

MG Wood Works



July—Aug 2012

Edited by: Sylvia Johnson



Everyone has

“Pass-A-Long” Plants”

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Vision

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



All Aboard! Here we go now!

For those of you that did not join us at the May and/or June station meetings, I missed you.

What a great organization we have and it takes all of us to make and keep Wood County Master Gardeners the Association it is.

Congratulations to the Association on the TMGA Awards for the work performed in 2011. It took all of you to accomplish these recognitions.

Looking for you to be onboard for the **July 19th** and **August 16th** station meeting stops.

Things to do in your garden this month:

1. Water, weed, water, weed, water and weed,
2. Find a shady place, a comfortable chair and sit down and enjoy.
3. This is a even a good time to admire your garden from inside the comfort of your air conditioned home.

Firecrackers, hot dogs, hamburgers and home made ice cream are all a part of summer traditions. Picnics, vacations, camping and family reunions are on tap. Have fun but watch the rising temperatures and don't let the dog days of summer get to you, stay cool.



Peggy took this photo of Penny, who belongs to her husband

TMG info: The title of Texas Master Gardener is valid only when the volunteer is participating in a program being endorsed by Texas AgriLife Extension Service (Wood County Master Gardeners' Association). When an individual ceases active participation in the Master Gardener program and/or does not meet recertification requirements, the individual's certification as a Texas Master Gardener becomes void. The County Extension Agents, serving as Master Gardener Coordinators, are charged to maintain this guideline.

You can bury a lot of troubles when digging in the dirt (I know, I know it's soil!),

Peggy Rogers

VP's Corner

By: Marti McAree



July Speaker:

At our July meeting, Karen Anderson will give a Power Point presentation of Earth-Kind principals.



I will be discussing planting vegetables in raised beds for better soil, more compact area to work in, better use of water control thru drip irrigation and ease of gardening. Raised beds can produce as much if not more vegetables than a regular bed and they are easier to maintain.

Karen

Stock photo

August Speaker: Debbie Fleming

Hi! This is Chef Debbie Fleming. I am a personal chef and owner of "The Traveling Chef", personal chef services and catering! I have been in the business for 30+ years. I received a



Science Degree in Culinary Arts in from Collin County, TX. Comm. College. I moved to East Texas in 2001 to work at the Pinecrest Country Club where I am now their Executive Chef.

I have been associated with Texas Culinary Arts since 1999 and am in my 2nd term as director for the Mid-East Texas Chapter. I have received several TCA awards:

- * Contributor of the year, 3 times

- * Chef of the Year, 3 times.

- * I will receive the TCA Directors trophy

I received the 2011-2012 Woman of the Year Award from The National Assoc. of Professional Women. I was on the Board of the Historic Longview Farmers Market for 2 years and Chef Demo Person.

Other charities I am involved in are teaching underprivileged 3-6 graders and the D.O.R.S. program, for kids trying to get back into the real world.

Thanks for inviting me to speak at The Masters Gardeners monthly meeting.



Wildscape Garden

at the



Well, with all the nice rain and bright sunshine, the Wildscape is really looking good. Of course, there is always something more to be done to make it look even better. We have had just over 21 inches of rain this year to date, and only hope that the rain continues throughout this month, before the hotter days arrive. We will be laying flagstone in the walkways and the grass bed area in the next few days to allow better access to view the beds.

Please note the photo showing the sign placed at the Wildscape letting everyone know that this is a **"Master Gardener"** project which was designed, "built" and maintained by Wood County Master Gardeners. Jim Willis designed and had made the sign, which was installed by him last week. Many visitors assumed that City of Mineola was responsible for the beds and the sign clearly reflects the origin of the concept and work involved from beginning to present. It is also a way to thank all those volunteers who have helped over the years of the project.

In May we enjoyed a visit from a few of the Hunt County Master Gardeners, who wanted to tour both the Arboretum and the Wildscape. I visited at length with the ladies. We discussed their projects, ideas and about their approach at fundraising. They have a Heritage Garden in downtown Greenville, and one of the ladies has a small wildflower bed near their meeting location. Their membership is substantially smaller than our group, so they have fewer volunteers to assist in their projects. They have trainee classes every 2 years, and include folks from other counties, where no classes are offered. However, those graduates return to their home counties to pursue projects, etc. It was good to talk with other gardeners and share ideas. Our group plans a visit to Hunt County at some point in the future to view their projects.

Several of our volunteers were involved in the Science Days for 3rd graders at the Arboretum, and enjoyed the involvement with the youngsters. Many of the kids seemed to pick up on the idea of water conservation, which was the area presented by Karen Anderson.

We invite each of you to come out and enjoy our area, and if you are so inclined, bring your tools to enjoy digging in the dirt. We have workday most Friday mornings and invite all of you out to enjoy our project.

Have a good summer.

Article and Photo by: Joan Morgan





Quitman Public Library Garden

Beautyberry Shrubs

Scientific name: Callicarpa is composed of two Greek roots, signifying “beautiful” and “fruit”.

The species name, dichotoma is also Greek, meaning “cut in pairs”. Maybe because the way the berry clusters line the branches in pairs.

Common name: Beautyberry, Early Amethyst and my Granny called it the Snake Berry Bush.

Hardiness Zone: 5-9

Exposure: Full or Part Sun

Blooms in: Late Spring to Summer

Spacing: 4-6 ft.

Soil: Well draining

You might see this shrub at the Quitman Library or while walking in the woods of East Texas. It is also used in landscaping. The shrubs are grown primarily for their shiny purple berries rather than for foliage or flowers. However, the “Early Amethyst” has a pretty rounded form, long elliptical leaves, small pink flowers and bright berries in the fall.

*The berries are poison
to people! Do not eat
the berries!*

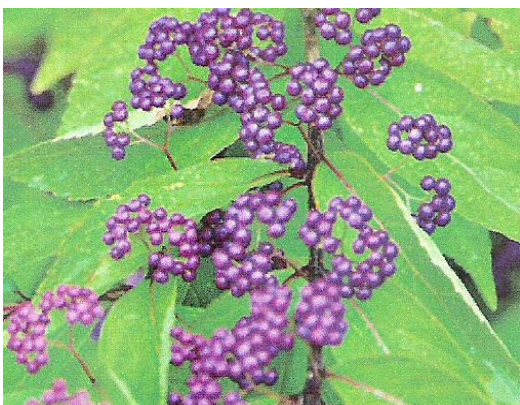


Photo by Linda



*Beautyberry bush shaped
into small trees.*



Photos by : Sylvia Johnson

*—Wild birds love the berries
which stay on the plant long into
the winter.*

Bees and butterflies are
attracted to the blooms.

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Learn to identify poisonous berries some of which come from these plants: Holly, Mistletoe, Jasmine, Yew, Lantana, Moonseed, Nightshade, Daphne, Castor Bean, Boston Ivy, English Ivy, Virginia Creeper, and Privet.

Call your AgriLife Extension Agent to locate classes which teach you how to identify plants. This will help you separate a safe berry from it's inedible mimic. Buy a plant identification hand book to carry with you while walking in the woods. If you see a berry that looks similar to an edible berry, examine all parts of the plant and use your book to be sure that you found a truly edible berry.

Tips and Warnings!

1. Post Poison Control Number on your Refrigerator and call 911 for Medical help if you experience trouble after ingesting a new plant or berry.
2. If you are uncertain about the safety of a particular berry, cut off a 6" piece of the bush, including the berry, leaves and the flower. Take it to your Extension Agent for a positive identification.
3. DO NOT EAT a berry if you cannot identify it with absolute certainty.
4. DO NOT ASSUME that a berry is safe to eat just because you see birds or other animals eating it.
5. Teach YOUR Kiddos not to eat the berries until they get permission from you. Teach them well.

The Garden of Eden was beautiful yet it was deadly.

Article by: Linda Cowan



Editors Note taken from their website:

If you think someone has been poisoned, call the Texas Poison Center Network at

1-800-222-1222

right away. Do not wait for the victim to look or feel sick. Do not try to treat the person yourself.

What happens when you call the Texas Poison Center? Your call will be answered by one of the specialists at the Poison Center. These experts are trained nurses and pharmacists who specialize in poisoning emergency treatment and poison prevention.

The poison specialist will help you to decide if you need to go to a hospital. Most poisonings are not life threatening and can be handled at home with the help of a specialist, saving you time and money.

*If the victim has collapsed or is not breathing, call **911** for an ambulance.*

The call is free...Peace of mind is priceless

<http://www.poisoncontrol.org/>



Gilbreath Memorial Public Library

Winnsboro Library Nature Trail

By: Jerrie Sutphin

The Nature Trail at the Winnsboro Library has taken a giant leap in progress. We have a Eagle Scout project going on. David Bryant has added a 50ft. flower bed with Knock-Out Roses and a Vitex tree. He has mulched the area and almost has it all finished. His crew cleaned the other beds and have raised enough money for a picnic table and 2 benches. I can finally see a memorial natural trail in the making. He has some dogwood trees to plant then we will have a Open House Day for all to see. We will accept donations of perennials or plants given in honor or memory of someone.

LOCATION

916 N. Main St.
Winnsboro, Texas, 75494

HOURS

Tue-Fri: 8:30 am-6 pm Sat: 8:30 am-Noon Sun-Mon:
Closed

Thanks Jerrie,

We love to hear from project leaders who want to let other members know how great their projects are expanding and re-newing. It sounds like you are going to have a beautiful trail. I'm sure we are all looking forward to your Open House.

How about it fellow MG's, do you have some plants to donate?

For more information on the Library: <http://www.winnsborolibrary.org/about-us>

Editor

EarthKind Specialist News

Poke Weed, Polk Salad, or Poke Sallet (scientific name: *Phytolacca Americana*)



After eating (tasting) Lucy Germany's wild weed salad several weeks

ago at the Mineola Nature Preserve, for some reason I got to thinking of Poke Salad. There seems to be a renewed interest in edible weeds.

Upon research, *one horticultural site said not to eat any part of the poke weed, that it is a very poisonous plant. So I would say eat at your own risk.*

Pokeweed is an upright plant that is usually 5-6 feet tall, but can reach a height of 10 feet in certain conditions. It is found in moist areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Texas Plains. The stem is usually red and the leaves are arrow-shaped and are about 9 inches long. The small pinkish or greenish white flowers bloom from July to October. The stalk will hang down from the weight of the small purple-black berries once they have matured. The crimson juice from the berries has been used as ink and to color wines; but is considered poisonous. The dried roots are used as an emetic or purgative. The young shoots are used for greens or eaten like asparagus. The pokeweed plant is known to have super laxative powers, if enough is eaten.

The root stock and berries of this plant are poisonous because of saponins found in the plant. Livestock and human symptoms include abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea and death.

The term poke sallet is an old Southern term for the cooked young leaves of the poke weed. Sallet comes from Middle English and refers to a mess of greens cooked until tender. The term Polk Salad is a refined way of referring to poke sallet.

Polk can be found throughout the southern states, pokeweed is traditionally the first green plant to show up each spring and is best eaten when very young and tender. The old time way of eating the poke weed is to parboil it, sometimes two or three times, then cook it with bacon drippings or add a little molasses and fatback to it. Another way to eat it is to drain the water off and cook/mix as you scramble eggs with it. The Poke Weed has been known to be used in just about any recipe that uses spinach or asparagus.

If you don't want to go into the woods and pick the greens yourself, Poke Salad is canned commercially by Allen Canning Co., of Sioam Springs, Arkansas. The only company known to commercially can Poke Salad.

We are perhaps more familiar with the popular 1969 song, "Polk Salad Annie" by Tony Joe White and later recorded by Elvis Presley, than we are the plant itself. The song, however gives us a pretty good description of the plant and why - maybe - we started eating the potentially dangerous greens.

In May each year, Ladonia, Texas hosts a Poke Salad Festival. This might be the place to check out Poke Weed.



Article and photo by: Peggy Rogers

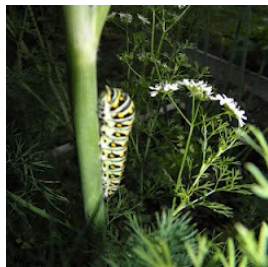
Dill

If you're looking for an easy to grow herb, Dill is a great choice. For beginner gardeners there is nothing to boost the confidence the way Dill can. Not only is it easy to grow, but it makes your fish and tarter sauce taste wonderful.



Of course, there are many more ways to use dill. Dill goes great with cucumbers, it is a key ingredient in pickles. Many dips make use of dill as well. I have also found that the bags of lettuce that had a sprig of dill in them stayed much fresher longer. I can't document the science behind it, but it works.

The first year that I had my garden boxes I planted dill in the bed with other herbs. The dill grew easily and went to seed. The seed dried and then fell to the ground. The following fall, the seed sprouted and I had fresh dill until the first frost. The dill had time to seed before the frost so I had dill the next spring. Now, I have lots of dill. This is not a problem since dill is not an invasive plant, it grows quickly and then dies back.



The caterpillars I love to feed

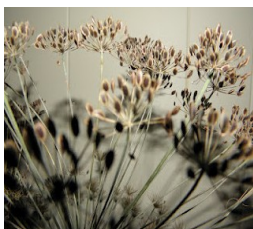
Another reason to plant lots of dill is to feed the Black Swallowtail Butterfly babies. Black Swallowtails only feed on dill and other members of the carrot family as caterpillars. I love seeing these beautiful butterflies fluttering around in my gardens. So, I plant enough for me and for them.



The Beautiful Black Swallowtail

(Stock Photo)

Not only do butterflies feed on dill, but many other good bugs love the dill blooms. Dill fits in nicely with gardens planned to attract pollinators and good bugs. Last but not least, I love the scent and the beauty that dill brings to the garden. Dill is a favorite of mine and will stay in my landscape as long as I garden. My mother says whenever she smells dill it reminds her of summers spent at the farmer's market selling produce with her grandmother.



Dried Dill Seed Heads



Rub the seed heads and drop the seeds into the envelope

Article and Photos by: Holly Ross





PASS-A-LONG PLANT STORIES

My interest in Cactus started accidentally in 2004. A neighbor was transferred to Utah and could not take her plants. She gave me her Candelabra Cactus which was two foot tall. It grew to nine feet and was beautiful. It became too tall to bring indoors in the winter and I lost it to the severe freeze we had in 2010. It broke my heart needless to say.

In 2005 another friend gave me an old cactus dish garden that she had lost interest in. It looked like it was on its last leg but repotting in larger individual pots revived each of the five varieties. The blooming plants pictured are two of those. They are both of the Echinopsis Mamillosa variety. The barrels look very different as one has grown tall and the other has grown fatter and low to the ground. The low growing one may be different due to the fact that it is very crowded and needs to be thinned, however, due to the tomato plants that came up voluntary from the composted soil I used in the same pot, I am reluctant to disturb it. The tomato plant is producing delicious Roma tomatoes.

In no particular order the scientific and/or common names of some of those pictured are Vammillaria Celsiana, Gigantea, Mammillaria hahniana, Bocasama, Parodia chrysacabtguib, Crimson Star Flower and Senecio serpens. Also pictured are Lampranthus (Ice plant), Pedilanthus (Red Bird) and Japanese Poinsettia. My very favorite, Euphorbia Mili (The Crown of Thorns) has delicate red blooms and has grown from a small cutting to over three feet tall. It has many very long thorns hidden by the beautiful foliage. There is a Night Blooming Cereus which is very mysterious and not a very pretty plant except that the mottled disfigured leaves have a rich green color and are very supple. There are Aloe Vera, Haworthia attenuata, Opuntia decumbens, Caesalpinaceae (Pride of Barbados) and, of course, the Spineless Cactus. The official names mean nothing to me. I know them only because I identified them for this story. They are all just cactus and plants which I have loved for years.

The cactus blooms open in the night and are gone by midafternoon. So sad that there is such a short time to enjoy their beauty! By now you have figured out that I am big on pass-a-long plants. In the cactus garden area on my patio twelve of the fifteen plans shown are pass-a-longs'. I love sharing plants! I also take great pride in reviving sick or old plants. It hurts me deeply when a plant dies. Bob thinks I am crazy.



Article and Photos by: Pat Wilson

New Category for our newsletter! Do you have a story? Looking for articles from the general membership. Please send to:

mjnewsletter@hotmail.com

Humorous Mishaps

by **Lynn AronSpeer**

inspired by **Ellen Atkins' "Girls"**



Miss Darlene Peckinboro

Dear Scratch,

Let me tell you, boy chick, my mum, Mrs. Peckinboro, didn't hatch any dumb chicks! And although I was still quite fluffy when I was taken by the 'Big Things,' I still remember Mum's advice to "always be brave" and to "grab it in your beak fast -- decide what it is later." We Peckinboros are a mix of Rhode Island Reds and a breed the Big Things call "Attitude."

Although you know me as Darlene, the Big Things are calling me "Nolie-bird." It's something about having a similar temperament to their grandson's.... If you know any Alpha chickens, then you have a further clue to my nature. Somebody has to protect us gals because the Big Things often get lazy. Here's what happened here last week.

A hairy old Biggish Thing, using four legs, kept dashing at us all and I was actually afraid Miss Pecky would have a heart attack. She nearly fainted away while sprinting for our "Taj Majal." I was running too. Then something just came over me. I stopped and spun around. Before I even knew what I was doing, my neck feathers had all flared and I was running at those big hairy feet and making a dreadful sound—nothing like my usual melodious chuckling. Somewhere in my vast intellect, I knew I could be a goner but just a worm's length away from me, the 4-Footer stopped dead in all four of its tracks. Imagine!



Photo – Ellen Atkins - Taj Majal

Well, this has given me courage and a new tail one is grateful—just jealous. Listen, I always the others now tell me I have a swagger that is try to stop a 4-Footer and back it up. After

feather in my quiver so to speak. Naturally no thought I had a nice little swing to my hips but not at all feminine. I'd like to see one of *them* that, I took a well deserved dust bath.

One of the Big Things is smaller than the other smaller Big Thing seems to do most of the as the "kitchen garden." Sometimes she melon and cold little red things she refers to as "frozen strawberries." Those are our favorite.

and a 'she' perhaps. I'll assume so as the scratching about in a plot of earth referred to brings us treats—worms and bugs and water-

Alas, these treats are all too soon consumed and only make us hungrier. It is a red letter day for us when the Big She Thing lets us into her kitchen garden. We scratch really fast and often can claim something big if we're quick. Yesterday, while the She Big Thing was chasing Miss Beaky, I dug up a whole zucchini plant all by myself! How's that for putting my swagger to good use?! (You still think I'm a babe, don't you, Scratch?)

See if you can get hold of one of your Big Thing's I-Phones or Droids and email me back soon, OK?

Until next time,

Miss Darlene



Gardening Tips and Tricks

Plagued by squirrels and birds eating your tomatoes? Try this trick. Hang red objects on your fence or trellis when you first set out your transplants or when your seeds grow to about 6" high. The animals will try and try to "eat" the "ripe tomatoes"! It is funny to watch the birds peck and peck at the "tomato" until they finally decide that this fruit is not edible. It works the same on squirrels. If you hang a large red bell in the foliage they soon learn that this is non-edible and makes a bad noise! Once they learn they do not return to the "bad fruit". This does not hurt the animals. I keep my "tomatoes" on until the season is over. You never know when a strange traveling animal will cross your property.



I shop at yard sales and after Christmas for my "fruit". Do not hang glass ornaments which are prone to break heavy bird pecking or if the wind blows them off your plant. Have fun with this "trick". Save your tomatoes and decorate your garden. I call it my twist on Vegetable Patch Hardscaping.

TMGA STATE DIRECTORS MEETING: SAN ANTONIO

May 3, 2012



The meeting was called to Order by President Brenda Cunningham, Dallas County and she welcomed everyone to San Antonio for the State Conference. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was lead by George Ammermann, Guadalupe, County.

The minutes of February 18, 2012 were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Donna Hagar, Somervell County. The balance in the checking account is \$12, 644.02. The report was presented for audit.

2012 TMGA Conference Committee- Lou Kellogg & Barbara Lutz, Bexar County reported there are approximately 550 attendees at the conference, there will be door prizes presented at the banquet but you must be present to win and they are having a silent auction which will close at 6:00 on Friday. They thanked everyone for attending the conference and informed the meeting there were some great speakers and tours for our participation.

Awards Committee – Mary & Paul Meredith, Victoria County. Paul informed the meeting that there were 12 judges this year for the awards and they are all out of state agents and master gardener coordinators. There were no disqualifications this year and 32 more entries this year than 2011 for a total of 171. The summary sheets for the awards would be available at the banquet for 2012 and also 2011.

Conference Planning- Duddly Hargrove, Dallas, County. This committee now has all the history of past conference on line available for future conferences. This will assist future associations with their planning and give them guide-lines to follow.

Newsletter- Donna Hagar, Somervell County. The new Newsletter editor will be Nikki and Donna will be working with her over the next few months.

Nominating – Lonnie Matthew, Aransas/San Patricio Co. The nominating committee is accepting nominations and applications for all State Officer positions in the TMGA. A slate of officers will be presented at the Aug. meeting for voting in Dec. If anyone is interested in submitting someone from their association or would like to submit their name please contact Lonnie Matthew or Homer Babbit.

Outreach – Eleanor Tuck, Tarrant County. No comments at this time.

Special Tax Advisory- Wayne Rhoden, Williamson County. Wayne reminded everyone they need to have their 990N filed by May 15, 2012. Also Donna got the TMGA filed early so there would not be a problem of local associations filing on the TMGA number. Each association should use their local tax number to file the report.

Website- Ron Williford, Comal County. There have been some changes to the look of the website. The main change is Calendar of Events has been changed to Upcoming Events. They are testing a new template for the website and need 3 counties to volunteer to test it. Please contact Ron if you are willing to help with this test.

Audit- Duane Robinson, Walker, County. Duane reported there were no discrepancies or errors in the Treasurer's books for 2011.

New Business- The proposed By-Laws Amendment for Indemnification was presented by Brenda Cunningham. There was a majority present for voting and the proposal was passed.

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TMGA MEETING SAN ANTONIO:

Future Meeting Dates:

- Saturday, August 4, 2012, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Saturday, December 1, 2012, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

For now, the TMGA meetings will continue to be located at College Station as this is the most central location and has the facilities for conducting the meetings.

2013 Conference - Barbara Storz, Jennifer Herrera, Hidalgo County and Heidi Linnemann, Cameron County. Barbara and Heidi made a presentation about the 2013 state conference which is to be held in McAllen, Texas on Oct. 17-19. The theme will be Blooms, Birds and Butterflies. This will be held during the migration of the birds and butterflies so there should be lots of beautiful sights.

International Master Gardener Conference – Sept. 7-14, 2013 will be a cruise to Alaska and the boat is filling up fast.

State MG Coordinator Updates – Jayla Fry, advised members to check with their home owners insurance to verify they have Indemnification coverage in their policy since A&M/AgriLife does not have this available for Master Gardeners. If anyone is an officer they may require more coverage on their personal policy. There are 3 federal laws that should protect anyone on an Indemnification law-suit. They are researching the possibility of telemarketing conferences but there may be technical problems with this program.

A question was presented about all Master Gardeners needing a background check, not just JMG workers and she stated that this was correct. They are slowly bringing all associations up to date and will be working with the smaller associations to get them current with AgriLife policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.



Karen Anderson, Director



Peggy Rogers, Director

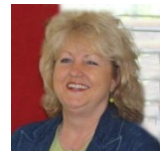
SUNSHINE— Reach out to Members



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.

Thank You,

Connie Amsden E-mail: amsdentx@yahoo.com



Volunteer Hour Records.



1. Put your name on the form

2. Don't skip lines

3. Use only listed codes

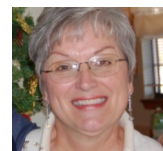
4. Interns include class CEU hours

5. Interns do not use T (training) or SPKR (speaker) codes

6. No mileage is counted for class hours, only for volunteer hours

Thank You,

Ellen Atkins E-mail: ellen.atkins@hotmail.com





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 Scheduled Events

June 28 Horticulture Field Day – Overton A&M Research

July 01 Volunteer Hours Due ellen.atkins@hotmail.com

July 04 Picnic in Park Quitman Arboretum 11 – 1:00 pm Sack lunch

July 19 WCMGA Meeting

Editor's Note: Don't forget about all the great Farmer's Markets this summer. We have one in Winnsboro, Minola, Alba and other locations. You can Google for more events in your area.

<http://www.texascertifiedfarmersmarkets.com/members.html>

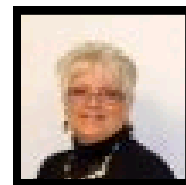
<http://www.farmersmarketonline.com/fm/Texas.htm>

<http://www.winnsborofarmersmarket.com/index.php?mo=3&yr=2013>

Wood County Master Gardeners'

History

2003 - 2011



Compiled by: Peggy Rogers**

Part 3

2007 officers: President – Deborah Salmon, Vice President – Linda Timmons, Secretary - Floyd Ganus, and Treasurer – Janet Starr. TMGA directors were Janet Starr and Jeanee Brown. Billie Wilder was Historian/Scrapbook.

Trainees were: Pat Lafferty*, Kathleen Denmon, Janice Walker, Dick Walker, Virginia Moore, J. Horrocks, Jo Adcock, Martha Johnson, Pete Smith, Fran McKinney*, Clyde McKinney*, Pam Riley*, J.D. Pierce, Billie Wilder, Linda Avant*, Eluria Holland, Linda Wray, Sandy Hocking, Becky Wheeler, Cindy Thrasher, Lowell Tankersly, and Javier Vargis. Class graduated on April 24th at the Mineola Nature Preserve Pavilion.

Fifth Gardening Conference was a Spring Conference held Saturday, March 10, 2007 named *Gardening Smart* with talks on Native Plants, Ornamental Grasses, and Rainwater Harvesting.

In July of 2007, the Master Gardeners officially voted to accept the development of an Arboretum in Quitman as a Master Gardener Project. Ground breaking was held October 2007.

To recognize the Master Gardeners that were giving so freely of their time, Clint honored several MG's with end of year awards. Giving certificates of appreciation and honoring the officers of 2007:

Deborah Salmon – President, Linda Timmons – VP, Secretary - Floyd Ganus and Treasurer - Janet Starr.

Linda Timmons was honored as Master Gardener of the Year,

Innovator – Pam Riley

Project Developer – Pete Smith

Newsletter – Eileen Bartlett

Class Coordinator – Eileen Bartlett

Data Base Development – Bart Bartlett

Governor Hogg Arboretum – Linda Timmons, Pam Riley, Kathleen Denmon & Pat Lafferty

Library Gardens – Liz Soutendijk, Kathleen Denmon, Fran & Clyde McKinney, Billie Wilder, Eileen & Bart Bartlett, and Martha Johnson

Nature Preserve – Janet Star & Billie Wilder

Festivals & Fairs – Willie Kay Paradez

Spring Conference – Linda Timmons & her committee

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WCMG HISTORY

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2008 officers were: President-Pete Smith, Judy Dooley – Vice President, Sandra Hocking – Secretary and Linda Avant – Treasurer. With Pete Smith relocating, Dick Walker assumed the position of President in September and finished out the year. Linda Timmons served as Director at the State Conference in Conroe. Anita Baker was Historian/Scrapbook.

For 2008, Wood County Master Gardeners Association broadened their area to not only be Counties of Wood, Rains, and Upshur but to also invite Van Zandt County to join the Trainee Class.

Trainees were: Connie Amsden*, Anita Baker*, Wanda Costello, Sonia Dressler, Lucy Germany*, Dana Gray, Shirley Hirt*, Darlene Hollabaugh, Phyllis Martin, Marti McAree*, Mary Kay Mickel, Joan Morgan*, Gail Newman*, Lynn Oakes*, Peggy Rogers*, Lee Ann Sparks, Larry Sparks, Charles Stackhouse, Wilma Stackhouse, Allen Tuell, Pat Wilson* and Sharon Young. Pam Riley served as the Training Class Coordinator. With this larger than usual number of trainees, the classes were held at the Masonic Lodge on Hwy 37.

6th Annual Home Gardening Conference was March 08, 2008 held at Mineola Civic Center. "From The Ground Up" being lawn care and tree management.

With encouragement from Clint Perkins, Pam Riley and Eileen Bartlett submitted entries to TMGA Awards for work the Association completed in 2007. These first entries put Wood County on the map with the Texas Master Gardener Awards.

2008 TMGA Awards for Year 2007

1st - Linda Timmons, Outstanding Individual of the Year

1st - Education for the Stinson House/Butterfly Man

3rd - MG Wood Works Newsletter

2nd - Outstanding Association

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Marti McAree	Vice President
Karen Anderson	Treasurer
Joan Morgan	Secretary



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2012

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