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TREE



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TREE: A New Networking Opportunity for DCMGA

Do you work with one of the many elementary school projects sponsored by DCMGA?
Do you have an interest outdoor learning environments and want to learn more?

TREE, (**T**eaching and **R**eaching with **E**nvironmental **E**ducation) is a new networking group created by the Denton Independent School District for educators as well as community members and Master Gardeners with an interest in outdoor learning environments at elementary schools. TREE has been approved as a project of DCMGA, with DCMGA members receiving service hours from participation. The mission of TREE is:

...to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas;
...to build a community of support and encouragement, and
...to seek to become a source of inspiration, empowerment, and renewal for exceptional teachers who utilize outdoor classrooms, nature, and urban environments as tools for learning.

TREE's goal is to provide all DISD elementary students with meaningful "hands on/hearts on" outdoor environmental learning opportunities, which will broaden their knowledge and connect them with nature through field experience.

The first quarterly networking meeting will be Monday, October 3, 4:15-6:15 PM, at Newton Rayzor Elementary School cafeteria, 1400 Malone, Denton. Speaking about "The Importance of Outdoor Education" will be Kathy Cash, M.Ed., outdoor education teacher, Fort Worth Independent School District. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to tour the Newton Rayzor "Cheryl Phillips Discovery Habitat."

Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Contact Brigid Corbett, (940)384-0089.



DCMGA Fifth Annual Garden Tour, May 2006

This year's State Conference pre-empted our usual "Walk Through the Garden Tour" and we are looking ahead to next year's event. Our garden tour has grown in popularity with our community and the time is now to begin planning.

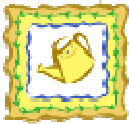
So, let's think "spring!" Remember how wonderful your garden looked last spring? I'm sure there is something there that could be used to teach new gardeners about composting, vegetable gardens, flowers, soil amendments, and maybe a few tricks to share with seasoned gardeners.

Each year, we try to present several gardens on tour for the purpose of education. We aren't looking for Martha Stewart's garden...just one like...well, like YOURS!

If you would be willing to allow us the use of your garden for the tour, there are several benefits:

1. You will have workers who cheerfully come to help you clean beds, mulch, plant annuals..of course, there is a limit of workdays.
2. Service hours galore! Yes, that's right--some of the hours you spend in your garden next spring will actually count as coveted service hours!
3. Fame. Well, you won't become famous overnight, but your name will be associated with this important event!
4. A warm, fuzzy feeling from helping out your favorite organization.

So, now it's time to volunteer your garden...



A Selection Committee is already in place. They will visit each of the gardens volunteered or nominated and choose our five "theme" gardens. As yet, we have not chosen a specific geographic region.

You still have time to volunteer your garden or nominate the garden of a fellow MG. The Selection Committee will be visiting gardens in October this year under the direction of Janie Farler. After gardens are chosen, we will put the work out for Captains who will be taken on a garden tour in February and the wheels will be set in motion for layout of brochure and tickets.

Exciting, isn't it? How do you plan to help this year?

You can contact Janie Farler to nominate gardens and Darla Bostick to volunteer time and talents.

You'll be hearing more at the next general meeting.

Darla Bostick, Garden Tour Coordinator

Put Fall General Meetings on your Calendar



The October 12 General Meeting will be a training session to address several changes within the organization. We will also have our annual Plant Swap...bring something unusual from your garden to share with fellow members. Don't forget it is an evening meeting starting with a 6:00 PM social hour. Bring some plants to share, have some yummy refreshments, learn some new procedures.

The Nominating Committee met on September 16 to discuss vacant positions on the Board and vacant key committee positions. A slate of nominees will be presented at the November 9 General Meeting. Plan to attend this important meeting so you can cast your vote for next year's Board. Positions are still open for Second Vice President (head of

Ways and Means and leads fund raising efforts), Newsletter Editor (collects DCMGA news and works closely with the Web Master in getting newsletter on Web site), Computer Committee Chairman (newly created position, will be purchasing computer and getting DCMGA more electronically savvy), Hospitality Committee Chairman (organizes refreshments at general meetings and special events), and Plant Sale Committee Chairman (organizes the collection of donated plants and distribution of plants for sale at Garden Tour).

Our December 14 General Meeting will be our annual Christmas Party. Scotty Kolb has graciously agreed to host this year's event at her home.

Sandy Hiatte, First Vice President

Reminder: 2006 Master Gardener Trainee Class Roundup, Oct.



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More Volunteers Needed for Cool shade for the Third Grade"

For the first time, DCMGA will be helping the Lewisville Independent School District distribute tree seedlings to third grade elementary students in that district. Six different varieties of tree seedlings are being provided by the Denton Soil and Water Conservation District.

Susan Musgrave, project manager, has organized the DCMGA volunteers into seven teams, who will receive, bag, and deliver these trees to the participating schools during the third week of October. She still has a need for more volunteers, especially for an additional three "team captains."

If you are interested in helping on this outreach to LIDS children and their communities, please contact Susan at (972-0816-3712 or susan.musgrave@verizon.net.



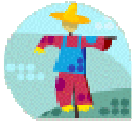
Opportunity to Help Boy Scouts

Master Gardeners are needed to help Boy Scout Troop 265 with an Eagle Project at Wichita Forest in Highland Village. Elm Fork Chapter Master Naturalists are helping to oversee the positioning of interpretive site posts and signs. Our help is needed in overseeing and planting native plants and wildflower seeds. The Wichita Forest is located at the corner of Highland Village Road and Chisum Trail. A work day is planned for Saturday, October 8, 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Janet Gershenfeld or Joan Stanley.



Updates

Little Hands On The Farm



Our State Fair is the Best State Fair - Be Part of It!

Want a chance to go to the State Fair for free and have some great family fun too ? Volunteer to help with Little Hands on the Farm and you'll get a parking pass, entrance pass and LHOFF T-shirt. DCMGA has volunteered to work Tuesday, October 11 and Saturday, October 15, during five -hour shifts, from 9:00 AM-2:15 PM. Afterward, you and your family (or friends) can enjoy the Fair. According to DCMGA member Maribeth Lynch, her family had a wonderful experience last year as they helped kids of all ages enjoy LHOFF.

Currently, we are in need of 12-15 additional volunteers for each shift. To volunteer, email Mary Morrow at hawkilittle@aol.com.

Habitat for Humanity

Master Gardeners have an opportunity to work on five Habitat houses before the end of December and it looks like they will all be landscaped after cooler weather arrives!

Two houses are being built off-site, transported to Denton and finished here. Landscaping is tentatively scheduled the first week in December.

Three houses are underway in Denton, and these have projected landscaping dates of the first, second, and third weekends in November.

These are projected dates--rain (you do remember rain, right?) and other unforeseen occurrences can sometimes change the dates, and we will have that information closer to finish. If you want to work on these installations, or if you would like to help plan the landscapes and interact with the families in choosing plants, please email me at nancyfranke5@aol.com.

Nancy Franke, Project Manager

Bayless-Selby Denton County Historical Marker Dedication

The Bayless-Selby House is a 107 year-old Queen Anne-style Victorian home at Carroll Blvd. and West Mulberry St. The house was moved from its original location at 1301

Myrtle St. to downtown Denton. The DCMGA was asked by the Denton County Historical Commission to be involved from the beginning to create the beautiful gardens for this park. On Saturday, September 14, the Denton County Historical Commission presented the Bayless-Selby House with a Denton County Historical Marker, designating the Bayless-Selby House as a Denton County Historical Landmark.

Please note a gardening day change of date! Because of the DCMG Round Up in October, we are moving our regular gardening day at Bayless-Selby House to Monday, October 17, at 9:00 AM. Hope to see you there!

Carolyn Gold, Project Manager

Speaker's Bureau

Fall is becoming a busy period for the DCMGA Speakers Bureau. Requests from schools, garden clubs and other organizations are coming in on a regular basis. Our presence is getting better known in Denton County, giving us an opportunity to spread the word about Master Gardeners and make presentations on our subjects of expertise.



The following presentations were scheduled during August and September:

1. Diane Wetherbee, LISD Outdoor Learning Center, LISD PTA Council Chairpersons
2. Annell Burns, Becoming a Master Gardener and Fall Garden Color, Corinth Seniors Citizen Club
3. Rodney Sowalskie, Xeriscaping and Garden Preparation, Lantana Garden Club
4. Marie Harris, Vegetable Gardening, Castle Hills Elementary School, Gifted Students
5. Joe Ann Stahel Native Texas Perennial and Super Stars, Lewisville Senior Citizen Center Garden Club
6. Janet Gershenfeld/Companion Rose Planting, Faye Saxinger/Firewise Gardening, Susan Randolph/Container Gardening, Janet Gershenfeld/Fall Colors in the Landscape, Joe Ann Stahel/Landscaping with Natives, LISDOLA Info-Fair and Plant Sale.
7. Maurine LeBeau, Butterfly Gardening and Master Gardener Information, Denton State School Foster Grandparents Club.

I would like to thank all our members who have participated in these presentations. October and November promise more requests for our group. We are always looking for new faces to join the Speakers Bureau. If you are interested, or just want to learn a little more about the group, please contact me.

Annell Burns, Project Manager

Despite the threat of hurricane Rita, Plants, Birds & Elephants proceeded on Saturday, September 24th without a hitch. Vendors and volunteers began eagerly arriving at LISDOLA at 7:30 a.m. and the location was abuzz with activity. By 9:00 a.m. we were ready for the arrival of our first customers. For the most part, the skies remained overcast and there was a constant breeze with an occasional gust, making the temperatures comfortable. Thanks to Linda Krimm and her trusty bunch of plant sale helpers, we watched wheelbarrows of sold plants leave the parking lot in a steady stream. Janet Gershenfeld started off our day by presenting a lecture on Companion Planting with Roses. While her group was small, Janet said the group was very attentive to her lecture and had lots of questions. Myrna Engle was loaded down with books and binoculars as she lead a group on a birding/wildflower hike. Fay Saxinger and Selena Schindler presented the second lecture of the day on Fire Wise Gardening. By 11:30, there was quite a crowd at LISDOLA and Susan Randolph presented a hands-on demonstration and lecture on Container Gardening. At 12:15, Myrna was back on the trails again guiding another group. Janet, with the assistance of Joan Stanley, was back in the classroom at 12:30 for her second presentation of the day on Fall Colors in the Landscape. Joeann Stahel drove all of the way in from her lake house in Bonham to lecture on Landscaping with Natives. Selena Schindler and her group hawked MG merchandise all day while Carolyn Tinner and her assistants manned the White Elephant table. Liz Gould and Shelli Stone presented our youngest visitors with a hands-on JMG activity. Rica Potenz and Diane Wetherbee gave guided tours of the LISDOLA gardens and answered questions about the history of LISDOLA and its gardens. Carol Fitch and her volunteers handed our landscaping/gardening publications from the extension office and offered information on how to become a Master Gardener. Mary Morrow set up posters displaying some of our many ongoing community activities/projects, helped with the plant sale and then proudly displayed her handsome new grandson. While we do not know exactly how many attended PB&E, we had at least 76 members of the general public who completed a brief questionnaire. These folks came from not only Flower Mound and Lewisville but also from Denton, Corinth, Oak Point, The Colony, Carrollton, Little Elm, Copper Canyon, Double Oak, Highland Village, and Argyle. They heard about PB&E from seeing our flyers, seeing it in newspapers, on websites, in LISD's newsletter, and by word of mouth. There were quite a few interested in learning more about the Master Gardener program and we even had one visit complete an application to join our association. Our visitors were the very young who enjoyed face painting and completing a JMG project to quite a few senior citizens. We attracted the Lewisville Leader who sent a photographer and all of the vendors who participated were happy with their sales results. I think it is safe to say that those of us who volunteered to work the Info-Fair had a good time and enjoyed ourselves. While this event was not a money-maker, it was still a huge success in that we accomplished what we set out to do. The primary purpose of PB&E was to have an Info-Fair. We fulfilled the requirements of our 501c3 non-profit status with this event by carrying out the objectives of the Texas Master Gardener Program. In keeping with the definitions and objectives of the Texas Master Gardener Program, through PB&E, DCMGA increased the availability of horticultural information and improved the quality of life through a horticultural project.

Karen Archambault, Project Manager-Plants, Birds & Elephants

Your Presence is Requested

Annual Master Gardener Planning Retreat
Thursday, October 6
Woman's Building
610 Oakland St., Denton

Our organization has grown dramatically in the past few years. We need to take stock and plant a healthy direction for the future. How will we meet the challenge of making a difference in our community? How do we meet the obligations of our mission statement to educate our communities?

The topics and others will be discussed at our annual retreat. We hope you will join us for this very important planning meeting. Bring any comments or suggestions you may have concerning the future of our organization.

Questions? Contact Sandy Hiatte.

Minutes

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Sandy Hiatte, Maurine LeBeau, Pam McClimon, Susan Musgrave, Karen Smith, Carolyn Tinner, Donna Wolfe, and Mary Morrow.

The minutes were submitted to the Board via email by **Mary Morrow, Secretary**. Corrections to the minutes are as follows: Photo Ops and Parting Shots; Darla Bostick volunteered "to" be in charge, etc.

Carolyn submitted to Treasurer's Report for **Linda Williams, Treasurer**; the ending balance is \$13,424.34.

Carolyn showed everyone the brochure for the Round Up created by Julie Levine. They will be handed out at LHOFF and the Plant Sale.

Karen Smith gave information regarding grant monies available from a gas leasing company. Discussion was held and it was decided if we have a need in the future we will pursue.

Carolyn gave all present a copy of the Speaker's Bureau Report. It was decided to include the report on the web site.

Karen Archambault, Second Vice President, gave an update on Plants, Birds, and Elephants. Carolyn voiced a concern for safety for those parking outside of LISDOLA. Karen will be contacting the Lewisville Police Department for assistance.

Carolyn advised they were finishing up the Power Point for Photo Ops and Parting shots, which will be the next General Meeting.

Susan Musgrave, Historian, gave an update on the Tree Distribution Program for LISD. She is working on a final count of the number of trees to be distributed, and is working with Steve Spurger.

Carolyn advised there are still openings for the afternoon Advanced Training Propagation Class. If anyone is interested, please sign up with Jim Appleby. The cost is \$10.00.

Carolyn advised the Garden Tour Selection Committee was meeting on September 15. Gardens will be finalized in the next month. Carolyn reviewed the costs associated with the MG training class. Annie Brackin made a motion to Charge \$125 per trainee, discussion followed, and Karen Archambault seconded the motion. All present approved.

Karen Archambault volunteered to locate a speaker for the 2006 Annual Dinner and 2005 Graduation. It will be held on Tuesday, January 10; the location is still being determined.

Sandy Hiatte, First Vice President, is coordinating the Round Up, to be held on **October 19**, at the Extension office from 10:00 AM to noon.

Carolyn advised she and Peggy Durrett attended the MG State meeting and presented the Brazos County MG with the \$1,000 sponsorship for the next state conference. She said she received many accolades about the 2005 Conference.

Pam McClimon, Roto-Teller Editor, advised Keep Denton Beautiful has funds available for projects in Denton; it was decided to refer her to Carol Fitch, Project Manager for the North Denton Library. All requests from KDB for involvement of DCMGA should be referred to John.

Carolyn is meeting Friday, September 16, at the Extension office with the Nominating Committee, consisting of Sandy Hiatte and Janie Farler.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Datebook



October 2005

Oct. 3, 4:15-6:15 pm - TREE, first quarterly networking meeting at Newton Razor

Oct. 6, 9am to 3pm - DCMGA Annual Retreat at the Denton Woman's Building

Oct 8, 9am - Boy Scout Troop 265, Eagle Project at Wichita Forest in Highland Village

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

Oct. 11, 9am to 2:15pm - LHOFF Fair days

Oct. 12, 6pm - Fall General Meeting and Plant Swap at the Extension Office

Oct 14 - Last Day to sign up for The Scent of Christmas

Oct. 15, 9am to 2:15pm - LHOFF Fair days

Oct.17, 9am - Bayless-Selby House workday

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

Nov. 9, 9am - General Meeting, a slate of nominees will be presented at the Extension Office

December 2005

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 - General Meeting will be our annual Christmas Party at Scotty Kolb's home

May 2006

May 4-6 - 2006 State Conference in Reed Arena at Texas A &M University