

# Williamson County Master Gardener *Journal*

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Master Gardener's Fall View

## Beauty in the Hill County at Selah

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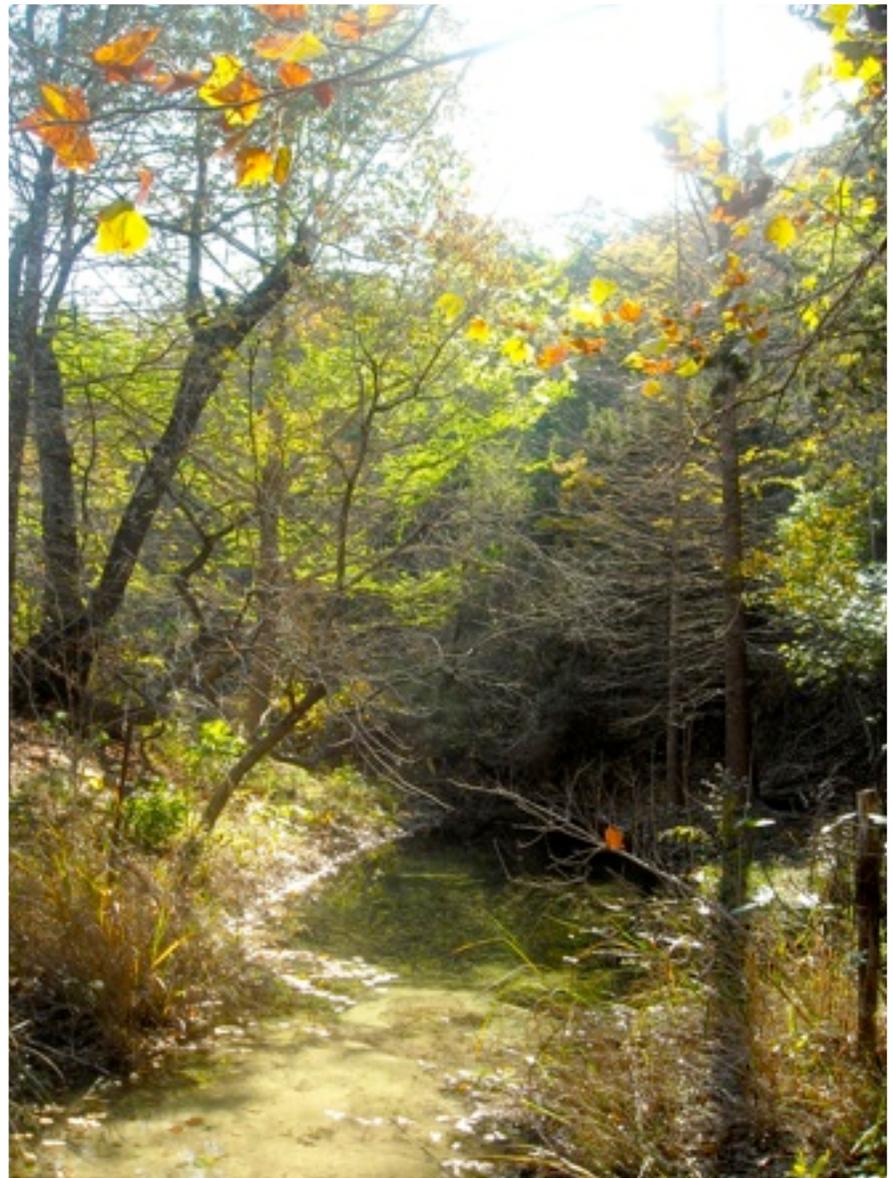
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### Monthly Meetings

Williamson County Master Gardeners hold monthly meetings at the Williamson County Extension Office, 3151 SE Innerloop Road, Suite A, Georgetown, on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Master Gardeners and the public are welcome to attend.

Master Gardeners at Work

# News and Notes



### Congratulations!

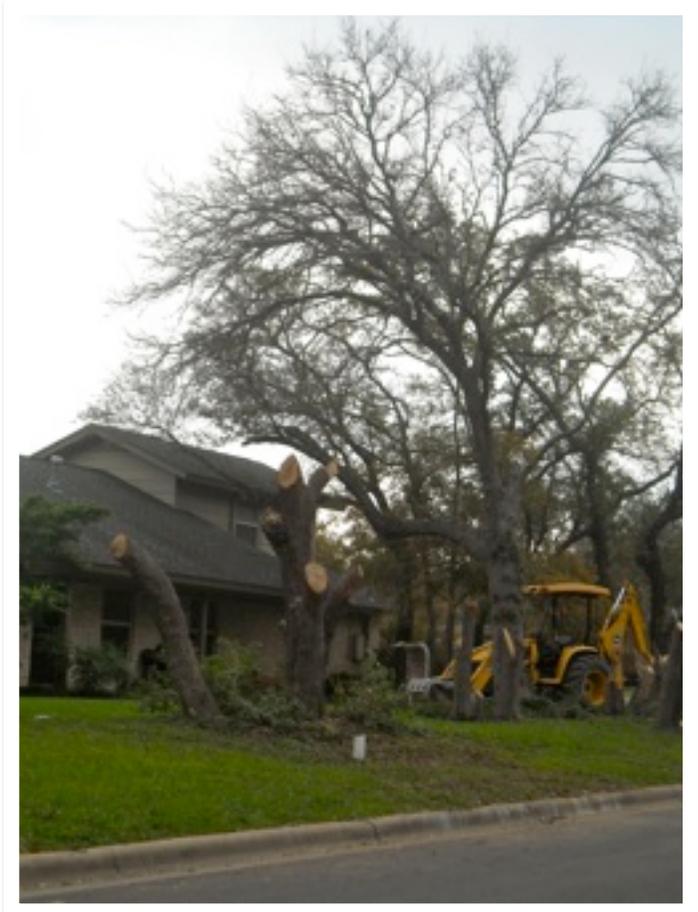
Ruth Olmstead with WCMG President Wayne Rhoden receiving her certificate and name tag for completing her hours for Master Gardener certification. Way to go, Ruth! Two member of the new class were also fully certified this month, in fact at their graduation. See page four for more details.

### Oak Wilt at Monthly Meeting

At our November monthly meeting, the Oak Wilt Specialists of our group did a marvelous job, under the supervision of Grace Bryce, of explaining how they are currently helping Bob and our community.

Pictured right is the sad face of Oak Wilt and what will happen in a neighborhood if left unchecked. This person had over thirty oak trees in their small garden in a subdivision off Leander Road. They no longer have any.

Our oak wilt specialists are trying to stop the spread of this dreadful disease with educational talks, visiting residents in their gardens, writing articles, and basically talking to anyone who will listen. The only way to stop the spread of oak wilt is through education. If you want to help or need information, then please contact one of them as they would love to help in anyway they can.



Master Gardener Graduation

**A New Class Graduates**

I think they will all agree that the Master Gardener classes were more than they expected and way more fun than any of them had ever dreamed.

Bob presented each and every one of the new interns with a certificate. As you can see here, he has a wonderful technique. He actually managed to find a student or two who was prepared to shake his hand.

A great favorite with every class, Kelly Bender from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department introduced the students to the wonders of gardening with wildlife in mind.





The class of 2009 are clearly the class who love to eat cake! Not only did they have the cake from the rest of us congratulating them on getting through the weeks of training but they generously presented those of us who had helped with the class. See, there are benefits to helping week after week!

## CONGRATULATIONS MASTER GARDENER CLASS OF 2009

Both Hank Belopavlovich and Marlyn Hooper managed to easily complete their required hours before they finished their classes. So they both had two presentations, one from Bob giving them their certificates and the other from Wayne giving them their name tags. The wonderful thing about both Hank and Marlyn are that they are continuing to carry on volunteering.



Master Gardeners Clean

# See What You're Missing!

## Grace Bryce

After a year of Ingrid telling Flo she would like lobster pizza, when orders were taken, Flo surprised her with a lobster pizza. Flo is of course very thankful for all of the seed cleaning volunteers.



**Seed Cleaning Parties 2010**

*The dates for Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower  
Seed Cleaning Parties for 2010 are:*

*March 20*

*April 24*

*May 29*

*June 19*

*July 17*

*August 21*

*September 18*

*October 23*

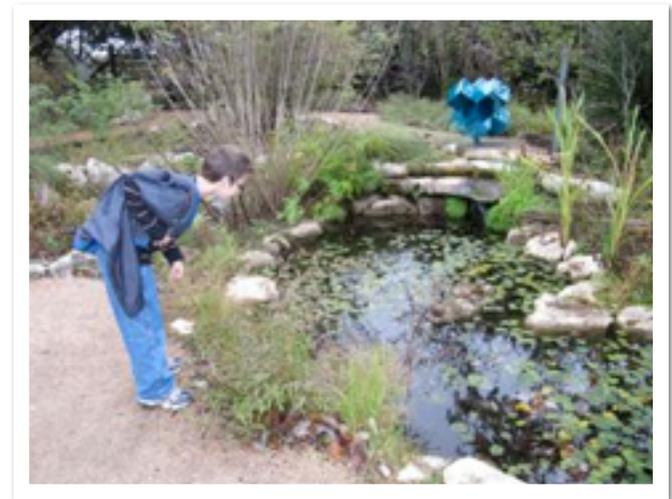
*November 20*

*Come and join us! However, don't expect lobster  
pizza every month!*

## Fun After Seed Cleaning Too!

Michael enjoyed the Wildflower Center. We have been studying Eco-Systems with his science lessons and the LBJ Wildflower Center was even in his social studies book, so it was time for a visit. He helped clean seeds for a little while and then went for training on the aspirator. He cleaned the amaranth grain that we grew in the garden this year with the aspirator. Of course as you can imagine he was very excited when some of the volunteers discovered little worms in their seeds. He was given a vial for his worms, which ended up in my purse.

I need to check and see if it is still there. We of course climbed the tower to look around and enjoyed the plant and animal life. We wrapped up our trip south with a visit to the Natural Gardener on Old Bee Caves Rd. It was his first trip there and you would have thought he was in a candy store. He was very impressed with the variety of succulents available and I let him get a couple of cacti. One looks like a baseball and the other like a pine cone. He also won prizes and talked me out of a popsicle. It was a good day.



Master Gardeners Field Trip

**Lindheimer Field Trip**

**Teresa Robinson**

On Saturday, November 14, 2009 the Williamson County Master Gardeners went on a Field Trip, the first with Bob Whitney our Extension Agent at the helm. Bob was able to get us a county van and twelve MG's were in the van, and some drove on their own and met us there.

We drove to New Braunfels to have a guided tour and lecture at the home of Ferdinand Lindheimer (1801-1879). He was born in Germany, coming from an educated family. He studied law in Germany and left Germany in 1833 for political reasons. He finally settled in Texas in 1836. He spoke three languages and began collecting plants and distributed them to Harvard University, St. Louis, and Europe.

Lindheimer met Prince Carl of Solms-Braunsfel, Germany who had settled in central Texas to form his own country separated by Mexico and Texas. He began numerous German villages throughout the area. Lindheimer settled in new Braunsfel as the Prince returned to Germany after only two months here.

Lindheimer went on to become the editor of the local newspaper for twenty years, and entered politics and established a local public school. He has been called the "Father of Texas Botany", having identified over forty



species. We may recognize some as, a Beebalm, Prickly Pear Cactus, Texas Yellow Star, Mugwort, White Gaura and a wild morning glory.

After our tour and lecture we went into the town, found restaurants for lunch and a walking tour. From there we went to Conservation Plaza. This is a Germany Village. Local buildings were relocated to this three acre site and is restored to a village of the 1850s. We had a three hour lecture and tour of twelve buildings from the mayor's home, a music shop, a carpenter's shop, etc.

The grounds are used for weddings and events. The gardens are maintained by the Comal County Master Gardeners. We were able to see a Green Rose! Had it not been pointed out to us, we all would have strolled by!

We had perfect weather, a great chauffeur (Bob), and a wonderful experience for our latest Master Gardening Field Trip.

I would hope that we can continue with other educational trips in the future. If anyone has any suggestions for additional trips please let me know.

*Jeanne and Teresa get to have fun in the vintage car at Conservation Plaza.*

*New Brunsfells has honored Lindheimer with a rather large mural in the town center.*





*At the oldest bakery in Texas we came upon what can only be described as a form of "Christmas Cactus" on steroids! As you can see from the picture right it is rather large (and there was a lot more out of view. I couldn't resist a close up of the flower, which of course was also "super sized!" I have been trying to find out just what type of cactus it is. So if you know, please let the Editor know so she can pass the information on.*

*The gardens of both the Lindheimer house and the Conservation Plaza are cared for by the Comal Master Gardeners and they do a wonderful job. As you can see from the image left and in the group picture earlier they have wonderful signs - something we should perhaps aspire to in the future.*



*Below is the green rose we nearly all missed. Clever JoAnn of course knew instantly what it was but since she is the proud owner of one it is only to be expected! Definitely a conversation piece, the 'Green Rose' can be found at the Rose Emporium.*

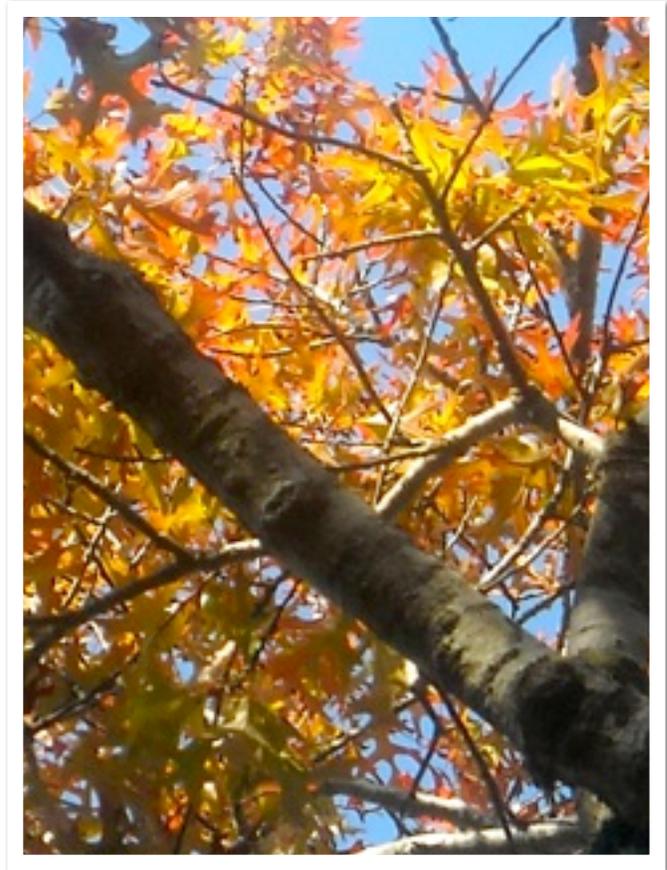


Master Gardener's Visit

# Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve Christine Powell

It was a beautiful fall morning when thirty-five people from the Williamson County and Highland Lakes Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) Chapters, including a number of Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners, assembled for a morning tour of Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve, south of Johnson City, on Veteran's Day. The ranch is now an award-winning triumph of best practices in range conservation, but when J. David Bamberger acquired the property forty years ago, it was arguably the worst piece of land in all Blanco County. There was very little grass, because the ground was shaded out by dense cedar breaks of Ashe Juniper. Rainfall ran off rather than soaking in, so there were increasing erosion problems and a dropping water table.

All this was the result of over a century of abuse. The early settlers of Blanco County came from areas—mostly in the American South—with rich soils and abundant rainfall where crop intensities and grazing densities could be maintained for several years at levels that were utterly unsustainable in the long run. When the local land was exhausted, the farmers could always move west and clear new land. Then when they got to Central Texas, they were backed up against the semiarid Great American Desert, and there was no place left to go. They simply continued overfarming and overgrazing the thin Hill Country soil until it could sustain them no more. They suppressed the fires that had kept the grass renewed and the juniper and other brush under control. Cedar breaks replaced the formerly open savannahs. Erosion not only destroyed much formerly arable land, but clogged the streams with silt (the Colorado River was once navigable by steamboat as far upstream as Austin). Lyndon Johnson's generation grew up in one of America's most impoverished areas



(which explains his passion for rural electrification and other development programs that ultimately gave birth to the Great Society agenda). Saying that Selah was the worst land in Blanco County was saying a lot.

It is very, very different now, with nearly its original appearance: open savannah of grasslands interspersed with trees, and streams fed by free-flowing springs. This is the result of four decades of cedar and brush removal (now mostly with chainsaws) and restoration of native





grasses and trees. This has been combined with sustainable grazing practices. Before the Europeans arrived, the ecology had been sustained by herds of American Bison (*Bison bison*) that “mowed” and fertilized the grassland before moving along and letting the land recover before they eventually returned in their migrations. In contrast, the white men had their herds on the land constantly, so the grass never had a chance to recover and other plant species (like Ashe Juniper) could take over. The Bamberger Ranch now rotates its cattle through a number of very large pastures that have been cleared by chainsaws and other means, emulating the effect of the bison herds. In its facet as a working ranch, Selah makes enough profit to support its operations. A charitable foundation supports the educational mission of the property.

On our tour, extremely knowledgeable ranch staff discussed the role of Ashe Juniper in the Hill Country ecology, and then they transported us on a covered, open-air trailer to various areas of the 5,500-acre ranch. We saw a rainfall simulator demonstration that dramatically illustrated the difference between a cedar break and a prairie. Identical squares of local soil, one covered by native grass and the other by young cedar trees, were given an identical amount of simulated rainfall. Almost all of the water that fell on the cedar break either remained in the foliage until it evaporated or ran off the surface, while almost all of the water that fell on the grass percolated through the soil and was available to recharge an aquifer. When you scale up that small square to a 5500-acre ranch, you can appreciate the difference that Mr. Bamberger’s reclamation efforts have made. The inspiration has led many other Texas ranches to adopt similar conservation strategies.

On other parts of the ranch, we saw a herd of endangered African Scimitar-horned Oryx (*Oryx dammah*). Selah is a key part of the controlled breed-

ing program that aims to restore the species to the areas of West Africa where it can no longer be found in the wild. We also saw the Chiroptorium, an artificial bat cave that now houses a very large colony of Mexican Free-Tailed Bats (*Tadarida brasiliensis*) that help control insect pests for many miles around. As one might expect, the NPSOT members were thrilled to tour the ranch’s new greenhouse where seedlings of the endangered Texas Snowbell (*Styrax platanifolius* ssp. *texanus*) are being raised. We also walked through an extensive arboretum of Texas trees and shrubs, enjoying the numerous butterflies, including Gulf Fritillary, Monarch, Queen, Painted Lady, American Snout, and Red Admiral). We saw many birds such as Eastern Phoebe, Red-tailed Hawk, and Eastern Meadowlark along the way.

We were invited to visit the greenhouse and growing area. In it’s infancy at the moment it was still a pleasure to see. Of course, most of us managed to buy a number of plants not normally available in area nurseries! Now we just have to nurse them over the winter.

Near the end of the tour, we were fortunate enough to meet with Mr. Bamberger at Hess’ Country Store (actually more of a museum than a store), named for his mother and inspiration in caring for the land. There he told us stories about his background in the Amish country and how that had contributed to his vision for the ranch. His canine companion even climbed a few trees for us. While some of the party headed home, a few folks had a picnic lunch on the property before leaving. If you haven’t visited Selah yet, put it on your list of things to do! Tours and educational opportunities are listed on the ranch’s website (<http://www.bamberger ranch.org/>).



## A Master Gardener Update

# Greenhouse News

**Brenda McIndoo**

The Master Gardeners are keeping busy this fall in the greenhouse, propagating plants for the spring plant sale. We are very fortunate to have the use of a modern, fully-equipped greenhouse at the Georgetown High School. It serves as a facility for training for the Master Gardener interns, for education on plants for our area landscapes, and for a fund-raising project for our organization.

Since the end of October, I have been serving as the coordinator for the greenhouse. I trained as a Master Gardener in Bell County in 2006 and have been with the Williamson County group since its inception. I had always wanted to learn about plant propagation so in the fall of 2007 I attended the Propagation Specialist training in Montgomery County, conducted by Tom LeRoy. Following the training, Winnola VanArtsdalen and I have had fun putting together the propagation class for the new interns for the past two years. This gave me a chance to get to know Winnola and enjoy working with the new interns as they learned the basics of propagation with a hands-on class. When I was asked to help with the greenhouse this fall, it sounded like a big job but I knew that I only had to coordinate the efforts of all our volunteers to help make the greenhouse a successful and fun project. I like working with the plants, having the opportunity to get to know a lot more of the Master Gardeners, and contributing to our organization.

There are many benefits of working in the greenhouse for all our gardeners, interns as well as other members. The first is the chance to get to know the new interns as well as other members of our organization in a fun environment. There's always conversation and laughter as everyone contributes their time each Wednesday and Saturday. And Teresa Robinson often brings some baked goodies to keep our sweet tooth satisfied. A second benefit to working in the greenhouse is learning about plants that might be new to us. There's always someone who has a favorite plant that they would like to share. Or maybe there's someone who has never heard about a plant that they're helping to repot so that it becomes a hands-on learning experience for them. Another benefit is to learn and enjoy plant propagation. The intern training is just an introduction. But it's a lot of fun to start with the cuttings, see them develop roots, repot them in larger pots, watch them develop into beautiful blooming specimens, and finally see people eagerly admire and buy them at the plant sales. And yet another benefit of volunteering in the greenhouse is to contribute to the success of our organization. Our plant sales in the spring are our primary fund-raisers for our organization. If you haven't seen our greenhouse before the plant sale, you may not realize that we will have more than 1800 wonderful plants for sale in March—all from our volunteer efforts in the greenhouse each week.

If you haven't visited the greenhouse, it is equipped with 12 watering tables with an automatic irrigation system on each. The

temperature and humidity are also automatically controlled. There is also a shade cloth to protect plants in the hot summers. So, what are we doing in the greenhouse now? When I began the coordination of the greenhouse, Wayne Rhoden had started with a list of plants to propagate and cuttings of most of them were already in 4" pots. Each week they are checked to see how the roots are developing and when they have enough roots they are transplanted into 1 gallon plastic pots. Thanks to Wayne Rhoden, we have a supply of 4" pots and 1 gallon pots that are donated from Joss Growers. And thanks to Bob Whitney for hauling in our bags of soil and helping with our irrigation system. There is a spreadsheet that is updated weekly showing the plants that were propagated, when they were started, how many we'd like to have, how many we currently have, and where they are in the greenhouse. To help us, Carol Hoke numbered the tables, made signs, and hung them. Currently, we have over 1400 plants that have been transplanted to 1 gallon pots. These plants will need to be watched carefully for diseases and pests, sprayed, fertilized, trimmed, and culled over the next 3 months as we prepare for the plant sale in March.

So what will you do if you volunteer on Wednesdays or Saturdays? Well, there's always a job for you. Currently we're still transplanting into 1 gallon pots. There are empty pots to be filled with soil for transplanting, labels to be made for the plants, floors to be swept, pots to be cleaned, plants to be counted and moved, plants to be trimmed, and plants to be checked for potential problems. There is also a landscaped bed beside the greenhouse that needs to be weeded and cut back. Future plans call for another landscaped bed on the other side of the greenhouse so volunteers will be needed to plan, prepare, and plant this new bed.

I'm still learning about the greenhouse and doing my best to move in the right direction. I've had a couple of suggestions so far that I plan to implement. For example, a short break each work day will be included in which we can socialize (maybe nibble a snack, too), learn about a plant, talk about suggestions, or plan ahead. We'll try to keep a schedule of planned workdays on the calendar on the website but plans frequently change as the plants develop so email messages may be the easiest way to keep members alerted to the work schedule. I plan to have a whiteboard with tasks listed for that workday so it's easy to find a job when volunteers come in. I'm always open to suggestions as this project belongs to the volunteers who contribute—I'm here to facilitate and organize our collective efforts. The first and most important goal to me is to make the greenhouse a fun place to volunteer and learn. If members enjoy working with the plants and we can provide a pleasant and fun environment, then I believe we'll have a successful greenhouse. Please come join us!

Many thanks for your support.

## Master Gardener Basics

# Back to the Basics

## Winola VanArtsdalen

*In this "Back to the Basics" article, we use a simple concept to make a very big impression.*

### Brighten a Dark Area with Mirrors

Do you have a spot in a transition area from home to outside or even out in your yard that has no life, just looks dreary? Usually, faced with this problem, we look for plants with variegated foliage or a light, green color to lighten the area, but there is an additional alternative – mirrors! A mirror, because it reflects light, gives instant light, and thus life, to a spot that was, just a few moments before, dismal and uninviting.

Having the garage protrude into the front yard further than the house did not appeal to me, but it came with the territory in our present home. To my surprise, I really like it. The garage totally shields us from view of the house on that side. On the other side of the yard, that neighbor's garage disguises anything going on over there. With plants and a large yaupon in front of my porch, I have almost total privacy. Seriously, I can go out there for coffee in the morning and feel I have the world to myself. I tease the neighbors that they'd better not talk about me while walking down the street, as I may be listening!

With most things in life there is an upside and downside. This garage protruding out to the street is no exception. I love the shade it affords, because my great-grandmother's columbine seed found a happy home and has naturalized. Also, my woods fern brought from the creekside of our last home has a totally shaded spot in the corner. The downside was a dark corner at that end of the porch. What to do?

Soon I had an "Aha!" moment and began looking for a mirror. I knew that I needed an old mirror as the newly manufactured "environmentally correct" mirrors would not last long in the outside air even though the porch is deep enough that rain would never actually get it wet. Every time I went to town, I checked the resale shops without success. Finally, on a trip to California, I had an opportunity to go to Urban Ore, a four-acre salvage yard in Berkeley that is a "Don't miss!" if you are ever in that area. It is a goldmine of materials salvaged from old houses in the area. I could write a whole article about our adventures and finds in that wonderful place, including a tiny missing part from our antique dining room light fixture from an old home in Galveston, Texas!

This mirror "find" was an old bathroom mirror that is incredibly heavy. I call it my \$5.00, 100-hour mirror, as it seemed it took my husband that long to carefully build the frame, then sand and paint

it. I could not find appropriate salvage hardware, so we had to desecrate it with some from Home Depot. Shameful! You see it here looking comfortable in its new surroundings and definitely adding light and life to a dark end of the porch. And, oh yes! There is one more serendipity. The chameleons absolutely love it. Any time you go down there and peak behind the mirror, there is always, without fail, a chameleon back there enjoying the moist, dark spot.

A friend of ours had a problem in their small backyard with how to hide all the garden debris that would not fit in their garage. They have an incredibly beautiful backyard they lovingly dug out in terraced levels from the hillside. Unfortunately, when you looked back toward the house, there was the lawn mower, cart, bags of compost, etc. The balcony off their back door is a story above, and they came up with an awesome solution. They built a planter box, planted a wall of ivy up to that balcony, and you cannot see the debris that is hidden behind it. Guests are not allowed past that wall to take a peak!

Here is another \$5 salvage yard story. The wall of ivy alone would have solved the problem of needing a screen, but it was dark. They planned to get an old window frame to hang from the balcony and put mirrors in it, but happened upon this old one for, yes, just \$5.00! It appears to be old mirror and still looks perfect after hanging outside for three years. Mission accomplished! I hope these two examples inspire you to look around your yard for a place that could use a little more life. Perhaps a mirror is just the needed touch!

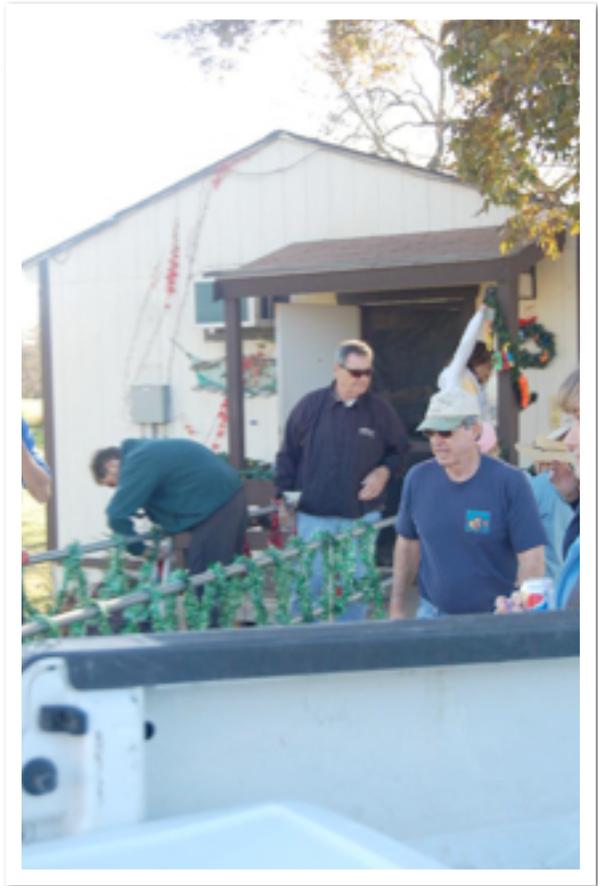


Master Gardener's Volunteering

# Getting Berry Springs Ready for the Holidays

Judy Gibney

At the final class meeting of the 2009 group of Master Gardeners, Susan Blackledge, the park manager at Berry Springs County Park, had a plan. By the looks of it, it worked out for her. She set up a work day the next week at the same time as the classes usually were and she got a great turnout to decorate the park. Great going guys!



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM BERRY SPRINGS



Treats from the Master Garden

## Cooking with Herbs

### Wayne Rhoden

*This year when Wayne did his presentation on Herbs the 2009 class requested his recipes. So we can all enjoy the wonderful fare he brought in, his recipes are included below. Enjoy!*

#### Basil-Lime Cookies

From *Southern Herb Growing*

Madeline Hill and Gwen Barclay

2 Cups sifted all-purpose flour  
 1 ½ Teaspoon baking powder  
 ½ Teaspoon salt  
 ¾ Cup softened butter or margarine  
 1 Cup sugar  
 1 Egg  
 1 Teaspoon vanilla extract  
 3 Tablespoons fresh cinnamon basil, chopped  
 1 Teaspoon finely chopped lime peel  
 1 Cup pistachios, chopped

Sift first 3 ingredients; set aside. In large mixer bowl, beat butter at medium speed until light. Gradually beat in sugar; add egg, vanilla, basil and lime peel, beating until very light and fluffy.

At low speed, beat in dry ingredients in 3 to 4 additions. Mix in chopped nuts, using hands if necessary.

Turn out dough onto lightly floured surface; divide in half. Shape each half into a roll 6-7 inches long. Roll in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm, at least 8 hours.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375°. Cut dough into ½ inch slices and place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes until lightly brown (do not overcook). Immediately remove from sheet with a spatula and place on wire rack to cool. When completely cool, store in airtight container. Note: Rolls of dough may be frozen. Thaw for a short time in refrigerator just before baking.

#### Roasted Rosemary Walnuts

5 cups walnuts  
 ¼ cup olive oil  
 ¼ cup fresh rosemary, coarsely chopped  
 4 teaspoons kosher salt  
 1 tablespoon granulated sugar  
 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

#### Broccoli Seville

Modified From *Southern Herb Growing*

Madeline Hill and Gwen Barclay

1 ½ - 2 pounds fresh broccoli  
 1 Clove garlic, crushed  
 2 Shallots, minced  
 1 Medium red onion, cut in half from top to bottom and sliced thin  
 1 tablespoon orange zest  
 ¾ Cup extra virgin olive oil  
 1 Teaspoon Dijon mustard  
 3 Tablespoons white wine vinegar  
 1 Teaspoon dry sherry or other white wine  
 1 Teaspoon honey  
 ¼ Cup fresh herb of choice: Spanish oregano, marjoram, mint marigold, tarragon, parsley or chervil  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 Black olives, pitted and halved  
 Orange sections or slices

Cut broccoli in florets. Cut away any tough portions of stems, and slice remaining stems on diagonal into 1-inch pieces. Plunge broccoli into boiling salted water and cook 1 minute, only until bright green and crunchy-tender. Drain. Sauté garlic, shallots, onions and zest in 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, just until thoroughly heated. Remove from heat. Add mustard, vinegar, sherry, honey, remaining oil and herbs. Stir mixture well and pour over broccoli. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with black olives and orange sections. Toss and chill thoroughly. Serves 6-8.

Note: I used the Mexican Mint Marigold for the class.

Heat the oven to 350°F and arrange a rack in the middle. Place nuts on a baking sheet. Add remaining ingredients and mix with your hands to evenly coat. Bake until nuts are browned and toasted, stirring occasionally, about 15 - 20 minutes. Let cool on the baking sheet, transfer to a bowl, and serve.

## Tabbouleh

1½ Cup Medium Bulgar (cracked wheat)  
 1 Pound Roma tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and chopped  
 2 Cups chopped green onions  
 3 Cups chopped parsley  
 2 Tbsp. Chopped fresh mint  
 ½ Cup extra virgin olive oil  
 ⅓ Cup fresh lemon juice  
 1 teaspoons garlic salt  
 ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Rinse the wheat, cover with boiling water, and let stand for 30 minutes. Drain thoroughly and squeeze dry in a piece of cheesecloth or a clean dish towel. Set aside. Combine the tomatoes, green onions, parsley, and mint. Beat together oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper; gently fold into tomato mixture. Mix in wheat until well blended.

Note: I use 2 cups of the wheat because I like more of the wheat taste rather than the parsley taste. You can use flat leaf parsley or curly leaf parsley.



## President's Column Wayne Rhoden



Hello Master Gardeners!

The time has come for me to end my presidency for the WCMGA. I have enjoyed my time with you and it seems that we just started setting up the program. I think the program has been successful and accomplished quite a bit for only being two and one half years old. We have enthusiastic members and the training is getting better with each class. Many of you from the first class remember how hard it was to get volunteer hours because of the lack of projects but we did not want to wait until we had established projects before starting the class. We had 13 members from other counties as our core of members and started the class two months after the association was formed. Now I see a great core of members who want this association to flourish and grow. Give yourselves a pat on the back for what you have done. You have made this association one to be proud of and thankful for its beginning and growth and for the volunteer service in years to come. Thanks for letting me be your president.

Happy gardening,  
Wayne

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## Monthly Meetings

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