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Your DCMGA Monthly Meeting Agenda

February 9	Vegetable Gardening, Tom Harpool, Denton County Master Gardener
March 9	Sher Harnish, Adaptive Gardening (evening meeting)
April 13	Dotty Woodson, Orchids
May	Hosting State Conference
June 8	Trinity Turf, Pilot Point
July 13	Nancy Collins and Owen Yost, Backyard Habitats
August 10	Dotty Woodson
September 14	Gaylord Texan, Grapevine
October 12	Plant Exchange (evening meeting)
November 9	Visit to Color Star Nursery, Sanger
December 14	DCMGA Christmas Party

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Comments & Suggestions: Please call Pam McClimon or e-mail [Editor](#) with your comments and suggestions.

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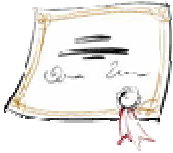


2/2 Carol Appleby	2/15 Carolyn Tinner
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Happy Birthday to You!
Happy Birthday to You!
Happy Birthday to Ya'all!
Happy Birthday to You!

Annual Awards and Graduation Dinner



Seven DCMGA members received special recognition at the Annual Awards and Graduation Dinner, held Thursday, January 5, at the Doral Tesoro Hotel, the site of our up-coming state conference.

Through a "member's choice" selection, Peggy Durrett was named Master Gardener of the Year. Peggy has served as chairman of the state conference committee and has led the efforts to pull together an exciting conference program- and has done it ahead of schedule!

The Extra Mile Award went to Linda Krimm, who, in addition to working on the state conference committee, served as DCMGA treasurer and webmaster. Linda also co-chaired the implementation of the TWU Demonstration Garden.

A Special Merit Award was presented to Mary Morrow, who also received the award for Veteran with the Most Hours (398!). Mary is secretary for DCMGA and spent other volunteer hours as project manager for Little Hands on the Farm and on the State Conference Committee. She volunteered at the Garden Tour and Plant Sale, LISDOLA , Habitat for Humanity and provided direct public contact making "tree calls" throughout Denton County.

Mary Ellen Richards received the Educator Award. An active member of the Speaker's Bureau, she is also project manager at the Oak Grove Bible Garden. Mary Ellen has worked on the TWU Demonstration Garden and Courthouse-on-the-Square projects, as well as the Garden Tour and Scholarship Committee.

The Intern Special Award was given to Joanne Fellows, who served as president of the 2004 intern class, worked on several projects including the Garden Tour and Children's Community Garden, as well as sharing her technical expertise to solve various association needs.

Susan Musgrave received recognition as the Intern with the Most Hours (183!)

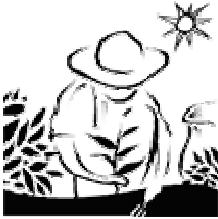
Service pins recognizing years of service to the association were presented to:

15 years	Tom Edmundson	
10 years	Faye Saxinger	
5 years	Jim and Carol Appleby Alice Cox Peggy Durrett Liz Gould Mary Hafer	Delores Hutson Kathy Koza Linda Ragsdale Kathryn Rasure Linda Williams

2004 Volunteer Hours for Denton County Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Volunteers:	123
Hours Volunteered:	8,442
People Reached:	8,396
Full-time Employee Equivalent	4

Master Gardener Prayer



In my Father's Garden I am well-tended. As my Caretaker, He daily meets my needs--as I am His cherished favorite. He daily cultivates my soul. With His gentle hand He provides the glistening dewdrops that greet me in the mornings as well as the soft afternoon rains that nourish my soul. He is truly my Master Gardener.

Let me be like the birds that sing of Your glory and the butterflies as they silently dance from bloom to bloom. Or perhaps I could be like the bumblebees that revel in Your creation and complain not as they toil each hour of the day.

Lord I pray that You guide my hand and help me to be Your Master Gardener.

Keep me mindful that what I sow is what I shall reap.

Help me then to plant seeds of kindness.

Give me the strength to grow the best in myself.

I thank you for the glorious sunshine--the happy moments in my life when I feel I could dance upon the sunbeams.

I thank you for the clouds and the rainbow you paint in the Heaven as they remind me to be humble before You.

And when the clouds of my life darken with a fearful trembling, I thank You for your compassion and comfort.

I want to grow, to blossom and reach each day higher and closer to You.

Help me clear the paths of my mind and weed out thoughts unpleasing to You.

When the soft pine straw is underfoot, guide my steps to follow Your desires.

Let my bounty be one of new friendships through my service to others.

Just as the lilies in the field in all their finery, help me find beauty in today rather than worries of tomorrow.

Father, let my actions be a reflection of Your Love.

Let my words by a symphony to your glory and let me, when troubled, feel your caress in the breeze.

Let my fragrance delight you and others.

But, Father, more than anything, let me bow before You, and return my thanks for Your tender care as my Master Gardener.

Amen

Inspiration from the Garden, a book of prayers written by Darla Bostick

What's New at the Speakers Bureau

Wanted: "DCMGA seeks DCMGs for rewarding personal involvement. Public exposure required. No previous experience necessary."

Got your attention? Then you should become a part of our Speakers Bureau. In the past year, we have made presentations to many areas of the Denton County community, including Lake Forest Good Samaritan Village, Lewisville Sr. Citizens, Krum Library Sr. Citizens, as well as many local garden clubs. Some DCMGs volunteering as speakers have been Janie Farler, Mary Ellen Richards, Linda Williams, Phil Weatherby, Liz Gould, Maurine LeBeau and Annell Burns.

This year, the Speakers Bureau needs even more volunteers, as community requests are increasing. Already scheduled for 2005 are:

- Lewisville Greater Garden Club, "Golden Rules of Successful Houseplant Care" by Annell Burns (presented on Jan. 12)
- Dallas Home and Garden Show, Market Hall, Dallas, March 3, 4, & 5
 - "Attracting Wild Birds to Your Landscape", Friday, March 4, 3 p.m. by Debbie Hipp
 - Topiary Workshop, Friday, March 4, 11 a.m. by Carolyn Tinner and team
 - "Native Texas Gardening", Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m. by Rica Potenz
- Flower Mound Public Library, Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m. "Focus on Xeriscaping", by Karen Archambault

You do not have to be a professional speaker to participate. Your love of flowers, vegetables, lawns, trees, houseplants or plant -related crafts , or an interest in birds, butterflies, etc. is all you need! Not all presentations are as large as the Dallas Home and Garden Show; most are small groups. We even have "in-house" talent available to help you create your own power-point presentation. For more information or to volunteer, contact me.

Annell Burns, Speakers Bureau Chairman



Datebook

February 2005

- **Feb. 2 at 9:00 am** - DCMGA Board Meeting at the Extension Office
- **Feb. 3 at 9:30 am** - Topiary Meeting at the Extension Office
- **Feb. 7 at 9:30 am** - Conference Committee meeting, Health Department conference room (same building as Extension Office)
- **Feb. 9 at 9:00 am** - DCMGA Monthly Meeting at the Extension Office. The general meeting's program will be vegetable gardening, presented by Tom Harpool, Denton County Master Gardener, and well-known as a successful farmer and horticulturist. Learn how Tom gets ready for the planting season!
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- **Feb. 16 at 10:00 am** - Photography-From Landscape to Close-Up, first session. The classes are free but registration with Donna Wolfe is required.
- **Feb. 21 at 9:30 am** - Conference Committee meeting, Highland Village Community Meeting Room, Highland Village City Hall
- **Feb. 24, 10:00am. to 4:00pm** - Advanced Master Composting Class at the Central Fire Station Training Room , 3838 Forums Drive, in Flower Mound
- **Feb. 28 at 9:15 am** – LISDOLA Workday. Interns are invited to come out to LISDOLA for an Open House/Workday. Interns are encouraged to visit this project as a group and may stay to earn some volunteer work hours.



March 2005

- **Mar. 4-6** - The 2005 Spring Dallas Home & Garden Show at Market Hall. The show hours are: Fri. 2-8pm, Sat. 10am - 8pm and Sun. 11am - 6pm.
- **Mar. 7 at 9:30 am**- Conference Committee meeting, Health Department conference room (same building as Extension Office)
- **Mar. 7 at 1:00 pm** - Our Gift from Spain: Colonial Farming and Ranching Comes to Texas, an illustrated talk by William W. Dunmire, at the Denton Courthouse-on-the Square Museum
- **Mar. 8 at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** - Butterfly Habitat Certification Class, Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center
- **Mar. 9** – DCMGA Monthly meeting (evening meeting), Sher Harnish, Adaptive Gardening
- **Mar. 16 at 10 am** - Photography-From Landscape to Close-Up, second session.
- **Mar. 21** - Conference Committee meeting, Extension Office conference room

April 2005

- **Apr. 4 at 9:30 am** - Volunteer training meeting, Guadalupe Room, Doral Hotel and Golf Club
- **Apr. 4** - Conference Committee meeting, following volunteer training meeting, Guadalupe Room, Doral Hotel and Golf Club
- **Apr. 13** - DCMGA Monthly Meeting, Dotty Woodson, Orchids
- **Apr. 18 at 9:30 am**- Conference Committee meeting, Health Department conference room (same building as Extension Office)
- **Apr. 18 at 7 pm** - Volunteer training meeting, Guadalupe Room, Doral Hotel and Golf Club

May 2005

- **May 5-8** - 2005 TMG Advanced Training Seminar, Doral Tesoro Hotel and Golf Club
- **May 14, 10 am -4 pm, and May 15, 1 pm - 5 pm** - 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

Minutes

DENTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING JANUARY 5, 2005



President -elect Carolyn Tinner called the DCMGA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 9:15 am. Those in attendance were Carol Appleby, Karen Archambault, Annie Brackin, Annell Burns, John Cooper, Linda Krimm, Maurine LeBeau, Pam McClimon, Carolyn Tinner, Linda Williams, Donna Wolfe and Mary Morrow.

Mary Morrow, Secretary, submitted the minutes from the December meeting. Linda Krimm made a motion to approve, Linda Williams, seconded the motion and all present approved.

Maurine LeBeau gave a review of parliamentary procedures, advising the board that the minutes and the treasurer's report are accepted as read or corrected and do not need to be approved. She also suggested any subject needing to be discussed at the general meetings be posted via web, email or snail mail prior to the meetings, so all members will have an opportunity to review the subject prior to the meeting.

Linda Krimm, Treasurer, submitted the treasurer's report. The year end balance was \$13,207.29.

Carol Appleby, Audit Committee Chairperson, advised the committee had completed the audit for 2004 and all findings were favorable. A copy of the report was given to all present. The committee made two suggestions regarding separate checking accounts for the Demonstration Garden and that deposits for different budget items not be combined. After some discussion, the first item was accepted and the second denied, since members combine several items on one check, i.e. dues, shirts, annual dinner, etc.

Linda Williams, Treasurer-elect, submitted the budget for 2005. Some adjustments were made, including incorporating \$227 from the Herbarium Fund into the general budget. The 2005 budget will be included on the website for all to review prior to February's general meeting.

Donna Wolfe, Volunteer Coordinator, advised that there will be 28 interns in the new class, which begins Tuesday, January 11. Nineteen interns will be graduating and 14 will attend the Annual Dinner/Graduation. A total of 64 Master Gardeners and guests will be present.

Annell Burns, reporting for the Mentor Coordinator, Celia Cohen, advised that a meeting was held to review the mentor/intern relationship. Mentors will be present on the first day of class to provide breakfast items and welcome the new class members. There will be a potluck lunch on January 25, and the general membership is invited.

Pam McClimon, Roto-Teller Editor, advised the newsletter is officially on the website. The deadline for articles will be the second Friday of each month. She requested Cooper's Corner make a comeback and all present agreed.

Maurine LeBeau, Program Coordinator, advised that February general meeting will be a presentation on vegetable gardening by Tom Harpool. She gave a preview of the remaining monthly meetings.

Carolyn Tinner advised that Sue Chellew will be Hospitality Coordinator and that Jim and Carol Appleby will take over the Advanced Training Committee. Brent Bloechle is working on the award submissions for the State Conference. Linda Williams has been nominated as Outstanding Individual Master Gardener, along with Old Settlers School as Outstanding Project, the Roto-Teller as Outstanding Publications, and the DCMGA website for Multimedia.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am.

Updates

The dirt 2005 Conference Update

Registration forms for the conference and loads of details are now available on our website, DCMGA.com. Even Denton County MG volunteers will need to register so look

for the form on line, print it out, and send it in! Donna will have copies in the office as well. Don't forget to make your Doral reservation too!

As we approach zero hour for the conference, we are starting to nail down the details. As they say, "the devil's in the details." We want to exorcise the devil before he has a chance to mess things up! Think back to conferences you've attended. Any improvements to suggest? Let me, Peggy Durrett, know! We want 100% happy conferees! (Yes, there are bathrooms on the tour buses.) Before Denton County ever volunteered to host the 2005 conference, we took a vote to see if YOU wanted it! At the time, I explained a yes vote also meant a commitment to volunteer when the time came. We voted yes and now it's time to volunteer! Let's highlight a few volunteer opportunities:

We will need Denton County Master Gardeners to staff the registration table from 3 - 6pm, Thursday, May 5; 6:30 am to 6:30 pm, Friday May 6; and 6:30 - 8:30am Saturday, May 7. Liz Gould will be in charge of on-site registration. Duties involved include checking in conferees, passing out goodie bags and answering questions. Volunteers will be seated at the registration table for the most part.

We still have four tours that need Denton County MG hosts. Karen Archambault can fill in the details. The tour host helps load the buses, accompanies the tour, distributes box lunches, keeps the tour on schedule and answers conferees' questions. There is quite a bit of walking involved in all the tours. Since a large part of being a volunteer is answering general questions conferees may have, there are two volunteer training meetings (attend only one) which will provide all kinds of general info. On Monday, April 4, the morning training will be held at 9:30 am. On April 18, there will be an evening training meeting. The location will be the Guadalupe Room, Doral Hotel and Golf Club. Donna Wolfe is keeping a master list of all volunteer positions. Please call her to volunteer!

Peggy Durrett

Advanced Training Opportunities

Winter Tree Identification Class

Can you identify trees in the winter? Would you like to learn how? On Friday, February 11, Karen Smith, certified arborist and DCMGA member, will conduct a workshop on winter tree identification. We will spend a couple of hours in the classroom learning about identifying trees and then spend time outdoors putting our knowledge to work. Class will begin at 9 a.m. in the Extension conference room. Bring a brown bag lunch, water or beverage, and dress for the weather! Participation is limited; contact Donna Wolfe to enroll.

Photography-From Landscape to Close-Up

Bring your camera, lens and any questions to a 35 mm photography class designed to help improve your photography skills. The class will comprise two sessions, with the first session Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing various camera settings for

shooting everything from landscape to individual flower blossoms. We will also be doing work with digital cameras.

After using our new knowledge for a couple of weeks, we will meet again for the second session on Wednesday, March 16, at 10 a.m. to review and critique our work, as well as ask any additional questions.

The class instructor will be Annette Bibby, who has a journalism degree from Texas A&M University, as well as owning her own studio in the area for many years. The classes are free but registration with Donna Wolfe is required. The class qualifies for four Advanced Training Hours.

Advanced Master Composting Class

Here's an opportunity for at least five hours of training for those of you who will be working at the annual conference, instead of attending the seminars and workshops. It is also an opportunity for any Master Gardener who wants to improve and expand their composting knowledge.

This free class will be Thursday, February 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Central Fire Station Training Room, 3838 Forums Drive, in Flower Mound. In addition, "Keep Flower Mound Beautiful" will provide a shepherd style backyard bin, compost thermometer, Rodale Book on Composting, Yard Wise book, and Keep Flower Mound Beautiful t-shirt, along with drinks and snacks. Just bring your own sack lunch (microwave and fridge are available.)

To register for the class, call or e-mail Jim or Carol Appleby before February 21. Space will be limited.

Our Gift from Spain: Colonial Farming and Ranching Comes to Texas

When plants, foods and agriculture came from the Old World to the colonial frontier, the Southwest was changed forever. Learn about these contributions to our agricultural heritage at an illustrated talk by William W. Dunmire, at the Denton Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum on Monday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Dunmire's book, Gardens of New Spain: How Mediterranean Plants and Foods Changed America, has been recently released by the University of Texas Press and will be available for purchase after the program.

By relating directly to our local agriculture and the history of our project at Bayless-Selby House, we will be able to earn advanced training hours for attendance at this event.

Master Gardener Specialist-Oak Wilt

A two-day "Specialist in Oak Wilt" training session will be offered at Tenroc Ranch in Salado on June 21 & 22 and again on June 28 & 29. This very intensive class will train Master Gardeners to be certified as a specialist, working with the Texas Forest Service, to provide public



awareness of oak wilt and give technical support for the Oak Wilt Suppression Program. If you are interested in this training, contact John Cooper.

Volunteer Opportunities

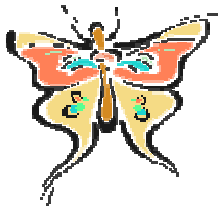
LISDOLA

There will be some gorgeous days this spring, so why not spend them sprucing up LISDOLA Outdoor Learning Area. A busy spring program is planned, with lots of students visiting. There will be work to be done cleaning up around the buildings. Scheduled work days are Monday, Feb. 28, March 14, April 25 and May 23. We start at 9:15 a.m. Bring your own tools, water, sack lunch and remember to dress for the weather.

Interns are invited to come out to LISDOLA on Monday, February 28, for an Open House/Workday. Interns are encouraged to visit this project as a group and may stay to earn some volunteer work hours.

Rica Potenz

Reminders:



Butterfly Habitat Certification Class

Rarely does this opportunity present itself! On March 8, 2005, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Tina Dombrowski, Director of Horticulture - Texas Discovery Gardens, will be conducting a Butterfly Habitat Certification Class. Her introduction to butterflies will include history, life cycle, food and nectar plants, commonly seen butterflies and how to create an environment that will fill your yard with these beautiful creatures. Ms. Dombrowski developed and maintains the seasonal butterfly exhibit at the Discovery Garden.

Upon completion of the class you will receive butterfly attractant plants and a Butterfly Habitat Certification Certificate. You will get a unique behind the scenes view of the Butterfly Exhibit and an opportunity to receive a beautiful color metal sign that will designate your property as an official butterfly habitat. The class will be held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center during their March Butterfly Exhibit. Space is limited, so sign up quickly. Registration fee is \$30.00. Contact Mimi Lyles at mimilyles@aol.com or JoAnn Hahn at johahn@charter.net for reservations and additional information.

This event is sponsored by the Garden Club Council of Fort Worth.

2005 Mentors & Interns

2005 Mentors	Denton County Master Gardeners Interns
Darla Bostick	Jorja Merrick Sharon K. Strickland
Annell Burns - Co-Chair Mentor Committee	Andrea Hawk
Sue Chellew	Tina Blakely
Celia Cohen - Chairperson Mentor Committee	Lee Neithammer
Joanne Fellows - Mentor Committee Member	Debbie Van Ness
Alice Gill	Nancy Brown
Carolyn Gold	Gene Gumfory
Sandy Hiatte	Muriel Harvey
Debbie Hipp	Susan Dawson
Connie Johnson	Eleanor Woisard
Maurine LeBeau	Lisa Stiles
Julie Levine	Judy Cobb
Tina Litherland	Sybil Gordon
Pam McClimon	Jill Peak
Evelyn McMillen - Mentor Committee Member	Judy Brough
Deanna Miles - Mentor Committee Member	Judy Guthrie Nancy Miley
James Murdock	Brian Byrwa Rodney Solwalskie
Susan Musgrave	Debbie Siggelko
Ruth Orpin	Larry Swenson
Cheryl Parkinson	Nancy Ross
Adele Petty	Marie Harris
Joy Stewart	Scotty Kolb Kay Teegarden
Linda Williams	Carolyn Richard

2005 Intern Class Schedule

Dates		Topics	Instructors
January	11	Master Gardener Orientation & Introductions Landscape Ecology	Cooper
	18	Living in a World of Plants	Lipscomb
	25	*Plant Physiology and Propagation	Cooper
February	1	*The Soil Environment	Feagley
	8	Entomology	Engler
	15	Ornamental Landscape Plants	Cooper
	22	Landscape Design and Texas Super Stars	Cooper
March	1	Plant Pathology	Ong
	8	Fruits, Nuts, Vegetables, & Herbs	Cooper
	15	Spring Break	
	22	Landscape Installation and Maintenance	Cooper
	29	Turfgrass Culture	McAfee
April	5	Field Trip to Fort Worth: BRIT & Japanese Gardens (Leave Extension office at 9:00 a.m. or meet at the BRIT at 10 a.m.)	Cooper
	12	Field Trip to Dallas (Leave Extension office at 9:00 a.m. or meet at TAMU Center in Dallas at 10 a.m.)	Cooper
	19	Q&A, Project Sharing, and Final Exam	Cooper

*Schedule Change:

2005 Instructors

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