

Over the Garden Gate



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WMA President Elsie Anne Berry

Greetings to you all as we are cruising into February 2022! February comes from the Latin word **februa** which means "to cleanse", therefore my thoughts turn to my garden raised beds and flower beds where work and clean up need to be done! And some onions planted!

As Jerry Lee Lewis sang- there's been "a whole lot of shakin' going on" this month! Lot's happening and due.

News flash! All of our officers except for Rob Cherry have had Covid since our last meeting!! I am happy to have made it back to a semi-normal feeling after 13 days of feeling awful! We ask special prayers for those still recuperating from various illnesses, including Hunley. Several more have had, or are recovering from, Covid including James Seigler. As of this writing the Rolling Meadows Center is still allowing us to conduct our meetings at their facility. Please wear a mask when you enter the building and go up stairs to the meeting room.

Dues are still \$15.00 and must be in Mary Alfert's hand so she can include your name on our list of Master Gardeners. Checks should be made payable to the Wichita Master Gardeners Association. As a reminder to everyone, the calendar started over for your 15 volunteer hours and 6 CE hours to recertify as a Master Gardener. I want to encourage everyone to check out our Texas Master Gardener website. There are so many virtual learning opportunities now since we are into the virtual/telecom world.

Ticket sales to the Home and Garden Show are moving along. If you have not purchased at least your 6 tickets yet, plan to do so at our next meeting. Tuesday, January 31 is the last day to pay annual dues, so please call Mary Alfert and make arrangements to get your dues to her on January 31 or as soon as possible- Bring them to the meeting if necessary.

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Local Events

February 1, 5:30 pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association will meet at Rolling Meadows, 3006 McNeil Ave, WF, in the upstairs media Center and also via Zoom. David Graf will have our program.

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



Mary Barry's already started on a felt doggie for the Home & Garden show!!! Photo & comments from Elsie Berry

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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Love of gardening and the search for knowledge is central to why Master Gardeners join the program. It is why I wanted to join! We remain Master Gardeners to enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of others who share our interests, to gain and share horticultural knowledge and to give back to the community. I am hoping we will find new projects and regain some old ones during this year.

Awards pins had been ordered, but due to a delay from Covid and accessibility we will present awards in March.

Thank you to Jeff Smith has reported the following recipients and hoping we can get the pins by March!

100+ volunteer hours for the year: 30+ continuing education hours (CEU's)

Berry, Elsie	210	Alfert, Mary	51
Spoonemore, Georgia	175.75	Berry, Elsie	46.66
Barry, Mary	142.95	Rhoads, Mary	30
Elmore, Gail	111.5		
Alfert, Mary	105		
Rhoads, Mary	105		

Anniversary year recognitions:

5 YR (2016):

Blacklock, Phillip
Dohrer, Dennis
Howard, Michelle
Ledy, Sandra
Miller, Jill
Rhoads, Mary
Scarlott, Peggy

15 YR (2006)

Carter, Pearl
Dohrer, Anne
Elmore, Hunley

Home and Garden Booth- Please contact Rob Cherry to sign up in a time slot, and to set up on Friday and take down the booth on Sunday, and also with any more great ideas for the booth. He will have sign up schedules at Tuesday's meetings. Volunteering for the Home and Garden booth and helping with planning can be used as volunteer hours. Call Rob 940-500-2675, text or email him to volunteer.

Zoom meetings will be available for the Feb meeting. Please see the emails sent by Secretary Blacklock and log in if you cannot be there in person. We would rather see your smiling face but only if you are comfortable with coming. Jeff B. started this next fun idea! Please come with your favorite fun garden story or gardening Joke, and what you are doing to get ready for Spring!

We look forward to having David Graf present the program for February. He has planned an interesting program and will include a question and answer session.

Faith Mission will be participating again this year. Clean up will begin in February and March to remove dead material and prep soil for spring planting. I am waiting on an appointment to meet with the program director to discuss the students availability. This must be scheduled in between their mandatory classes and their work therapy.

Faith Refuge will be meeting with Heather for Better Living for Texans Friday afternoon to discuss which program they will be able to fit in at the Refuge. From Diane Seigler.

Traveling Gardener

Right: Cabbage White (on Turk's Cap, Ed.)

Below: Band-celled Sister



Here are a few butterfly pictures taken at Santa Anna National Wildlife Refuge near Alamo, Texas.

Photos & comments from Becky Trammell.

Right: Orange Giant Sulphur



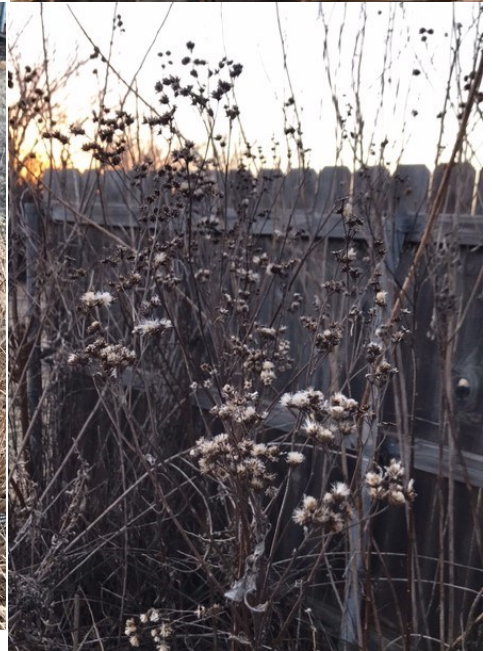
Georgia's Amazing Plants!

Top, Left: Plants snuggling waiting for spring.

Others: Propagating cuttings as well as seeds.
This is the best therapy for me in the cold of winter.



Beautiful dried remnants
of yesterday's garden
brings beauty today with
a promise of tomorrow.



A wildfire in the distant
Sunset across the lake.

Come on Spring!!

Photos & comments from
Georgia Spoonemore



Left: The Goldfinches & House Finches were late arriving & fewer in number than usual, but it sure was good to see their bright colors! Photos & comments from Gail Elmore.

Right: My husband turned the sprinkler on yesterday late and then the temp dropped! My pomegranate bush is sort of pretty now! Elsie Berry



Mary Barry (Left), Mary Rhoads (Center) (receiving awards) and David Graf (Right) at AgrLife awards banquet. Photos & comments from Elsie Berry.



Left: Mary Rhoads sharing a thank you note coloring from the Childcare Partners for MG donation in memory of Arthur Bea.

Right: Anne Dohrer showing book Becky Trammel authored "Women of Wichita County" which includes a section on Arthur Bea Williams MG Emeritus. WMGA

Photos & comments from Elsie Berry.

