

Texas Master Gardeners of Blanco County

Next Meeting: March 3, 2011

Where: First United Methodist Church, Johnson City

Time: 1:00pm

**Program: Grasses and Cactus
with**

Brian and Shirley Loflin

Refreshments: Barbara Counts & Donna Sulzemeier



Brian and Shirley Loflin return to Johnson City to present a program on grasses and cactus. Their program on grasses two years ago was excellent and featured Brian's photography of Texas grasses. This program promises to be a lively discussion along with cactus and grass photography.

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.

Members should be there 30 minutes early for a short business meeting.



February Featured Rodriguez

Thirteen members attended the business meeting Feb. 1, at which honorariums for speakers and the nursery license were discussed. A number of guests joined the interns for the presentation on vegetable gardening by David Rodriguez.

Rodriguez stated that in Central Texas we can grow vegetables almost 12 months of the year. He discussed the basics of growing vegetables with specific information on particular plants, including the best selections for our area. He recommended several books: *The Vegetable Book* by Sam Coiner, *The Southern Garden* by William Adams and Thomas LeRoy, and *The Texas Bug Book* by Howard Garret and Malcolm Beck. **It's time to prepare for the vegetable garden.**

Quiz:

1. **What percent of bugs are "bad?"**
2. **What is the date for planting tomatoes in Blanco County?**
3. **How many cubic feet of soil equals one yard?**
4. **What is the website for ALL questions about gardening?**
5. **Should you incorporate mulch into the soil?**

Answers to last month's quiz (I hope—I was madly scribbling and can't half hear any more.)

1. Which two of our interns received the MG class as a Christmas present? **Mike Normand & Karen Casey**
2. Which intern is Jim's neighbor? **Carole Rankin**
3. Who works at Ace and will be in the garden department? **TravisRoberson**
4. Who has community garden experience? **Lisa Carter**
5. Who works at the National Park with Mark? **Olivia Ross**
6. Who is a retired school administrator? **Keith McClellan**
7. Who is a retired art teacher who wants to grow art? **Kathy Equist**
8. Who wants to get credit for the hours he already puts in with his wife? **David Hamm**
9. Who wants to grow the fruits and veggies her neighbors give to her? **Wren Winfield**
10. Who moved here from Houston and grew up gardening? **Chris Bremaecker**
11. Who works for the Blanco Groundwater Conservation District? **Georgia Warren**
12. Who wants to correct the landscaping which didn't work at her new house? **Cindy Stomberg**
13. Who has a horticulture background and is fighting the elements of Blanco County? **Carol DiQuilio**
14. Who are new to Blanco County? **D'Anne Welch, Ron Bourland, Kim Radich**

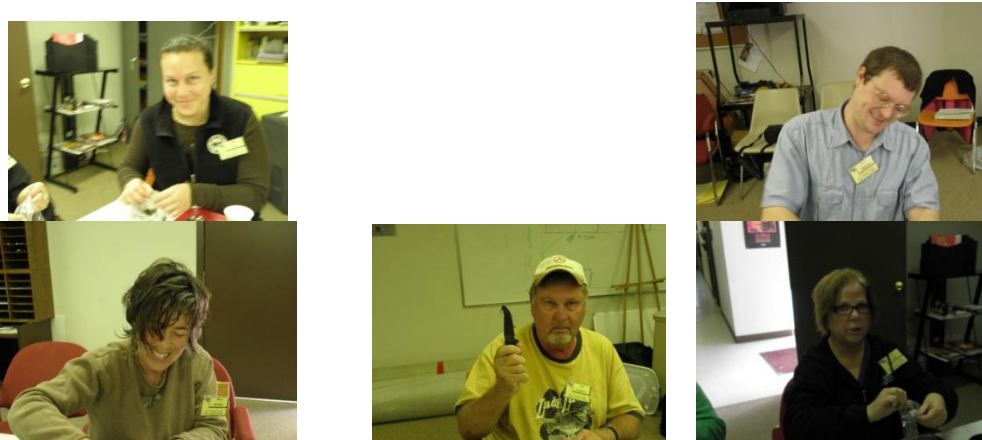
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New Quiz!!! Name that intern:



Next month pictures will be scrambled and you will get no names!

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*See you in Johnson City at 1:00 this Tuesday at
the Methodist Church to learn about the vegetable
garden! Bring a friend. (12:30 for meeting)*