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Melodee Eischen: Looking Forward in 2019

As traditions go, let me tell you my vision for Wood County Master Gardeners Association for the 2019 year. When you think about it, that's a pretty tall order. I really enjoy the give and take we have in our Association, where we are influenced by each other's expertise and experiences. It's what I would term a "fluid, nurturing, and ability for growth" circumstance.

However, I've been asked to provide a focus, a term or phrase that would or could define a focus for WCMG for 2019. My word is, ready for it, wait for it is SUSTAINABLE! Okay, don't get carried away that you've heard and read about sustainable this and that environmental stuff forever. If you would do me the honor, I'd like to tell you in my words from my viewpoint why this word is important.

There is much written about 'Sustainable' usually in the context of Environmental Issues, like greenhouse gases, global warming, etc. I'm NOT going there! I believe that as a culture we have been programmed for quick fixes, instant gratification and it should always be easy and feel good. However, I appreciate living with reality. Granted it's harder, messier, and takes more effort, but the rewards are fantastic.

When I use the term sustainable in relationship to the WCMG I use it in regard to several areas.

◆ I like our association, I like the people who come, contribute and learn. I appreciate the effort you make to support WCMG by attending and volunteering for various projects. I love just listening to you all talking during our fellowship time, catching up, supporting, and encouraging each other. That's SUSTAINABLE!

◆ We've all been WCMG interns and been taught how to build up the soil, encouraged to use sound ecological practices, instructed in IPC and sustainable gardening procedures. We've learned how to preserve what we've grown in some of our program presentations. That's SUSTAINABLE!

◆ We've also had a program on the health benefits of gardening, whether that be physical, psychological, emotional, or spiritual. If we take all of this to heart, that is SUSTAINABLE!

◆ None of us knows what will happen tomorrow. But it is my belief that we should prepare as much as we can for unfortunate events. We never know when illness, a tornado, a down-turn in the economy, family situations, etc. might occur. Crisis situations also calls on us to rely on our friends and family to help and support us through these times. That's how I see our

WCMG's. We are family, we are friends. We are SUSTAINABLE!

◆ We also must be adaptable. As gardeners we all know we have "good years" and "bad years"; of course, we have everything in between too. We must be adaptable to changing weather conditions; whether that be too much rain or not enough, too cold or too hot, a hail storm or strong winds. We know we can't change the weather, we just have to adapt and cope the best we can. I think we respond to these situations better than most because of our Wood County Master Gardener education. That's a SUSTAINABLE attitude!

There's so much more I could talk about but that will be for future issues. Suffice it to say, I'm looking forward to serving as your president of Wood County Master Gardeners. I appreciate all your help and support. I know none of this would work except we all cooperate and willingly give of our time and effort. There is so much fruit that is produced when we work together, it's very sustaining in the long-term.

I'm looking forward to a great year and getting to know each of you. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

2019 Wood County Master Gardeners



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2019 Master Gardener Intern Class

Linda Bradley



This room may be empty now but on January 8 it will be filled with the new 2019 Wood County Master Gardener Interns. Our first class includes a *Meet and Greet*, and we invite everyone to come and meet our new interns.

This is a new class time! We will have coffee and maybe refreshments at 9:00 am, and class will start at 9:30. Classes are held every Tuesday from 9:30 am—12:30 pm thru the end of April. We are also planning several field trips during class time and all Master Gardeners may attend.

At our first class, we will introduce the new WCMG officers and project leaders, and we will show the interns how to use the volunteer system. So make sure you have Jan. 8th at 9:00 on your calendar

2019 interns are:

Nancy Boles	Yantis
Paula Brimhall	Holly Lake Ranch
Jean Croucher	Alba
Donna Davis	Yantis
Phillip Hacker	Hawkins
Elaine Hall	Holly Lake Ranch
Bobbie Harris	Emory
Sandy Hayden	Mineola
Stephen Judkins	Yantis
Janet Judkins	Yantis
Steven McWilliams	Alba
Bev Ray	Emory
Dan Rose	Hawkins
Charla Sampson	Quitman
Jacque Simmons	Holly Lake Ranch
Judy Tubbs	Holly Lake Ranch
Mike Whisenant	Mineola
Mary Williams	Yantis

The Texas Master Gardener Program

Who are Texas Master Gardeners?

Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through their Extension office to provide horticultural-related information to their communities.



2019 Master Gardener Class Schedule Tuesdays, 9:30 am—12:30 pm (9:00 am Meet & Greet)		
Date	Subject / Chapter	Speaker
1/8/19	Meet & Greet Getting Started with Master Gardeners	
1/15/19	Botany	
1/22/19	Soil	Clint Perkins
1/29/19	Soil, continued	Clint Perkins
1/29/19	Winter Sowing	Gayle and Betty
2/5/19	Trees for the Urban	Daniel Duncam
2/12/19	Propagation	Melodee
2/19/19	Propagation, continued	Melodee
2/26/19	IPM	Linda Timmons
3/5/19	Vegetables	Gayle and Deena
3/12/19	Texas Super Stars	Ellen Atkins
	Sq. Ft and Keyhole Gardening	Deena Taylor
3/19	Viticulture	Michael Cook
	Fruits and Nuts	Tommy Phillips
3/26/19	Herbs	Kathi Ladewig
	Composting	Katie Carter
4/2/19	Natives	Ann Reynolds
4/2/19	Bulbs	Lin Grado
	Turf/Irrigation	Clint Perkins
4/16/19	Landscaping	Peggy and Linda B
4/23/19	Field Trip TBA	
4/30/19	Graduation at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Mineola	

2018 Celebration & Awards

Photo by Elizabeth Neuens

The Master Gardeners Association closed out 2018 on December 18 with a brief meeting, presentation of awards and service pins, and a holiday party. Award certificates were presented by Melodee Eishen and Shaniqua Davis.

The following gardeners were recognized for their service and dedication to Wood County Master Gardeners:

5 Years of Service: 2013–2018

Linda Bradley
Molly Mathis
Jenna Nelson
Twala Watters

10 years of Service: 2008-2018

Shirley Hirt
Kathy Ladewig
Joan Morgan
Lynn Oakes
Peggy Rogers
Pat Wilson

5 Years of Service: 2014-2019

Reggie Askins
Melissa Deakins
Rhonda January
Sondra Lafferty
Kimberly Mason
Gloria Jeane Rosewall
Deana Taylor

10 years of Service: 2009-2019

Karen Anderson
Ellen Atkins
Bonnie Connor
Sylvia Johnson
Petra Jones
Karen Sanders

*Special Thanks to
our Hostess!*

Barbara Williams



Elizabeth Neuens

*Outstanding
Community Service*



Photo by Lin Grado

Sylvia Johnson

Project of the Year



Lin Grado

*Innovator
of the Year*



Ann Reynolds

Rookie of the Year



Denna Taylor
*Master Gardener
of the Year*



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Linda Timmons: Wildscape 2018-2019

The workers at the Wildscape were busy in 2018. In 2017 we had set some modest goals: add sitting areas, repair benches, provide up to date information about native plants on the bulletin board, add more native plants. We did a good job on all those plans. A more optimistic idea was to add electricity so that we can run a pump off the rain barrel and add a bird bubbler. That idea has been added to the 2019 plans.

By the end of 2018 we had replaced all the old benches and added 4 more. We also moved the circle bench that had been around the trunk of the Lacebark Elm. Since the elm has grown there are lots of roots around the base of the tree and the ground is unlevel. The circle bench is now around a smaller shade tree in a more level area. Three of the new benches have been placed in a level area under the Lacebark elm, so that shady area can still be used for education when we have small groups visiting the Wildscape.

During the winter, spring and summer the information board beside the garden shed was updated to keep visitors informed about the native plants, animals, and insects they might see while visiting the garden.



Benches and Flagstone



Dripper Bed

The floor in the shed had started rotting because of rain running down the door. Several workers volunteered to take up the old floor, replace some of the supports and the floor and add a piece of metal to hopefully keep the water off the wood.

Drainage has been a perennial problem at the Wildscape. Water runs off the parking lot and washes out the paths every time there's a heavy rain. During 2018 we added flagstones in the main path to break up the water flow. Also, Wildscape workers paved a whole area of the main pollinator bed.

Two large rocks were installed beside one of the main entries to the Wildscape and some landscaping was added around them. We concentrated on adding only native plants to the garden, including Texas Sundrops, Climbing Aster, Gaura, Texas Ironweed, and Penstemon. A Shumard Red Oak, Longleaf Pines and Texas Buckeye trees were planted this year.

Our dreams for 2019 include electricity or maybe solar panels. There will be more work on breaking up the water flow through the gardens. We'll start working on a swale and rainwater garden in January. We also need to redesign the dripper bed. The hogs tore up that area especially bad during 2018, probably because it was often wet. For both of these areas we will be using native plants.

If you're interested in helping research plants and designing installing some new beds, please come out in 2019 to help us. We will be working Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 until the training class is done in April.

Shaniqua Davis: Planning Your Garden

It is that time of year to begin thinking about planting a backyard vegetable garden. We look at the pictures and dream of bringing in armloads of fresh produce. But before you begin, let's talk about your preparations:

Select the site. This can make or break many first-time gardens. Stand in your proposed site facing south. Looking up at the sky, then to the left (east) and to the right (west). There should be no tall trees or buildings that will shade your garden in the morning. A little afternoon shade after 3 pm could be helpful. **Hint:** Make it close enough to a water spigot and the house where it will be easy to add water and easy for you to get out to care for it.

Decide how big to make it. Grand ideas often make us set up a garden way too large for the summer care. Remember that the patch of soil that looks beautiful now will need weeding and watering as summer heat sets in. Also, study just how much produce one really can grow from each plant or seed that you put in. **Hint:** A smaller, well cared for garden will easily out-produce a larger, poorly cared for garden.

Prepare the soil. I don't know if your soil needs lime and certainly don't know how much. Adding lime makes the soil less acidic. You will not go wrong by tilling in compost. Add one bag (30-40 lbs.) of composted manure for every 10 by 10 ft. of growing space and then incorporate it. **Hint:** A soil test will be able to tell you exactly how much lime (if needed) and what nutrients your garden site needs. Cost is \$10 from SFA State University.

Choose what to grow. Don't chase fads and plants that you really don't know if the family likes. **Hint:** Plant only what you know your family likes!

- ◆ Make it close enough to a water spigot and the house where it will be easy to add water and easy for you to get out to care for it.
- ◆ A smaller, well cared for garden will easily out-produce a larger, poorly cared for garden.
- ◆ A soil test will be able to tell you exactly how much lime (if needed) and what nutrients your garden site needs. Cost is \$10 from SFA State University.
- ◆ Plant only what you know your family likes!
- ◆ Make your best, educated guess following the recommended planting time and, even then, study the 15-day forecast.

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Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Deanna Caldwell, president of Friends of the Arboretum, has announced that the Quitman Arboretum & Botanical Gardens is now officially recognized as the Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens. "We want people to understand we serve a wider audience and the community we serve," she said. "Like the Wood County Courthouse is in Quitman, we'd like to say the Wood County Arboretum is in Quitman." The website and emails for the arboretum will still connect with the name change.

The two major 2019 projects for the arboretum, a reflection garden behind the Stinson House and iron fence in front. The size and materials of the garden are being planned now. The garden design will incorporate the elements of fire, water, earth and air. An iron fence was formerly at the Stinson House and Friends of the Arboretum hope to recreate it.

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Lin Grado: Create Your Own Path in Your East Texas Garden

Most of the country has put their gardens to sleep by December, not to be revisited until spring. But in east Texas, we're so glad for the break from the summer heat that we will start a new garden project on any nice day. My project is to upgrade one small path in my garden from mulch to brick.

The most basic purpose of a path in a garden is to get you safely from point A to point B. I come from a line of practical, frugal people. Our paths were direct lines made out of concrete or flagstone, that moved us through the yard – a straight sidewalk from the back porch to the alley, or from the back porch to the front of the house. They were just wide enough for a wheelbarrow or a wagon (or a bicycle with training wheels), with as few turns as needed to get to your destination. When it was time to carry groceries to the house, or shovel snow in the winter, we were grateful for the direct routes.

But paths can also be a design element in the garden. Their shape and their material can direct the course and speed of visitors through your garden. Wider paths encourage people to meander slowly, side-by-side, while narrow paths hurry us along. Straight paths suggest a more formal garden and walking with purpose, while curved pathways are informal and suitable for strolling. Plan your paths with a destination – a garden bench, a gate, a fountain, a specimen plant – so that visitors are rewarded for following the path. Position a focal point hidden around a curve to add a feeling of surprise to the journey.

The materials used in a path are part of the design as well. After my knee replacement, I realized that my primary functional paths – from the driveway to the door, for example - needed to be more solid footpaths; I changed the



The mixed stone and turns on the path invites you to walk slowly and pay attention.



This flagstone path leads directly to the front porch of the Stinson house in Quitman.

material from mulch to flagstone and brick. At the Arboretum in Quitman, most of the paths in the garden areas are grass, but they are subject to disruption by armadillos and gophers. We hope to upgrade them now that the hog damage has been repaired. Many public gardens have concrete or asphalt paths for the main walkways, for accessibility, with smaller paths of flagstone or decomposed granite.

In your home garden, your paths can be pebbles, gravel, stone, mulch, brick, or swept dirt – almost any surface you can imagine. Each has a different feel under your feet, and many such as gravel can add sound to your garden walks. There is an area at the IDEA garden in Tyler that showcases several different materials that can help you decide what to use in your path. Consider mixing the materials in your design to add more interest to your path – brick and gravel, or cobblestones and pebbles. If you mix materials, make sure you integrate both all along the path, so it doesn't look like you ran out along the way.

The final step in designing a path in your gardens is deciding whether you need something to edge your paths. If your paths are gravel, pebbles, or mulch, you'll need something to keep it in place such as metal or rubber landscape edging, landscape pavers, or bricks. Aside from being functional, edging can also frame your paths, so look at a contrasting texture for your edging. Plant material in the garden can serve as the edging for your paths; low-growing or cascading plants, such as liriopse or mondo grass,

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Create Your Own Path, continued

sedum, or purple oxalis, soften the path's edges. Pick plants that enhance the color of the materials used. To edge my paths, I have used some uncommon materials such as wine bottles stuck in the ground; they're free, easy to install, and can be moved to adjust the flow of the path. Avoid using these where you might use power lawn tools, and make sure you put them at an angle to discourage mosquito breeding in water that collects on the bottom of the bottles.

There are some practical considerations if you're laying out a new path. Sometimes traffic seeks its own flow in the garden. I had designed two swooping paths that overlapped, resulting in a 'V' at the end of one bed. My dogs cut across that bed so much that I laid flagstone on their shortcut. I also laid brick in another section of the path with the holes up; it so bothered my dogs that they walked in the beds rather than on the path and I am redoing that whole section. For best results, mark where your paths will be with a garden hose or spray paint, and live with it for a while to test the layout: run the lawn mower along the curves; push your wheelbarrow or pull your cart; walk along the path; and see if you need to tweak the layout. It's much easier to do before you set the path, and you'll be assured that your paths are functional.

How you design your paths will determine whether walking them is about the journey or the destination. What will you choose, in your east Texas garden?



About the author: Lin is the garden manager at the Quitman Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Email her at txgardengal@gmail.com with your gardening questions or suggestions for future columns. Lin is also available to answer your gardening questions at the Wood County Arboretum in Quitman each Wednesday from 9 till noon.

Ann Reynolds: Hawkins City Park & Library

The Hawkins City Park pavilion flower garden now has the distinct handiwork of the Wood County Master Gardeners. Last summer, long-time Hawkins resident, Pat Harris asked



that the garden be taken care of by the WCMG. She had been doing so for over 20 years. Upon approval of Wood County AgriLife Extension, the Hawkins City Development Corporation and City Council, 10 WCMGs began their magic work.

Three hurdles to immediately overcome were fire ants, yellow jackets and a broken sprinkler system. Done, done and done. During the summer and fall months the garden was weeded, trimmed, fertilized, mulched and lantana and Mexican heather planted. Fall also saw the arrival of chrysanthemums and pumpkins just in time for the Hawkins Oil Festival. Winter arrived early and the WCMG planted bulbs and pansies and then put the garden to sleep by cutting back the lantana. Plans are in the works for additional plantings of pollinator plants in hopes of working with the Hawkins ISD for student field trips.

During this time, the WCMG realized that they could add more to beautify the area. In most need in this little community was the library. The gardens there were weeded, trimmed and mulched. Invasive Nandina was "yanked" out. For fall and winter interest pansies and bulbs were planted. Norma Hallmark, library director, would like to see the garden converted to a Texas native garden. WCMG will spend the winter months planning and dreaming. . . .

When County officials divided the county into precincts, each containing a major city and also a lake, they never dreamed that the Wood County Master Gardeners would lend their expertise and knowledge to each of those precincts.



Melodee Eischen:**WCMG Spring Conference*****Plant ♦ Grow ♦ Eat*****9 am—Noon****March 16****Mineola League of the Arts Building**

200 W Blair St, Mineola, TX 7577

Our WCMG Spring Conference is coming up very soon. The title for this conference is: "Plant*Grow*Eat". I think it's pretty descriptive of what we'll be teaching. We are after all, in the business of educating about everything that grows.

The date of this event is Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9 till noon, at the Mineola League of the Arts building in Mineola. Since this facility at one time was an elementary school, we have rooms to house our speakers, sponsors and vendors, plus a covered area for our plant sale and a kitchen for refreshments.

Our featured speaker is Daniel Cunningham of Dallas AgriLife. A big thanks to Melissa Deakins for her suggestion and follow-through to acquire this guest speaker. The title for his 90 minute presentation, beginning at 10:30 is "Food-Scaping" or as some of us might say, Edible Landscaping.

We will also have some 30 minute presentations by a few of our local Master Gardeners like Gayle Mullinax on Vegetable Container Gardening, Deena Taylor on ?... Well we're not quite sure of the exact title yet but it will either be about vegetables or herbs. We'll get back to you on that. :) oh, and probably a presentation on growing and using herbs or one on Moringa, the miracle tree by Melodee Eischen. Melissa Deakins will set up a table and discuss favorite tools to use in the garden and Gardening Hacks. And Linda Timmons is going to get all the kids busy with some hands on projects. It sounds like we've got plenty to do.

Keith Zimmerman is in charge of our Plant Sale, which means he's also coordinating everyone to grow the plants to sell. I appreciate all those helping with this huge undertaking. Good luck!

Ann Reynolds and Ann Fair-Irby are contacting potential sponsors and vendors. We will have room for about a dozen tables for this purpose. There is a stage at the front of this room that we will have for announcements and to display our Raffle items which are:

- ♦ large Gardening Basket with all kinds of goodies being put together by Reggie Askins. If anyone has an item for this basket please contact her. (
- ♦ A beautifully painted Garden Bench with accompanying book.
- ♦ A painted Quilters Square that you hang outside on a garden wall or shed, donated by Ann Fair-Irby.
- ♦ Some personally autographed items from singer/songwriter, Kacey Musgraves. Anyone know her mother? 😊

We can start selling tickets for these raffle items in January. The Raffle and Door Prizes are being organized by Linda Long and Joyce Tullis.

We are in need of some help still, especially with publicity. So, if you can write, or design posters, or take posters to businesses, or would like to help with advertising PLEASE contact me. If you would like to help with any of the other activities described above, please contact the gardener(s) listed for that activity.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful Spring Conference. It takes a lot of people helping, making suggestions, speaking words of encouragement to get a big project like this done. Thanks to everyone. If you'd like to get involved, don't be shy. Many hands make light work. We will be setting up on Friday, March 15th about 1 p.m. if you would like to help, let me know.

Sylvia Johnson: What is a Texas Master Gardener?

Excerpt from *The Texas Master Gardener Guide*:

Texas A & M AgriLife Extension

<https://mastergardener.tamu.edu>



When to Use the Texas Master Gardener Title

Graduates of the Texas Master Gardener Program should not display credentials or give the appearance of being a Texas Master Gardener at a place of business unless that location is designated as a Master Gardener educational activity location by the local Extension office. Texas Master Gardeners must not use the title, Texas Master Gardener, in any form of advertisement. Implying Texas AgriLife Extension Service endorsement of any product or place of business is improper. The Texas Master Gardener program is a public service program operated by Texas AgriLife Extension Service to provide unbiased information, and the Texas Master Gardener title is to be used only when doing unpaid volunteer work in this program. When Texas Master Gardeners speak before groups on horticultural subjects it is permissible for them to accept unsolicited reimbursements or gifts.

Dismissal of a Master Gardener Volunteer

A volunteer may be reassigned or dismissed at the sole discretion of Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Disregard for the policies and guidelines established by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the County Master Gardener program are grounds for dismissal of a Master Gardener Volunteer. Other examples of conduct which could lead to disciplinary action include, but are not limited to: illegal activity; behavior which compromises the health and safety of volunteers, Texas AgriLife Extension Service employees, or clientele; being habitually disruptive to the overall program; unwilling or unable to work amicably with agents and/or volunteer leaders; conduct which is harmful to the Master Gardener program's reputation; or failure to relinquish/rotate leadership roles. The nature and seriousness of the infraction or violation will determine whether the option of reassignment or dismissal should be considered.

Before any official action is taken, the County Extension Agent and/or immediate Extension supervisor should counsel with a volunteer) when reassignment or dismissal is being considered. If dismissal is decided by Extension, communication with the volunteer) will be done in confidentiality.

Texas Master Gardener Handbook

The Texas Master Gardener Handbook will be sold to certified Master Gardeners (including trainees) of Texas AgriLife Extension Service for a set fee.

Value of Texas Master Gardener Training

Through Master Gardener training, amateur and novice gardeners can advance their gardening expertise with up-to-date horticultural information, as well as gain considerable self-satisfaction. For professional horticulturists, Master Gardener training can provide invaluable education and meaningful experiences which may be included as qualifications for employment and/or maintaining competence. The volunteer aspect of the Master Gardener program allows individuals to dedicate their time and talents to educate, enhance, and beautify their local community utilizing the science and art of horticulture.

As you read our WCMG newsletter and learn of all the educational seminars and classes we hold, garden projects we plan and execute, advanced training speakers we share with the public in educational forums, the class room instruction we provide to County ISDs, the newspaper educational articles written by our Associates and the community outreach events we hold, as well as our web-site and Facebook pages, we hope you get an understanding of how great an asset you have available to you especially here in Wood County, Texas.

Upcoming Events

2019 Wood County Master Gardener Classes January 8—April 19 Tuesdays 9:30 am—Noon
Contact the Wood County Extension Office for more information: 903-763-2924

Peggy Martin: Old Garden & Antique Roses January 12 11am—2 pm
 1906 Fair St, Kaufman, TX \$ 35.00 Includes Lunch; Rose plants also available
Sponsored by Kaufman County Master Gardeners. <https://txmg.org/smith/coming-events>

WCMG Association Meeting Thursday, January 17 9:00 am—11:00 ish
 Wood County Extension Office (Social time @ 8:30; 3rd Thursday of every month)

Nature U: Spring into Spring Gardening January 19 9:30 am—Noon
 Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens \$35.00

Crape Myrtles – “The Lilac of the South” Friday, January 18 11:30 am—1:00 pm
Smith County MG Library Series Tyler Public Library, 201 S. College Ave
 See 2019 Library Series schedule on page 12

View **Wood County Master Gardener Events** by logging in.

Online with WCMGA

MG Wood Works Newsletter:

- ♦ You are invited to submit thoughts, lessons, suggestions, upcoming events, or perceptions You are permitted to count time writing articles as volunteer hours.
- ♦ Unless otherwise annotated, all photos in this publication were taken by the author of the article in which they appear.
- ♦ If you have questions please contact the editor: B.J. McGee: MGNewsletter@hotmail.com

Website at <http://txmg.org/woodcounty> up-to-the-minute news and scheduled events, back issues of the newsletter and seasonal videos. Any new content for the web-site can be sent to **Keith Zimmerman**: keithzim@yahoo.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Wood-County-Master-Gardeners-Inc-205733709448425/?fref=ts>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1534107646899295/>

Master Gardener Advanced Training through Texas A & M AgriLife Extension

Sunshine: Know of a member who needs a get well, warm thought, or sympathy card? Contact **Joyce Tullis**. She will ensure one is sent from the Association.

Volunteer Hours: <http://texas.volunteersystem.org> Just click on the link and you will see where to enter your password. Before logging in, right click on the page and save to favorites or bookmark or Create Shortcut to you desktop. Thanks for entering your hours. If you need help contact Peggy Rogers.

Associate Roster: You can find all e-mail addresses and contact information for other Master Gardeners. Available after logging into the Volunteer System.

Update your profile in the Roster! Is your phone number up to date? Have you changed your email address? Did you move? Have you uploaded a photo? Please check your listing to be sure your contact information is up to date

Become a Master Gardener!

Contact the Wood County Extension Office: **Phone: 903-763-2924**





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LECTURES & DATES

- JAN. 18** "Crapemyrtles - The Lilac of the South" – Selecting varieties, planting, pruning and protecting one of the South's showiest summer flowering trees, with Keith Hansen, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent Emeritus, and owner, East Texas Gardening.
- FEB. 15** "Basics of Hobby Greenhouses" - Think you want a Greenhouse? Helpful hints and tips to help you decide, with Debby Watkins, Smith County Master Gardener Greenhouse Specialist.
- MAR. 15** "Trialed and Trusted Plants, Distinctly Southern" - Plants to help your garden look like the pages of Southern Living magazine, with Laura Campbell, spokesperson for the Southern Living Plant Collection.
- APR. 12** "Supercharge your Garden with Texas Superstar Plants" - Strong and stunning plants for Texas, with Smith County Master Gardener Texas Superstar Specialists.
- MAY 17** "Home Landscaping: Right Plant, Right Place" - Greg's 5 basic principles of landscape design, including do's and don'ts, with Greg Grant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulture Agent for Smith County.

