

Texas Master Gardeners of Blanco County

Next Meeting: February 1, 2011

Where: First United Methodist Church, Johnson City

Time: 1:00pm

Program: Vegetable Gardening with David Ridriguez

Refreshments: Mary Joyce, Leona Carleton,

Betty Mucha



February Meeting and Program

The meeting will be early this month. We are calling Feb. 1 class the monthly meeting. Everyone can come hear David Rodriguez talk about how to grow vegetables. For many of us, this is a MUST class.

The public is welcome, but we are asking a \$5 donation. Because we expect a crowd, the meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church in Johnson City. Please invite anyone you think might be interested. Spread the word that it will be an excellent program and remember that it is at 1:00.

New Class and January Meeting

The 2011 class is off and running. Eighteen Master Gardeners were present at the first meeting to introduce themselves and greet the new interns. Interns also introduced themselves and shared some information. *(There's a quiz later in the newsletter to see if you were paying attention.)*

Before the interns arrived, there was a short business meeting and members paid Joan their yearly dues of \$15. Signing on to head intern projects was discussed, with several projects suggested. The State Convention was again mentioned. Alfred Syamken received his name tag for completing his hours and is a full fledged member now. Sid Spiller announced that he is retiring to Kerrville and plans to join the Master Gardeners there and have time to spend in his garden.

Sid also shared that when he goes to a nursery to buy plants or supplies, he always mentions that he is a Master Gardener and usually gets a 10% discount. All the rest of us have to do is ask for it!

Then the class kicked off with Todd explaining the educational component of the AgriLife Extension Agency and what the Master Gardener program does. Introductions followed, and class began with the introduction to the book.

January =Dues



**If you have not paid your dues, please send a check for \$15 to
Joan Marasek
P O Box 44
Johnson City TX 78636**

Quiz:

1. Which two of our interns received the MG class as a Christmas present?
2. Which intern is Jim's neighbor?
3. Who works at Ace and will be in the garden department?
4. Who has community garden experience?
5. Who works at the National Park with Mark?
6. Who is a retired school administrator?
7. Who is a retired art teacher who wants to grow art?
8. Who wants to get credit for the hours he already puts in with his wife?
9. Who wants to grow the fruits and veggies her neighbors give to her?
10. Who moved here from Houston and grew up gardening?
11. Who works for the Blanco Groundwater Conservation District?
12. Who wants to correct the landscaping which didn't work at her new house?
13. Who has a horticulture background and is fighting the elements of Blanco County?
14. Who are new to Blanco County?

If you don't know the answers, try to find out in the next few weeks as you visit with our interns.

The 2011 Class—In Random Order, Size, and Clarity!



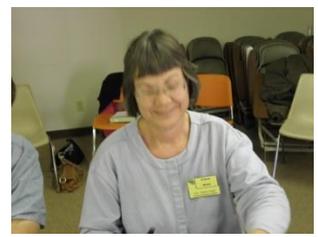
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