

# Roto-Teller



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## Solarization - No Sunscreen Needed



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June 5 Rica Potenz  
 June 7 Joy Stewart  
 June 15 Linda Williams  
 June 19 Alice Cox  
 June 23 Carol Eggert  
 June 30 Brent Bloechle

July 1 Tina Litherland  
 July 5 Janet Gershenfeld  
 July 3 Lonnie Smith  
 July 13 Joanne Fellows  
 July 14 Sandra Hiatte  
 July 15 Karen Archambault  
 July 18 James Murdock  
 July 19 Debbie Hipp  
 July 22 Deanna Miles  
 July 25 Scotty Kolb  
 July 25 Sharon Strickland  
 July 28 Pam Tuckey

***Happy Birthday to All***

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## **No Sunscreen Needed**

Have you ever tried solarization? Neither had I until last summer. The first day I worked at the Upper Trinity Water Treatment project I couldn't help but notice a large bed covered in heavy black plastic weighted down with cinderblocks. Came to learn that the plastic was put there to "cook" unwanted vegetation. When removed all that would be left would be bare dirt. The plastic had been down for over 6 months and the next time I worked there it was time to remove it. We carefully picked up the stones and rolled back the plastic and there was beautiful dirt with nary a weed in sight.

If such a process could work there I was sure I could copy the procedure at my own house. I had an awful bed choked with nut sedge, coralberry, and tons of invasive water clover I had innocently bought at a plant sale. Got my heavy plastic at Home Depot and laid it right over all of these pests and went away for the summer. When I got home in the fall, I couldn't wait to unveil my bed. Voila! A miracle. Everything was gone and in its place was beautiful pure dirt.



Check out my new garden which now contains gaura, zexmenia, pavonia, calylophus, scabiosa, skullcap, one Texas Kidneywood and three Cherry Laurels. Solarization is so easy—no herbicides and no weed digging. All it takes is plastic, sun, and a little patience for all of the little devils to cook.



*Celia, Plano*

## **Updates**

### **Service/Training Hours Updated**

Service and training hours have been updated and listed in this Roto-Teller issue. Please check your listing and keep your records updated at the extension office.

According to the Texas Master Gardener Association, volunteer hours are now valued at \$ 17.55 per hour!

### **June General Meeting**

Trinity Turf, a wholesale/retail sod grower, will be the general meeting site on Wednesday, June 8, at 10:00 AM. Owner Doug O'Connor will show us his facility and discuss the various grasses grown there.

Trinity Turf is located in Pilot Point. From the extension office, take Loop 288 to Highway 380 east and exit to Highway 377 north. Drive through Krugerville and Aubrey. After the Ford dealership in Pilot Point, turn right on Fouts Road; go one mile to the turf farm.

### July General Meeting

The July General Meeting will be an evening meeting, **7:00 PM**, at the extension office. Nancy Collins and Owen Yost, Denton Record-Chronicle columnists and design partners, will speak on building "Backyard Habitats."

### Scholarship Committee to Meet

The DCMGA Scholarship Committee will meet on Friday, June 10, 9:30 AM at the extension office. Anyone interested in joining of the committee may attend. The current committee chairman, Mary Ellen Richards, will be vacating that position and a new chairman will be selected.



This committee is responsible for promoting the Tom Harpool Horticulture Scholarship Award, as well as selecting the recipient.

### Speakers Bureau

Thanks to the following Speakers Bureau members and Master Gardeners for their recent contributions:



Maurine LeBeau, April 6, Denton County Senior Citizen Center  
Diane Wetherbee, April 13, Lewisville Independent School District, General Council Meeting  
Janet Gershenfeld and Joan Stanley, May 9, McAuliffe Elementary School, Fifth Grade

So far this year, our presentations have reached 313 people throughout Denton County! I wish to thank all of our members and congratulate them on a job well done! We still have more time to reach even more people before the year is through.

We are always looking for new members, so if you have an interest, please contact me.

*Annell Burns, Speakers Bureau Project Manager*

## Bayless-Selby House

There will be a gardening day at Bayless-Selby House on Wednesday, June 15, at 8:30 AM. The gardens need to look their best for all the visitors to the Denton County Fruit, Vegetable, Herb, and Flower Show to be held the following Saturday.

## Fruit, Vegetable, Herb, and Flower Show



DCMGA, along with the city of Denton, is sponsoring the third annual Fruit, Vegetable, Herb, and Flower Show on Saturday, June 18, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, at Fireman's Memorial Park, in front of Bayless-Selby House.

Volunteers are still needed to make this show another success. Anyone volunteering is still eligible to place entries in the show. Volunteers should be at the park by 8:00 AM; registration will be held from 8:30 to 9:00 AM, with judging to follow. Water will be provided. Bring a folding chair if you need to sit down. To volunteer, contact Maurine LeBeau, project manager.

There will be ribbons awarded in three categories; children, youth, and adult. Cash prizes, provided by North Star Bank, will go to Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Best in Show.

## Children's Garden

We are harvesting romaine, spinach, radishes, onions, Swiss chard and a few beets. We are watching the tomatoes develop and are waiting for them to turn red. We are getting a few strawberries and eagerly watching the new blooms appear where strawberries will grow. We are now planting black-eyed peas, lima beans, radishes, cucumber, bush beans, and okra where some of the cooler weather crops will end. We are discussing continuing to meet on Thursday evenings after mid-June if it isn't unbearably hot and if we can get participants. We want to see some of the warm weather crops mature and we like to meet! We're getting attached to the kids and they to us. We are having 6 visitors from an environmental class at Northlakes join us next Thursday. One of our neighboring gardeners is going to let us dig a few of his potatoes and another one will let us pick an ear of corn when they mature. The two resident bunnies have had three babies and one likes to hide under our nasturtiums. We've encountered cucumber beetles and stink bugs, but they seem to be under control. The morning glories, peas, beans, cucumber and sunflowers are growing up around our trellis tunnel and we look forward to having it become an enclosed tunnel. Hope you are having as much fun with your projects as we are with ours!



*Marie Harris, Project Manager*



## Date is Set for Fall Fundraiser

The DCMGA Plant Sale date has been set for Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at LISDOLA, the site of one of DCMGA's largest, ongoing projects. According to Karen Archambault, DCMGA chairman for ways and means, many volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Volunteers have already been assigned duties of watering the plants that have already arrived at two locations for summer "baby-sitting." To find out more about volunteer opportunities, contact Karen.

Another way to help with the fall fundraiser (and thin out your flower beds!) is to host a "Potting Party." Parties have already been held by Mary Morrow and Myrna Engle. Any potting soil required will be furnished by DCMGA.



## 2006 Master Gardener Trainee Class Roundup

The annual fall roundup for trainee class members will be Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 AM-Noon, at the extension office. This is our chance to meet with fellow gardeners and discuss DCMGA programs and projects. Fliers regarding the roundup and class dates can be obtained at the extension office; be sure to pick up some for those friends and neighbors who have expressed an interest in becoming a Master Gardener.

## 2006 State Master Gardener Conference

Brazos County Master Gardeners, along with Dr. Doug Welsh and Charla Anthony, will host the 2006 State Conference May 4-6 in Reed Arena at Texas A & M University. More information regarding transportation and accommodations will be provided later.

## ASPCA Warning on Disulfoton

How does your garden grow? Do you treat your roses and other flowering plants with systemic insecticides that are absorbed through the roots? While effective at eliminating aphids and other insects, certain types may be very dangerous to pets.

According to Donna Wolfe, DCMGA volunteer coordinator and active member of a local animal rescue, a bulletin from the Animal Poison Control Center of the ASPCA reports that disulfoton is a very potent systemic organophosphate insecticide that also acts on the neurological systems of dogs, cats and other pets. Pets ingesting this insecticide may suffer from a variety of serious symptoms and may even die.

The APCC reminds us to carefully follow label instructions for use and to only use and store away from pet's reach.

## Minutes

### DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MAY 3, 2005

**President Carolyn Tinner** called the DCMGA Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Those in attendance were Annie Brackin, John Cooper, Peggy Durrett, Pam McClimon, Carolyn Tinner, Linda Williams, and Mary Morrow. The minutes were submitted via email by **Mary Morrow, Secretary**, and approved with corrections to the role of the Treasurer.

**Linda Williams, Treasurer**, presented the Treasurer's report. The ending balance is \$65,742.47, which includes \$55,480.47 for the 2005 Conference. Due to the 2005 Conference beginning in two days, no agenda was published and we proceeded to any new business.

Mary requested the scholarship guidelines be reviewed and consideration be given to any student residing in Denton County regardless of the college or university they attend. Carolyn also advised we need to select a new chairperson for the scholarship committee. A meeting was set for June 9 in the extension office at 9:30 AM and will be posted in the Roto-Teller for those who would be interested in attending.

**Pam McClimon, Roto-Teller Editor**, advised the May edition featured "For the Love of Gardening." Discussion of the progress of pictures on the website followed. It was decided permission would be obtained on an as-needed basis, and children's pictures would not be used.

**Karen Archambault, Second Vice-president**, gave an update on the Fall Plant Sale. It was decided potting soil would be provided. She advised we had received a water wand from Gardener's Supply in response to the Conference. It will be used as a door prize at a future meeting. She also advised the crocheted items that Tina Litherland had donated would be sold at the DCMGA vendor booth. She had looked into framing, but due to expense decided against it.

**Peggy Durrett, 2005 Conference Chairman**, gave the last report on the Conference. Registration included 484 attendees (including "Saturday only" ), 69 guests, 389 attending welcome reception, 487 attending Friday banquet, and 565 attending Saturday lunch. It was decided registration would take walk-ins on Saturday until 9:00 AM. Color Me Mine canceled. Scott Kunst was returning from the Netherlands prior to the Conference and sent ahead his material for the banquet and Saturday session. We will print the material and place on chairs at the banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

## Datebook

### June 2005

**Jun. 4** - Texas Discovery Gardens Plant Sale

**Jun. 8** - DCMGA monthly meeting, Trinity Turf at Pilot Point

**Jun. 10 at 9:30am** - The DCMGA Scholarship Committee will meet at the Extension Office

**Jun. 11 or 12** - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops

**Jun. 15 at 8:30am** - Bayless Selby House Workday

**Jun. 18 8:30am to 1pm** - Third annual Fruit, Vegetable, Herb, and Flower Show at Fireman's Memorial Park

**Jun. 21 & 22** and again on **Jun. 28 & 29** - A two-day "Specialist in Oak Wilt" training session will be offered at Tenroc Ranch in Salado

**Jun. 23 at 7pm** - Collin County Master Gardeners have extended an invitation to us to attend their monthly general meeting at the Science/Research Building, Heard Museum, McKinney

**Jun 25** - 2005 Crape Myrtle Conference at Collin County Community College in McKinney

### July 2005

**Jul. 13 at 7pm** - DCMGA monthly meeting at the Extension Office, Nancy Collins and Owen Yost, Backyard Habitats

**Jul. 24-27** - 2005 International Master Gardener Conference in Saskatoon, Canada

### August 2005

**Aug. 6 or 7** - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops

### September 2005

**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

### December 2005

**Dec. 3 or 4** - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops

## Service Hours

First Name	Last Name	Yr	T Hours	S Hours
Cindy	Adams	97	0	4
<b>Kristin</b>	<b>Anthony</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>
Jim	Appleby	00	8	24.5
Carole	Appleby	00	7	15
Karen	Archambault	99	7	151
Ruth	Bain	93	3	8
Anne	Banks	01	1	34
Paula	Blackshear	03	2	2.75
Diana	Block	04	0	0
Brent	Bloechle	03	2	57
Darla	Bostick	97	2	62.5
Annie	Brackin	01	10.25	76.5
Judy	Brough	05	89.5	49.5
Annell	Burns	03	10	45.5
Brian	Byrwa	05	74.5	53
Sue	Chellew	02	8	38
Emily	Clough	04	0	3
<b>Judy</b>	<b>Cobb</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Celia</b>	<b>Cohen</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>42.75</b>
Susan	Cook	03	3	19
Brigid	Corbett	01	2	0
Alice	Cox	00	5	27.5
<b>Susan</b>	<b>Dawson</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83.5</b>
Ruthanne	Dencklau	04	0	6
Tracy	Durmick	01	0	6.5
Peggy	Durrett	00	10	48.5
Thomas	Edmundson	95	11	2
Gracie	Egan	04	4	6.5
Carol	Eggert	04	6	0
Myrna	Engle	93	0	15
<b>Janie</b>	<b>Farler</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>92.5</b>
<b>Joanne</b>	<b>Fellows</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>127.5</b>
Carol	Fitch	01	6	54.5
Nancy	Franke	03	0	2
Janet	Gershenfeld	02	10	0
Kathleen	Gielink	02	2	13
Alice	Gill	04	6.5	4.5
Carolyn	Gold	96	1	26
Monique	Goodhart	02	0	0
<b>Sybil</b>	<b>Gordon</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Liz</b>	<b>Gould</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Kaye</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15.5</b>



Gene	Gumfory	05	81	32.5
<b>Judy</b>	<b>Guthrie</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Mary</b>	<b>Hafer</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>19</b>
Lynn	Hagler	97	0	0
Bobbie	Hanford	02	0	0
<b>Sher</b>	<b>Harnish</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14.5</b>
Tom	Harpool	94	1	6.5
<b>Marie</b>	<b>Harris</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>
Muriel	Harvey	05	62.5	28
<b>Andrea</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72.5</b>
Beth	Haywood	03	0	0
<b>Sandra</b>	<b>Hiatte</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>84</b>
Debbie	Hipp	03	0	2
Jan	Hodson	03	8	0
Delores	Hutson	00	0	0
Connie	Johnson	03	10	13.25
<b>Scotty</b>	<b>Kolb</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>87</b>
Kathy	Koza	00	0	9.5
<b>Linda</b>	<b>Krimm</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>153.5</b>
Diane	Land	97	6	22
Gresha	Leamon	99	4	5
Maurine	LeBeau	02	6	55
Millie	LeClaire	04	0	0
Julie	Levine	03	3	104.5
<b>Tina</b>	<b>Litherland</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>89</b>
Ann	Looney	97	9	7.75
Clarice	Luce	03	9.5	11
Maribeth	Lynch	04	8	19
Amy	Marcotte	02	6	28.5
Karen	Martin	02	7	0
Pamela	McClimon	03	8	73.5
<b>Evelyn</b>	<b>McMillen</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>33</b>
Jorja	Merrick	05	75	59.5
Maggie	Metzinger	04	7	0
Deanne	Miles	04	1	16
<b>Nancy</b>	<b>Miley</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>76.5</b>
Maxine	Moore	01	6	18.25
Joe	Moore	01	6	11
Mary	Morrow	01	30.5	100.75
James	Murdock	04	1	10
<b>Susan</b>	<b>Musgrave</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>67</b>
Lee	Niethammer	05	70	69
Ruth	Orpin	99	1	18.5
Pam	Owens	04	0	27.5
<b>Cheryl</b>	<b>Parkinson</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>21.3</b>
<b>Jill</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>84</b>

<b>Adele</b>	<b>Petty</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>21.75</b>	<b>36.5</b>
Karen	Phillips	03	0	6.5
Rica	Potenz	94	0	8.25
Jane	Powell	94	-	-
Shari	Prince	04	10	0
Suzanne	Pugh	01	0	28.5
Linda	Ragsdale	00	0	28
Susan	Randolph	02	0	0
Kathryn	Rasure	00	0	9.5
<b>Carolyn</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>75.5</b>
Mary Ellen	Richards	97	3	18.5
Judy	Riley	02		
Nancy	Ross	05	66	60
Fay	Saxinger	90	0	11.5
Selena	Schindler	92	1	12
Debbie	Siggelko	05		
Karen	Smith	94	1	12
Lonnie	Smith	02	6	0
<b>Rodney</b>	<b>Sowalskie, Jr.</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>73.23</b>	<b>92.25</b>
JoeAnn	Stahel	98	1	9.5
Joan	Stanley	94	12	0
Joy	Stewart	04	1	7.25
Lisa	Stiles	05	67	29.75
Shelli	Stone	02	2	9
Sharon	Strickland	05	70.5	3.75
Larry	Swenson II	05	82	6.5
Kay	Teegarden	05		
Carolyn	Tinner	02	9	161.5
Pamela	Tuckey	04	0	0
<b>Debbie</b>	<b>Van Ness</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>
Donna	Ware	03	2	0
<b>Brenda</b>	<b>Wellenreiter</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>28.5</b>
Cindy	Wermeske	02	3	6.5
Diane	Wetherbee	01	7	5
Linda	Williams	00	1	68.5
Eleanor	Woisard	05	62.5	0
<b>Donna</b>	<b>Wolfe</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>48</b>
Carol	Wright	01	0	0
Connie	Youngblood	02	0	13

**Names in Bold have completed certification requirements for year.**  
Any discrepancies should be reviewed at the Extension office.