

Denton County Master Gardener Association

THE ROOT

Grow With Us



December

BY LIZ MOYER, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Fellow Gardeners, as we leave 2019 behind and celebrate the holidays with our families, we are taking a brief break from the meaty content you love. But we still have some good tips for you, so read on!

- Print the "Gifts for Gardeners" article from our November edition and leave it lying around for your family to see.



- Put all these activities and events on your 2020 calendar so you don't miss anything next year!

- See attached flyer for all dates - Greater Aubrey Area Gardening Series
- January–November - Keep Lewisville Beautiful Gardening Secrets series
- February 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Flower Mound Library Gardening series
- January 23, 24, 25 – Thursday and Friday evening and all day Saturday – Design Your Yard with Earthkind Landscaping – Pre-registration required
- March–June – Children's Garden Programs
- Saturday, May 2 – DCMGA Plant Sale!
- Saturday, May 9 – DCMGA Garden Tour!
- May 12–14 – 2020 TMGA State Conference, Waco
- Summer – June 8–12 – Junior Master Gardener Camp
- Saturday – June 20 – Fruit, Vegetable, Herb & Flower Show!
- August 27, 28, 29 – Thursday and Friday evening and all day Saturday – Design Your Yard with Earthkind Landscaping – Pre-registration required
- Saturday, October 3 – Fall Garden Fest!
- Tuesday, October 13 – DCMGA Member Recruiting Round-up

Check DCMGA.com for details throughout the year..

We thoroughly enjoy sharing the lessons we've learned and hearing from you about your gardening ups and downs. We all have them. We hope as you plan your gardens for next year you'll also plan to enter the Fruit, Vegetable, Herb and Flower Show in June. It's a wonderful family event held at the historic Bayless-Selby House in Denton, and there are real cash prizes!

Have a loving and peaceful holiday season, and we'll see you right back here on January 2, 2020!

Happy Gardening, Everyone!



It's time to renew your annual DCMGA membership!

- Annual dues paid by January 31, 2020 are \$15.
- Annual dues paid after January 31, 2020 will be \$25.
- All service hours and AT hours must be entered in VMS no later than January 31, 2020.
- Any member not in good standing as of March 31, 2020 will be inactivated, unless granted an exception by the CEA-Hort.

To remain a member in good standing, the following conditions must be met:

- Required annual service hours and AT hours have been earned and entered into VMS.
- The annual renewal form AND annual volunteer service agreement have been completed.
- Annual dues have been paid.

For a review of the annual membership renewal requirements, please visit the Member's Info section of our website or this direct link:

<https://dcmga.com/members-info/annual-dcmga-membership-renewal/>

Please contact President Pat Moyer or Member-at-Large Gay Campbell with any questions or concerns.



DCMGA HELP DESK

Question of the Month



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BY BARBARA RIDGE

Q: In the past, I have cut my bougainvilleas back and placed them in my garage for the winter. When they show new growth in the spring, I move them outside to the patio. Can I just keep them on the south-facing patio for the winter and cover them during a freeze?

A: Garden gambling with years' old bougainvilleas shows serious nerve, but if you're willing to risk losing the wager, I'll offer suggestions to increase your odds.

Ordinarily, I would never encourage a home gardener to put tender tropical plants at risk. Native to South America, bougainvilleas enthrall us with colorful bracts dotted with tiny, white flowers.

Forcing these beauties into dormancy when the show's not over is a frustrating discipline; however, as in most instances of deferred gratification, you will almost certainly enjoy healthy plants next spring.

As a compromise, would you consider moving the bougainvilleas inside and placing them near a south-facing window for a few weeks? This step will allow you to enjoy any remaining color, without risking plant loss. The bracts (which are actually

leaves) will inevitably fade; then you can shift the plants to the garage.

If no indoor space works for your bougainvillea, study the following links to hedge your overwintering gamble:

Overview of bougainvilleas, including frost/freeze protection:

<https://www.bgi-usa.com/bougainvillea-101/#winterizing>

This link was written for the Austin area, but it still contains information that should be helpful for you:

<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/FrostsandFreezes.pdf>

Note especially pages 5 and 6 for frost/freeze protection techniques:

<http://counties.agrilife.org/harris/files/2014/01/Protecting-Plants-from-Frosts-Freezes-EHT-048.pdf>



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If you have questions about planting blackberries or any other horticulture-related subjects,

*please contact our Master Gardener Help Desk at 940.349.2892 or
master.gardener@dentoncounty.com.*

It's free of charge, and it's our pleasure to assist you.



2020 GREATER AUBREY AREA GARDENING SERIES

Jump start your 2020 gardening with this
free educational series.



JANUARY 16
Veggie
Gardening 101
Dana Bays



AUGUST 20
Waterwise
Gardening
Shirlee & Claud Singer



FEBRUARY 20
Texas Plants
AgriLife TBD



SEPTEMBER 17
Roses
Pat & Don Edwards



MARCH 19
Texas Trees
Pat Moyer



OCTOBER 15
Pots in Small Spots:
Container Gardening
AgriLife TBD

AUBREY AREA LIBRARY

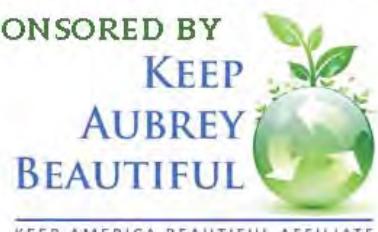
226 Countryside Drive
Aubrey, TX 76227

Register via email to
kab@KeepAubreyBeautiful.org
or via phone at 940-343-1313.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Third Thursday: Jan, Feb, & March
and August, September & October

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time, money, and natural resources
to create beautiful, productive
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- ⌚ Plant Selection

January 23, 24 & 25, 2020
Thursday & Friday 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Carroll Building
401 West Hickory Street, Room 115
Denton, Texas 75201

The cost is \$100 per person or \$125 for two people in the same household
(Registrant duos will share tools and design one property)

For more information and to register, visit www.dcmga.com

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TREE SEEDLING SALE

Denton County Soil & Water Conservation District

Plant A Conservation Tree!

The Denton County Soil & Water Conservation District is once again offering tree seedlings for sale. Thirteen species are available for purchase. Plant a conservation tree and add beauty and shade to your property as well as many other benefits. Trees provide oxygen, windbreaks, soil protection, and wildlife habitat. All proceeds will benefit the *Cool Shade for Third Grade* program in the Denton County schools.



Bur Oak



Mexican White Oak



Vitex



Mexican Plum



Desert Willow



Pecan



Redbud



Catalpa



Shumard Oak



Live Oak



Afghanistan Pine



Austrian Pine



Pinyon Pine

Mail or submit orders to Denton County SWCD, 525 South Loop 288 Suite C-1, Denton, Texas 76205. If you have any questions, please phone **940-383-2691 Ext 3** or visit the USDA Service Center in Denton. Orders are reserved upon payment and quantities are limited, so please order soon.



(order form on back)

2020 TREE ORDER FORM
DENTON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Phone: (940) 383-2691 Ext. 3

LIMITED QUANTITIES - ORDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ STATE: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

BARE ROOT: \$2.50 per tree (18-24 inch top, bare root)

| | Quantity | x | \$2.50 | = | Cost |
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Pecan _____

CONTAINER: \$4.00 per tree (6-12 inch top, 10 cubic inch)

| | Quantity | x | \$4.00 | = | Cost |
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Afghanistan Pine _____

Austrian Pine _____

Pinyon Pine _____

Red Bud _____

Catalpa _____

POTTED: \$9.50 per tree (1-4 foot top, one gallon)

| | Quantity | x | \$9.50 | = | Cost |
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Bur Oak _____

Live Oak _____

Mexican White Oak _____

Shumard Oak _____

Desert Willow _____

Mexican Plum _____

Vitex _____

Total No. of Trees SUBTOTAL: _____

8.25% TAX: _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF ORDER Cash Check # _____

Comments: _____

Make checks payable to Denton County SWCD. Mail or submit orders to Denton County SWCD, 525 South Loop 288 Suite C-1, Denton, Texas 76205. Orders are filled on a first come first serve basis, so place your order early. Trees must be picked up on Friday, February 28, 2020 at the North Texas Fairgrounds in Denton from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Mission Statement

Denton County Master Gardener Association educates and engages county residents in the implementation of research-based horticultural and environmental practices that create sustainable gardens, landscapes, and communities.

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<https://www.pinterest.com/DentonCountyMGA>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtNGrhH1hopNTVcMNnUyi2A>

Save the Date

December 11  Christmas Party & Ugly Sweater Contest

January 15  Graduation & Annual Banquet

February 19  Volunteer Opportunity Fair

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Content

Submission deadline for the January edition of *The Root* is Sunday, December 15. Submissions may be revised at the discretion of the editor.

Ideas, photos, and articles are welcome and may be submitted to Editor Karen Gibson at karenhoot19@gmail.com or Communications Director Liz Moyer at lizmoyer@live.com.