

# Over the Garden Gate



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## Happy May Days to you All!

We had a windswept April meeting at River Bend Nature Center, followed by a wonderfully informative Pecan Seminar. We have so much happening and many opportunities to educate and learn with the Agrilife/master gardeners programs scheduled in April, May, June and throughout the summer. I am enjoying Jeff Blacklock's Monday minutes -especially his dad jokes! Gracias, Jeff B. for keeping us on track!! Remember the second Saturday of each month is our day to provide educational materials and activity at the farmers market-

May 14 Container gardening

June 11 native plants and bees/butterflies for children

July 9 bulbs/tubers and irrigation

August 13 for gardening and irrigation

September 10 herbs and season extenders

We need every single MG's interest sheets by the meeting in May. Thank you Marie Hoover for pulling activities and interests together to assist the extension office.

We all want to say a big THANK YOU to the folks who have volunteered for the 4/29 and 4/30 LGEG events.

Rob Cherry and Marie Hoover are going to represent the Master Gardeners at the luncheon on Friday and Gloria Leonard, Jeff Blacklock, Anne and Dennis Dohrer and Marie Hoover for volunteering for the Healthy Kids event on the 30th.

We need people who are willing to write 1 pager from other more expanded resources and people to visit when people want on site gardening questions. Please consider volunteering for these projects in areas that you are interested in. Contact Marie at [Mhoover@estreet.com](mailto:Mhoover@estreet.com) or 303-243-1428 to volunteer

Thank you for your participation and getting involved! If you aren't- come jump on the flower cart and get busy!! (Continued on page 2)

## Local Events

**May 3, 5:30 pm:** The Wichita County Master Gardener Association will meet at Rolling Meadows. Our speaker will be Becky Morath from Morath Orchards

May 14, Farmer's Market: Container Gardening; Raised Beds; Soil for containers & raised beds. Need seeds or plants to give away.- please label them!

**May 19, 5:00 pm:** The Burk Garden Club will meet at First Bank, in their community room. Herb Wall will bring the program.



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

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**State Directors:** Dennis Dohrer and Anne Dohrer; alternates: Mary Barry and Marie Hoover.

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

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Heather Simpson also lists "help needed"- May 9th- Kidwell Elementary from 1-3pm.

Diane Seigler needs help leading the Growing and Nourishing Healthy Communities series LGEG at the YMCA from June-August.

Contact Marie Hoover if you can help.

May 3rd meeting will feature Becky Morath of Morath Orchards at Rolling Meadows- i have heard that it is always a big treat! Mary Rhoads will send a Zoom meeting link BUT we would rather see your one and only face! Thank you everyone for getting your project reports in by the 29th! And one more time...don't forget to sign up for the state conference!

Elsie Anne Berry, President WMGA

## Springtime at Mary Rhoads!

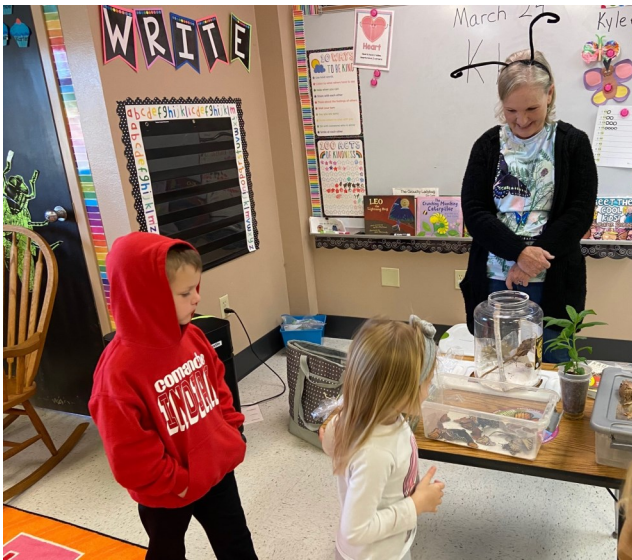
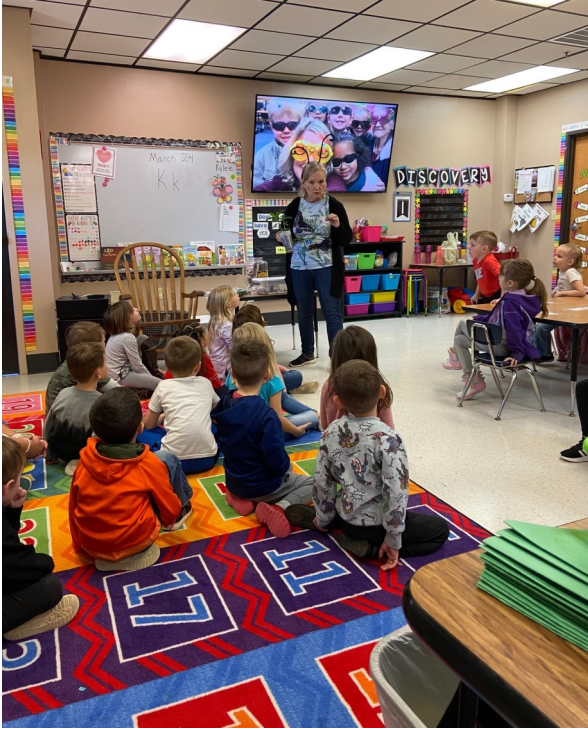


Left picture sedum. This is a winter hardy (made it through the last two years' winters in a pot) trailing sedum with yellow flowers. I'm sorry that I don't know it's name.

Right picture is of a native spiderwort.

Photos & comments from Mary Rhoads.

I had so much fun teaching our Pre-K students "The life cycle of a Butterfly." Such fresh curious minds. It's amazing how quickly they learn. My favorite part is when their eyes light up at the sight of real caterpillars and butterflies. God's creations beat everything else. Photos & comments from Georgia Spoonemore.



# Anne's Gems!



**Above, left:** We planted the Coral Honeysuckle when we moved here in October 2020.

**Bottom & top, center & right:** The rose is on the east side of our cottage. I don't know the name; but it is spectacular. My Rose books did not make the trip to our new place; so I will search the internet.

Photos & comments from Anne Dohrer





# Sandy's Sparkles!



**Top, left:** Looks like a coreopsis—Ed. **Right:** Bluebonnets.

**Center:** Winecup

**Bottom, left:** Ahh spring! Baja primrose oen-thera hi **Right:** Bluebonnets & Winecup.

Photos & comments from Sandy Ledy.



Things are starting to bloom  
in the Hoover Gardens!





**Left:** Swallowtail caterpillar  
on fennel! Ed



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## Hoover Gardens!

Photos & comments from Marie Hoover.

# Flower Critters!



**Top, left:** Can you see the Bumble Bee in the center Columbine flower?

**Center, right:** Another Columbine visitor is a Sphinx moth. Look at those wings go! It looks like a tiny hummingbird!

**Bottom:** Can anyone identify this plant that came up in my flower bed? The leaves look like nut sedge.

Photos & comments from Gail Elmore.