

Over the Garden Gate



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Pardon me so for lapsing into Chaucer for my opening, but Lillie Jim Moore, my senior English honors teacher is smiling down as I throw out a bit of the Middle English of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales- of course for April:

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;

Or in other words. **"April Showers bring May Flowers"**

Hello to all and hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful weather we are having. Here in Jacksboro, you all may know that we had an EF3 tornado on March 21 at 3:15 pm. The damage to over 80 homes and 2 out of the 3 schools is devastating. I have been trying to help some of my many friends clean up and figure out what to do next. The good news is that there were no fatalities. We were truly blessed because you can replace the stuff not the people.

Marie Hoover has volunteered to be our coordinator of activities for the AgriLife office. She is doing a great job and will be contacting everyone soon by phone. Her phone number is an out of state cell number 303-600-3040 just in case you might think it is a scam caller again!! It's not! Please reply by email to her with the interest form Jeff Blacklock emailed to everyone or bring it to the next meeting April 5. Thank you everyone for getting their project reports and proposals forms. It is so exciting to see things happening for real and in person again!!

March 19 - Thank you Marilyn and Ernie Putthoff, Jeff Blacklock and everyone who showed up for the Farmers Market presentation on potting soil and spring gardening. These are so much fun and so many contacts were made and information handed out! The Farmers Market is usually every second Saturday from May until September. (Continued on page 2.)



Local Events

April 5, 5:00 pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association will meet at Riverbend Nature Center, 2200 3rd Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301. Our meeting will be followed by the Pecan Seminar from 6-8 pm.

The Burk Garden Club will not meet again until further notice.

Enter your volunteer (15) & Training (6) hours in the MG
volunteer management system <https://vms.texasmg.org/>

Association Contacts: Elsie Berry, President, 817-988-9846; Rob Cherry, Vice-president, 940-500-2675; Jeff Blacklock, Secretary, 940-867-0310; Mary Alfert, Treasurer, 940-782-9745.

State Directors: Dennis Dohrer and Anne Dohrer; alternates: Mary Barry and vacancy.

WCMG Webpage: Michelle Howard, administrator **Newsletter & Facebook:** Gail Elmore, editor/admin

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March 30 - Don't forget to sign up for the Plant Party, (Plant ID) March 30 from 10-11:30 am. If you have trouble signing up (**as I did**), you can email Megan.Clayton@ag.tamu.edu and she will send you a link to sign in for this. There will be door prizes also.

April 5 - There will be a general 30-minute business meeting at 5 pm immediately preceding the Pecan Seminar at Riverbend Nature Center, 2200 3rd Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301. There will be a zoom link available for our general meeting. The Pecan Seminar will be from 6 to 8 pm. Monte L. Nesbitt, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist III, Extension Horticulture Unit, Texas A&M University is the speaker. Flyers have been put out about the seminar around town and we will include on here also.

April 23 - road trip to Clark Gardens, Mineral Wells- meet at 8:30 am, in the Sutherlands parking lot. Bring a friend! Lunches will be ordered ahead of time and I will be contacting those who are coming about the menu.

May 10-11 - Texas State Master Gardener Conference sign up is on!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS Virtual Conference

Go to Texas Master Gardener Website: txmg.org and click on Conference. Sign up is \$65 for main conference and \$25 for leadership training. The Tee shirts will not be available to order until next week.

May 3 - General meeting at Rolling Meadows will be speaker will be Becky Morath from Morath Orchards. I hear that everyone really enjoys her programs and look forward to it!

A special thank you to Mark Bullitt of Terra Landscaping for a wonderful instructional program on landscaping at our March meeting. We certainly want him to be back!



One of the
H&G Door Prize
Winners!

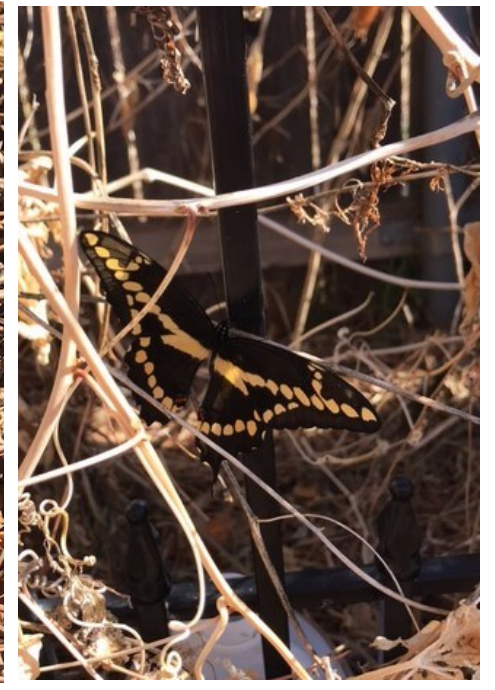
Farmer's Market



Our booth at the Farmer's Market on March 19th was a big success. We gave out information to over 100 people. Many were first time gardeners and several were new to our state. Thanks to all who came and to those who prepared seeds!

Comments & top and bottom photos from Marilyn Putthoff. Center photo from Elsie Berry.



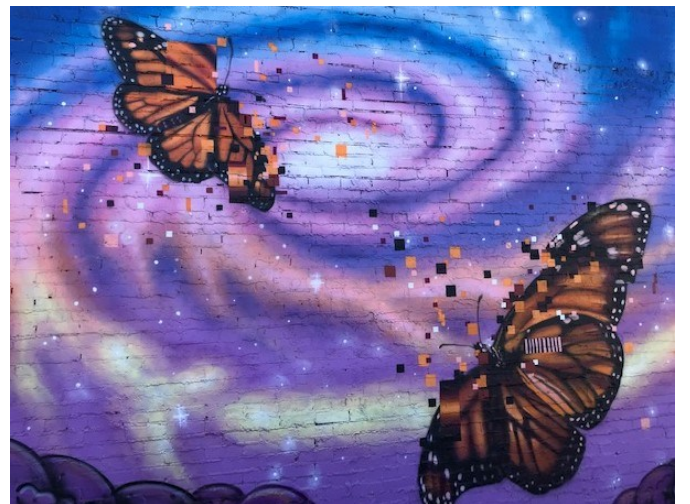


Spring has arrived! Beautiful welcome to the season with these beautiful crocus blooms, and a newly eclosed (emerged) Giant Swallowtail Butterfly.



Spring break in OKC was wonderful! This beautiful Monarch mural was hiding in Old Town. What a grand surprise. It was magical!

Photos & comments from Georgia Spoonemore.





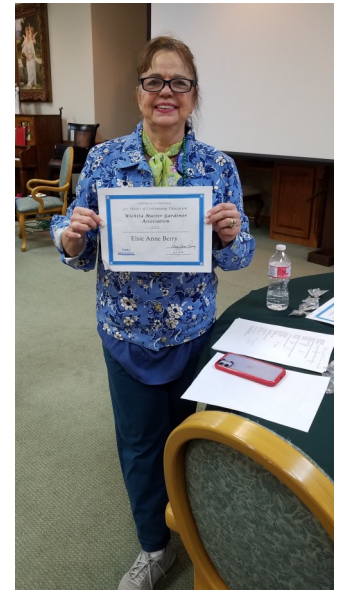
In Norman we found a Tropical rain forest, aka The Greenhouse, Inc.

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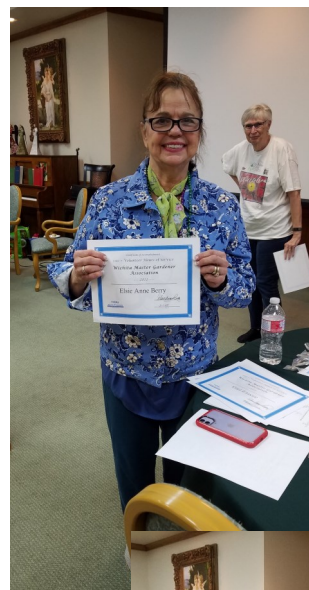


MG AWARDS!

Top: 30 or more CEUs
(Continuing education
hours) - Mary Alfert,
Mary Rhoads and Elsie
Berry.



Below: 100 or more volunteer hours - Mary Alfert, Mary Barry, Elsie Berry, Gail Elmore, Mary Rhoads and Georgia Spoonemore. Way to go everybody!



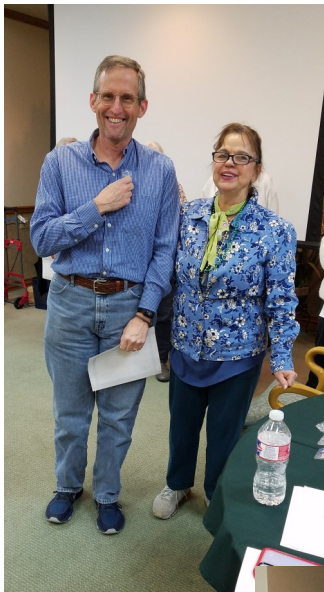


5 & 15 year AWARDS!

Top: 15 year anniversaries - Anne Dohrer, Pearl Carter and Hunley Elmore, accepted by his wife, Gail.

Below: 5 year anniversaries - Jeff Blacklock, Dennis Dohrer, Sandy Ledy and Mary Rhoads. Not pictured: Michelle Howard, Jill Miller and Peggy Scarlott. Bottom: Group shot of award earners!

Congratulations Master Gardeners!! Photos from Gail Elmore.



Elsie's Gems!



Some of my different varieties of daffodils, and my peach tree I grew from a Fredericksburg peach pit!
Photos & comments from Elsie Berry.