



**STATEWIDE MASTER GARDENER SPECIALIST TRAINING:**

**EARTH-KIND<sup>®</sup> RESEARCH SPECIALIST TRAINING**

Conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Personnel  
and Key Collin County Master Gardeners

This is your opportunity to take your support of the exciting national Earth-Kind movement to an entirely new level. You will learn how to design, install, evaluate, and record data from cutting-edge Earth-Kind research trials. Not only will these trials help advance the science of environmental landscape management, they are also a very attractive addition to any site. Highly qualified instructors will provide advanced training in the classroom as well as actual demonstration of plant evaluation techniques in the field. Field trips to unique research sites will highlight this training.

Major topics include: Developing Enduring Earth-Kind Partnerships, Strong Science Done Beautifully, Experimental Design Made Easy, Site Selection and Space Requirements, Construction of an Earth-Kind Research Garden, Signage and Recognition of Partners, Step-By-Step Plant Evaluation and Data Collection, Diagnosis and Rating of Plant Problems Often Encountered During Evaluations, Specifics of How to Install and Manage an Earth-Kind Research Trial, Identifying and Correcting Potential Problems in Advance, and The Many Exciting Opportunities in Earth-Kind Research.

Dates: Wednesday, September 28 through Friday, September 30, 2016

Times: Wednesday, September 28: 12:30 pm to 6:45 pm  
Thursday, September 29: 9:00 am to 6:45 pm  
Friday, September 30: 9:00 am to 12 noon

Location: The Landing at Myers Park and Event Center in McKinney, Texas.  
Park website (with map) is at <http://www.co.collin.tx.us/myers/Pages/default.aspx>

Enrollment Fee: **\$200** per person. This fee covers all instruction, educational materials, two meals, and refreshments.

Deadline: Deadline for enrollment is **September 19, 2016**. Please note that as we must order supplies and refreshments in advance, no refunds can be given after September 23, 2016.

To Enroll: Visit our website at <http://collin.agrilife.org/events/> to obtain an application form.