, I'm looking for garden jokes for my Friday Funnies posts. These posts are extremely popular (check out the numbers for our #1 post last month!) and draw in followers to our other more serious gardening posts. So forward any you find to me at andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com.

Here are the top posts for March:

Andie Rathbone



March 31
1,031,999 people reached.



March 25
10,752 people reached.



March 17
7,232 people reached.

The Home Garden Tour Returns!

The first Home Garden Tour for our organization was in 2001 and continued almost every year until the most recent one in 2019. Unfortunately, the tour had to be put on hold for the next three years due to unprecedented weather extremes and a global pandemic.

Happily, 2023 marks the return of this community favorite! A few changes have been made, but the premise remains the same: It is primarily an educational outreach to engage the public regarding sound horticultural practices. We all know, however, that many purchase tickets for the tour with the simple goal of getting ideas for their own gardens. Yes, our membership is eager to provide both!

There has been tremendous support within SCMGA to revive the tour. With the help from so many experienced Master Gardeners and enthusiastic newer members, we are primed to have a successful event showcasing SIX Smith County Master Gardener homes on May 20th. The days are racing by and there is still much to do.

Home garden selection begins each year in May to allow the committee to view the gardens at approximately the same date as the tour. This provides an accurate view of what it will look like, accessibility, size, location, and parking considerations.



We are seeking recommendations for home garden candidates for next year. If you would like yours to be considered or know of a potential candidate outside our organization, but within Smith County, please contact Master Gardeners Cindy Harrington or Laurie Graham with names and addresses. Co-leader Brenda Clark and I are grateful to you all for the help you have provided and will provide in the next three weeks. We anticipate a successful tour!

Mary Cantrell

Programming Committee Report

The Speakers Bureau continues to educate and promote gardening. April was a bit slow (thank you) with only two engagements. If you wish to participate and share your knowledge let us know.

The Library Lecture Series welcomed 58 attendees to hear our own Katy Barone enlighten us to No-till gardening..very interesting. Be sure to reserve 19 May for our final lecture featuring Dr. David Creech.

Tuesdays in the Park will be here soon. If you have an interest to share, please let us know. The search party is, well, searching.

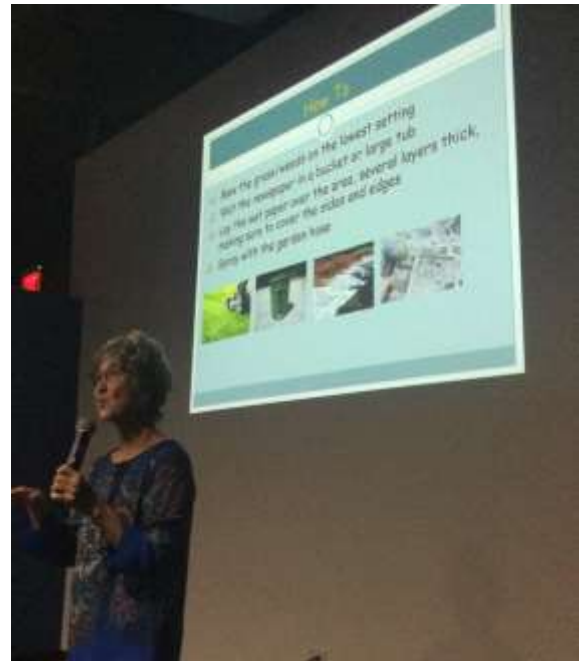
We have secured speakers for Jan-Feb-Mar 2024 Library Lecture Series. If you have suggestions for April and May, let us know.

Thru April

SB YTD: 12 civic/garden clubs & 258 individuals

LLS YTD: 307 individuals

Dale Wade



Calendar & Garden Guide Update



The gardening guide/calendar committee is busy working on the 2024 calendar. Our next meeting will be May 9 at 1:00 in room 116. We have selected Trees as our theme for this year. We need pictures to put in the calendar of anything garden related. We will also need a great tree picture to put on the front. Please send these to me at: matthews1952@sbcglobal.net. Please identify the plant or tree in your picture. This will be another wonderful calendar for us all your help.

Sherri Matthews

Begonia Conference Reminder

If you enjoyed our March speakers, Don Miller and Taddie Hamilton, from The American Begonia Southwest Region, this is a reminder about their upcoming conference here in our very own Tyler.

Begonias Visit Rose City

For the American Begonia Society National Convention
And

The American Begonia Southwest Region Get Together
May 24th - May 27

Holiday Inn Conference Center
5701 South Broadway, Tyler, TX

A Begonia Plant Sale, Begonia Plant Show will be open to the public on May 26th and 27th. Check the website:

www.begonias.org for more information

Gail Bean



MGs at April Awards, Graduation, Certification meeting

From Our Historian

The Heritage Rose Garden began in the 1970s when the Tyler Lion's Club developed an acre in the southwest corner of the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden. Their vision was to provide a Sensory Perception Garden for the blind. To fulfill this mission, several old garden roses were planted because of their exceptional fragrance. A few years later the Gertrude Windsor Garden Club adopted the maintenance and further development of the project. Lavender Muskogee crepe myrtles were planted as background. From 1986 until 2006, the focus was not only on a rose garden, but a garden that included complimentary and companion plants for the old garden roses. The garden then became known as the Heritage Rose Garden. In 1993, SCMG, with the help of Dr. Brent Pemberton, partnered with the garden club to showcase roses, shrubs, heirloom bulbs and annuals. A beautiful arbor and bench were built overlooking the garden in honor of their founder, Gertrude Windsor.

In 2006, the SCMGA took over the development and maintenance of the Heritage Rose Garden, focusing on old roses and companion plants found in early Texas homesteads. Master Gardener Anne Brown and a crew of dedicated volunteers expanded the Heritage Garden, creating new beds and showcasing the history of antique roses along with new perennials. A quaint garden shed was added along with a refurbished entrance. The Muskogee crepe myrtles began to look majestic, as crepe myrtles do when left unpruned.

Thanks to the work of Dr. Bill Welch, Greg Grant, and their buddies at the Rose Rustlers, many old roses have been preserved and can be seen at the Heritage Rose Garden. The oldest variety in the garden is Old Blush which was introduced in 1752. Roses grown in the Heritage Garden receive only light pruning, little water, and no pesticides, exactly as they were grown in our grandparent's gardens.

When Anne Brown retired as garden coordinator in 2017, Greg Grant stepped up to continue the tradition. Henry Burch and Debby Watkins worked as team leaders under Greg's direction for a short time before assuming the responsibility of sole coordinators for the garden. Spectacular heirloom bulbs were added. "Texas Tough" perennials and reseeding old-fashioned annuals completed the cottage garden look. Excess seeds from larkspur, purple cone flowers and poppies have been offered for sale in the From Bulbs to Blooms sale.

The Gertrude Windsor Garden Club continues to sponsor special projects such as providing a new arch for the entrance to the garden and powder coating the bench near the arbor.

These days the visionary of the garden is Greg Grant with Linda Gurasich and Trisha Wiggs coordinating the weekly work days. The merry band of volunteers continue to make the garden a showcase.

Thanks to Debby Watkins and Linda Gurasich for their input, and to Pat Turner, whose 2019 calendar article contributed to this piece.



Tommie Ann Grinnell

CHANNEL 19 - Master Your Garden

It's hard to believe that we're almost at the end of our first "season" of Mastering Your Garden spots for Channel 19. In the coming month, I plan on putting together a proposed schedule for the 2023-24 year. If any of you have ideas of what we should be talking about in our next year of segments, please send them to me at andie.rathbone.66@gmail.com. Here is our May schedule:

May 4	Things to do in May	Jolana Damkroger
May 11	Spring Home Garden Tour	Brenda Clark
May 18	Hanging Baskets	Shirley Long
May 25	Herbs	Colleen huntsberger



Andie Rathbone

From Bulbs To Blooms



We are excited to announce that we'll have two speakers for our B2B conference this year: our own fearless leader, Greg Grant, will tag-team with Chris Weisinger of The Southern Bulb Company! They are both life-long bulb enthusiasts and entertaining story-tellers, so it will be a fun time and, we hope, a full-house. To that end, we are going to rearrange how we're using some spaces at Pol-lard UMC and hold the conference in the gym where we've been having bulb order pick-up. Some bulbs will only be available for those attending the conference - they won't be in the on-line store at all. So a little bit like the "old days" pre-COVID! We also plan to expand our outdoor market area to make it a bit more street fair - we want everyone to come out and celebrate our 25th year.

Here's a new opportunity for someone who spends a good bit of time driving around Tyler: we'd like to get every electronic billboard in town to run our sale on their sign for a period of time before the sale - a week, a day, whatever... So we need to know who has those signs. Interested? Don't do anything crazy while you're driving, but make note of sign locations as you can, please.

Byzantine gladiolas and St. Joseph's lilies are still blooming! If you don't know what they look like, both the IDEA garden and the Heritage Rose garden have them, so stop by and take a look. We love these local blooms! Please help us find them.

Last chance to tell us what bulbs you'd like to see in the sale - we're ordering soon. Please also give us a heads-up if you're growing something we might be interested in digging for the sale. Remember that we only sell named cultivars and they have to meet GG's standards.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and wonderful ideas! Keep 'em coming. I'm excited - are you?

Lenka Johnson

Garden Guides

Rain rain oh my! The tour for the Mt. Pleasant garden club had to be cancelled due to the rain. We are hoping they will be able to reschedule.

Thursday, April 27, the current intern class had a Garden Guide training. There were two times offered because the class is so large. Both were well attended with lots of interest and questions. Nayve and I want to thank Belinda, Jolana, and Marybeth for their help. The 10 am group had some rain drops at the end but no one melted. All in all another great educational day spent in the gardens.

Susan Seale



The Lindale Garden Club toured the TBG.

Tech News



We're working on our tech plan for 2023! Videos in production are: History of From Bulbs to Blooms and Celebrating 30 Years of Smith County Master Gardeners. There's only 1 more lecture of 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/data storage project, and we're 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

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!

Tyler Morning Telegraph (Weekend only)

May 7 – What is that Grass in My Yard – H Pritchett

May 14 – 2023 Home Garden Tour - SCMGA

May 21 – Gradaddy's Daylilies – R York

May 28 – The Hungry Caterpillar – S Osborn

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

Lindale News & Times (Thursdays only)*

May 4 – Growing Zinnias – J Powell

May 11 – 2023 Home Garden Tour - SCMGA

May 18 Treating Fire Ants Organically – T Haynes

May 25 – Only God Can Create a Tree – D Lestor

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.*



Pick up your copy of Tyler Today Magazine to see the wonderful article and beautiful photos of the 2023 SCMGA Home Garden Tour! Written by our very own **Jacque Hilburn-Simmons**, this article is amazing! Thank you Jacque and all of our tour homeowners for helping us pull this opportunity together. We really appreciate you!

You can also read the article online at <https://www.tylertodaymagazine.com/>



Lynn McGinnis



Class 30 Interns completed their Garden Guide training, despite the weather!.

MAY 2023

Smith County Master Gardeners

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 HRG/IDEA Garden Workday 9:00 AM	3 Shade Garden workday 9:00	4 SCMG Meeting Rose Center 10:00 AM	5 	6 Shade Garden work- day 8:30 AM
7	8	9 HRG/IDEA Garden Workday 9:00 AM Home Garden Tour Mtg 11:30 Calendar Mtg 1:30	10 Shade Garden workday 9:00	11	12	13
14 	15	16 HRG/IDEA Garden Workday 9:00 AM	17 Shade Garden workday 9:00	18 SCMG BOD CottonBelt 10:00	19 MGs at the Library 	20 Shade Garden work- day 8:30 AM 
21	22	23 HRG/IDEA Garden Workday 9:00 AM Office Closed	24 Shade Garden workday 9:00	25	26 Grapevine deadline Begonia Conference Plant Sale	27 Begonia Conference Plant Sale
28	29 Office Closed 	30 HRG/IDEA Garden Workday 9:00 AM	31 Shade Garden workday 9:00			