

August General Meeting



"Palms and Tropicals Native to North Texas" will be the topic presented by Tony Cerbone at our Guest general meeting, Wednesday, August 10, 9:00 AM, extension office.

Tony, a horticulturist and palm expert, teaches at the Dallas Arboretum. Check out his website.....Dallaspalms.com to see his own beautiful garden and how many of these plants actually thrive in our area.



August 1	Tina Blakely
August 5	Brenda Wellenreiter
August 9	Emily Clough
August 14	Susie Cook & Jane Powell
August 20	Annell Burns and Millie LeClaire
August 26	Bobbie Hanford
August 27	Muriel Harvey & Marry Morrow



Happy Birthday

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Plants, Birds, and Elephants-Oh My!



Although the weather says its definitely summer, and outside gardening chores are limited, the DCMGA is staying focused on the fall landscaping and gardening info-fair and plant sale. Karen Archambault, Second Vice President and event chairman, has organized a full day of events and sales.

Lectures/Demonstrations - "Meet the Masters!"

"Companion Planting with Rose "and "Fall Colors in the Landscape"- Janet Gershenfeld

"Fire Wise"- Fay Saxinger

"Container Gardening"- Susan Randolph

"Landscaping with Natives"- JoeAnn Stahel

Team Leaders

White Elephant Table- Sandy Hiatte

Master Gardener Merchandise Table- Selena Schindler

Garden Tour Docents- Rica Portenz

Birding Tours- Myrna Engle

Volunteers Needed

Plant Sale Booth- Team Leader

Educational Literature Handout Table- Team leader

DCMGA Projects Displays- Team Leader

To make this event a success, the participation of the entire DCMGA will be needed. Please contact one of the team leaders to let them know what time you are available to work. Start rummaging through your attic, garage/shed to locate all of those white elephant gardening items that you want to donate.

Vendors are being contacted to participate. Lantana Gardens will have a display booth, as well as Keep Lewisville Beautiful. If any Master Gardener is a vendor or knows of a neighbor or friend that they would like to recommend as a vendor, they should contact Karen, the event chairman.

Scheduled Work Dates

Wednesday, August 10-flyers will be available for the membership to distribute to local church groups, town centers, libraries, etc.

Friday, August 26- Potting party at Mary Morrow's

Tuesday, August 30- LISDOLA workday

Tuesday, September 6- LISDOLA workday

Tuesday, September 13- LISDOLA workday

Thursday, September 22- LISDOLA workday

Plant Sale List

Many DCMGA members have indicated that they are nursing along plants from their gardens and keeping them at home. All donated plants will need to be delivered to LISDOLA no later than September 6 to allow time to identify, categorize, and price them. If you are planning to donate plants that are not already included in the current plant list, please email Karen with the names of the plants you have available for the sale so that the list can be updated.

(Common names used)

Autumn sage, bog sage, black-eyed susan, cherry laurel, catnip, chameleon plant, Chinese pistache, Christmas rose, coreopsis, columbine, comfry, daylilies, esparanza, fall obedient plant, flame acanthus, four-o'clocks, gulf penstemon, Greg's mistflower, irises, lemon balm, lantana, lyre leaf sage, Louisiana irises, Mexican petunias, Mexican butterfly weed, nandina, native petunia, oxalis, oxeye daisies, prairie rose, purple wintercreeper, purple heart, purple coneflower, pecan trees, red salvia, sumac tree, sedum, spearmint, Shasta daisies, Turk's cap, Texas star hibiscus, tansy, variegated mums, wild violets yaupon hollies, red yucca.

Photo Ops and Parting Shots

What's your favorite State Conference memory? Its been almost three months, but DCMGA members are still trading remembrances; good, bad, funny or poignant. Susan Dawson remembers the fun had by all the attendees at the Topiary workshop, while Rodney Sowalskie laughs at the memory of Gene Gumfory "bellowing like an auctioneer" selling leftover mud gloves and T-shirts as the Conference closed. And what about our Conference Chairman who not only recognized the necessity of tour buses with toilets, but could also point out "our culture reads from left to right...move those signs!"



Join fellow DCMGA members for a special September general meeting, as we share photos presented by Carolyn Tinner and celebrate the results of 18 months of work and planning. Bring something to share at the potluck luncheon, Wednesday, September 14, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Denton Woman's Club, 610 Oakland St. (near the remodeled Emily Fowler Library) for a last look at the 2005 State Conference.

Harpool Scholarship Awarded



Matthew Maddoux of Flower Mound has received the first Tom Harpool Horticulture Scholarship at our July general meeting, Wednesday, July 13. Tom was present to award the \$1,000 scholarship to Matt.

Matt, who is employed by Lantana Gardens, is currently a student at North Texas Central College and will transfer to Texas State University this fall. He has also received proficiency awards in both nursery operations and landscape management from Future Farmers of America.

This scholarship was named for Tom to honor his achievements in horticulture, as well as his membership and support of DCMGA. It will be awarded annually to a student pursuing an education in horticulture.

The next deadline for application is March 30, 2006, for the fall 2006/spring 2007 school year. Contact Mary Morrow, scholarship committee chairman, for more information.

What Was That Rose?



Everyone touring Scotty Kolb's "Hickory Farm" gardens during the State Conference became enchanted by the large rose with heart-shaped petals located at the front of her home. According to Scotty, it is an "Orange Hearts," which she purchased on a trip to Chamblee Roses in Tyler. Chamblee's website (www.chambleerose.com) describes Orange Hearts as a floribunda, with semi-double flowers and very vigorous growth. But most importantly for Denton County gardeners, it is "tolerant of less than perfect soil." Thanks, Scotty!

"Sharing Our Heritage" 2006 Texas Master Gardener Conference

The next TMGA conference will be sponsored by Brazos County Master Gardeners and held May 4,5,6 at Texas A&M University, College Station.

The keynote address will be "Thomas Jefferson-Statesman and Supreme Gardener,"

presented by Peggy Cornett, Director, Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, Monticello, Virginia.

Events include a Thursday evening reception at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, over ten tours of local horticultural enterprises and TAMU facilities, plus workshops by thirteen nationally recognized speakers. Mark the date-hotel information available soon.

Updates

Children's Garden

One final report from the Children's Garden, 2005. We had our last garden and pool party at my house so we are officially finished meeting for the season. There are still some things producing in the garden and the tunnel is really covered now, mostly with morning glories. Two the moms are keeping it watered and have planted a few seeds they had. I water and watch over it twice a week. We may plant some fall vegetables, but don't plan to meet as a group again until spring.



We had a great time, but it just got too hot to keep it up!

Marie Harris, Project Manager



Emily Flower Library

DCMGA took on the task of working with Eva Poole, library director, John Cooper, and library architects in the library redesign and changes to the previous atrium area. This meant handling almost one ton of peat moss/compost mix and filling ten containers of various sizes.

I plotted and measured for soil requirements and joined Adele Petty and Annell Burns in plant selection. Transporting all the plants and actual potting was done by Judy Riley, Mary Morrow, Judy Cobb, Adele Petty, Marie Harris, and myself.

Eva commended the DCMGA volunteers at the official library reopening for our hard work and beautiful results.

Marine LeBeau, Project Manager

Speakers Bureau

With fall just around the corner, the Speakers Bureau is getting busy again! Many organizations are planning their programs for the upcoming months and we are getting frequent requests for presentations.

On our schedule we already have the following commitments:



Friday, September 16, The Lewisville Sr. Citizen Center; Native Texas perennials and Texas Superstars (speaker still needed)

September, (actual date still open, Castle Hills Elementary School; Victory Gardens (speaker needed)

Tuesday, October 4, Canyon Oaks HOA, Propagation, Deanna Miles, speaker

Tuesday, November 1, Denton Newcomer/Friendship Club, Becoming a Master Gardener and Master Gardener projects, Mary Ellen Richards, speaker

We are always looking for new members. If you have an area of expertise and are willing to be a speaker, or if you are just interest in learning more about us, please contact me!

Annell Burns, Project Manager

Highland Village Elementary School

We lost our sprinkler system due to construction around the school so volunteer parents have been running hoses from the school to the outdoor classroom in an attempt to keep things alive. A workday will be planned for sometime in August. We are hoping to get some fall veggies started soon. We'll attempt to solarize an area that can be made into a Three Sisters Garden. The principal has approved a pond; that may be something we take on later in the school year. If anyone would like to help with any of the above, please let me know.

Jill Peak, Project Manager

Newton Rayzor Elementary School

Join us for a brief summer spruce up every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM at the Newton Rayzor Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment. The school is located at 1400 Malone Street, in Denton. Park at the back of the school by the basketball court. Drop by to see how things look since our big upgrade this spring, and/or lend a hand for a few minutes to get things tidied up for the school year. Plants and seeds available for sharing. It's very pleasant in the evening hours, and protected for the western sun. Hope to see you there. Contact me if you have any questions.

Brigid Corbett, Project Manager

Training Opportunities

Landscape Design Study Course, Session 1, will be offered September 19-20 in College Station/Bryan. The series, held in conjunction with the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Texas Cooperative Extension, is given in four different sessions, approximately six months apart. Master Gardeners who complete a course qualify for twelve hours of advanced training.

"Back to Your Roots," the Southeastern Regional Master Gardener Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, in Conroe. It is sponsored by the Montgomery County Master Gardeners. More information is available at the extension office.

Minutes

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING JUNE 1, 2005

President Carolyn Tinner called the DCMGA Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Those in attendance were Karen Archambault, Joanne Fellows, Sandy Hiatte, Maurine LeBeau, Pam McClimon, Carolyn Tinner, Linda Williams, Donna Wolfe, and Mary Morrow.

The minutes were submitted via email by **Mary Morrow, Secretary**, and approved as written.

Pam McClimon, Roto-Teller Editor, advised the next edition was a June-July combination, and thought a special edition would be published for the 2005 State Conference. Carolyn agreed to put together the special edition, which will also be on the DCMGA website.

Carolyn reviewed suggestions from Brent Bloechle regarding the State Awards. Discussion was held, but no decision was made at this time.

Linda Williams, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The ending balance is \$17,871.00, which includes \$6,964.20 for the 2005 Conference. Linda gave a summary of the Texas Master Gardener Board Meeting. In 2006, the conference will be in Brazos County and Kerrville is considering hosting the 2007 conference. The Texas Board discussed financial support for State Specialist Training that is held throughout the year. No decision was made.

Carolyn proposed we approach the general membership requesting we provide a sponsorship to the next conference host. Mary made a motion to request approval from the general membership of a \$1,000 sponsorship for the 2006 Conference and Linda seconded the motion.

Sandy Hiatte, First Vice-president, reviewed briefly the new Project Forms. A few items were being adjusted before implementing the forms. She has plans to present to all members at a monthly meeting.

Karen Archambault, Second vice-president, announced the fall Fund Raiser will be at LISDOLA, and will consist of a plant sale, speakers, and vendors. It will be from 9:00AM-2:00PM.

Donna Wolfe, Volunteer Coordinator, advised 12 interns and 18 veterans had completed service and training requirements for 2005. The date for the New Member Roundup will be October 19.

Maurine LeBeau, Program Coordinator, requested honorariums be paid to judges for the Fruit, Vegetable, Herb and flower Show, which is June 18. Sandy made a motion for \$50 honorariums be given to the judges and Mary seconded it.

Carolyn advised the date for the Retreat is tentatively set for October 5. The location is to be determined; due to the number of Master Gardeners attending, we need to locate a place to accommodate rising attendance and one that has breakout room at a reasonable charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING JULY 5, 2005

President Carolyn Tinner called the DCMGA Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:05AM. Those in attendance were Karen Archambault, Sandy Hiatte, Maurine LeBeau, Pam McClimon, Carolyn Tinner, Linda Williams, Donna Wolfe, and Mary Morrow. The minutes were submitted to the Board via email by **Mary Morrow, Secretary.** A correction was made to show August as the month Carolyn would propose to the general membership approval for a sponsorship of the next state conference.

Linda Williams, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's report. The ending balance is \$17,641.20, which included \$7,164.75 for the 2005 conference.

Carolyn advised we would have a special celebration, "Photo Ops and Parting Shots" for the 2005 conference in September. It will be a pot luck lunch and power point presentation of the conference will be shown.

Maurine LeBeau, Program Coordinator, advised the July meeting will be "Backyard Habitats" and will be in the evening beginning at 6:30PM. She is still working on a program for August and November. September will be the Conference celebration and October will feature a plant swap.

Donna Wolfe, Volunteer Coordinator, advised we had a request for an individual who was completing community service hours; it was decided we didn't have a need at this time. She advised of a request to plant and maintain a garden at Denia Park by KDB, but we are unable to fulfill their request at this time.

Carolyn mentioned it was brought up at the recent event at the Dallas Arboretum a request for DCMGA to volunteer at the gardens; she will pursue the details and table any discussion until more information is obtained.

Mary advised the Scholarship committee met and she has volunteered to chair the committee. She reviewed changes that the Committee discussed. Sandy Hiatte made a motion to remove the qualification of requiring the student to be in attendance at the specified colleges; Maurine seconded the motion. Mary recommended Matt Maddoux be approved by the Board to receive the Tom Harpool Horticulture Scholarship; all members present approved. It was decided to award the Scholarship at the July general meeting.

Carolyn advised she was looking into having the Benz School of Floral Design conduct advanced training in the fall; more information would follow. She asked if anyone in attendance would be able to attend the Financial Resource Management Training on July 21. Linda Williams, Sandy Hiatte, and Karen Archambault will be attending. Linda asked if a location for the Annual Dinner and Graduation had been determined. Carolyn advised she will get a committee together to plan the event. Carolyn will be attending the State MG Meeting on August 27. Donna said she may be able to attend.

Mary advised Little Hands on the Farm prep day will be September 23, and once again they were asking for volunteers during the State Fair, which begins September 25. She will put information in the Roto-Teller requesting volunteers for one or two days. **Sandy Hiatte, First Vice-president**, advised budget planning would be included in Project Manager Training.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM.

Datebook

August 2005
Aug. 2 at 7am – LISDOLA workday
Aug. 4 at 7:30pm - Spruce up at the Newton Rayzor Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment
Aug. 6 or 7 - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops
Aug. 10 at 9am - Monthly meeting at the extension office, "Palms and Tropicals Native to North Texas"
Aug. 26 - Potting party at Mary Morrow's
Aug. 30 - LISDOLA workday
September 2005
Sep. 6 - LISDOLA workday
Sep. 13 - LISDOLA workday
Sep. 14, from 10am to 1pm - Photo Ops and Parting Shots, a potluck luncheon at Denton Woman's Club
Sep. 19-20 - Landscape Design Study Course, Session 1, will be offered in College Station/Bryan.
Sep. 22 - LISDOLA workday
Sep. 24, 9am to 2pm - DCMGA Plant Sale at LISDOLA
October 2005
Oct. 8 or 9 - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops
Oct. 19, 10am to Noon - 2006 Master Gardener Trainee Class Roundup at the Extension Office
November 2005
Nov. 4-5 - "Back to Your Roots," the Southeastern Regional Master Gardener Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, in Conroe
December 2005
Dec. 3 or 4 - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops
May 2006
May 4-6 - 2006 State Conference in Reed Arena at Texas A &M University