

Over the Garden Gate



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MG President's Notes -January 2022

Welcome to the year 2022! Unbelievable that we made it!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and healthy Holiday season! Now let's get back to Master Gardening! What strange weather we are having for the end of the strange year of 2021! I know you have stories of things blooming out of season. Remarkably, my St. Augustine yard is still green. I have irises blooming and I picked a few asparagus spears this morning. What strange weather for the end of 2021! But just wait a few days and Texas weather will change!

I wish to extend a big thank you to Marie Hoover and the Christmas committee for the wonderful Christmas gathering. Although I was unable to attend I have had glowing reports of a fun evening. We know how to party, and cook!!

Also an extra big thank you to Georgia Spoonemore as she retires from the board as our secretary. We will miss her enthusiastic attention to detail for the minutes and reports even during her bout with the Covid bug. Every "I" is dotted and every "T" is always crossed with Georgia! I have a premonition that she will return in some manner, but for now, she will enjoy being an "Indian" and I know still contribute much to our organization. The butterflies will get more attention too!

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Local Events

January 4, 5:30 pm: The Wichita County Master Gardener Association will meet at Rolling Meadows, 3006 McNiel Ave, WF, in the upstairs media Center and also via Zoom.

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/>

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The bylaws committee are currently checking through the updated draft and will send this to David Graf and Jayla Fry, Master Gardener state coordinator for her approval. Hopefully we will be able to vote on the changes in the February meeting.

Got your hours in? Some of our group have had extenuating circumstances throughout this year and have not been able to get their 15 hours of volunteer and 6 hours of continuing education in. Thank you so much to Jeff Smith for keeping our records going through the VMS system. If you need a bit more time and have a valid extenuating circumstance, please let David Graf and me know. David Graf and the executive committee are able to extend time toward your hours commitment.

January Program-

Brain storming for **25th Annual Arts Alive Home and Garden Festival** booth Saturday, February 26 and Sunday, February 27. That is a little under “We need help setting up,” “manning/Master Gardening” the booth, and on “take down.” The theme this year is “Smile into Spring. I am wondering if Mary Barry could make any felt smiley faces already! Please see the link below to check for details.

<https://www.homeandgardenwf.org>

The January meeting will be devoted entirely to planning for the Home and Garden Show and to help Rob Cherry our new vice president. I am hoping that this year we can have more hands on (dig in some potting soil?) participation, however we still must use precautions. If you have seeds, start getting them labeled and ready to hand out, and please bring your thinking caps!

Home and Garden tickets

We have 200 tickets to sell. To help our bottom line, as our ONE fundraiser, please send \$42.00 for the 6 tickets. You get 5 tickets for 8 each and one for \$2.00 for you to get in to volunteer at our booth. Send your check to Mary Alfert, 6710 Apache Trail, Wichita Falls, TX 76310 or bring to our January meeting. Dues should be turned in by January 15, 2022.

Stay healthy and I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you via Zoom or in person for our January 4 meeting at Rolling Meadows. Elsie Berry



Happy New Year!

Extension Recognition

Luncheon



The luncheon recognized not only Master Gardeners but also 4-H volunteers, Wellness volunteers, and farmers.

Top: Lorrie Coop, the District Extension Administrator, was the speaker at the recognition luncheon.

Center: Brendee Westbrook, the main person we interact with on our project from the Burk Boys and Girls Club, also won an award. She has been a quick study, going from someone who knew little about learning to someone who knows to ask questions.

Bottom: Our president, Elsie Berry, won an award at the recent AgriLife recognition luncheon. Mary Barry also won an award, but I didn't get her picture. Cindy Dunn won an award but was not present to accept.

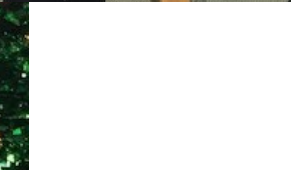
Photos & comments from Mary Rhoads.





What a wonderful Christmas Party for the Wichita Master Gardener Association! A big Thank you to the Christmas Party committee. The food was delicious, and the decorations were amazing!! Congratulations to Mary Rhoads for winning the Christmas Song game. I love our Master Gardener group. Thank you to all who could attend. 2022 is right around the corner. Photos & comments from Georgia Spoonemore.





Amazing Plants!



Top: Milkweed still blooming Dec 24!

Center, Left: My greenhouse; **Right:** A surprise Gerber daisy in December!

Bottom, Left: Fall Garden greens; **Right:** Strawberries.

Photos & comments from Elsie Berry.

