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From Our President

I hope everyone has been enjoying this fall. You can't help but be amazed by the changes we have seen in the last 60 days with the coming and arrival of fall. The hot and dry days of summer have been replaced with the cool and wet days of fall. Our fall gardens are now peaking with the fruits of our labor. It is truly a great time to be able to enjoy the garden.

At our last meeting we were introduced to the concept of Chartering. We were provided with draft documents outlining that concept and asked to be a part in revising and implementing this chartering process into the Texas Master Gardener Program. Many of you have participated in this process and the draft document continues to be revised as a result of your participation. The final chartering document should be on our website shortly.

Before our meeting in December please take the opportunity to read the final chartering document and agreement form. You will see like the weather many changes have taken place since our last meeting. The document is much shorter and easier to understand. So your input has been productive in moving this process forward.

From my own perspective one of the biggest challenges faced in carrying out the purpose of our master gardener program is the vast difference of knowledge and understanding we have of our organizations and how they relate to each other. This chartering process clarifies that for us in simple terms. Within our local associations it gives us a footprint to follow as each year we transition leadership assuring

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TMGA News



From Jayla Fry

Extension Assistant and Master Gardener Coordinator

Have you ever wondered about the relationship between AgriLife Extension and County Master Gardener Associations? Well, clarification is coming! AgriLife Extension is in the process of completing a Chartering process and agreement for County Master Gardener Associations and the State Association. Input has been sought and obtained from Master Gardeners, County Extension Agents, and administration. The finalized documents will be posted on the Master Gardener website (www.texasmastergardeners.org). The exciting thing about chartering is that there is a clear definition of what is expected of an association and Extension, what documentation is needed for financial accountability, the role of both the Master Gardener Coordinator and the volunteers in the County Master Gardener program, and appropriate actions to take just in case something goes wrong. Our goal in creating the Chartering process is to maintain continuity and support within counties between AgriLife Extension and County Master Gardener Associations. As always, we are here to help you be an effective and highly valued source in disseminating horticulture information in your community. We hope this will simplify and clarify the business of the association and Extension, so we can get back to what we love doing... gardening. [Chartering Documents](#) [Chartering Agreement Form](#)



Outreach Committee

*By George J. Ammermann,
Outreach Committee Chair*

I hope that all of you have received a copy of the survey taken earlier this year.

As mentioned at the last Board of Directors meeting we are asking for the local units

to respond to a second, brief 5 question survey. Once we receive your response to this survey we plan to disseminate the results at the December Board meeting.

If you have not received the latest survey, and I fear a

large number did not receive your copy of the questionnaire, [view the survey Form here](#). I do ask you to get with your local president and then submit one response per association to this survey.

I have been having computer problems so felt this would be a good way to make sure all receive a copy of the survey. I will attempt to resend it to all unit presidents this weekend.

Thanks for your support; working together I feel we can make TMGA more responsive to local needs.

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that fiduciary responsibilities are properly addressed and maintained. This chartering process also provides a footprint to follow as our local associations deal with leadership change as it occurs within our local county Extension office. These footprints help ensure continuity during transition so we can stay focused on our mission.

A special thanks to Jayla for not just "including" us in this process but for listening to our comments and making changes as needed. And thanks to each of you who took this opportunity to ensure the continued success of the Texas Master Gardener Program.

See you at our December 5 Directors meeting.

Doug

TMGA News continued

Audit Committee

By Doug Richards,
Audit Committee Chair

Hi! I'm Doug Richards (Hood County), chairman of the TMGA audit committee. Hmm big deal you say, well it is a big deal. We are responsible for auditing the TMGA books each year and insure that your money is properly accounted for. Well I can't fool you, I know that you are thinking that I'm not bright enough to do it by myself and you are right. I've always been taught that you should gather people around you that are smarter than you. Heck that's an easy task. I am very fortunate to have Donna Hagar (Somervell County) and



Ginger Bason (Tarrant County) as committee members. Both are whole lot smarter than me and they are financial geniuses. Well, that may be stretching it, but they can add and subtract.

The Audit committee will meet November 16, 2009 in beautiful Azle, TX. We meet annually, usually in mid November and carefully review the TMGA books. We then prepare a report that is presented to the Executive board and Directors at the December meeting prior to the new Officers taking office. Oh, and despite vicious rumors, we only drink wine after the audit is completed.

Attention All Painting Texas with Wildflowers Participants

by Maria Sobczak - PTWW Chair

There is still time to order wildflower seeds from the Department of Agriculture for this year's planting.

Contact Richard De Los Santos by email at richard.delossantos@TexasAgriculture.gov (this is different from last year's address) or call him at (512)-463-7472. He will send out a box of 500 seed packets per site, but you must give him a description of each site, as well as sending that information to me, Maria Sobczak, at msgarden03@suddenlink.net so that I may keep records for the state project, preferably on the project description form sent to you by your assigned PTWW committee member. If you no longer

have one, let me know and I will get one out to you ASAP.

I know that this year's results were disappointing for many of us, but don't lose faith. We have a very important role to fill and need everyone's help to fulfill the dream of seeing wildflowers bloom across the state. I always refer back to a quote that I read credited to a Native American proverb: "All the flowers of all of our tomorrows are in the seeds of today". So you see that we must join efforts with Mother Nature to preserve the natural beauty of our great State of Texas.



2009 Awards Program

By Ginger Bason- Awards Committee Chair



The AWARDS HANDBOOK for 2009 entries is scheduled to appear on the website November 1st. There will be very few changes so continue to use the 2008 handbook to work on entries. PLEASE check the 2009 edition for dates and contact information after November 1, 2009.

The hope is that we will continue to have the great response that there has been for the past 2 years. The judging will continue to be done by out of state judges and plaques presented at the state conference. Now is the time to get those entries ready and reservations made for the conference in 2010.

TMGA News continued



Earth-Kind® News for November

By Joan Leach, Earth-Kind® Chair

Fort Worth Hosts Earth-Kind® National Specialist Training

For three days in October, thirty Master Gardeners received extensive training in the Earth-Kind landscape management system and all facets of the Earth-Kind rose program. The objective was to obtain certification as National Earth-Kind Specialists. Instruction included lectures from Earth-Kind team members Steve Chaney, Gaye Hammond, Mark Chamblee, Garey Wylie and Debbie Benge. Park directors shared their stories of decreased costs and maintenance after converting to Earth-Kind principles. Pam Smith who directs the National Earth-Kind trial program in Farmer's Branch talked about the scientific research being conducted there. Demonstrations and field trips rounded out the jam-packed training experience. Program graduates will now need to provide a minimum of 12 hours of instruction to complete their certification. They left with a wealth of materials to help with the teaching including CD's and a full notebook. Earth-Kind certification classes are held once every second year. Watch for the next class in 2011.

Earth-Kind® Gardens on Display at RoseDango 2009

On October 18, one of the largest rose festivals in North Texas featured tours of the Farmer's Branch Historical Park, site of a beautifully designed Earth-Kind display garden developed in memory of long time rosarian, Ruthan Rodgers. Participants also had a chance to tour the National Earth-Kind Trial Gardens located at the nearby Gussie Field Waterworth Park. The research garden, planted in 2008, includes all 100 cultivars of roses in the national trials. There are 4 of each cultivar in the garden. These gardens located on Valley View Parkway in Farmer's Branch should not be missed if you are anywhere in the area.



Newsletter Update

by Donna Hagar,
TMGA Newsletter Editor

We are quickly gaining many email addresses for Texas Master Gardeners State wide for the newsletter distribution. We have complete rosters for 19 counties to date, with close to 2300 email addresses! If you have not sent in your roster, you may do so at any time. If you choose not submit your

rosters, please continue forwarding the newsletter to your respective groups and encourage your membership to sign up individually by going to www.tmganewsletter.org and filling out the subscription form!

You may send your rosters to tmga.news@gmail.com at any time. Also, as you gain new members, you may send their information to tmga.news@gmail.com or have new members sign up individually through the website. www.tmganewsletter.org
Thanks!

Nominating Committee

By Fran Amuny, Nominating Committee Chair

Below is the slate of Officers for 2010 as presented by the Nominating Committee at the August 1st. Directors meeting. At the December Directors meeting we will be voting on the officers for 2010. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at that time.

President - Lonnie Mathew, Aransas/San Patricio MG,
1st Vice President, Homer Babbitt Parker Co. MG,
2nd Vice President, Doris Rogers, Amarillo Area MG,
Treasurer, Chris Oefinger, Cypress Baisn, MG and
Secretary, Diane Bush, Angelina Co. MG.

You may review the resumes for these nominees on the TMGA Website or [click here](#).

Annual Conference Information



TEXAS MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION 2010 CONFERENCE

The Dallas County Master Gardener Association wishes to announce the winners of the 2010 TMGA pre-Conference Raffle. Doug Quiksall of McLennan County won the Omni Mandalay/Las Colinas overnight stay. Tig Thompson of Dallas won the reference book which he then donated to the 2010 TMGA Convention Silent Auction. We thank all who participated in this fund raising effort to support the coming convention.

In case you have not seen the other notices, we wish to note that the DCMGA is sponsoring the 2010 TMGA Conference which will be held on April 8-10, 2010, at the Omni Mandalay Hotel in Las Colinas, located at 221 East Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039. The Irving venue was chosen for its convenient location between Dallas and Fort Worth, close proximity to DFW Airport and probably even more important: the abundance of meeting space, comfortable rooms, many amenities necessary for a pleasant conference and the conference experience of the staff. Please consult the www.2010TMGAconference.org web site to make convention and room reservations.



The Conference Committee has spent many hours arranging a varied selection of tours to the local gardening sites of interest to the convention attendees. In the September issue, we discussed the bus tour on April

8 to the Texas Discovery Garden and the new "EARTH-KIND®" Rose Garden at Lake Cliff.

There are two other tours on April 8 to choose from depending on your interests. The Dallas Arboretum and the White Rock Lake Park Bath House But-

terfly Garden visit will be a bus tour leaving the Omni at 11 AM. The \$40 fee will include transportation, entrance fee, box lunch, snacks and water. Return by 5 PM. The Bath House Butterfly Garden was designed, installed and is maintained by Dallas County Master Gardeners. This EARTH-KIND®, WaterWise Garden was the vision of Janet D. Smith who organized the fund raising necessary to implement its construction. The Dallas Arboretum is a 66 acres oasis that has a variety of beautiful and educational gardens. Visit www.dallasarboretum.org for more detailed information.



Also on April 8 will be combined visits to Private Gardens, a Community Garden, a Demonstration Garden and a Garden Center close to the Omni Mandalay conference site in Irving, Coppell and Farmers

Branch. This will be a self guided tour using your own transportation. The fee is \$10 to cover the cost of the map, signage, ticket and information packet. The gardens will be open between noon and 5 PM on that day. In the Valley Ranch section of Irving, four courtyard gardens will be open. Close to this is an exceptional Garden Center that has won awards for garden design. Then a "Best of Texas Backyard Habitat Garden" will be open that demonstrates Texas SmartScape plants. In Coppell there will be award winning community gardens and finally at the Farmers Branch Historical Park you will see the award-winning Log Cabin Project developed and implemented by Dallas County Master Gardeners.



More about the other tours will be in the newsletter next month. If you have any questions, please consult the web site at www.2010TMGAconference.org or e-mail to TMGA2010@hotmail.com. The Committee will make every effort to answer any questions.

Annual Conference Information Continued



**Texas Master Gardeners
2011 State Conference**

**2011 Texas Master Gardener
State Conference
April 27-29, 2011
Somervell County Expo Center in
Glen Rose, TX
Co-hosted by Somervell County
and Lake Granbury Master Gardeners**



Another month closer to the 2011 State Conference in Glen Rose, co-hosted by Hood and Somervell Counties. Yeah! This month it is Hood County's turn to tell you about Granbury.

Granbury, Texas was named after General Hiram B. Granbury. Hood County is named after Hiram's commanding officer, General John B. Hood. Hood County sits in a cluster of Texas counties named after Confederate Generals: Cleburne, Gregg and Johnson.

Hiram B. Granbury was born in 1831 in Mississippi. He moved to Texas in the 1850's and in 1856 became Chief Justice in Waco for two years. He married Fannie Sims in 1858 in Waco. At the beginning of the Civil War outbreak, Hiram joined the Confederate Army on March 4, 1861. By October of the same year he was promoted to Major. He was captured February 16, 1862 and imprisoned. After seven months, Hiram Granbury was exchanged and joined his wife just a short time before her death.

Returning to duty, he became a Colonel and then after serving in several campaigns he was promoted to Brigadier General on February 29, 1864, and led what became known as Granbury's Texas Brigade. General Granbury was Major General Patrick Cleburne's right hand man and was also a close friend. On November 30, 1864, General Granbury led his brigade against the Federal lines in a vicious battle and was shot under the right eye and the bullet passed through the top of his head.

On November 30, 1893, in Granbury, Texas, a ceremony took place for the reburial of General Granbury. Both Confederate and Union veterans attended. At the ceremony it was said that the Southern soldier did not fight for slavery - he fought for a principal. They fought for the equal and reserved rights of the states.

General Granbury was a gallant man who laid down his life striving for what his conscience told him was the right thing to do.

Submitted by: Dianne Allen, Lake Granbury Master Gardeners

Visit www.2011tmgconference.org for more information



**October 11-14, 2011
2011 International
Master Gardener
Conference**

West Virginia University Extension Service and the West Virginia Master Gardener Association invite you to join us at the 2011 International Master Gardener Conference, October 11 -14 in Charleston, West Virginia. Come and join us in sharing gardening information, history and Appalachian culture. The Interna-

tional Master Gardener Conference will be held at the Charleston Convention Center October 11-14, 2011 when fall brings cool nights and colorful mountain scenery. The event will provide opportunities to learn gardening techniques that will help increase biodiversity, control exotic weeds, make the most of native plants in the landscape and improve gardening methods. Pre and post tours will help you discover the splendor of the Appalachian Mountains and the beauty and history of West Virginia.

[Information](#)

****Directors Meeting****

Next Meeting December 5, 2009

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Horticulture/Forest Science Bldg #1506 Parking lot #74 off Olsen St.

Specialist Training

Master Gardener Specialist

Plant Propagation

November 6-7, 2009

Montgomery County Extension Center Conroe, Texas

In an effort to provide advanced training, the Master Gardener Specialist - Plant Propagation training was created as a hands-on, intensive multi-day training that will empower Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas AgriLife Extension Service efforts in educational programs.

Training and Service Requirements:

- Attend the Master Gardener Specialist - Plant Propagation training
- Serve as a local Master Gardener Specialist - Plant Propagation resource
- Assist with Plant Propagation training for Master Gardeners and trainees
- Conduct community/youth Plant Propagation education programs

- Increase clientele knowledge about plant propagation through: presentations, workshops and mass media efforts (i.e. radio, newspaper, television, newsletters)

Registration fee: \$125.00 \$ (Includes dinner(1), lunch (1), snacks, drinks, propagation equipment, Power Point CD and resource materials distributed during the course). Spouse would like to attend Friday night dinner \$20.00 \$ Plant Propagation Specialist Denim Shirt for an additional \$25.00

- Transportation and lodging is on your own.
- Course is limited to the first 35 applicants to send check and application.
- A maximum of 2 Master Gardeners from each county.

For more information

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936.539.7824

[Information and Registration](#)



Master Gardener Rainwater Specialist Training

November 13-14, 2009

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Tom Green County and the Concho Valley Master Gardeners

This hands-on training will include the installation of a collection system and drip irrigation at an Extension/Master Gardener demonstration site.

Only 30 participant spots are available for this training, so please submit your registration forms as soon as possible. Registration is on a first come/first serve basis. Payment and forms must be in our office by October 30, 2009. Contact Allison Watkins, 325-659-6528,

to answer any questions or provide further information.

We are excited to be able to host such a great learning opportunity and look forward to seeing you here in San Angelo. The training will take place at the 4-H Center in San Angelo, TX.

[Information](#)

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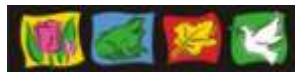
[Registration](#)

Special Events & Opportunities

Environmental Conference & Expo- Think Green Texas

November 6 & 7, 2009 in Canton. CONFERENCE AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Larry Redmon– Texas State Agri-Science Forage Specialist—Restoration of Native Prairie Grasses
- Jeff Haberstroh– Contract Administrator– Boerne Independent School District & Winner of Texas Environmental Excellence Award-Rainwater Harvesting for Schools, Cities & Businesses
- Beth Johnson– Eco-Broker, Green Broker Certification, Advocates Realty– Green Building & Development-A healthy, energy efficient environment to live in!
- Marilyn May, Kaufman Co Environmental Co-op, Mr. Andrews with Corrugated Services & Kristi Boyett, City of Tyler– Recycling & Solid Waste for All Communities
- Marilyn Woodson Glass, Woodson Place– Winner of Texas Parks & Wildlife Land Stewardship Award-Family Farm Preservation & Green Development
- Ross Morgan– Texas Commission on Environmental Quality-Water Supply in Texas
- East Texas Businesses Share Their Green Initiatives– Invited: Brookshires Grocery, Ben Wheeler Development, Turf Pro, and more... [More info](#)



Dallas Arboretum

The Masters of Gardening

Be our guest

Saturday, November 7, 2009 9 am- 5 pm

This fall, the Arboretum invites the Master Gardeners and their families to enjoy a day in the garden. Late summer is one of the most beautiful times in the garden and we want to share this time with you! Admission to the garden for Master Gardeners and one guest will be complimentary when you present your Master Gardener badge. So pack a picnic and spend a day enjoying nature.

Find out what other Master Gardener organizations are doing when you visit their display tables. If you are interested in setting up a display table for your organization, contact Joy Ijams, at

ijiams@dallasarboretum.org.

During your visit you won't want to miss a trip through our award winning trial gardens. The three gardens include trials on container plants, shade plants, All American Selections and much more. If you want to get all of the dirt on our trial results, join us for the Field Day for Master Gardeners. Because space is limited you will need to register for this presentation. The talk will take place between 9am - 11am. Tickets are \$15, or \$13 for Members of the Arboretum.



To register, call 214-515-6540 or education@dallasarboretum.org

For more information, visit

<http://www.dallasarboretum.org/Learn/MasterGardeners.htm>



The Texas Organic Farmers & Gardeners will hold its annual conference: "Texas Conference on Organic Crop Production"

January 28 thru 30, 2010, at the Embassy Suites, San Marcos, TX.

Speakers and events will be posted to the Web site, (TOFGA.org) as soon as they are finalized.

Submitted by Walter Daude

County Upcoming Events

To preserve space in the newsletter, below is a list of MG events throughout Texas. If you'd like more information, please visit the TMGA Website: [November County Events](#) –

- November 2, 2009 - Kaufman County Master Gardener Meeting - preparing gardens for winter
- November 5, 2009 – Lake Granbury Master Gardeners – Cooking with Herbs
- November 7, 2009 - Kaufman County Master Gardeners - Rainwater Harvesting and Composting
- November 9, 2009 – Somervell County Master Gardeners, Glen Rose, monthly CHES program “Trees for Somervell County”
- November 10, 2009 - Guadalupe County (Schertz/Seguin) Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas - “A Different Approach to Gardening: Using Xerophytes in Containers and Landscapes”
- November 10, 2009 - Harris County Master Gardener Association - Green Thumb Gardening Series, Soils and Composting.
- November 13, 2009 - Travis County Master Gardeners Assoc- Cool Season Vegetables
- November 14, 2009 – Aransas/San Patricio Master Gardeners – The Joy of Trees, Tree Management
- November 16, 2009 - Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 - Open Garden Day
- November 17, 2009 – Aransas/San Patricio Master Gardeners – Holiday Designs for Your Home – Brown Bag
- November 18, 2009 - Harris County Master Gardener Association - Master Gardener Lecture Series, "Top Ten Tree Myths."
- November 19, 2009 – Somervell County Master Gardeners – Earth-Kind® Roses with Garey Wylie, JCMG
- November 19-22, 2009 - Introduction to Horticultural Therapy, Anchor Center for Blind, Denver, CO

News from Around the State



Ann Trail KCMG, RWH Specialist and Earth-Kind Specialist speaks to group on Earth-Kind roses.

Kind™® Rose and Rainwater Harvesting demonstration garden. It features Earth-Kind® Knock Out Roses in a raised bed and a 300 gallon low profile

Kaufman County Master Gardeners

Texas AgriLife Extension & Kaufman County Master Gardeners held a workshop on Saturday October 3, 2009 at the Kemp City Park. Supported by The Kemp EDC and Jody Deller EDC President, the Master Gardeners installed an Earth-

rainwater harvesting tank to capture water from the roof of the adjacent building. The captured rainwater supplies water for a drip irrigation system to water the roses. The garden and rainwater system is open to the public during normal park hours. For more information contact the Kaufman County Master Gardeners at 972 932 9069.



Attendees look on as Brad Ackerman KCMG and RWH Specialist explains the water collection and irrigation system. In the foreground are the newly planted roses.

News from Around the State continued



Lake Granbury Master Gardeners

Outstanding Service Award - Phyllis Webster

Phyllis Webster has officially published her 400th Lake Granbury Master Gardener "Garden Patch" article

that appears weekly in the Hood County News. The range of horticultural information covered in her articles is truly remarkable. She has helped educate the people of Hood County on what to plant in their spring and fall vegetable gardens, how to save water by choosing Texas native plants in their landscapes that will withstand our hot summers, how to recognize Oak Wilt and how to capture their own rain water. As her fellow Master Gardeners, we wish to honor her for her outstanding service to the Texas Master Gardeners.

Somervell County Master Gardeners



After having received approval and support from the County Commissioner's Court in Sept. 2009, the Somervell County Master Gardeners Association moved forward with their plan to purchase and plant 24

Red Knockout Rose Bushes along the new split rail fence at the eastern edge of Heritage Park. Fourteen Master Gardeners and several County employees met at the park on Oct. 20 for the planting. Holes were dug, compost added, roses planted, water applied, and 6" of mulch was spread for weed prevention and moisture retention. Because they are Earth-Kind® Roses, minimal maintenance is required once the roses are established. The MG's will water and maintain the roses for the first year. It is expected that by the end of the second year they will be at mature height and performance.

At the same time that the Master Gardeners were planning this new EK Rose bed, the Somervell Network Group, a group of community members, county and city officials, and businesses who had been meeting for several months, decided that they wanted to

implement a beautification project for the betterment of Glen Rose and Somervell County and to bring back roses to Glen Rose. It is called Project 2010 Rose Bush and the concept is to plant 2,010 Earth-Kind® Roses in the year 2010. These rose bushes will be planted throughout Glen Rose and Somervell County. The Chamber of Commerce office will be the coordinator of the project, while the MG's will offer advice on selection and care of the roses. This project will serve as a fundraiser and proceeds will be split between the Chamber and the SCMGA.



Taking a break and admiring our work!

Project 2010 Rosebush compliments another "perfect timing" opportunity, as the Somervell County Master Gardeners and Lake Granbury Master Gardeners will be hosting the state Texas Master Gardener Conference in Glen Rose in April of 2011. What better way to show off our beautiful community to the potentially 1000 Master Gardeners who will be descending on Glen Rose in 18 months!

Lake Granbury Master Gardeners



Enjoying the Indian Summer and cooler temperatures, this hybrid Passion Vine, *Alata-Caerirlea Belottii* -- blooms between a Purple Passion Vine on the right and a strand of pink Coral Vine on a Lake Granbury Master Gardener's vine trellis.

Submitted by Nancy Hancock