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## Barb Williams: President's Letter

Howdy ya'll and welcome to 2022!

As I look at my garden after the first hard freeze, I see both the work of clean up from my summer garden and the reward of planting a fall garden.

One of the best things about living in East Texas is the opportunity to have both a summer crop and a fall/spring garden of cold weather crops. A great thing about fall and spring gardening is that the weather is usually more pleasant for humans and the pests aren't as plentiful!

I'm excited to say I finally got to add the asparagus bed this December that I've been wanting since I took the master gardener class in 2017.

A few of my neighbors have shared their asparagus harvest with me. I'm amazed at how awesome the flavor is right out of the ground. Although I'm not surprised, because the taste of sunshine makes everything delicious! I've been on the lookout for the perfect permanent spot and now I have one. It's next to the greenhouse my husband is building for me.

My indoor project for January is planning my summer garden and ordering seeds. I like to try a few new varieties each year. I'll start the seedlings at the end of January and beginning of February.

I am taking a break from growing squash this year. Maybe the squash bugs will forget about me, and I can try again in 2023. Of course that means I'll have a whole bed for something new.

As your newly elected president, I'm looking forward to this journey with you and I'm

hopeful that 2022 will see us getting closer to our pre-Covid lifestyles!

Please be thinking about what you'd like to see this year and how you'd like to participate in our group. Feel free to reach out to me whenever you'd like. I respond quickest to text messages at 505-321-2817.

Peace, Love, and Joy!



Barrel planter looks good.

## Marty Da Silva: Tip Book Coming at the January WCMGA Meeting

The Tip Book Committee is very excited! The book, *A Year in the Garden: Tips, Tasks, Techniques and Tasty Treats* will be available at our January WCMGA meeting. The book has lots of useful information and some tasty recipes also.

The books will be available for \$15 (tax included) at the January WCMGA meeting. Be sure to bring a check or cash (sorry no credit cards).



## Upcoming WCMGA Meetings

January	Phenology study results – How to use what we know from data
February	Landscape: Part I – History and how it has influenced our modern-day designs
March	Landscape: Part II – The “nuts and bolts” of designing your personal landscape

For more information, see Programs for 2022 on page [4](#)

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## Emily Castillo: WCMGA 2021 Awards

We are pleased to recognize the outstanding Wood County Master Gardeners for 2021.

### ***Innovator of the Year – Michele Musser***

*Wood County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office and Mineola Nature Preserve Sensory Garden*

Michele is recognized for her work alongside Carolyn West at the Extension Office Gardens as well as for taking over the renovation of the Sensory Garden at the Mineola Nature Preserve pavilion last winter.

Michele provides new, innovative ideas that she makes sure come to life with her drive and dedication as a Master Gardener. She is known to always be willing to do anything that needs doing.



*Michele Musser*

### ***Community Outreach – Gloria Jeane Rosewall***

*2021 Educational Series*

Gloria Jean has done a great job leading the Educational Series committee to put on several educational garden programs for Wood County.

All of the Educational Series programs have been full of good information, knowledgeable speakers, and enticing booths for Master Gardeners and community members who attended the programs.



*Gloria Jeane Rosewall*

### ***Project Leader – Carolyn West***

*Wood County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office*

Carolyn has helped breathe new life into the Extension Office gardens.

This year, as project leader, Carolyn led the building of a compost pile that was used for hands-on training for the 2021 class. She also led the renovation and clearing of the Extension grounds.

She has been in contact with one of the Wood County Commissioners about adding a sprinkler system to the gardens, as well as leading the initiative to build and maintain sub-irrigation planter (SIP) troughs located at the entrance to the Extension office. These troughs bring people into the Extension office who are interested in becoming a Master Gardener and help educate the public about the SIP watering method.



*Emily Castillo and Carolyn West. Photo by Linda Timmons*

### ***Rookie of the Year – Gus (Gearson) Stearns***

*Class of 2021*

Upon completing 50 class hours, Gus immediately got involved in multiple projects and spent many hours reworking the irrigation system at the Mineola Nature Preserve.

Gus has completed his 50 volunteer hours and is the first in the class to become a certified Texas Master Gardener.



*Gus Stearns and Emily Castillo. Photo by Linda Timmons*

### ***Master Gardener of the Year – Linda Timmons***

*Mineola Nature Preserve*

Linda is passionately active in supporting the Wood County AgriLife Extension Service through her work as Project Leader at the Mineola Nature Preserve, writing newsletter articles, and assisting the Wood County Master Gardeners as the VMS (Volunteer Management System) coordinator and helper.



*Linda Timmons and Emily Castillo*

## Class of 2021



*Lori Mays, Nancy Hollis, Gus Stearns, and Emily Castillo. Photo by Linda Timmons*

The Master Gardener class of 2021 persevered through distance learning and some in-person classes during a somewhat difficult year.

Congratulations to Gus Stearns who has completed the requirements to be a full-fledged Texas Master Gardener. In addition, congratulations to Nancy Hollis and Lori Mays who have completed the requirements to be Texas Master Gardener Interns.

## Ann Reynolds: Dreaming about New Plants and Projects

It's a wrap for 2021 for the Hawkins City Park project. Wood County Master Gardeners accomplished much this year. Take that COVID! We've made many new friends in the park and have talked to folks about our project and the plants in the various beds.



Cloudless sulphur butterfly  
Photo by Kathy Baker

We updated the Allen Memorial Library flowerbed specimen brochure and packaged seeds to give to library patrons. This small project was like handing out free money. We are now out of seeds and the library director has reprinted the brochure three times. We added seasonal color and a pickup truck load of mulch to this bed and the Sensory Garden too.

We have completely relandscaped the Sensory Garden and

will be adding plants come spring. During the coming cold months, we will be thinking of what we want to install here.

We visited with numerous folks at the Hawkins Oil Festival and gave mini tours of the Pavilion pollinator bed.

We have spent a lot of time identifying native wildflower rosettes and weeds this fall! We still have Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia hirta*) blooming and cloudless sulphur butterflies (*Phoebis sennae*) visiting even though we had a freeze in early December. This flowerbed continues to amaze.

So, we will curl up with a cup of hot cocoa in front of a roaring fireplace, with our favorite garden magazines and catalogs and dream of new plants and projects for 2022. What are your plans for the coming year? Does it include plants?



Black-eyed Susans

## Susan Jarrell: Programs for 2022

It's looking like a great year for the Master Gardeners of Wood County! Although the programs are not completely scheduled for the year, the following list gives a brief overview of what we can look forward to learning and becoming better informed Master Gardeners!

**January** – Phenology study results – How to use what we know from data

**February** – Landscape: Part I – the history of and how it has influenced our modern-day designs

**March** – Landscape: Part II – The “nuts and bolts” of designing your personal landscape

**April** – (Tentative) Science Day sneak peak with rotating learning centers

**May** – (Fingers crossed) Garden Tour

**June** – Native plants

**July** – Open

**August** – Open

**September** – Open

**October** – Plant exchange

**November** – Open

**December** – Christmas party

**Note:** These programs are in the works: Dried flower Arranging and Micro Gardening

Enjoy your holidays and happy gardening!

## Kathy Goodman: MGs Add Value for Wood County

At the December 14, 2021 meeting of the Wood County Commissioners Court, Wood County Extension Agent Emily Castillo and Kathy Goodman presented a check to the court. The check represents the monetary value of the works that the Wood County Master Gardeners performed for the county. The works include tangible benefits to the county such as beautifying county parks, hosting educational events, and creating demonstration gardens.

The check in the amount of \$56,442 represented 2,200 volunteer hours logged to that date. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension values MG volunteer time at \$27.20 per hour.



Kathy Goodman and Emily Castillo with the check. County Commissioners: Virgil Holland, Jerry Gaskill, Judge Lucy Hebron, and Commissioners: Mike Simmons and Russell Acker



# Meleena Byram: Creating a Christmas Centerpiece from Nature

When asked to create one of the centerpieces for the December luncheon meeting, I decided to utilize various fresh and dried plant material I had either collected over time or foraged from our current property. Friends donated dried plant material, and I collected some as well. The theme was Christmas with an emphasis on gardening.



My goal was to demonstrate that when planting a landscape, you can plant for winter interest, not relying on summer blooms or deciduous foliage. In doing so, you can have an interesting year-round landscape, and provide opportunities to use your landscape to create floral arrangements or other inside and outside décor with what is on hand.

There is no need to purchase a lot of manufactured items when keeping an arrangement natural and reusing items.

## Container

The container was built with the following items:

- Small cardboard box, covered with birch bark and lichens (using hot glue)
- Plastic container filled with wet floral foam (the only purchased item) to keep fresh plant material hydrated. The floral foam was not really necessary for temporary use given the plant material, but it provided weight.

## Arrangement Components

The arrangement components consisted of fresh materials, dried items, specially created features, and a jute string with small jingle bells that I had on hand.

### Fresh Materials

- Pine branches
- Cedar branches
- Yaupon holly branches with berries

### Dried Items

- Winged elm branches
  - Crepe myrtle bark
  - Okra seed pods (painted red)
  - Firepower nandina leaves (These leaves retain their color when dried.)
  - Moss ball (bird nest)
  - Mushrooms
  - Random twigs (painted red)

### Special Features

The bird and large flower consisted of multiple natural plant items combined to create special interest.

- Bird
  - Body: Magnolia seed pod and deconstructed pinecone
  - Wings and beak: Redbud seed pods
  - Eyes: Blackberry lily seeds



- Large red flower
  - Devil's Claw (Five wired together and painted red)
  - Center: Crepe myrtle seed pods





## Linda Timmons: Texas Native Trees to Plant Now

Native trees have a natural beauty. They thrive in our climate and soils; and many insects, birds, and animals depend on native trees for food and shelter.

Although subject to imported insects and diseases, natives usually have fewer pest problems. The best time to plant most trees in Texas is winter to early spring.

### Redbud

Did you know that there are three varieties of redbud native to Texas? The two best for Wood County are *Cercis canadensis* (Piney Woods east to Florida and north to Canada) and *Cercis canadensis texensis* (Central Texas and Southern Oklahoma).

Cultivars of these species have purple leaves (Forest pansy), white flowers (Texas White), or weeping branches (Lavender Twist®). Redbuds like well-drained soil with regular irrigation.

### Red maple

Also called trident maple, *Acer rubrum* is a medium sized, fast-growing tree that reaches 90 feet tall with a trunk to 2 feet in diameter. Red maple has a somewhat narrow, rounded crown. It makes a great specimen or shade tree, and its leaves turn bright red, orange, and gold in the fall.

Red maples prefer a wet site with full sun or partial shade. As they mature the red maple roots grow near or above the surface of the soil. They aren't as aggressive as the roots of silver maple trees but they can raise sidewalks and make mowing a chore.

Red maples are best situated where they can have shade loving plants surrounding them or in a natural, unmowed area.

### Oak

Choosing a native oak tree to plant in Texas can be a challenge because there are 50 native Texas species of oak.

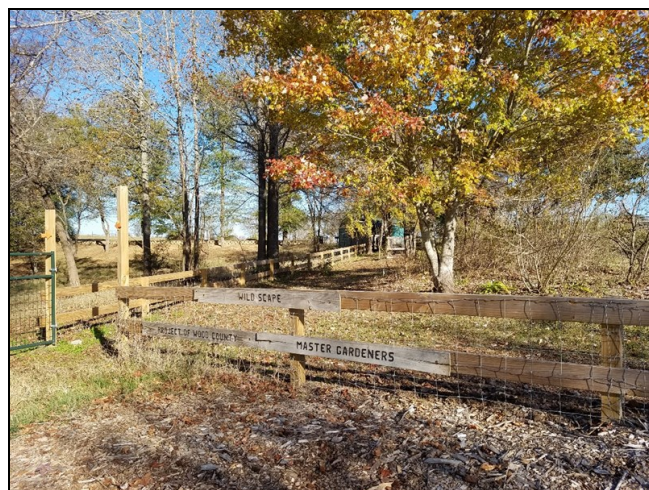
The chinquapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) grows relatively fast and has spreading branches, so it makes a perfect shade tree. In fall, its leaves turn vibrant red, orange, and yellow.



Chinquapin oak leaf and Shumard red oak leaf

Shumard red oak (*Q. shumardii*) is a medium to fast growing tree and can reach 120 feet tall.

The post oak (*Q. stellata*) is the most common oak species in North Texas. It thrives in dry, sandy soils. Wood County is on the eastern edge of the Post Oak Savannah so adding a post oak to your landscape would be very appropriate.



Red maple at the back entrance to the Wildscape

### Pecan

In Texas there are thousands of acres of native pecans (*Carya illinoensis*) growing along the rivers, streams, and creeks. Native pecans usually produce a heavy crop of nuts every other year and have small nut size with hard shells.

Choosing pecan varieties for a home garden can be a bit complicated. Pecans need a pollinator to produce well and not just any two varieties will work. Most varieties are classified as an early or late pollinator. In addition, pecan trees require deep, fertile, and well-drained soil.

To select the best varieties for your needs, check out the Aggie website for pecan tree information: <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/homefruit/pecan/pecan.html>

## Jessamee Mellon: Gardening Thoughts

Vegetable gardening in December was tricky. I assumed we would have the same cool or freezing temperatures that we experienced in December of 2020. With that thought in mind, I bought broccoli, cabbage, and brussels sprout transplants and gleefully put my six-pack plants in the ground.

The good news was that they were growing spectacularly. The bad news was that they were bolting due to the warm temperatures we had in December. Of course, the pollinators loved the cheerful blossoms.

Gardening and investing have a lot in common. We invest our time and money, body and soul, into producing food for our family and community or as an artistic expression of joy. Sometimes we are rewarded and other times we pull our hair out in frustration. So it is with gardening, farming, or life in general. Past performance is not indicative of future gain.

So, in December we enjoyed broccoli stir-fry instead of steamed broccoli heads. I also saved some blossoms for the bees. So we both were happy. Happy winter gardening Y'all!

## Janelle Lyons and Barb Williams: WCMGA Greenhouse Tour

In preparation for the education series workshop about greenhouses, on October 23, 2021, Janelle Lyons visited with several of our members, asked questions, and took pictures of their greenhouses.

Here is all of that information compiled for your viewing and educational pleasure. If you have any questions, please ask the greenhouse owner.

Questions were asked about the following subjects:

1. Type of greenhouse
2. Size of greenhouse
3. Original reason for getting a greenhouse
4. Current usage
5. What you are happy with
6. What you are not pleased with
7. Surprises (good or bad)
8. Year round or seasonal
9. Advice for the novice

The following descriptions include the answers by number and pictures of the greenhouses.

### Melissa Deakins

1. Type - Old windows, doors, cinder blocks and Hardie® planks. The roof is clear corrugated polycarbonate panels and the floor is pea gravel.
2. Size - 10 X 8 ft.
3. Reason - To over winter my tender potted plants.
4. Purpose - I also use it for potting plants.
5. Happy - We built the greenhouse under deciduous trees (so we have sun in the winter and shade in the summer). I have electricity, but no running water. So, I have two rain barrels that collect rainwater from the roof.



The barrel lids screw off and that allows me to drop in a small sump pump to water the plants with. I keep a black trash can filled with water inside, it helps retain some heat in winter and gives me a source for individually watering special plants. I have a

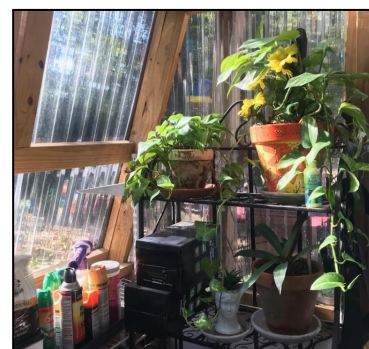
small electric heater with a thermostat that I keep set at 40 degrees.

6. Not so happy - If we lose power, I have to reset the heater.
9. Advice - I've had my greenhouse for 15 years. I have a small workbench with a repurposed stainless steel sink for potting, a rod for hanging baskets, and room to place large pots on the gravel floor. Plan out your areas and use what you have to make it work.



### Ann Fair-Irby

1. Type - Clear plastic material from Lowe's that doesn't turn yellow.
2. Size - 12 X 17 ft.
3. Reason - To protect container plants through the winter.
4. Purpose - To start seedlings and to protect plants in winter.
5. Happy - We have automatic windows that open and close based on temperature.
6. Not so happy - Wish we had built on land that was level and a bigger size would have been better.
7. Surprises - How warm it gets. We bought a shade cloth for the roof.
8. Year round - Yes, holds succulents and tools in the summer.
9. Advice - Put in straight sides so it is easier to add shelves, put water and electric inside, and do not build in full sun.



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## Kim Mason

1. Type - Hoop house and a smaller corrugated plastic greenhouse.
2. Size - 20 X 36 ft. and 10 X 12 ft.
3. Reason - Both are used to start veggies, herbs, and flowers from seeds for the gardens and to house the seedlings until they are ready for planting outside.
4. Purpose - Currently growing veggies and some herbs in self-watering tubs inside the hoop house and storing pots, soils, and tools in the smaller greenhouse.
5. Happy - I have double doors on both ends of the hoop house (good access for equipment) and water access inside.
6. Not so happy - Plywood floors rotted out. The white landscape fabric allowed light and promoted the growth of grass underneath. I installed black landscape fabric over the white in early spring.
7. Surprises - I wish I had a secure shelving system in the hoop house and electricity. I also need to add a fan. I had trouble enticing bees into the large hoop house. Next year I'll have more flowers to draw them in.
9. Advice - Do extensive research. Talk to people who have similar greenhouses and ask lots of questions.



## Tracy Snow-Murphy

1. Type - Hardie board and clear plexiglass on sides. The roof is opaque plastic.
2. Size - 11 X 15 ft.
3. Reason and 4. Purpose - Cold weather protection for container plants and starting seedlings.
5. Happy - It's a very cozy and satisfying place.
6. Not so happy - I'd like a water source and an electrical source other than solar.



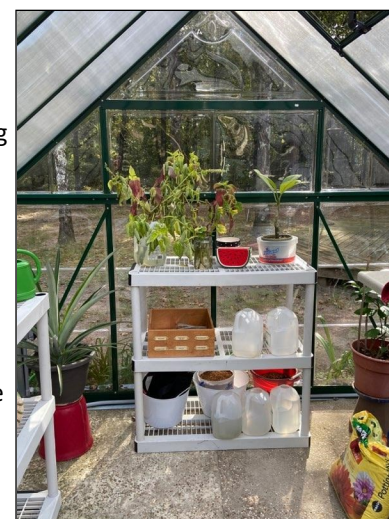
7. Surprises - Too hot in the summer (I've ordered a shade cloth for next summer) and I need more insulation in the winter.
8. Year round - Not this year. Hopefully, next year it will be (once I get the shade cloth).
9. Advice - Choose the size carefully. You need room for all equipment and supplies, room for shelves, and a comfortable area for working. Size definitely matters!

Additional notes: The greenhouse has two air circulation sources, the storage cart is on rollers, an urn catches the rain water from the roof, and a mat helps with insulation.



## Betty Stark

1. Type - A kit manufactured by PALRAM. (The best deal we found was through Tractor Supply in Mineola.) It arrived in two boxes and took two of us two days to put it together. The instructions were great!
2. Size - 8 X 8 ft. and it sits on an old hot tub slab
3. Reason - To over winter my pineapple plant and Meyer's lemon tree.
4. Purpose - Will add more plants for winter protection and will use it for starting seeds in December and January
5. Happy - It has a roof vent and a rain water collection feature along the roof/wall edge like a small gutter. We added the clear plastic tubing and green watering cans. We also added the PALRAM tie down kit (wires over the top to hold in place in case of high winds). We added plastic shelving. I couldn't be happier!



Greenhouse Tour continued on page 9



Greenhouse Tour continued from page 8

## Angela Thompson

1. Type - Repurposed windows
2. Size - Estimated 10 by 15 ft.
3. Reason - Over wintering plants



4. Purpose - Propagating and over wintering plants
5. Happy - Size and cost efficient
6. Not so happy - Looking back, I would've made it bigger!
7. Surprises - It gets hot!
8. Year round - Yes
9. Advice - Go bigger



## Linda Timmons

1. Type - clear plastic panels attached to cedar posts on the back porch. Easily removed when needed.
2. Size - 5 by 11 ft.
3. Reason - Cold weather protection for container plants.
4. Purpose - Containers in winter; wire shelves for drying garlic, onions, and potatoes in summer; and storage for daffodil bulbs.
5. Happy - We replaced a 20 year old 10 X 15 ft. hoop house, this setup is close to the house and easily maintained.



7. Surprises - Because it's built on the porch outside of the dining room window, it's a pleasure to see greenery out of the window during the winter.  
This design also made it easier to heat during the extreme cold spell we had last winter. I was able to circulate heat from inside the house by opening the dining room windows. I also used a small space heater and thermostat.
8. Year round - We take it down when not in use.
9. Advice - Choose the size carefully. Plan for air circulation on warm winter days.  
You need a good thermostat to automatically turn your heater off and on.



### Advice from Experienced Master Gardeners

*Plan out your areas and use what you have to make it work. ~Melissa Deakins*

*Put in straight sides so you can add shelves easier, put water and electric inside, and don't build in full sun. ~Ann Fair-Irby*

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*Go bigger! ~Angela Thompson*

*Choose the size carefully. Plan for air circulation on warm winter days. ~Linda Timmons*

### Texas AgriLife Extension Service Mission Statement

Working hand-in-hand with its Texas A&M System partners, the state legislature, and the communities it serves, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service mission to serve Texans through community-based education has remained unchanged for almost a century. With a vast network of 250 county Extension offices, 616 Extension agents, and 343 subject-matter specialists, the expertise provided by AgriLife Extension is available to every resident in every Texas county.

Reference: <https://txmg.org/contacts/agrilife-extension>

## Ann McKelroy: Food Pantries for Vegetable Donations

Thank you for helping feed the hungry! Please track the number of pounds that you donate for the year.

All the pantries that we contacted are pleased to accept donations of fresh vegetables. There may be other programs that are not widely published. So, if you discover a program that is not on this list, please let me know so that I can update the list. damckelroy@gmail.com.

*Note from Kathy Goodman: Please also copy me on updates to this list of donation sites. For convenience, I plan to post this list as a regular part of the newsletter. My email:*

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### Tracking Vegetable Donations

Please include the following information when you donate vegetables to a program:

Your name

Texas Master Gardener-Wood County

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension System

Also, please create a vegetable donation record by tracking how many pounds of fruits and vegetables you are producing per square foot or acre of your garden and track every time you harvest or donate. For Wood County Extension Agent Emily Castillo's reports for the year, she needs the total pounds of produce grown by Wood County Master Gardeners as well as the total pounds of produce donated.

So, each time you donate, please record:

- Estimated pounds harvested during that donation period
- Estimated pounds donated

Then, at the end of the season, please total each amount and give that information to Wood County Extension Agent Emily Castillo.

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### Wood County Master Gardener Association Meetings

#### Third Thursday of Each Month

8:30 - 9 AM Visiting and Signing In  
9 AM Meeting

First Assembly of God Church  
909 E Goode St., Quitman, Texas

### Area Food Pantries

The following food pantries accept donations of fresh vegetables.

#### Alba

##### Alba-Golden Food Pantry

245 E. Holley Street, Alba (903) 765-2471

Friday 9 AM - 11 AM

Service Area: Alba-Golden School District

##### Lake Fork Baptist Church Feed My Sheep (Pantry)

9483 W FM 515, Alba (903) 473-9523

Second Tuesday 1 PM - 3 PM

Service Area: All counties

#### Hawkins

##### Hawkins Helping Hands (Pantry)

320 W. Front St., Hawkins (903) 769-4357

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 AM - 12 PM

Service Area: Hawkins ISD

#### Mineola

##### Bread of Life Ministries (Pantry)

1001 E. McDonald, Mineola (903) 405-0064

First and third Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4 PM

Service Area: Wood County

##### Kindness Kottage (Pantry)

316 E. Broad St, Mineola (903) 569-9197

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 3 PM

Service Area: Mineola ISD

##### Rose Hill Food Pantry

1420 CR 2460, Mineola (903) 312-3256

Second and fourth Wednesday 10 AM - 12 PM

Service Area: Wood County

#### Quitman

##### First United Methodist Church (Senior Box)

406 E Lane St, Quitman (903) 597-3663

Second Friday Participating Clients: 9 AM - 10 AM

Waiting Clients: 10 AM - 11 AM

Service Area: All counties

Note: Enter on N. Goldman St.

##### Mercy Mall (Pantry)

104 Bermuda, Quitman (903) 497-0684

Every Saturday 10 AM - 12 PM

Service Area: All

#### Winnsboro

##### Winnsboro CRC (Pantry)

115 W. Broadway, Winnsboro (903) 342-3287

Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

Service Area: Winnsboro ISD





As you read the WCMGA newsletter, you can learn about:

- Educational seminars and classes
- Garden projects
- Advanced training speakers at educational forums
- Classroom instruction for county ISDs
- Educational articles written by Master Gardeners
- Community outreach events
- Resources such as our website and Facebook pages

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Please send newsletter articles, suggestions, and interesting information to newsletter editor Kathy Goodman at [kmgoodman0807@gmail.com](mailto:kmgoodman0807@gmail.com).

**Note:** You can count time spent writing articles as volunteer hours. Please understand that all articles will be edited to fit the newsletter style or for spacing needs.

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## WCMGA Information and Educational Opportunities

### MG Wood Works Newsletter Photos

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### Texas Master Gardener, Wood County Website

<http://txmg.org/woodcounty> up-to-the-minute news and scheduled events, back issues of the newsletter, and seasonal videos. Send new content for the website to **Keith Zimmerman**: [keithzim@yahoo.com](mailto:keithzim@yahoo.com)

### WCMGA Private Facebook Group

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

### Volunteer Management System

At this time, VMS is accessible by phone, but not all features are accessible by phone. It is most user-friendly when using a computer, iPad, or tablet. The system has some nice features, such as copying a previous entry and changing the date and hours. Please add your photo, volunteer hours, mileage, and CEUs. <https://vms.texasmg.org/> If you have problems entering your hours, please contact Linda Timmons at 903.569.3443 or [lindtmmns@aol.com](mailto:lindtmmns@aol.com).

### Associate Roster

You can find email addresses and contact information for other Master Gardeners in the Volunteer System.

**Please update your profile in the Roster.** Check your listing to be sure your contact information is up-to-date. Have you uploaded your photo? <https://vms.texasmg.org/>

### Advanced Training

Visit the **Texas Master Gardener Advanced Training** website (<https://mastergardener.tamu.edu/master-gardener-specialist/>) for information about advanced training topics and opportunities.

### Sunshine

Know of a member who needs a get well, warm thought, or sympathy card? Contact Elaine Porter at 361-319-7300 or [porterpettus@gmail.com](mailto:porterpettus@gmail.com).

### Become a Master Gardener

To learn about how to become a Master Gardener contact the Wood County Extension Office at 903-763-2924.

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