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Elizabeth's Thoughts

Finally, it's Fall! I am so happy we made it here to the very best time of year. I mean no disrespect to Spring in all her new-fangled mirth. Pastels just aren't my thing, nor those tender sprigs and buds that make me fret for their safety in the petulant weather. Give me Autumn with its torturous spelling, and its proud lush vowels, like some ancient pronouncement. I relish the smell of burn piles, harvest, the final cutting of hay, and that last gasp of brilliant color, because if you are going to go, you may as well go with fanfare.



Fall waltzes in a bit drunk, tired, and wearing slippers, but she is dancing and sings as she comes. After our long terrible summers, I am always so happy to see her. I don't care how messy and disheveled she is. She brings shorter days, crisp air, soaking rain, and all the wildlife, hurrying to get somewhere else. The bustle of nature changing, energizes a fading season. Plus, we have Halloween, the perfect holiday. You get to be anyone you want for one night. You can eat sweets with impunity, and you don't have to buy anyone a present. What could be better? Its spooky, sexy, fun, and mysterious, the best holiday for the best season in my opinion.

We Master Gardeners are busy in the Fall too. We have our biggest dos now, with all hands-on deck. The Fair winds up just in time for the Bulbs to Bloom Sale to take our attention. We have plenty to accomplish in our yards and gardens. Cleaning up after our messy trees, planting Winter veggies and color, and buttoning up everything else for its long Winter nap. Plus, we need to plant all those daffodils we bought. Thankfully a little rain and cooler temps will make that chore easier. It is a busy month and hopefully we are energized to do it, just like the migratory birds and the squirrels stashing stores for the coming cold.

Enjoy this festive month. Indulge yourself a little. Lounge when you can, eat fresh apples, make some warm spicy oatmeal on a cool morning. And of course, eat a bit of candy out of pure sassiness. There is plenty of work to be done and not much time to do it. But there is always room to celebrate the season, and after our summer, we need it.

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October Membership Meeting

We are launching our new 2024 Trees Calendar with a presentation on Trees for East Texas given by **Curtis Farmer**. Curtis is an Anderson County Master Gardener, an Advanced Tree specialist and has a varied background in government and education in his career and you won't want to miss his presentation about growing trees in East Texas.

Gail Bean

Notes from the Agent Greg Grant



Several folks have asked, so here's an update on my PhD work. This semester I will start my Master Gardener survey research (be looking for a link emailed to you), take my preliminary exams (a 12-page statistics test is waiting on me at this very moment), and complete and turn in my dissertation proposal. I have to take qualifying exams from all four of my committee members but thankfully I'll take them one at a time. It's very important that I get as much statistical data as possible so please be sure and take the Qualtrics survey once I send it out. The survey will be open for two months and should take you about 15 minutes. If I don't get enough participation, I'll have to start over!

I am very thankful to have Master Gardener volunteer educators helping me and this weekend is a prime example of why. In addition to this newsletter, my statistics exam, and my dissertation proposal, my deadlines also include my *Tyler Morning Telegraph* garden column, my *Texas Gardener* magazine article, and my Arbor Gate blog. On top of that, they just lifted the burn ban here and I need to pile and burn fourteen acres of timber harvesting slash ASAP to get ready for planting 16,000 more longleaf pine seedlings. The wind has to be just right to accomplish this. I'll be setting up my old desk top computer down at Big Momma's and will most likely spend the rest of the year in seclusion working on all of this. I'll probably do the same next year interpreting data and writing a hundred plus page dissertation on it. If I stay on task and do everything right, it's possible that I can finish my PhD in December of 2024. Pray for my weary brain, body, and soul!

(See dissertation announcement at right)



Introduction

The Texas Master Gardener volunteer program, overseen by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, originated in 1972 in Washington State. It was established to provide in-depth horticultural training to volunteers in exchange for delivering high-quality gardening education to Extension clients. Certified Master Gardener volunteers receive a minimum of 50 hours of training and commit to volunteering at least 50 hours for Extension-approved projects, including answering public inquiries, writing publications, and conducting educational events. Currently, there are approximately 8,000 Texas Master Gardener volunteers across 113 counties. Local programs are managed by Texas A&M AgriLife Master Gardener coordinators, typically County Extension Agents in horticulture for urban areas and agriculture/natural resources agents for rural regions. However, despite national surveys exploring various aspects of Master Gardener volunteerism, none have addressed why some volunteers are hesitant to directly respond to horticultural inquiries from the public and how to boost their confidence in doing so.

Methods

In the fall of 2023, I will conduct a thirty-question online Qualtrics survey in the 14 East Texas Counties (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service District 5) with Master Gardener volunteer programs. This survey will investigate volunteer preferences, demographics, and, importantly, the reasons behind their reluctance to answer direct public inquiries through the local county Extension office. I will also inquire about potential strategies to encourage volunteers in this role. The data will be analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics. The survey results will provide valuable insights for improving the training and management of Extension volunteers, with a potential immediate impact on the effectiveness of annual intern classes in counties with Master Gardener programs. Each county Master Gardener volunteer training class can easily be customized to match the needs of an individual county or particular necessity. The results of this survey can help improve or add to current instructional content as well as provide material for continuing education for existing Master Gardeners who are recertifying.

REPORTS FROM THE GARDENS

Heritage Rose Garden



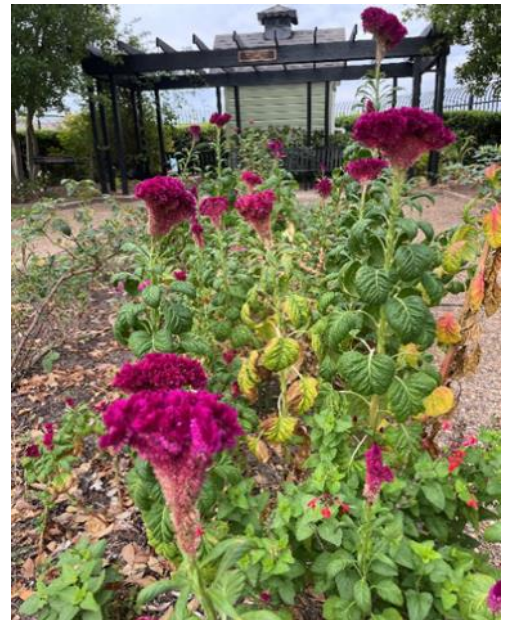
I love a surprise! I never know from week to week what I might find in the garden. When I walked into the garden on September 19, the Oxblood Lillies were putting on a glorious display around the Confederate Rose. According to my research, they were discovered around the 1800s and are found throughout parts of Texas. Nurseries don't carry them, so you need to get bulbs from someone who is willing to share. The plant is also known as schoolhouse lily as they pop out when school starts in the fall. They are also known as hurricane lily due to the timing of the blooms, which coincides with the storm season. The deep color of the blooms is a magnet to hummingbirds.

Another good bloomer right

now is Cockscomb. It's a perfect plant for a heritage garden as it was used in Thomas Jefferson's garden at Monticello in the late 1700s. There are 2 species of Celosia. The Cristata variety has the coral or brain-like crest in bright colors of burgundy, orange, yellow, and red. Their gorgeous colors maintain even when dried. Easy to grow from seeds and they love our summer heat and are very tolerant of dry soils.

The fall-blooming roses got a light shearing with hedge trimmers so that they will be blooming in October for the rose festival. The dry hot summer was hard on many of our plants including some roses which will need to be repaced.

Linda Gurasich



Shade Garden

The Shade Garden made it through September! Whew! We are happy for the milder temperatures and rain. Fingers crossed it's a trend. September was spent mostly keeping things alive which we managed to do.

We met with Keith Pasby to discuss potential extensions to our irrigation to cover the far reaches and the area around the fountain. This is still in the works as we flesh out the details and the budget. We have been in touch with Luke, the new city arborist, to assess a few post oaks we are worried about—casualties from the last three years. The jury is still out as to whether they will stay or go.

On a happy note, we planted four lovely camelias in the garden, given to us by a kind and generous donor. Also, on the topic of happy, we had a nice surprise. **Steve Ferrell** and wife, Carol, were in town and made a visit to the TBG. They were blown away by all the gardens. It was great seeing them again.

Katy Barone

IDEA Garden

Walking into the Idea Garden from the Houston Street entrance, you are struck by the large salvia bushes that line the sidewalk. There's Amistad, Mexican Bush Sage, Henry Duelberg, and the newest addition, Salvia Darcy. These plants can take our Texas heat, create a long-lasting display of color and are loved by the hummingbirds and pollinators. As you stroll through the rest of the garden you will find Mystic Spires, Autumn Sage, and Black and Blue.

Salvias are a useful, diverse group of plants that are members of the mint family. Who knew? The colors in our garden vary from red to blue to purple and range in size from two to six feet. They prefer full sun to mostly full sun and have a lovely, long blooming season. And even better, they are drought tolerant.

The name salvia is derived from the Latin term "salveo", which means "be well". Good advice! It would "be well" to plant a few of these in your garden!

Currently, the Idea Garden is in full bloom despite the heat of our summer. Let me invite you to walk through, take a deep breath, and enjoy nature's bounty.

Denise Rasco



Greenhouse Update

The greenhouse started meeting on September 13th and we had a great attendance even with the rain. I can say we all were truly grateful for that rain and didn't mind working since we were inside the greenhouse. We had many pots and trays that were left for us over the summer months and we had to get them all sorted and put away. The workers did an excellent job getting that accomplished. Thanks to everyone who so kindly left us donated items at the greenhouse.

We have so far potted cuttings for several types of coleus, sedum, Euonymus fortunei, Ice plant, Luna Pink Swirl Hibiscus and several others. The weather has been good for propagation being that it is still warm and we hope the roots get growing quickly. There are good things and not so good things to this warm weather we are still having, but propagation weather is a good thing.

I want to thank all the folks who showed up in the pouring rain to help get the greenhouse cleaned up. I know there are some Master Gardeners that drive through several school zones and long distances to get there. I also want to thank **Tom Cox** for coming to my house and loading a full truck load of pallets we are using in the greenhouse. You're a good neighbor and friend of the greenhouse.

As always, thanks to everyone who shares, works, and does many different things to help with the greenhouse. **Cindy Harrington**, thanks so much for thinking of us by giving us 2 huge buckets of compost from the Idea Garden. It has already been put to good use.

Debbie Taylor

REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 9/21/2023

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

- Budget amendment to cover increase cost of printing Garden Guide/Calendars
- Budget Committee members finalized
- Nomination Committee Status for 2024 BOD
- Designs for Intern Committee booklet and Intern Welcome Letters
- Policy and Procedure approved for Member recognition for hours ≥ 100
- Bylaw addition for new committee Volunteer Assistance Committee to be voted on by membership
- Policy and Procedure addition if Bylaw for new Volunteer Assistance Committee is approved
- Bylaw changes and Policy and Procedure changes needed to comply with new VMS Status definitions
- ETSF status and updates



Belinda Kromer, Past President/Parliamentarian

Books!

All three of Greg Grant's books will be for sale during Bulbs to Blooms:

Heirloom Gardening in the South

Texas Fruit and Vegetable Gardening

The Rose Rustlers

You can include them when you pre-order online or purchase them in person the day of the sale.

This will be the last offering till the Library Series starts up next year, so if you would like any for Christmas gifts, this would be a good time to get them!

Maggie Taliaferro

Garden Guide and Calendar

The 2024 gardening guide/calendars are here. They are beautiful, now we need to sell them. I will be selling them at First Tuesday in the Garden and also the monthly meeting.

They also need to be delivered to the vendors that sell them for us: Harris Nursery, Potpourri House, Rozell Chemical, Steeles in Troup, and Weaver Pharmacy. Be sure and call to check if they still want to sell them. Let me know if you would like to deliver and I will let you know what you need to do. If you are speaking anywhere, I would appreciate you taking calendars to sell. They are packed with information about trees, gardening chores, planting charts, great pictures and websites for gardeners. They also make great Christmas gifts. The gardening guide/calendar is selling for \$10.00 again this year. Thank you to everyone that helped with them. Everyone did a great job.

Sherri Matthews

VMS Update

Certified MGs must have 24 volunteer hours and 9 CEs in VMS to recertify for next year. If you have questions please contact Elizabeth Waldrop (sevincrows87@hotmail.com), Mary Hamlin (mhamlin@flash.net) or Belinda Kromer (kromerb@aol.com).

Mary Hamlin

Historian's Corner

Spotlight on Leaders Past

Anne Pattulo was the president in 2010. Anne's focus was on educating the membership and the general public about bulbs, earning her the nickname the "Bulb Lady." Her emphasis was on bulbs that can thrive in East Texas. She has presented many talks on Southern Bulbs, including the "Tuesdays in the Garden" series. Ann has served on the bulb selection committee for the From Bulbs to Blooms Conference and Sale as she says, "forever." Anne also extended the presidents column in the Grapevine to be more experiential and conversational. Anne was president when the exhibit at the East Texas State Fair was greatly enhanced due to the excellent work by the fair committee. Anne serves today in many capacities and you can often spot her in the IDEA garden.

In 2014 **David Gary** served as president. Prior to joining SCMGA, David worked at the Dallas Arboretum. He was a garden docent and spent ten years as a tram tour guide. David still gives presentations for the Speakers Bureau and travels all over as the Master Gardener on Wheels. His favorite SCMGA memory is a presentation by Kiepersol Winery for a MG monthly meeting that also featured a wine tasting. David tells me that that meeting had the highest attendance of the year! In 2012, David hosted a field trip to the Dallas Arboretum to view the Chihuly glass exhibits. He acted as tour guide for the event. He holds Lifetime Membership, but that doesn't mean he has stopped working. David is currently on the SCMGA board as a state director.

Susan Stone stepped up and served for two terms in 2016-17. During her time as president, her team developed and promoted the Master Gardeners at the Library Program. It has proven to be a favorite of the public ever since. The Help Desk was restructured and organized with the help of Greg Grant. Susan is a Lifetime Member.

Tommie Ann Grinnell

Garden Guides

Friday, September 8, the Arrow's Way Academy of Lindale Texas had a tour of the Tyler Botanical Gardens. The Home-school is for pre-k through 9th grade, representing 28 families.

The tour consisted of 22 children and their parents. Navye and I along with interns **Alice Bailey, Sandy Ellis, Diane Everhart,** and **Linda Thomas** enjoyed the enthusiastic questions and energy of the group. Several of the students were active in their own home gardens— one young lady likes propagating morning glories and is a collector of seeds. Some day she may be great help to Mary Jo. Several were fascinated with the number of blue bird boxes. An unexpected sprinkle of rain brought shouts of joy and jumping.

All and all, another great day at the gardens.

Susan Seale



Social Media

It looks like our temperatures are finally cooling off & what a relief that is! We're now almost into October and that means one thing on our Facebook Page – the Bulb Sale! Remember to share those posts so we can make our 25th Anniversary of From Bulbs to Blooms the best sale ever. Here's your top three posts for the month of August:

Andie Rathbone



August 11

4,724,084 people



August 25

813,179 people



August 9

63,841 People

CHANNEL 19 – MASTER YOUR GARDEN

Our Master Your Garden spots on Channel 19 have turned to fall this month with spots on Fall Pollinators and our butterfly exhibit at the East Texas State Fair. We are now pre-recording all our spots at 9:30 AM on Thursday mornings. This worked out really well when it was so hot this summer but is also easier than doing our spots live as we can stop and start over if we need to. Remember if you're scheduled to talk on a subject that we are not limited to re-cording these in the rose garden. We can do these anywhere you think is appropriate. Here's our schedule for October:

October 5	From Bulbs to Blooms Sale	Brenda Strong
October 12	The Shade Garden	Katy Barone & Stephanie Osborne
October 19	From Bulbs to Blooms Conference	Jolana Damkroger
October 26	Good Bugs in Your Garden	Terri Gerber

Andie Rathbone

Tech Committee



The TechComm committee is currently working on budget, videos, photo storage, and other techy stuff. A huge thanks to everyone that has assisted with the SCMG 30th Anniversary videos and the SCMG 25th Anniversary From Bulbs to Blooms videos! **Lyn Benson**, our resident videographer, has done a fantastic job of recording, editing and posting these videos to our YouTube channel. Thank you Lyn, we appreciate you more than you know! You can watch these videos on our YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Smith+County+Master+Gardener

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

Programming Committee Report

The *Speakers Bureau* continues to educate and promote gardening. We delivered one presentation in September. However, we have three more scheduled. If you wish to participate and share your knowledge, let us know. If you belong to a group that includes programs at its meetings, let us know. The best way is to have someone call the Help Desk to request a speaker. Thanks to the Master Gardeners who have stepped up to become part of the Speakers Bureau, especially those who completed Advanced Training. We continue to add to the list of possible speakers. If you are interested, let us know.

Tuesdays in the Garden kicked off with a talk about the Harvest Season Garden with Elizabeth Waldrop. Help us get the word out about upcoming talks.

- 3 October - Bulbs to Blooms, **Anne Patullo**
- 7 November - Seasonal Floral Arrangements, **Megan Lissner & Paige McGuffey** of Moss Florist

We are happy to announce the *Library Lecture Series 2024* lineup.

- 19 January: *Growing the Longview Arboretum: The Good, The Bad, & The Muddy* Steve Chamblee, Executive Director, Longview Arboretum.
- 16 February: *Things I Wish I Had Learned Sooner* **Baxter Williams**, Master Rosarian, American Rose Society.
- 15 March: *Texas Superstars* **Lynette Sewell**, Master Gardener.
- 19 April: Tried & True, New & Different, Plants to Try to Find and Use in Your Garden **Keith Hanson**, former Extension Horticulture Agent, Smith County.
- 17 May: Bloom Where You Are Planted—Make Your Garden Fit Your Life **David Gary**, Master Gardener.

Through September SB YTD: 14/garden clubs & 335 individuals TG YTD: 30 individuals LLS 2023 final: 399 individuals (if you missed any one of them, you could have been #400.) Happy Gardening!

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!

Tyler Morning Telegraph (Weekend only)

October 1 – Underground Magic – **Mary Beth McCown**

October 8 – Byzantine Gladiolus - **Katy Barone**

October 15 – SCMGA From Bulbs to Bloom 25 Years – **Jolana Damkroger**

October 22 – Tea Party – Marinda Arney

October 29 – A Spider Sewed at Night – Janine Purcell

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

Lindale News & Times (Thursdays only)*

October 5 – Time to Plant Bulbs – **Linda Sargent**

October 12 – October Garden Tips – **Gail Bean**

October 19 - SCMGA From Bulbs to Bloom 25 Years – **Jolana Damkroger**

October 26 – Easiest Flowers to Grow – **Holly Pritchett**

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

If you haven't already, check out our current article in Tyler Today magazine! Online at

<http://www.tylertodaymagazine.com/inside-this-issue/>

The October/November edition releases October 2nd. This edition will feature our From Bulbs to Blooms 25th Anniversary article. Thanks to everyone that contributed!

**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.*



East Texas State Fair

The Master Gardener Exhibit opened Friday morning at the East Texas State Fair. It was an immediate hit. We experienced very long lines all weekend.

ETSF staff are thrilled with the feedback they're receiving on our exhibit. It has been a gift to see so many people so happy and receive so much positive feedback. One comment last night was, "I just fell in love!". And we've had a multitude of Fairgoers ask for more information on how to start a butterfly garden.

This, from intern **Julie O'Brien**:

"I worked my first shift at the Fair yesterday and wanted to share a few things with you. First of all, the exhibit is beautiful! I worked inside where the butterflies were and the look of sheer delight on the faces of the people entering was magical. It didn't matter if it was a timid child or a steel-faced man being drug in by his curious wife, at some point, I saw a smile on their face. And everyone thanked us profusely on exiting. Perhaps the best moment that I was privileged to witness was a young boy, perhaps around the age of 7 or 8 who spent a great deal of time sitting on the ground near a milkweed plant studying the caterpillars while about 5 butterflies flitted around him. When his mother approached, bent down and asked him what he thought, he said, "Mom, I think this is what Heaven is like!."



Thank you to all who have volunteered so far. You all have been incredible. Some have really stepped up our game with your knowledge of nectar plants and butterflies. We hope you'll join us this last weekend of the Fair. We're located in the Agventure area, in front of goat mountain and the baby chicks.

Delane Caesar-Sykes



From Bulbs To Blooms



Just as I said in the October, 2022, Grapevine, our new “normal” seems to be last minute changes to the plan. As the saying goes, Change is the only constant. In keeping with that trend, our work days have been rearranged as of 9/28/23 and announced in the 9/29/23 eBlast. Because of these changes to the SignUp Genius pages, we ask anyone who was signed up to double check their sign up. Interns in particular, since you need 6 hours of work on the B2B project, check your signups! I would list all the changes here, but I think that would be even more confusing. Please check the SignUp Genius links below. Thank you all in advance for adapting to events beyond our control.

For those of you new to the bulb sale, let me explain the remaining portions of this event. Keep in mind I’m writing this on 9/27, so some of this will be “old” news by the time you read it. However, I’d like everyone to have the whole story. There has been a great deal of work already completed or in the works for this project by the many exceptional members of the B2B committee, subcommittees and volunteers.

On October 2nd, there will be / was a group that setup the work area behind the classroom at the Cotton Belt Building. This involved all prep work we could complete in order to be ready to begin the physical portions of the bulb sale: sacking, labeling, counting, pulling orders, organizing the orders, transporting everything to Pollard United Methodist Church, setup there, the BIG day with a conference and outdoor market, followed by transporting everything back to the Cotton Belt Building. In less than three weeks from the time you read this, all of this will be completed!!

Sacking and Labeling: Our bulbs arrive in bags of 100 or more. Working in pairs, volunteers will put labels on bags and put the appropriate number of bulbs in each bag. While doing this, the bulbs will be scrutinized so that only healthy, viable bulbs are sacked. In addition to putting a name label on each bag, some bulbs will have a “Texas Grown” label and some will have a sponsorship label. The “Conference Only” bulbs will be sacked, labeled and stored completely separately from the online sales bulbs.

Order pulling: Since converting to an online store in 2020, we’ve developed a pretty smooth system to process all the orders we receive. The work is done in pairs and double checked by a second pair of workers called auditors. Quality and accuracy are the by-words for the bulb sale.

There will be one or two work shifts for volunteers to get everything staged for the move happening the afternoon of the 20th. There is a considerable amount of “stuff” to move from the Cotton Belt building to Pollard UMC. That will all need to be arranged at Pollard so we are ready for the conference and customers on the 21st. There will be tables to move, bulbs, trees and shrubs to organize and a myriad of details to be considered. There will be NO pickup of any trees or shrubs on the 20th. For ease of tracking, please plan to pick up your orders on 10/21.

The BIG day is Saturday, October 21st. If you are working that day, be sure to wear your 25th anniversary t-shirt or your SCMGGA shirt and park in the large lot behind Pollard UMC. A group of MGs will be at Pollard early, doing the setup of the outside market. As you all know, we are having an in-person conference with speakers Chris Weisinger and Greg Grant starting at 9 AM. Order pick-up will begin at 10 AM which will allow at least some of the working MGs an opportunity to listen to some of the conference. The conference will be recorded and available for viewing at a later time. Customers with only bulb/book/calendar orders will park and enter the building to pick up their order. Customers that purchased any trees or shrubs, will pull up to a designated place at the curb and have their tree/shrub loaded into their vehicle along with their bulb orders.

In addition to the conference and the order pick-up, we will have our Outdoor Market setup in the parking lot on the other side of Hudnall Drive. In addition to selling any leftover bulbs from the online sale, we will sell any leftover bulbs from the conference. Plus, there will be Greg’s books, the SCMGGA 2024 Calendar and Garden Guide, original Artwork, Seed bombs, Notecards and Felted Ornaments as well as a Vintage Garden Finds booth! That’s quite a bit of shopping! Also included in the outdoor area will be youth activity and adult education tents.

There is still time to share the Smith County Master Gardeners FB posts and encourage others to shop. PLEASE share the posts for the conference and the sale. Sharing any individual posts about featured bulbs would be wonderful.

Greg, our fearless and exceedingly busy leader, would like all of us to remember that SCMGA only features known, true to name, Earth-Kind bulbs that Greg has personally grown before that don't require chilling, irrigation, pesticides, or replanting...ever. Any time you are talking to the public, be they family, friends, neighbors or the person in the line at the grocery store, be sure to mention our bulbs are PROVEN to work here in East Texas and the South!

If you have signed up to work, please make every effort to show up for your shift(s). As mentioned above, please double check the work schedule. If something comes up, please be sure to go to Signup Genius and remove your name as soon as you know you won't be able to be there. If you would like to help on one of the days that is filled up, check back regularly, especially the evening before and morning of the activity to see if anyone had to drop out at the last minute. If you are working the afternoon shift on 10/21, we would appreciate some people staying a bit later than 1:30 to help pack up, restore order to Pollard UMC and haul equipment back to the Cotton Building.

Member pickup for your pre-ordered bulbs will be Thursday, October 19th at the Cotton Belt Building from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Please bring exact cash or check to pay for your order. If you placed a pre-order, you will receive an invoice from Colleen Huntsberger prior to the pickup date.

Lenka Johnson has had to step away from the bulb sale in order to focus on her health at this time. Please keep her in your prayers!

Jolana Damkroger & Brenda Strong

October 2, Sacking Setup (morning shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-sacking>

October 5, Bulb Sacking (afternoon shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-bulb1>

October 6, Bulb Sacking (morning & afternoon shifts)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-bulb1>

October 10, Bulb Sacking Conference Bulbs (afternoon shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-44504699-conference>

October 11, Bulb Sacking Conference Bulbs (morning shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-44504699-conference>

October 11, Bulb Sacking (afternoon shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-bulb1>

October 12, Bulb Sacking (afternoon shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-bulb1>

October 13, Order Pulling (morning & afternoon shifts)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-order>

October 19, Order Pulling (morning & afternoon shifts)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-order>

October 20, Move Prep (morning shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-move>

October 20, move from CottonBelt (afternoon shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-help>

October 20, move into Pollard (afternoon shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-help>

October 20, unload trees at Pollard (afternoon shift)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-help>

October 21, Outdoor Setup/Takedown (morning & afternoon shifts)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5AE2AAAF94-coneheads>

October 21, Bulb Sale Day - Pickup at Pollard (2 shifts, 9-11 & 11-1:00)

October 2023

Smith County Master Gardeners

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 HRG/IDEA Garden Work- day 9:00 AM 1st Tuesday in the Garden	4 Shade Garden workday 9:00	5 SCMG Meeting Rose Center 10:00 AM	6	7 Shade Garden workday 9:00 AM SFA Sale Day!
8	9 	10 HRG/IDEA Garden Work- day 9:00 AM	11 Shade Garden workday 9:00	12	13	14
15	16	17 HRG/IDEA Garden Work- day 9:00 AM	18 Shade Garden workday 9:00 Lunch & Learn noon	19 SCMGA BOD CottonBelt 10:00	20	21 Bulb Sale Day!
22	23	24 HRG/IDEA Garden Work- day 9:00 AM	25 Shade Garden workday 9:00 Class 31 Orientation 10:00 AM	26 Grapevine deadline	27	28
29	30	31  HRG/IDEA Garden Workday 9:00				