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For the Love of Gardening



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Happy Birthday to you!

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For the Love of Gardening

While attending the Annual MG Conference in College Station many years ago, I heard Greg Grant lecture for the first time and fell in love. While taking the Landscape Design class in College Station in the Fall of 2003, I heard Greg Grant lecture for the second time and knew that I was in love. That day I immediately purchased *The Southern Heirloom Garden* and had Dr. Welch and Greg Grant autograph it. That evening, my roommate and I poured over the photos in the book like two young school girls studying for a final exam. I continued to absorb the book for the next several months and when I returned to College Station in February of 2004 to take the next class, we took a side trip to the Antique Rose Emporium. There I purchased my first crinum. In the back of the book there is a list of recommended nurseries, some of which have websites and I had been looking at those websites for several months but not buying anything. When I got home I got on line and purchased the Amaryllis (St. Joseph's Lily) from Old House Gardens, which is recommended by Welch & Grant in their book. I created a brand new flower bed on the southwest corner of my backyard under the large winged elm. Immediately around the trunk of the tree I planted Columbine and around the outer perimeter I have planted the crinum and the amaryllis along with a few irises and some rain lilies. Nothing bloomed in that garden last year but this year the Columbine has exploded. Just as they were finishing up blooming, the Irises opened up. Now the Irises are just about finished and the St. Joseph Lily bloomed. I am now worshiping the "Plant God" in hopes that the Crinum will bloom this summer.

Now actually getting to meet Scott Kunst and hear his lecture presentations will be the icing on the cake for me. I have been ordering faithfully from his catalog since the Spring of 2004 and have purchased glads, dahlias, rain lilies, daffodils, fritillary, Mexican single tuberose and oxblood lilies. I have only been ordering a few at a time for fear that I was throwing my money away on something that I could not grow. The glads came up last summer with no problem and so did the tuberose. Now the amaryllis is up and the glads and tuberose are coming back so I am very excited anticipating what this year's garden will look like.

Karen, Flower Mound

Karen's roommate was Janet Starr, class of 99 also, who is now a Woods County Master Gardener, having retired to Mineola in May, 2003. Janet and Karen have been to all of the state conferences together except Corpus Christi and have attended the Landscape Design classes together in College Station. They continue to travel together even though Janet is now in Mineola. They will be roommates again this year at this week's conference.

They're Hereeeee! DCMGA Hosts 2005 State Conference This Week

More than 500 Master Gardeners from Texas and Oklahoma will be welcomed by DCMGA to the 2005 State Advanced Training Seminar. The seminar site, The Doral Tesoro Hotel and Golf Club, reports that all rooms reserved for the conference have been booked.

A year and a half of planning and hard work began in December 2003 when DCMGA won approval from the MG State Board of Directors to host the 2005 conference. Peggy Durrett, Conference Chairman, put together a planning committee that started meeting monthly in 2004; those meeting became semimonthly in 2005. With more than 70 DCMGA volunteers working on the various committees, Peggy and the committee chairmen have put together an exciting conference.



The committees and their leaders are:

Accommodations and Centerpieces- Janie Farler
Art Show- Ann Banks
Budget- Linda Williams
Exhibitors/Vendors- Kaye Gross
Hospitality- Mary Morrow
Meals, Website, Sunday Garden Tours and Golf Tournament-
Linda Krimm
Protocol, Family Activities and Registration- Liz Gould
Registration booklet- Susie Cook
Signage- Jim Appleby
Speakers-
Carolyn Tinner
Sponsors- Mary Ellen Richards
Tours and Transportation- Karen Archambault
Volunteer Coordinator- Donna Wolfe



Updates

Project Manager Reminder

All project managers are requested to submit any pictures taken of their projects to Susan Musgrave, DCMGA Historian. You may either drop them off in the box provided at the extension office or e-mail them to Susan.



Fall Plant Sale Reminder

Remember to start preparing for the Fall Plant Sale and Fundraiser. As you complete your spring cleanup and plant thinning, pot those extras "pass-alongs" for sale this fall. Your plant donations can be "baby-sat" for you during the hot summer months at two different locations.

For members living north of Lake Lewisville, contact Gene Gumfory at (940) 367-0221 or genegumfory@earthlink.net. Please contact Gene first to be sure he is home before delivering any plants.

If you live south of Lake Lewisville, LISDOLA will be housing our donated plants. Already potted plants may be placed in the all-mulch bed ; a bed of soil and dyno-dirt has been created to maintain those plants not in pots. If neither location is convenient for you, please contact Karen Archambault, (972) 874-8005 or kladba@comcast.net.

No May General Meeting

Due to the State Conference being hosted by DCMGA this month, there will be no monthly general meeting. Members will have the opportunity to earn twelve hours of advanced training credit during the conference.



Invitation to Collin County Monthly Meeting

The Collin County Master Gardeners have extended an invitation to us to attend their monthly general meeting on Thursday, June 23, 7:00 PM at the Science/Research Building, Heard Museum, McKinney. Dr. Cecil Pounders will be the featured speaker on "The Sex Life of Petunias and Bananas." (Maybe we need to investigate what's going on in Collin County!)



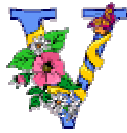
Training Opportunities

Crape Myrtle Conference

On Saturday, June 25, there will be a 2005 Crape Myrtle Conference, hosted by the Crape Myrtle Society of America, in partnership with Carpe Myrtle Trails of McKinney and the Texas Cooperative Extension. It will be held at Collin County Community College in

McKinney. The conference starts at 8:00 AM and the cost per attendee is \$45.00. On site late registration is \$50.00 and subject to availability.

Master Gardeners can earn four advanced training hours for conference attendance. Speakers will be Dr. Margaret Pooler, Research Geneticist with USDA, David Byers, grower and author of *Crape Myrtle A Grower's Thoughts*, Dr. Raul Cabrera, conducting crape myrtle research at Texas A&M Dallas, Dr. David Creech, Stephen F. Austin State University and more.



Volunteer Opportunities



Children's Garden

We've had a good month at the Children's Garden. We've planted strawberries, onions, Celebrity tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers, broccoli, cabbage, Swiss chard, romaine lettuce, radishes, beets, peas, beans, cucumbers, birdhouse gourds, carrots, Swiss chard, corn, herbs and some flowers. We are beginning to harvest some white icicle radishes. The kids are thrilled to take something home from the garden! We have decided to open the garden up to elementary school kids and see how it goes. My neighbor children are very excited about participating, and we think some older kids will enrich the experience for everyone.

Marie Harris, Project Manager

Bayless-Selby House

Come by and see all the spring flowers growing at the Bayless-Selby House. The iris and roses are outstanding!

We have had two workdays, sprucing up before the State Conference (Bayless-Selby is on a tour). In May, the regular workday is the third Wednesday, May 18, 9:00, AM; June's workday will be Wednesday, June 15, 9:00, AM. Volunteers are welcome to work at any time in the gardens or participate on scheduled workdays. The Park is at the intersection of Mulberry and Carroll Streets in Denton. Bring your gardening tools and come and join the team!

Carolyn Gold, Project Manager



Highland Village Elementary School

Highland Village Elementary Outdoor Classroom is looking great! We have started a butterfly garden, sensory garden, native grass area, wildlife area, and a weather station. Most of the plants and areas are labeled the kindergarten classes planted strawberries in the raised beds and the first grade planted radishes, bush beans and native plants. Fifth graders will plant red, white, and blue plants in and around a large star built with concrete edging stones. Fourth graders will conduct weather experiments. We are working on getting more birdhouses and an entrance arbor built.

Jill Peak, Project Manager

Minutes

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING APRIL 6, 2005

President Carolyn Tinner called the DCMGA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Those in attendance were Karen Archambault, Annie Brackin, John Cooper, Peggy Durrett, Joanne Fellows, Sandy Hiatte, Maurine LeBeau, Pam McClimon, Carolyn Tinner, Linda Williams, Donna Wolfe, and Mary Morrow.

Mary Morrow, Secretary, sent the minutes via email and the minutes were accepted as printed.

Linda Williams, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The ending balance as of March 31, 2005, is \$51,353.91, which includes \$41,067.91 for the 2005 Conference.

Maurine LeBeau, Parliamentarian, advised the Board that if there are any questions concerning the budget, they may ask for an audit, but to remember the treasurer only reports the numbers.

Linda reviewed the 2005 Conference budget and suggested our two tax-free fundraisers be held during the Conference and that all other fundraisers during the year include sales tax. Annie Brackin made a motion to approve, Sandy Hiatte seconded the motion and all present agreed.

Pam McClimon, Newsletter Editor, reviewed guidelines for individual pictures on the website and proposed a disclaimer be signed. Discussion followed and it was decided to table this item until more information could be obtained. It was decided we needed to have a newspaper on site at the Conference to publicize DCMGA's sponsoring of the event.

Donna Wolfe, Volunteer Coordinator, advised that Susan Dawson will head up the FM Environmental Fair on April 23. Pam Owens is doing a poster for the Conference on Old Settlers Elementary School. Docent training for Argyle Acres has held April 5, and Upper Trinity was hosting the Lewisville Smartscape on April 9. Carolyn Tinner will conduct tours during this event.


Marine LeBeau, Program Coordinator, advised our next General Meeting was a field trip to Dotty Woodson's orchid greenhouse in Azle. She asked if the Conference Committee had plans for the May meeting. It was decided to cancel a General Meeting in May since we will be hosting the Conference that month.

Sandy Hiatte, First Vice-president, advised TWU had requested we put the Demonstration Garden on hold. Discussion followed regarding the selection process for the Garden. It was decided to continue with the selection, send the remaining honorarium to Texas A&M, and meet with TWU to determine their future involvement.

John Cooper advised that Bayer Garden Products requested our assistance at clinics to be held at local Home Depots and Lowes. It was decided we would not be able to assist.

Mary asked Donna to provide the number of volunteers at the Conference who were working one day, and the number working two or more days. It has been decided that the volunteers will receive T-shirts, at no charge, for the Conference. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Datebook

 May 2005
May 5-8 - 2005 TMG Advanced Training Seminar, Doral Tesoro Hotel and Golf Club
May 14, 10:00am - 4:00pm , and May 15, 1:00pm - 5:00pm - Hood County Garden Tour On Saturday and Sunday the Hood County Master Gardeners will host a Garden Tour. The tour will feature several Master Gardeners' homes and will provide educational displays on drip irrigation and rainwater harvesting. Save the date; more information will be coming soon
May 18 at 9am - Bayless Selby House Workday
May 23 at 9:15am - LISDOLA workday



June 2005

Jun. 4 - Texas Discovery Gardens Plant Sale

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

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

Jun. 15 at 9am - Bayless Selby House Workday

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 - DCMGA monthly meeting, 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



October 2005

Oct. 8 or 9 - The Benz School of Floral Design Master Gardener Workshops



December 2005

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