

MG Wood Works



2013 Issue #1

Edited by: Sylvia Johnson



January Meeting's subject: Take your dreams (and old windows) to the next level with hobby greenhouse management!

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To be the premier 21st Century outreach and continuing education organization in Texas responding to the needs of the people.

Mission

To improve the lives of people, business and communities across Texas and beyond through high quality, relevant education.

President's Corner



HAPPY NEW YEAR FELLOW MASTER GARDENERS

Another busy year has come to an end and a new one has begun. It was nice to see everyone pulling together last year during our ups and downs without Clint here to keep us in line. We had some great leadership to guide us thru the year and I hope I can fill those shoes. I appreciate the honor of being elected your President for the coming year. We have a great slate of officers to help guide us thru 2013.

Our Vice-President is Pat St. Miklossy (keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from her by-pass surgery), Secretary, Lynette Irizary and Treasurer, Lin Grado. Thank you class of 2012, you had some great and enthusiastic trainees.

My mission for the coming year is getting more educational information to as many individuals, educational groups, boy and girl scout troops, church groups, and businesses as possible. We are a part of Texas A&M and our goal is education. You can never have too much education as some of our former teachers would agree. To meet this mandate this year is going to be a challenge as we will not hold a Spring Conference. It will be replaced with four educational seminars or projects. Of course, we will still participate in the Science Day at the Arboretum and the Rainwater Harvesting demonstration at the Nature Preserve. Plus, we will hold two additional educational programs for children or the general public. So put on your thinking caps and suggest new ways to engage the public. Keep your ears open for subjects people say they would like to learn about. Bring your ideas to the monthly meetings or email me at kkjta46@yahoo.com.

We will be starting our new trainee class on Jan. 8, 2013 and have 12-15 people from Wood County enrolled. Plus, we will have 4 people attending from Van Zandt County who are working to establish their own MG Association. So please help us provide them with extra encouragement and moral support during their training/organizational period.

Looking forward to a great year and just remember, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm". So be happy and enjoy your gardens and life.

Karen Anderson

Letter from 2012 Past President:



Wheeee! January has come and I can sit back and relax since I'm out of office, oh no wait, 2013 Trainee Class will begin in just a few days and I'm going to try and fill Gail's shoes at the classes each week.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President in 2012 and what a great year it was. It truly was an honor to represent Wood County Master Gardeners.

As I have met and networked with other Master Gardeners at TMGA Director's and other Association meetings, I know that for our size that WCMGA is the best organized and run Association across the state, because we have the best of the best people in our Association and the very best CEA, Clint Perkins. Through our projects, along with all the volunteer hours, we can all take pride in the contributions that we have made to our community this year. Through your efforts you have made WCMGA look good.

WCMGA is in good hands with the new officers and I say a big THANK YOU for their willingness to serve. My best wishes for the coming year. Hats off to you ladies!

And let 2013 begin.

Peggy Rogers



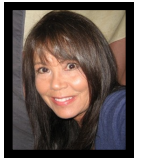
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2013 MG Officers

Karen Anderson	President
Pat St. Miklossy	Vice President
Lin Grado	Treasurer
Lynette Irizary	Secretary

VP's Corner

By: Marti McAree



January 17, 2013 Meeting Speaker: Ellen Atkins

Greenhouse Mystic

(OR So You Think You Want a Greenhouse)

Please join Ellen Atkins in January at the monthly Master Gardeners meeting to possibly learn more than you ever wanted to know about operating a hobby greenhouse. A hobby greenhouse can be lots of fun and has great potential for reward. We will explore reasons for owning and operating a greenhouse, the different types of greenhouses for backyard gardeners, the costs involved and some interesting dos and don'ts.



Take your dreams (and old windows) to the next level with hobby greenhouse management!

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Photos by:
Ellen Atkins



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VP Corner cont.

Also in January:

Volunteer Application Form

and Consent for criminal background history check authorization/waver

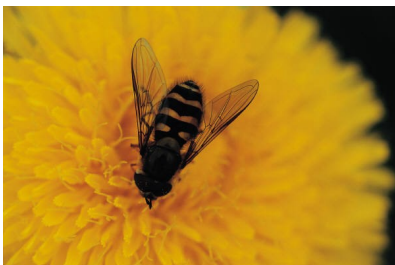
Karen will hand out copies of the application form and discuss the process during this meeting. It is a requirement that all members pass this background check.

February 21, 2013—Speakers: Bobby & Cathy Eatherton.

Bees

From MG Wood Works Feb. 2009 — “Don't miss the next WCMG Association Meeting. Our speakers will be Bobby & Cathy Eatherton, Texas Master Naturalists who specialize in the removal and this so important? Honey Bees are important because they pollinate approximately 130 agricultural crops in the U. S. including fruit, fiber, nuts and vegetable crops. Bee pollination adds approximately 14 billion dollars annually to improved crop yield and quality.”

“We are truly amazed by all that the Honey Bee does, all it provides and how critical they are for pollination, our natural environment and our everyday diet. We try to assist others by removing bees from structures, and we'll share facts, eliminate the myths and calm fears by educating anyone who is curious and wants to know more. Pollination is our drive, Honey is the benefit.



Honey Bees are SO VERY IMPORTANT. We LOVE our BEES!”

Photo from Clip Art



Drip Irrigation for the Vegetable Garden

Before we know it, spring will be getting here and many of you are already thinking about your spring vegetable gardens. Now is the time to plan on a way to supplement the rainfall we depend on.

The best technique to water vegetable gardens is drip irrigation. Drip is controlled, slow application of water to soil. The water flows under low pressure through plastic pipe or hose laid along each row of plants.

The basic concepts behind the successful use of drip irrigation are that soil moisture remains relatively constant, and air, as essential as water is to the plant root system, is always available. Other watering methods such as flood or sprinkler create a wide fluctuation in the soil water content, temperature and aeration of the soil. The greatest thing about drip irrigation is that it only requires about half as much water as furrow or sprinkler irrigation because the water is applied drip by drip to the plant roots.

The financial investment in a drip irrigation system is reasonably small if you spend a few hours to plan, assemble and install the system. Savings in water and increased yield and quality can more than pay for the costs of parts to install and maintain a drip system.

A typical house faucet puts out 3 to 5 gallons per minute and limits the area that can adequately be irrigated using a drip system to not more than 1500 to 2000 sq. ft. One word of caution is to locate the area to be irrigated as close to the faucet as possible. It is difficult to get enough volume to run the drip system properly.



Drip Irrigation cont.

Take time to give this idea some thought and visit some garden centers that handle drip irrigation equipment and check it out. With drip irrigation you will most likely have the best vegetable garden you have ever had.

Happy Gardening,

Clint Perkins



Photos by: Sylvia

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WCMG PRESENT "CHECK"

The annual "check" presentation represents the hard work and time volunteered by our Association to Wood County for the year 2012. Each month members report their volunteer hours to a hour keeper. This year Ellen Atkins volunteered her time to ensure we counted every hour. Thanks to her management, we documented a new record total of :

6,866 volunteers hours!

According to the county formula for volunteer time reimbursement value, we members provided our county with labor and knowledge worth:

\$149,610.14

We make our Association, Texas A&M, and our ArgiLIFE Agent, an integral part of the county. Good job and may we all be back working, learning, teaching, and laughing in 2013 to an even greater total. Report your hours throughout this year and we will all benefit.

BY: Sylvia Johnson

Photo by: Petra Jones

2013 Master Gardener Intern Classes

Well, the time has arrived to start thinking about the 2013 Master Gardener Classes. We have 10 prospective students now, which is great, but we need all of you recruiting people for our classes. My Committee and I (Gail Newman) are getting everything organized. I have a great group with me this year. Peggy Rogers, Karen Anderson, Connie Amsden, Lin Grado and Edwin & Lois Boyce have been a great help.

Below is a short description of scheduled classes and who will teach them. I have confirmed teachers for some classes and am in the process of securing teachers for the classes that are still open.

Our "Wonderful Leader", Clint Perkins, has returned home where he belongs. Yeah!!!! He will be teaching the Botany, Structure Process and Soil classes again. We will be sending in soil samples to TAMU for all Interns. Clint will use results from these samples to explain his subjects. Anyone in the WCMGA is welcome to send a soil sample. You will have to pay for the soil sample but the association will cover the mailing. Samples must be turned in by the 1st class (1-8-13) and will be mailed that afternoon. Clyde & Fran McKinney (MG Propagation Specialists) will teach a 5 hour class & will include hands-on training (time and date to be announced).

The current schedule is;

- 1) Peggy Rogers is teaching the basic EarthKind program from the beginning, the changes and the future of the program,
- 2) Vegetable Garden (teacher not confirmed yet),
- 3) Home Vegetable Garden (Andrea Hawk),
- 4) Basic Bulb (Lin Grado),
- 5) Southern Bulbs (Chris Wiesenger) "The Bulb Hunter" Chris will also be bring some of his books for anyone who wishes to purchase,
- 6) Trees: Hoping to have Eric Taylor and Daniel Duncum. Daniel has confirmed. This year he will be able to hold a hands on pruning demo for us at the Quitman Arboretum,
- 7) Landscape Design,
- 8) Herbs for East Texas (Lee Ann Martin). She owns Bittersweet Herb Farm here in Wood county,
- 9) Entomology (Alan Smith),
- 10) IPM, Pest & Disease with Good Bug/Bad Bug information. (Linda Timmons),
- 11) Turf Grass & Other Choices (Ellen Atkins),
- 12) Bees,
- 13) Fruit and Nuts (Innis Freeman),
- 14) Peaches (Galen Logan),
- 15) Composting and Gardening in Containers (Holly Ross),
- 16) Wildscape/Natives (Liz Soutendjik),
- 17) Edible Wild Plants (Lucy Germany).

This list is to provides information to students and WCMGs who are interested in joining us to acquire Continued Education Units (CEUs). Note: This is a reprint from last issue and subject to change. Please contact WCMG Peggy Rogers peggyrogersc21@gmail.com or Gail Newman travlinnewman2aol.com for updated information and dates. Editor



YANTIS JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS

FALL 2012

This semester the Yantis JMG group has been busy discovering plants from seed to table. After learning about various types of plants and parts of plants, they were given a specific type of plant to create on paper in groups. This led to how plants are reproduced which was followed by seed distribution. Next was an activity where Christmas ornaments were made from recycled material with vegetable seeds added so that the ornaments could be planted after Christmas.

Thanks go to Pat Johnson for all her assistance with the 7th graders and to Mrs. Watkins, teacher at Yantis, for allowing us to plant the gardening "bug".



JMG Pins and Certificates were awarded to the 2012 Class



This was our last meeting before eating "soil".

Linda Avant





Wildscape Garden

at the



The Mineola Nature Preserve-Wildscape is a project of which we can all be proud. We have accomplished a great deal this year, and have even more plans for 2013. Of course, the accomplishments were made possible with the volunteer staff willing to plan, organize and work to make things happen. Thanks to everyone who worked with us this year to make our area beautiful.

December will be a slow month for us as we have no activities at the Wildscape. We may have another work day before the year end, but otherwise, we will be thinking about things to be done next year.

We have set up the rainwater retrieval system at the Wildscape, and will use it for some watering, but also for educational classes next year. We have trellis installed on one side of the shed for plantings.

When you visit the area, you will be able to appreciate the beautiful signs in the beds pointing out the various plantings with a picture for clarity. We also have larger signs highlighting some of the more spectacular plants in bloom in the area.

The beds are defined with flagstone walkways making it easier to visit each of the beds up close to identify plants and enjoy the butterflies and hummingbirds at work.

Our area is bordered on the south with a large open pasture sloping downhill to pine trees, where it is crossed with trails for horseback riders, hogs and deer on occasion. On the west side of our area, we have installed split rail fencing to separate our area from the trees and undergrowth considered part of the Preserve. We have a little more to do before we can call the fencing finished.

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Wildscape cont.

In 2013 we will have classes for training in drip irrigation installation and set -up and use of a rainwater retrieval system. These classes will have participants including local school classes and Master Gardeners interested in proper installation of the drip irrigation system.

We are excited about our goals for 2013 and look forward to the New Year with Master Gardeners.

Joan Morgan

WCMG



*Had several more request for how to do the on line training for **CEU** credit. So if you have not completed your 6 CEU's for recertification then this is the way to do it. Have any problems, call me. 214.794.2853*

Directions: <http://txmg.org>

drop down a little ways, look to side of page, click on Training, click on Training Opportunities, down a little ways on page click Earth-Kind Training for Master Gardeners, almost to bottom of page you will find Directions. There are 12 subjects, click on arrow in front of subject for video then click on survey or test and answer questions.....You are not graded on the test so you can't fail it. So now you have the directions so let's get those CEU's done!

Peggy

WCMG 2012 Awards

MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2012

There were some special awards presented at our December meeting this year. Three of the original members from the first class of 2003 were presented with Emeritus status. They were the beginning of Wood County Master Gardeners and had the vision and passion to get it started. Look how we have grown in 10 years. Thank you: Judy Dooley, Sally Houk and Cecil Wallace.

Also presented were the 2012 awards to the following Master Gardeners.

OUTREACH: Jerrie Sutphin – Jerrie has been busy beautifying Winnsboro with some help from Sandra Patrick. They did all the landscaping around the Depot and have been working on the park at the library establishing walkways, benches to sit and read and all the landscaping. Congratulations Jerrie.

INNOVATOR: Jim Wills – Jim loves taking on new projects and was very happy to take on the new web-site for Wood County Master Gardeners. He is always there with his camera to record the beautiful work the Master Gardeners have accomplished at the different projects. He has helped set up power point programs and is always willing to help with any request. Good job Jim.

PROJECT LEADER: Joan Morgan – Joan has an easy going style getting things accomplished at the Nature Preserve. She is a good liaison with the Park Board and the city workers at the Preserve. Many improvements were accomplished this year with her guidance, encouragement and appreciation of all the help given by the Master Gardeners. Job well done Joan.

ROOKIES OF THE YEAR: Lin Grado and Lynette Irizary – We got a double punch this year with the 2 L's. They both were willing to take on any project and never said No to any request. Lin is a very knowledgeable gardener and has contributed many of her own plants to different projects along with information on bulbs. She is our "Bulb Lady". She has also taken on the office of Treasurer for 2013. Lynette took on projects almost from the first day. She took over the T-shirt ordering and sales, organizing the festivals and the office of Secretary for 2013. Keep the enthusiasms going Lin and Lynette.

MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR: Peggy Rogers – Peggy did a fabulous job of keeping the association on track thru 2012 especially when we were without our agent for 5 mos. She also served as our Historian and compiled a history of the association over the past 10 years and has done an excellent job of being our e-mail coordinator. Another side project was writing articles for a local newspaper about gardening the Earth-Kind way. Fabulous year Peggy.

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Awards cont.

Other awards presented at the meeting were 5 year and 10 year pins. Congratulations to the following members for all their hard work and contributions to Wood County.

2006: Bart Bartlett, Eileen Barlett, Andrea Hawk, Sandra Patrick and Jerrie Sutphin.

2007: Linda Avant, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Pat Lafferty, Clyde McKinney, Fran McKinney and Pam Riley

2008: Connie Amsden, Lucy Germany, Shirley Hirt, Kathi Ladewig, Marti McAree, Joan Morgan, Gail Newman, Lynn Oakes, Peggy Rogers, Nancy Trissell, and Pat Wilson

2003: 10 year pins: Judy Dooley, Sally Houk, Linda Long, Willie Kay Paredez, Linda Timmons and Cecil Wallace.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OFFICERS OF 2013.

President: Karen Anderson

Vice-President: Pat St.Miklossy

Secretary: Lynette Irizary

Treasurer: Lin Grado

Pictures are at:

Shutterfly.com

ID: wood work

Password: 123grow

Pictures taken by: Jim Willis

Be sure to read the comments! Individuals are documented by name in the comments.

Featured Plant: **Christmas Cactus!**

Learn how to grow and take care of a Christmas cacti. They are beautiful houseplants that bloom in a variety of colors. It requires special care in order produce blooms.



The Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*), so named for its winter growth and blooming season, does not grow like a standard desert cactus. This specimen grows naturally in treetops and shade, with cool temperatures and adequate moisture. In warm climates, and especially during the summer season, keep the plant indoors, in cool, well-ventilated areas and appropriate soil.

One of the most beautiful blooms is that of the Christmas cactus. With proper attention and the right environment, they will continue to bloom year after year. Christmas cacti have flowers in various shades of pink, red, and white. The differing sizes and shapes are as unique as their brilliant holiday colors.

The Christmas cactus requires soil containing rich, organic material. The recommended growing medium is one part potting soil, two parts peat, and one part sand. It is very important to choose a pot that allows for proper drainage. Use a pot that is of appropriate size for the plant. They prefer to be root-bound rather than planted in a pot that is too large.

Moderate, filtered lighting is best. Direct sunlight can be damaging, especially in the autumn, spring, summer and autumn months. The Christmas cactus can be placed outside in a partially shaded location during the summer. To avoid shocking the cactus it should be gradually acclimated to indoor conditions before it is brought back inside at the end of summer. This can be done by bringing the Christmas cactus inside for a few hours each day and gradually increasing this time.

To promote blooms place Christmas cacti in locations ranging between 50 and 55 degrees beginning in November. In addition, in order to bloom, they need several hours per day of complete darkness beginning the middle of October. While the buds are developing they should be placed in a location that receives filtered light. At this point, it should not be moved. Moving the plant would encourage blooms that are not facing the light to turn. This could weaken the buds and cause them to drop off.

After blooming, prune your Christmas cactus. Remove a few sections either by pinching or by cutting them off with a well-sharpened knife. Doing so will promote branching and new growth.

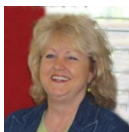
Proper watering is important to the successful growth of the Christmas cactus. To encourage buds to form, less water should be given in late spring. After the cactus has formed blooms, it will require regular watering. Even though the Christmas cactus is considered a succulent plant, it does not tolerate drought conditions very well. The best way to decide if the plant needs water is by feeling the soil.

The Christmas cactus should be fertilized once a month after blooming up until autumn. Do not apply fertilizer during autumn and winter months. Use a fertilizer with high potassium content. Be sure to follow label directions carefully for proper application.

Christmas cacti can survive and continue producing spectacular blooms for many years. A large, mature plant will develop what appears to be bark, and is capable of producing hundreds of blooms. The extra care required is well worth the effort. The brilliant flowers it produces is a wondrous gift to behold each holiday season.

Sources: www.essortment.com; "Care of the Cactus in the Home", written by Dale T. Lindgren, Extension Horticulturist, Cooperative Extension, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and "Care of the Christmas Cactus Important After Holidays", by Rosie Lerner, Purdue Consumer Horticulture Specialist, and published by Purdue University

Submitted by Connie Amsden



Humorous Mishaps

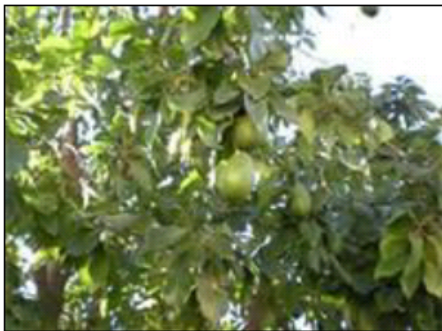
Avaquats?

by

Lynn AronSpeer

The year was 2007. We'd arrived in Quitman from Los Angeles in one of the coldest Januarys on record in Texas. Driving from LA, we encountered a fierce ice storm that was spinning eighteen wheelers passing us only doing 40 mph off the freeway in frightening numbers. You see, we were also hauling an overloaded Prelude on an auto transporter whose weight seemed to be keeping us barely on the road if at a snail's pace. We finally surrendered and holed up in an Abilene motel at the foot of the freeway ramps. Daily my honey would venture up the on ramp to see if traffic was moving; he did this for four days before believing we could make it in our 4-Runner filled with precious few amenities and four cats in a two tiered cage that facilitated their view and cross country education. (The upshot is they all merely developed a fondness for Subway's black forest ham and turkey with ranch dressing.)

We loved Quitman from the start and with a 70 inch rainfall that first year; we thought we'd arrived in Heaven compared to the 14.5 inch normal annual rainfall in LA. With as high a rainfall as 70 inches, we hoped to import jacaranda and silk floss trees and re-enact LA's better aspects while avoiding the higher than comfortable degree of gunfire we'd been experiencing there. Alas, although we now have struggling lemon and lime trees, the exotics are awaiting a greenhouse before we subject them to the unpredictability of a Quitman winter.



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Ever the optimist, my honey who is a great lover of avocados, popped several Hass seeds in the ground on the south side of our garage that first Quitman spring and planted red flags by each and every one. We were gratified that three emerged and seemed to flourish. By their first winter, they were several feet high and we decided not to coddle them, but let them endure. Surprisingly, they leafed out and grew several more feet that season. By winter, we were confident in their hardiness and let them be. This continued and their behavior has been to add several feet and a little bushiness each year, finally achieving upwards of 16 feet in height.

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Avaquats? cont.

Now, in 2012, one began bearing fruit. This was surprising since, in LA, our avocado trees didn't bear for nearly eight years. But here the trunks were a sturdy 2-3 inches in diameter and little round fruit began to form on one of the trees. Round? We forgave them this since they'd had the hardship of real winters here and we fully expected they were somewhat stunted and simply doing their best under difficult conditions. We were still excited and dragged a number of helpless visitors out to witness their largess. Yes, everyone was quite as amazed as we.



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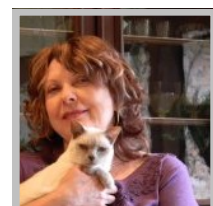


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Imagine our disappointment when, in the fall, as the round fruit was beginning to soften and we plucked one to examine, it turned out to be a kumquat?! We don't care for kumquats and have absolutely no idea how kumquat seeds supplanted the avocado seeds. We are devastated and now must add avocado trees to our exotic future greenhouse list.

Meanwhile, we've planted mango seeds and three 'treelets' have sprouted. In light of the 'avaquat' misfortune, it will probably be some years before we can legitimately claim them as actual mango trees. We look forward to fresh mangos, but considering the avocado fiasco, we would be just as happy with a cantaloupe or a Clementine. I'll let you know when we spot the first fruit which we may need to view from a wheelchair in the far distant future.

If anyone can shed any light on this debacle, please contact me at lynnaronspeer@msn.com.



Golden Gate National Recreation Area



ALCATRAZ GARDENS

A long and colorful history

Imagine Alcatraz as a barren rock. That's what the island was until the 1860s, when the first residents planted gardens in pockets of imported soil. Sent to live on this cold, gray island, Army families took refuge in Victorian-style flower gardens around the Citadel.

Prisoners also gardened. Army prison crews, and later, a few closely watched penitentiary inmates, created a manicured landscape that bloomed until the prison closed in 1963. The flowering terraces, rose beds, and lawns then grew wild for 40 years. Luckily, hundreds of garden species brought to the island by a century of gardeners managed to survive and even thrive.

In 2003, the Garden Conservancy, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the National Park Service began a joint effort to preserve and restore the historic gardens.



In the 1860s, formal gardens featuring species from around the world made Alcatraz feel more like home for military families.



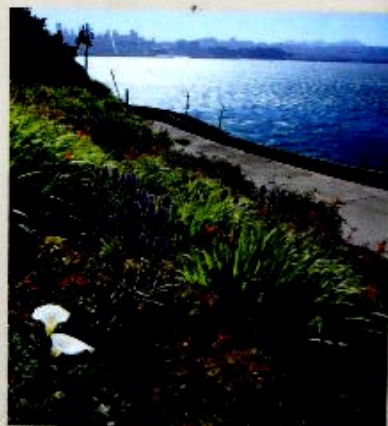
Residents and inmates built gardens in the foundations of Officers' Row houses. Here, an inmate stands in the flowering terraces, 1941-46.



Volunteers have helped to rebuild and replant the Alcatraz gardens. Join them by calling (415) 561-3077, or e-mail volunteer@parkconservancy.org.



Garden interpretive signs funded by the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund



Visitors to Alcatraz find a landscape alive with plants that survived 40 years of neglect after the prison closed.

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Every nook and cranny was, and still is, put to use whether on top of walls, along sidewalks or even on the brick lined cliffs. The gardens started as a way to grow vegetables for the Army families living on the island. Alcatraz started as a brig for returning service men after WWII. In addition the gardens, gave the inmates, throughout its history, a chance to be outdoors and “breath free air”.

The gardens are managed by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and are dependent on volunteer gardeners.

Volunteers meet each week during public gardening days. Go to nps.gov for information on volunteer gardening opportunities in our National Parks.



You can also buy the Alcatraz Wildflower seeds online at: <http://www.parksconservancy.org>

The money goes to help support the garden on THE ROCK.



If anyone is interested in finding our page, all you have to do is go on Facebook, search for Wood County Master Gardeners, Inc. You should find 3 pages to choose from,

1. is a blank site that has been removed
2. is Wood County Master Gardeners from Kentucky
3. Wood County Master Gardeners, Quitman.

Then "like" the page and it will be listed on your profile. In case you don't find it, I am listed as Peggy Smith Rogers and I'll be glad to be your friend. Happy Facebooking!

Peggy Rogers

Upcoming WCMG Scheduled Events

- Jan. 1 Volunteer Hours Due ellen.atkins@hotmail.com
- Jan. 8 Training Classes Begin
(CEUs re-set on Dec. 31! Come to class and get CEUs for 2013)
- Jan 17 WCMG Association Meeting
(Remember the meetings are a great way to earn CEUs)
- Feb. 1 Volunteer Hours Due ellen.atkins@hotmail.com
- Feb. 2 TMGA Meeting at College Station
- Feb. 10 "MG Wood Works" Newsletter articles and Project Reports due
mgnewsletter@hotmail.com
- Feb. 21 WCMG Association Meeting

SUNSHINE— Reach out to Members



As the Sunshine Chair I request that all the MGs please promptly contact me with any information on member or family illnesses, surgeries, hardships, deaths, or any reason we need to spread a little sunshine on behalf of the WCMGs. We need to stay aware and let our members know we care in their time of need. We all may need our MG family at some time and it is important that we be there for one another.

E-mail: joycemhollaway@hotmail.com

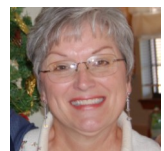
Thank You, Joyce Hollaway

Volunteer Hour Records.



1. Put your name on the form
2. Don't skip lines
3. *Use only listed codes*
4. Interns include class CEU hours and keep reporting volunteer hours even after your 50 hrs. are finished.
5. Interns do not use T (training) or SPKR (speaker) codes
6. No mileage is counted for class hours, only for volunteer hours

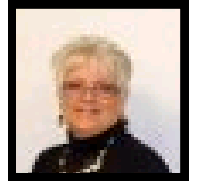
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Wood County Master Gardeners'

History

2003 - 2011



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Part 6

WCMG Association 2011

2011 officers: Connie Amsden-President, Jim Willis-Vice President, Shirley Boles-Secretary and Karen Anderson Treasurer. Directors Karen Anderson and Peggy Rogers. Resignation of Shirley Boyles in March with Becky Watts appointed Secretary in April. Peggy Rogers – Historian/Scrapbook and e-mail coordinator. Sandra Patrick – Sunshine chairman.

2011 Trainee Coordinator Chairman Gail Newman with a committee of Connie Amsden, Pam Burnett, Don Gallier, Becky and Jerry Watts and new class interns of Debra Aaron*, Edwin Boyce*, Allen Breaux Jr.*, Janet Cook*, Linda Cowan*, Mike Ferguson*, John Fox*, Valerie McWhorter, Diana Mele*, Holly Ross, Val Vetter* and Janet Whitlock* started in January and graduation held at Stinson House on April 21st.

9th Annual Spring Conference, March 12, “Legacy Gardening Heirlooms to the Moon” at Mineola Civic Center. Karen Anderson served as chairman with committee members Judy Swenson, Ellen Atkins, Marti McAree, Cecil Wallace, Peggy Rogers, Sandra Patrick, & Adrienne Walters.

In 2011, permanent projects and their current leaders: Pam Riley heading up the Quitman Arboretum & Botanical Garden, Linda Avant project leader for Junior Master Gardeners, Fran McKinney, Clyde McKinney and Bart Bartlett project leaders for Quitman Special Ed Greenhouse, Becky Watts-Quitman Library, Billie Wilder, Judy Dooley and Joan Morgan at the Mineola Nature Preserve Wildscape, Peggy Rogers-Mineola Nature Preserve Sensory Garden, Lucy Germany – Hawkins Helping Hands, Eluria Holland-Winnsboro Garden Club, Jerrie Sutphin and Sandra Patrick - Winnsboro Morgan Mercy Mission, Winnsboro Depot and the Winnsboro Library.

Judy Dooley served as coordinator for Tyler Area Council of Garden Clubs.

Fund raiser for 2011 - WCMG Tip Book with recipes and gardening tips, committee chairman, Linda Timmons with Connie Amsden, Marti McAree and Linda Long. Art work by Bart Soutendijk. From Garden to Table: Tips and Techniques to Grow What You Use and Use What You Grow. Books \$5 each.

Terrell Aronspeer had followed Eileen Bartlett as editor of the Wood Work Newsletter. In April of 2011, Sylvia Johnson took over as editor.

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WCMG HISTORY cont.

2011 Texas Master Gardeners Association Awards for Year 2010 was Awarded to WCMGA at the TMGA State Conference in April in Glen Rose.

1st – Project, Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

1st – Newsletter, MG Wood Works

1st – Education, Spring Conference

2nd – Outstanding Master Gardener Association

3rd – Poster, Arboretum & Botanical Gardens (ribbon)

Honorable Mention – Linda Avant, Outstanding Individual of the Year

Karen Anderson attended specialist training for Rain Water Harvesting held in Georgetown in June 2010. Karen Anderson, Ellen Atkins and Peggy Rogers attended Earth-Kind® Environmental System, specialist training in Cleburne in October.

Linda Timmons completed the last part of Landscape Design.

As the summer and fall became the drought of the decade,, many hours were spent holding a water hose to prevent losing plants. With all the projects and watering, WCMGA members volunteered 6, 156 hours with a value of \$131,000 presented in a mock check to the Wood County Commissioners Court.

December meeting was a Christmas social held at the Stinson House on Friday, December 16th. WCMGA Awards presented that day were:

Master Gardener of the Year – Karen Anderson;

Project Leader – Joan Morgan;

Innovators of the Year were Jim Willis and Pam Riley,

Community Outreach – Gail Newman;

Rookie of the Year from 2011 Intern Class – Jan Whitlock.

2011 year ended with 79 members and Interns



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