



Roto-Teller

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Christmas Party Change of Venue



The DCMGA Christmas Party, on Wednesday, December 14, will be held at the home of Janie Farler. This is a change from what was reported in last month's Roto-Teller. Please bring a favorite dish to share for lunch and a gift (\$10 limit suggested) to exchange. Festivities begin at 10:00 AM.

Happy Birthday!

December 3	Susan Musgrave
December 6	Susan Dawson
December 12	Alice Gill
December 19	Karen Smith
December 30	Gresha Leamon and Carolyn Richard



"Welcome to Jim Jonish, a transfer to DCMGA from Bell County Master Gardeners."

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Condolences to Scotty Kolb

Members of DCMGA are very saddened by the passing of George Kolb, Scotty Kolb's husband. Scotty is a master gardener, but George was her partner in the love of gardening. We send her our love and heartfelt sympathy for her loss. In accordance with Scotty's wishes, the Association is making a contribution to a memorial fund. Personal contributions may be made to:



George P. Kolb Memorial Fund
c/o First United Bank of Denton
ATTN: Randy Robinson, President
1517 Centre Place Drive
Denton, Texas 76205

Annual Awards, Graduation, and Installation of Officers

At the November general meeting, DCMGA members voted to hold an Annual Awards/Graduation Luncheon, instead of a dinner, as in previous years. The Luncheon will be Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 11:30 AM, at the Bridlewood Golf Club in Flower Mound. Awards recipients and graduates of the Class of 2005 will be recognized and officers for 2006 will be installed.

The luncheon's speaker will be William Adams, co-author of seven landscaping/gardening related books and contributor to Texas Gardener and Neil Sperry's magazines. Bill was a favorite speaker at this year's State Master Gardener Conference. He is writing a new book with the working title of *The Southern Kitchen Garden* which will serve as the topic of his presentation.

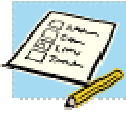
The cost of the luncheon will be \$19. Graduating trainees do not pay for their meal, but must contact Donna Wolfe, Volunteer Coordinator, to make reservations for themselves and any guests. Anyone planning to attend should send a check to DCMGA, Attention: Luncheon, Texas Cooperative Extension, 306 N. Loop 288, Suite 222, Denton, Texas, 76209. The deadline for payment is January 4, 2006.

2006 Slate of Officers

President	Sandy Hiatte
First Vice President	Karen Archambault
Second Vice President	Gene Gumfory
Secretary	Tracy Durmick
Treasurer	Brenda Wellenreiter
Newsletter Editor	Mary Morrow

Member's Choice Awards for 2005

Members will be voting on three awards for the year 2005. The awards will be presented at the annual awards/graduation/officer installation luncheon that will be held on January 11.



Members who have not had a chance to complete a ballot will have an opportunity to do so at the Christmas Party. They may also e-mail their vote to Carolyn Tinner, President.

These are the Member's Choice Awards for 2005:

PROJECT CHAIRMAN AWARD _____

The Project Chairman that stands out for demonstrating their leadership abilities, innovative strategies, and positive results.

EDUCATOR AWARD _____

Member who stands out for demonstrating abilities in the furtherance of DCMGA educational goals.

SPECIAL MERIT AWARD _____

Member who stands out because of their demonstrated commitment to the Association for at least five years and is recognized by all as "one of the rocks." Members of the Class of 2001 or earlier are eligible.

Recipients of the above awards must be a member in good standing and have attended at least three monthly meetings during the current year.



Well Done!

Suzie Cook (Class of 2003), former Roto-Teller Editor, DCMGA Board Member and "go-to" girl for any problem grammatical, has "retired" to Rockport. While husband Jim terrorizes the fish in Copano Bay, Suzie will take on salt water gardening. (Wasn't North Texas challenging enough?)

Her sidekick, Janie Farler, came up with a recipe we'll all recognize.

Suzie Stew

*5 slices keen wit
1 glop of cooperation
2 handfuls absolute conviction
2 shares of dedication
Large chunk of nimble brain
1 copy of The Only Grammar Book You'll Ever Need
1 red pencil
Dollop of astringent
1 slice tongue, sharpened
Small stick of dynamite
3 slugs of unvarnished truth*

Measure carefully into tall blonde container and stand back. Stew will soon begin to simmer. Sample carefully. If too spicy, dilute with scintillating conversation. When properly prepared, stew will be tangy, not bitter, with a captivating and altogether unforgettable flavor.

Updates

Little Hands on the Farm

It didn't feel like fall when the *State Fair of Texas* rolled into town, but on September 23, we put our "hands" together and made the *Start Barn* look as inviting to the little ones as ever.



Many thanks to Paula Blackshear, Diane Block, Susan Musgrave, Judy Riley, Debbie Hipp, Maxine Moore, Joe Moore, Clarice Luce, and Linda Krimm for their hands in putting it all together.

Then, on October 11 and October 15, we put both hands, feet, and big smiles together and helped the little ones make their way through *The Farm*, gathering peaches and eggs,

milking the cows, feeding the cattle and sheep, planting and picking vegetables, and meeting the farmer with their goodies.

Thanks to Paula Blackshear, Tina Litherland, Brenda Wellenreiter, Debbie Hipp, Ann Looney, Clarice and Lori Luce, Linda Krimm, Andi Hawk, Judy Brough, Judy Riley, Susan Musgrave, Curtis and Carolyn Gold, Sue Chellew, Janie Farler, Judy Guthrie, Rodney, Debbie, Luke, Noah, and Caleb Sowalskie, Tracy, Greg, Kaylin and Sidney Durmick, and Bob Morrow for putting smiles on the children's' faces.

On October 24, when it was time for the *Fair* to roll out of town, Maxine and Joe Moore, Kristin Anthony, Judy Riley, and myself made the last trip down to the *Fair* and put it all away.

Thanks to those who drove and donated "barnyard art"-every little bit helps.

Mary Morrow, Project Manager

Speakers Bureau

Thanks to Susan Randolph for her recent presentation at the Corinth Parks and Recreation Center. Activities for the Speakers Bureau have slowed down this month, but we have already scheduled presentations for 2006! If you know of a group, school, or club that would like to have us speak to them, please ask them to contact Donna Wolfe at the Extension Office. She will then forward the request to me. We do ask for at least a month's advance notice or more, if possible.



I want to thank all of our Speakers Bureau members for their participation this year. Happy Holidays to everyone!

Annell Burns, Speakers Bureau Coordinator

2006 Mentors

I'm looking for a "few good mentors"...actually, more than just a few! With 29 applicants for the DCMGA Class of 2006, we already know that we will need 29 volunteers from the "old pros" to help these new interns. It's a great opportunity to make a new friend and get to know the other class members. Contact me before I contact you!

Maurine LeBeau, Mentor Coordinator

Project/Event Pictures Needed NOW!

With the Annual Luncheon and Graduation coming up soon (and the holidays in between), Susan Musgrave, DCMGA Historian, needs to receive any pictures from project managers and other members for the CD/Slide show to be presented during that

event. All pictures for inclusion the DCMGA Scrapbook should also be turned into the Extension Office.

Just imagine Susan's children, sitting in their living room on Christmas morning, with no tree, no gifts, no home baked goodies, all because Santa was too busy trying to round up elusive DCMGA pictures.

So help a busy mom, end your year with a clear conscience, and enjoy pictures of your special project during the slide show. You'll be happy you did and Susan's family will be thrilled!

One of Santa's Elves



Minutes

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2005

President Carolyn Tinner called the DCMGA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Those in attendance were Karen Archambault, John Cooper, Susan Musgrave, Carolyn Tinner, Donna Wolfe, and Mary Morrow. There was not a majority quorum of the Board present at the meeting.

The minutes were submitted to the Board via email by **Mary Morrow, Secretary**, and approved as written. Carolyn submitted the Treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$13,914.18. Due to the balance available, Donna Wolfe suggested a strategic planning task force be formed to determine educational needs for the community and be included in the 2006 Budget.

Carolyn visited the Ruby Room for the Annual dinner and Graduation. She felt with the price of dinner at \$25 per person, a more appropriate place should be considered. She made the suggestion that we have a formal luncheon at a different location. Discussion followed reviewing the locations Carolyn had researched. It was decided we would have a luncheon at Bridlewood County Club. The approximate fee for lunch, which included tax and gratuity, may be around \$15 for members, \$25 for guests, and no charge for 2005 graduates, subject to approval by the Board and General Membership. Since we have additional funds in the budget, we would be subsidizing the member's lunch. Carolyn will contact Bridlewood County club and determine the date and time. **Karen Archambault, Second Vice President**, has three possible candidates for guest speaker for the luncheon.

Carolyn advised Janet Gershenfeld has volunteered for AV Coordinator. The purchase for the computer and related equipment is still in process.

Carolyn reviewed the slate of officers for 2006. Gene Gumfory has volunteered for the position of Second Vice President. The slate will be presented at the November meeting and be voted on.

Susan Musgrave, Historian, gave a report on "Cool shade for the Third Grade." She said overall it was very successful. She has received many compliments from teachers and has had emails requesting to be included in next year's program from schools that had elected not to participate this year. Twelve MGs went to 27 schools in the LISD, spoke to 2,850 children, and handed out 2,850 trees. Susan will submit a report and timeline to the Board.

Carolyn requested Service and Training Hours be updated for the Roto-Teller so members will know what they need to do to complete certification before the year's end.

Carolyn advised Brent Bloechle is working on Texas State Association awards. Possible projects were discussed to submit. It was also determined we would have an annual award given by the board and possible candidates were discussed.

Donna Wolfe, Volunteer Coordinator, advised there were 29 applicants for the 2006 MG class. The deadline was November 1. She advised we also have a transfer from Bell County, Jim Jonish, who will be attending our November meeting for the first time.

Carolyn read a letter from the 2006 Texas MG conference hosts, thanking us for the sponsorship of \$1,000. Their theme for the conference is "Sharing our Garden Heritage."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2005



The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:25 AM. Present were Karen Archambault, Annie Brackin, Sandy Hiatte, Maurine LeBeau, Pam McClimon, Susan Musgrave, and Carolyn Tinner.

President Carolyn Tinner asked for a discussion of the three possibilities for our upcoming graduation function. A motion was made by Sandy Hiatte, seconded by Susan Musgrave, that we hold a graduation luncheon at Bridlewood Country Club and that the Association will pay for the cost of the room. There was a discussion regarding the graduation speaker and expenses that the Association would be willing to incur. **Karen Archambault, Second Vice President**, advised that she will find out whether Bill Adams, retired Harris County horticulture extension agent, would be available to speak.

Carolyn also led a discussion of the Member's Choice Awards and the location to store our proposed AV equipment.

The meeting was concluded at approximately 8:50 AM

Datebook

 <p>December 2005</p>
Dec. 1, 10am - The Scent of Christmas, Holiday Design Course
Dec. 3 or 4 - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops
Dec. 14, 10am - Change of venue! General Meeting will be our annual Christmas Party at Janie Farler's home.
 <p>January 2006</p>
Jan. 4 - Deadline for payment for the Annual Awards/Graduation Luncheon
Jan. 11, 11:30am - Annual Awards/Graduation Luncheon, at the Bridlewood Golf Club in Flower Mound
May 2006
May 4-6 - 2006 State Conference in Reed Arena at Texas A &M University

Service Hours

Names in Bold have completed certification requirements for this year.

Hours recorded as of 11/15/05. If you find a discrepancy between the hours shown and your record, please come by the Extension office to make corrections.

First Name	Last Name	Yr	T Hours	S Hours
Cindy	Adams	97	0	4
Kristin	Anthony	01	20	27.5
Jim	Appleby	00	14	36.5
Carole	Appleby	00	11	19
Karen	Archambault	99	27	330.5
Ruth	Bain	93	16	10
Anne	Banks	01	5	41.5
Paula	Blackshear	03	13	18.75
Diana	Block	04	24	15.5
Brent	Bloechle	03	4	57
Darla	Bostick	97	7	67.5
Annie	Brackin	01	24.25	106.25
Judy	Brough	05	93.5	83.5
Annell	Burns	03	18	101
Brian	Byrwa	05	75.5	77.5
Sue	Chellew	02	14	48
Emily	Clough	04	3	4
Judy	Cobb	05	83.5	99
Celia	Cohen	04	16	42.75
Susan	Cook	03	16	118
Brigid	Corbett	01	29	592.75
Alice	Cox	00	5	40.5
Susan	Dawson	05	81	83.5

First Name	Last Name	Yr	T Hours	S Hours
Ruthanne	Dencklau	04	0	6
Tracy	Durmick	01	13	16
Peggy	Durrett	00	15	160.5
Thomas	Edmundson	95	14	12
Gracie	Egan	04	19	25
Carol	Eggert	04	13	7
Myrna	Engle	93	9	5
Janie	Farler	03	28	223
Joanne	Fellows	04	52.5	223.5
Carol	Fitch	01	17	103.5
Nancy	Franke	03	8	40
Janet	Gershenfeld	02	33	41.5
Kathleen	Gielink	02	4	13
Alice	Gill	04	7.75	4.5
Carolyn	Gold	96	18	118
Monique	Goodhart	02	12	19
Sybil	Gordon	05	94	140
Liz	Gould	00	14	21
Kaye	Gross	01	13	22.5
Gene	Gumfory	05	85.5	73.5
Judy	Guthrie	05	86.5	121
Mary	Hafer	00	21.3	29
Lynn	Hagler	97	0	0
Bobbie	Hanford	02	0	3
Sher	Harnish	99	24	14.5
Tom	Harpool	94	12	62.5
Marie	Harris	05	83.5	222.5

First Name	Last Name	Yr	T Hours	S Hours
Muriel	Harvey	05	62.5	28
Andrea	Hawk	05	81	104
Beth	Haywood	03	0	0
Sandra	Hiatte	03	37	103.5
Debbie	Hipp	03	0	2
Jan	Hodson	03	14	0
Delores	Hutson	00	0	8
Connie	Johnson	03	16	38.5
Scotty	Kolb	05	91.5	95
Kathy	Koza	00	0	12.5
Linda	Krimm	01	27	305.5
Diane	Land	97	21	36
Gresha	Leamon	99	15	13.5
Maurine	LeBeau	02	23	124
Millie	LeClaire	04	0	0
Julie	Levine	03	27.5	323.35
Tina	Litherland	03	19.5	108
Ann	Looney	97	15	7.75
Clarice	Luce	03	12.5	46
Maribeth	Lynch	04	16.5	33
Amy	Marcotte	02	15	64
Karen	Martin	02	10	0
Pamela	McClimon	03	11	81
Evelyn	McMillen	04	39.5	47
Jorja	Merrick	05	79	63.5
Maggie	Metzinger	04	11	12.5
Deanne	Miles	04	1	16

First Name	Last Name	Yr	T Hours	S Hours
Nancy	Miley	05	85.5	81.5
Maxine	Moore	01	11	24.75
Joe	Moore	01	11	14
Mary	Morrow	01	60	399.5
Susan	Musgrave	04	31	75.5
Lee	Niethammer	05	70	82
Ruth	Orpin	99	13	18.75
Pam	Owens	04	0	40.5
Cheryl	Parkinson	02	30	31
Jill	Peak	05	89	91
Adele	Petty	03	28.75	59
Karen	Phillips	03	0	13.5
Rica	Potenz	94	0	8.25
Shari	Prince	04	16	36.9
Suzanne	Pugh	01	16	33.5
Susan	Randolph	02	0	0
Carolyn	Richard	05	88.5	80
Mary Ellen	Richards	97	13	36
Judy	Riley	02	30	92
Nancy	Ross	05	88	73
Fay	Saxinger	90	15	26
Selena	Schindler	92	14	27
Debbie	Siggelko	05	92.75	119.75
Karen	Smith	94	1	17
Lonnie	Smith	02	7.5	0
Rodney	Sowalskie, Jr.	05	93.75	165.75
JoeAnn	Stahel	98	19	16.5

First Name	Last Name	Yr	T Hours	S Hours
Joan	Stanley	94	34	37
Joy	Stewart	04	15	18.25
Lisa	Stiles	05	80	41
Shelli	Stone	02	16	20.5
Sharon	Strickland	05	70.5	17.5
Larry	Swenson II	05	94	22.5
Kay	Teegarden	05	2	5
Carolyn	Tinner	02	10	161.5
Pamela	Tuckey	04	0	0
Debbie	Van Ness	05	88	85
Brenda	Wellenreiter	01	20.5	35.5
Cindy	Wermse	02	15.25	46
Diane	Wetherbee	01	16	35.5
Linda	Williams	00	9	123
Eleanor	Woisard	05	62.5	22.5
Donna	Wolfe	96	21	72.5
Carol	Wright	01	7.5	13
Connie	Youngblood	02	0	13

The End