

Over the Garden Gate



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Greetings as we shiver into March 2022! Baby it's cold outside!

I want to thank you all for getting your project reports in quickly to David Graf.

March 1 – It's Mardi Gras! Let the Good Times Roll with Wichita Master Gardeners at our March meeting at Rolling Meadows. Mary Rhoads has sent out the invitation for a zoom meeting if you cannot attend in person. We had 19 in attendance for our February meeting and had a great program brought to us by Wichita County AgriLife Agent David Graf concerning the Extension office and his duties. He is a busy guy, and we appreciate his time. He spoke for an interesting hour, which we can count toward your CE credits. I hope you all made a New Years Resolution to get your hours documented ahead of time this year! Life happens and before you know it, it will be tally up time again!

March 13 - Spring forward into daylight savings time.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day- What exactly is a true Shamrock?- A shamrock is a term which has, over time, come to refer to a group of green-leafed clovers. We mainly refer to **trifolium repens** as a shamrock, which generally have three leaves.

March 20, 2022- 10:00 TO 11:30 AM- **PLANT PARTY**- Plant ID for Everyone- a virtual webinar presented by Texas Agrilife extension, NIFA, Texas Parks and Wildlife and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services.

Register at : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6N7YVCB>

May 9-11, 2022 - Virtual Master Gardener Conference. Our theme this year is COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. The conference was wonderful and educational last year. I'm excited about getting to curl up with a cup of Earl Grey and watch the whole thing on my sofa! Please remember to check out the Texas Master Gardener Website for all the latest news to sign up and virtually attend. Please continue to check out the txmag.org site to keep updated.

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Enter your volunteer (15) & Training (6) hours in the MG
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Local Events

March 1, 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. Mark Bullitt will be our speaker. He is the Landscape Architect at Terra Landscape in Wichita Falls.

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



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Upcoming TMGA Director Meeting Dates. All are welcome to attend. The directors meeting during the conference in May has yet to be determined, but the next two Directors Meetings afterwards are: Friday, August 5; Friday December 2, 2022.

Another great Master Gardener Home and Gardener booth is about in the books. A huge thank you to Rob Cherry, committee members Marilyn Putthoff, Mary Barry, Sandy Ledy, Anne Dohrer, Dennis Dohrer, and everyone for joining in to help plan, set up, decorate, volunteer with demonstrations of different qualities of potting soil and cutting and bagging plant samples, and seeds to hand out. Thank you, Ernie Putthoff, for building the cute wooden dog and Mary Rhoads for lending her garden arch for decorations. You also were there sharing about Master Gardeners and the booth tear down. Thank you to Mary Alfert for keeping all the tickets tallied up and getting so much paperwork down which is always required for each new year.

I have sent a request to Jayla Fry, Texas Master Gardener Coordinator to please include us with information about the upcoming virtual Online Intern Class.

As I was considering what to include in the March newsletter, I received the sad news that we have lost one of our own. My heart goes out to Gail on losing her Hunley. We have lost a great and dedicated Wichita Master Gardener. I will include a response from Anne Dohrer on hearing of his passing:

“Fifteen years ago, Hunley, Pearl Carter, Barbara Mannen and I were in MG training together. He was already a Master Naturalist. We shared some great times learning and laughing. As most of you know, he was a very talented photographer. He doted on his granddaughter, Rachael. Hunley and Gail made a great team! Please keep Gail in your prayers. She is a strong individual; but we need to comfort her and support her through this difficult time.”

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Hunley Elmore at 2pm, Saturday, March 5th. It will be at Central Baptist Church, 814 Tidal, Burkburnett, TX. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to The ARC Wichita County, Inc., 3115 Buchanan St, Wichita Falls, TX 76308 or Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Rd, Wichita Falls, TX 76310.

SPEAKER NEWS

Mark Bullitt will be our speaker for our March meeting. Mark is currently the Landscape Architect at Terra Landscape in Wichita Falls, a former greenhouse manager and Landscape designer at Smith’s Gardentown, former Sr. Director of Garden Development at the Dallas Arboretum and Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. He studied at Texas Tech University. He is a Wichita Falls Native.



**Hurry up,
Spring!**

Georgia's Projects!



Top, Left: My hyacinth is blooming in a winter dish garden I planted to help through this cold winter. It smells heavenly!



Top, Right: Milkweed I started mid January for a head start on feeding Monarch caterpillars.



Above, Left: More milkweed coming along slowly.



Above, Right: My hydroponic systems I pitched off of the clearance rack after Christmas. What an easy way to start seedlings. I planted some in seedling mix but they are only half the size in growth. I'm convinced this way of growing is far superior to the way I have grown before.



Left: Having a little fun germinating Meyer lemon seeds.

Come on Spring!!!

Photos & comments from Georgia Spoonemore.

Smile into Spring



Photos from Elsie Berry.

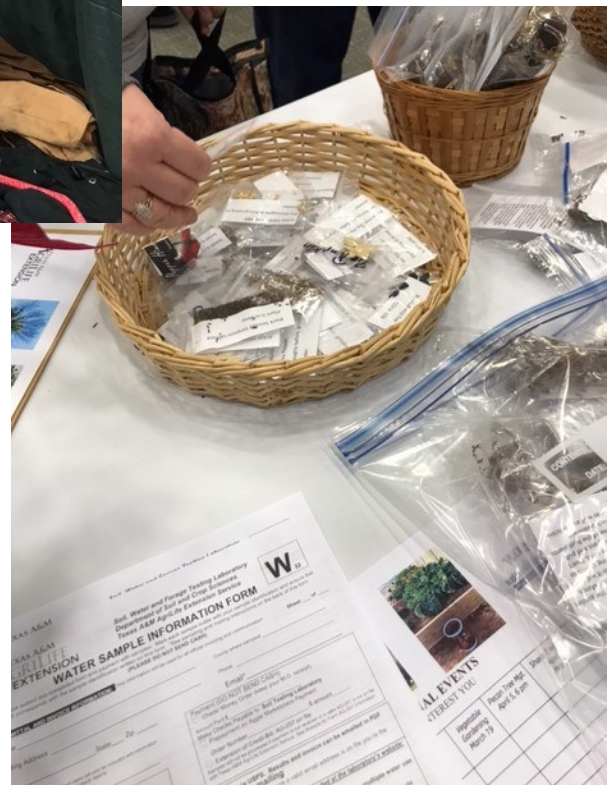
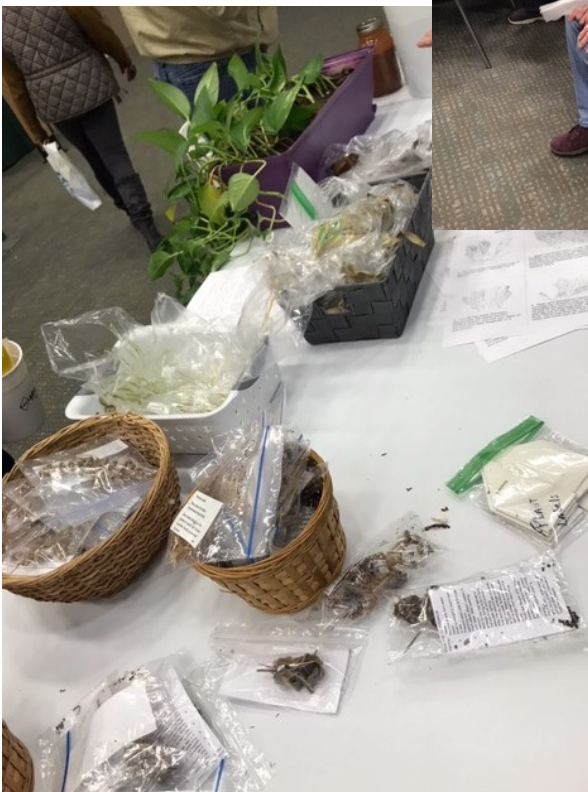
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Wichita MG's
Award

booth was an
Winner!



Photos from
Georgia
Spoonemore.