



MG Wood Works Special Edition! Spring 2015 Conference

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E D I T O R : S Y L V I A J O H N S O N

“Time to Plant Smarter”

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- WCMG Info



The 2015 Spring Conference presented by the Wood County Master Gardeners Association was a success this March. Keynote speaker, Steven Chamblee of Chandor Gardens, Weatherford, TX, gave an in depth presentation on “Texas Tough Plants”. His PowerPoint presentation on easy to grow native and well adapted species for Texas growing zones was in-depth and loaded with easy to use tips and pointers to help our plants grow in our unique weather. His handout listing the best plants for Texas is comprehensive and lists common as well as Latin names of recommended plants.

The breakout seminar speaker was Deena Taylor, a Wood

County Master Gardener, who gave a mini lecture on the square foot garden as well as Keyhole gardens. These gardens are used



worldwide where water and space are in very limited supply. If you want a “carefree” garden that is resource conserving and uses local and easily obtained items for feeding and watering, these are the gardens for you.

Linda Timmons and Linda Long worked the WCMG

booth. Linda Avant and Linda Johnson showcased the Junior Master Gardeners Program. Diana Davett and Karen Anderson operated the Grow Native/MG Wildscape booth. The 2015 Trainees were the driving force behind this conference. We have obtained some new members that are dedicated, innovative, and willing to volunteer. Thanks to all who made this conference great.

SPRING CONFERENCE PHOTOS BY:

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Our appreciation goes out to the following businesses who were this year's SPONSORS:

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- Mineola Chamber of Commerce
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- Texas Department of Agriculture
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- Wildseed Farms
- Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
- The Victory Seed Company
- Cades Building Materials Mineola

When need of services please remember those who give back to our county and the WCMGA.

FEATURED SPEAKER: STEVEN L. CHAMBLEE

Steven has been active in horticulture for over 30 years. After working with his father, he formed Southern Lawn Care, a landscape maintenance company. In 1986 he joined the Ft. Worth Botanic Garden as a Gardener. He earned his AAS degree in Horticulture from Tarrant County Jr. College. He was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture from Tarleton State University. His Masters of Sci-

ence degree in Public Horticulture Administration is from the University of Delaware. After a stint at the Natural Science Museum in McKinney, Texas he returned to the Ft. Worth Botanic Garden as the Grounds Manager/Education Director where he developed their self-sustaining educational programs. As Chief Horticulturist for Chandar Gardens in Weatherford, TX., Steven brings artistic

expression to the garden and educational opportunities to the community. He is a Consulting Editor and

Author for Neil Sperry's GARDENS magazine. He has a monthly e-newsletter column entitled "Native Son", and is an Adjunct Instructor for Tarrant County College and Texas Christian University's Extended Education program. Steve is an entertaining speaker who connected with the audience using humor, electronic media, and a knowledge of his Gardening Subjects that was evident, understandable and timely for his audience. We thank him and his wife, Patti, for traveling to our Wood County 2015 Spring Conference.



SEMINAR SPEAKER: KEYHOLE / SQUARE FOOT GARDENS DEENA TAYLOR, WCMGA

Our very own Wood County Master Gardener gave a breakaway seminar on Keyhole and Square Foot Gardening. She has become the local expert on these fascinating gardens. If you want a garden that is water wise, compact and organic she has the garden for you. Deena has built these gardens and hosted seminars in the local area for several years. If you want more info contact the

Wood County Master Gardeners. Deena also recommends the following websites:

<http://www.debtolman.com>

<http://www.debtoman.com/FieldGuide.pdf>

<http://www.texascooppower.com/texas-stories/nature-outdoors/keyhole-gardening>

<http://www.inspirationgren.com/keyhole-gardens.html>

<http://www.mysquarefootgarden.net/growing-vertical>

<http://www.gardeners.com/on/demandware.store/Sites-Gardeners-Site/default/Page-KGPIS>



Raffle Items: 2015 Spring Conference

Thank you to the 2014 class for their contributions of time and materials constructing the raffle items.

Lori Clark volunteered her husband to build a Potting bench and she did the decorations. It was a beautiful potting bench with a built in tray for soil, hooks for hanging tools and shelf for storing supplies. Lori added medallions for decorations. Thanks to Tom and Lori for a fabulous job.

Reggie Askins decorated a 55 gal. barrel used to collect rainwater. She made it look like an old time whiskey

barrel used for collecting rainwater in the good old days. Thank you, Reggie, for doing a good job of disguising that old blue barrel.

The last item was a 4 ft. Garden Obelisk for growing lush vines. Cade's Building Materials in Mineola donated the lumber and WCMG Louie Theriault constructed it. Thank you, Louie, for building such a beautiful yard structure.

The winner of the Potting Bench was Juanita Davis. The Obelisk was

won by Patty Alford and the Rain-barrel was won by Rosemarie Kastran.

We printed 400 tickets and started pre-sales in January, 2015. I printed another 100 tickets before the conference. "Job well done" to all ticket sellers.

Article and Photos By: Karen Anderson



Thank You to our vendors. Please frequent the business that participated and donated door prizes to our 2015 Spring Conference. Your patronage matters.

FRIENDS OF THE ARBORETUM

Buy some of your new plants at the Spring Plant sale that benefits the Arboretum and Stinson House on April 11. The Friends are refurbishing the historical Stinson house and gardens. For more information see : www.facebook.com/quitman.arboretum07



2015 Annual Spring Plant Sale
 Saturday, April 11, 2015
 8:00 til Noon
 Quitman Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
 Quitman, Texas

Time to start planning for those spring and summer gardens.

Perennials, annual color, shrubs, trees, roses
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SPRING TIME: RECYCLED ART BY LAURA & CLARK DRIVER



Bart Soutendijk: Botanical Artist

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www.wirewallart.com

www.notesonnature.com

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Eggs/Produce



QUITMAN GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Club sales Gardenias each spring. They are the landscapers for the Quitman Library. Purchases of their flowers raises money for the Library garden and reading nook. Established in 1946 they have meetings at the library 2nd Tuesdays 2-4 pm. For more info on this group contact Anna Wilkins who is also a WCMG!

QuitmanGardenClub@gmail.com



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www.harmony-organics.com

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YARD ART BY: FRANNIE MARCHMAN GARDEN CLUB



What a great way to recycle old dishes and lighting fixtures. Monies raised by this group goes to Scholarships for Mineola Kids. For more info or to purchase their amazing art, contact the Mineola Garden Club at: 903-638-6389

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GREY'S NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTER



Grey's Nursery located on Highway 37N (1/2 mile North of Wal-Mart on the right) carries a wide variety of vegetables, flowers, trees, shrubs and soil amendments. Dana has supported WCMG for years and is always available for consultation. For more info call: 903-569-9029



STAR DRAGONFLY HERB COMPANY



Located on Elm Street in Winnsboro, ;Susan Thames sells delicious teas, natural face creams and salves, dried herbs, herbal extracts, fresh eggs and much more!

For class schedules on Native Edibles and more see her on Facebook or contact her at: 903-588-4313 or

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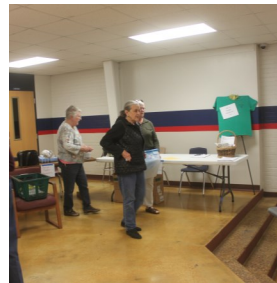
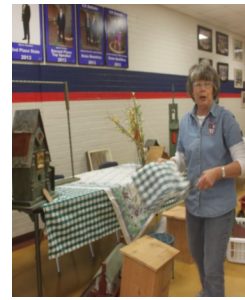
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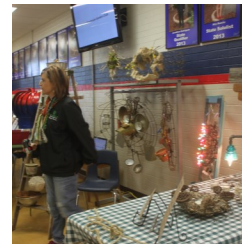
Handmade Garden and yard homes/art. His design/Audubon/custom by WCMG Hubby David. David's workshop is in Yantis. For more info on his unique and beautiful items contact him at: davidaskins@peoplescom.net.



Setting up the Conference—all pitch in to help and make the day fun!



Main Event Photos:





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“What sets Master Gardeners apart from other garden associations is their special training in the art and science of horticulture. In exchange for their training persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through the cooperative Extension office to provide horticultural-related information to their communities. Master Gardeners are representatives of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. In all volunteer work related to the program, Master Gardeners follow the research based recommendations of the Extension Service.”