

## Texas Master Gardeners of Blanco County

**Next Meeting: May 10, 2011**

**Where: Home of Romelia and Harris Greenwood**

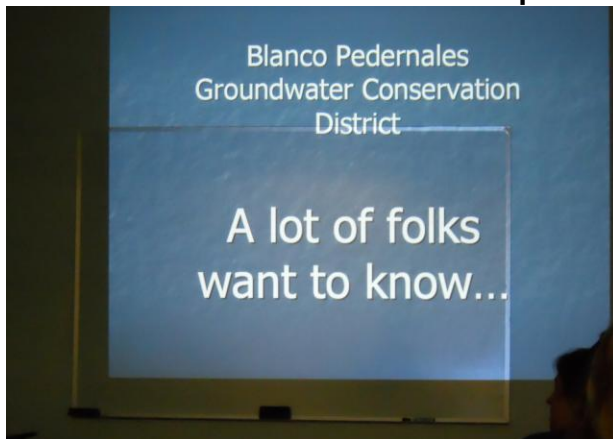
**Time: 2:00pm**

**Program: Tour of Land Site**

**Refreshments/Coordinator:**

The Greenwoods will give us a tour of their land and explain the restoration and reclamation which has taken place over the last several years.

### April Meeting



Ron Fieseler, General Manager of the Blanco Groundwater Conservation District, gave an informative program on what a groundwater district does, such as aquifer testing and analysis of data, regional planning activities, and registration of wells. Water can be 30-40,000 years old, but mostly “new” water underlies Blanco County. A little know fact is that there is a fault in Blanco County, near Miller Creek.

A useful fact to know is that Groundwater district employees will come to your well site to perform a number of tests and take samples back to the office to test water quality, at no cost to the owner. They can also advise on how deep a well will have to be dug and into what aquifer it will go. Contact the district at [manager@blancogroundwater.org](mailto:manager@blancogroundwater.org) or phone 868-9196 for these services or other informatio.



In the business meeting which followed the program, Ann Cook told interns how to report their training and volunteer hours. Peggy Welch reported that Henrietta Smith and Joan Marasek had cleaned out the Master gardener files for the move of the extension office to the new Annex building. Then she awarded pins for years in the chapter:

Linda Vincent—10 years

Pat Owens-----10 years

Ann Cook-----5 years

Betty Mucha-----5 years

Peggy Welch-----5 years

Lori Anderson and Susan Evans will also be given 5 year pins.

#### Projects Reports:

Olivia Ross announced that the Blanco State Park has volunteer day the last day of the month. Members can remove invasive plants and monitor water or help with other park work

Jim Meadows reported that Farm Safety Day will begin a 7:30 am on May 6. Volunteers will be needed to stuff bags, barbeque, and otherwise help out. Farm Safety Day will reach all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the county. Contact Jim for more information.

Susan Evans announced the UT informal classes, Go Nature, will be held at Lady Bird Wildflower Center, May 14, morning or afternoon, for a cost of \$45.

Betty Mucha's was designated as a collection point for plants from those who cannot be at the plant sale. The next plant sale will be Blanco Market Day, May 21.

Linda Vincent gave a short se gent on colledcting wild flower seeds, emphasizing that we all need to plant wildflowers for Lady Bird's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She gave some pointers:

1. Mark the wildflowers while they are blooming so you can find them when it is time to pick the seeds and there are no flowers for clues.
2. Put the collected seeds in PAPER bags or little envelopes—no plastic. Add a little silicone pack (from medicine or purses or such).
3. Identify the bags or envelopes—Be sure to write the name, and maybe where you collected the seeds.
4. Look through your drawers for packets of wildflower seeds you may not have planted in the past, even if they have been opn hand for years. The germination rate may be less than fresh seeds, but flowers will grow.
5. In September, make seed balls to plant.

#### Final announcements:

We received a thank-you note from the entomologist who spoke to the class.

We are urged to always use a blind copy when sending group emails.

Jim will find out more about the "partial cost recovery" plan that has been enacted. As we already pay mileage and honorariums and charge the public, we should be in compliance.

Wildflower Day, April 16, in Johnson City: Big Success!

SO—Start your seeds or cuttings for Market Day in Blanco May 21.

Sign up to work with Cindy Stomberg.

**A note from Wren:** I have a bunch of the black plastic pots that plants come in when you buy them from a nursery. I would like to give them to any MG who wants to come get them and use them for propagation. Most are 1 gallon some are 5 gallon.

I'm 3.5 miles west of Johnson City on 290. If you want them you can call me at 415-637-5157 or e-mail me at [wrenwinfield@gmail.com](mailto:wrenwinfield@gmail.com)

## STATE CONVENTION!

Here are miscellaneous shots from the convention. We had a great time and learned so much in excellent classes. **Next year we plan to win some awards.**



Peggy, Diana, Mary, Susan, Linda, Henrietta, Pat

Grandbury MG Demonstration Garden



Pat and Diana found a singing cowboy! And Pat was wearing her new boots!



Diana, Beverly, Peggy, and Jim  
Jim and Diana were our delegates.



Pat & Mary made butterfly puddlers (Butterflies sip from sand instead of drinking directly from water. Add a pinch of salt.)

### Program Plans for the Rest of the Year

May 10, 2 pm—Field trip to home of Romelia and Harris Greenwood

June 14, 7 pm—tba

July 12, 2 pm—Susan Evans on making Hypertufa Troughs and Containers, location tba

August 9, 7 pm—Blanco County Rodeo preparation

Sept. 13, 2 pm—Tricia Timmons with propagating session, location tba

Oct. 11, 7 pm—tba

Nov. 8, 2 pm— Patricia Michael on Permaculture Designing--Blanco First Baptist Church--

Dec. 13, 7 pm—Holiday Party—Peggy Welch's

Chelita has asked that the persons who sign up to provide refreshments also act as meeting coordinators. They will have these responsibilities:

Contact speaker and confirm any audio-visual or other needs

Get key and open facility if needed

Set up room (table and chairs)

Write a thank-you note to the speaker

With that in mind, here are some contacts coordinators will need:

**Speaker Contact Info**  
[susrevans@txwinet.com](mailto:susrevans@txwinet.com)

**(512) 291-4300 (voice),**  
[Patricia@PatriciaMichaelDesign.com](mailto:Patricia@PatriciaMichaelDesign.com)  
<http://www.patriciamichaeldesign.com>

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**If you have not paid your dues, please send a check for \$15 to**

**Joan Marasek**

**P O Box 44**

**Johnson City TX 78636**

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*See at the Harrises' at 2:00 Tuesday, May 10 to learn about the possibilities and rewards of land restoration. Don't forget the Blanco Market Day Plant Sale, May 21.*

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