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Upcoming Events

July 9 9:00am Monthly Meeting with speaker Dr. Paul Nester, Program Specialist - IPM, TAMU "Fire Ants, Crazy Ants, Leaf-cutter Ants, Oh My!!!"

August 13 9:00am Monthly Meeting with speaker Joe Floyd "Snakes in the Garden and Things that Sting and Bite"

September 10 9:00am Tour of Peckerwood Gardens near Hempstead

October 8 6:00pm Fall Social hosted by Dianna Westmoreland



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Cooking with Herbs



Get to Know Your Fellow Master Gardeners!

Chat with Alice Bonds-Kocian

July Vegetable Planting Guide

7/15-7/31 Melons, Okra, Peppers, Pumpkins, Tomatoes **

7/20-8/15 Cucumbers

7/15-7/31 Eggplant **

7/15-8/31 Peas (Southern, Edible Pod)

7/15-8/20 Sweet Corn

7/15-8/20 Squash (Summer & Winter)

7/1-8/31 Romaine Lettuce

** Use plants rather than seed

Use protective floating row cover to help reduce heat and viral infection, and to provide a little shade to young plants.



Hydrangea

What is your favorite season?

Spring

Why are you a Master Gardener or Intern?

To learn as much as possible about growing things.

What is the closest you have been to a natural disaster?

A tornado took the front porch off our house when I was about 10 years old.

When in your life have you needed an alibi?

Never have needed one.

What vegetable do you hate?

I love every vegetable.

What do you love the smell of?

Gardenias.

What is your favorite ice cream?

Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

I dislike cleaning blinds.

What electronic gadget could you not live without?

I don't understand electronics very well.

Are you a social butterfly or do you prefer solitary endeavors?

Neither.

Name one wonderful childhood memory involving gardening.

My grandmother swept her yard clean and had beds of petunias, verbena, bachelor buttons and zinnias.

What would you say is your garden style? (Country, cottage, formal, sculptural, etc.)

I love every kind of plant and flower, so I would say country.



JULY brings us the following birthdays:

Marguerite Corbello – July 14

Martha Brogdon – July 14

Wishing you both a wonderful birthday and a great year ahead!

Questions Received at Extension Office

The questions received this past month pertained to treating pastures. We are not responsible for answering these types of questions, much to our relief. It is beyond our scope of training and expertise. That being said, Michael Havens and Nicky Maddams completed the Private Pesticide Training in June, and there are other MG's who current hold this license.

Cooking with Herbs – four greens for great health!



Oregano: U.S. soldiers returning from Italy after World War II popularized fresh oregano, praising its unique flavor. Greek for "joy of the mountain," oregano is a good source of bone-strengthening manganese and may help regulate blood sugar. Enhance omelets, roasted potatoes, and mild-flavored fish with fresh oregano; pungent dried oregano adds depth to thin-crust pizza.

Basil: A celebrated cousin to mint, basil imparts a sweet, clove-like flavor to salads, pastas, and soups. It is rich in vitamin K (essential for blood clotting) and phytochemicals, which may help control sugar



ALICE BONDS-KOCIAN

Where were you born and how long have you lived in Texas?

I was born in Roans Prairie, graduated from Richards, lived in Texas all my life.

What is your favorite flower and tree? Do you grow them?

Hydrangea flower and Magnolia tree and yes, I grow them.

What restaurant do you go to more than any other?

El Rancho Grande in Magnolia, because it is closest.

metabolism. Grind basil, pine nuts, grated Parmesan cheese, garlic and olive oil into a simple pesto; incorporate minced basil into desserts such as ice cream or fruit compote.

Rosemary: This native Mediterranean herb features silvery-green leaves that lend piney, lemony flavor to roasts, stews, and fish. Whether finely chopped or used as whole springs, rosemary may soothe upset stomachs and support the circulatory and nervous systems. Stir-fry with onions and mushrooms for a fragrant side dish. (Rosemary steeped in boiling water then cooled and strained, makes an excellent rinse for dark hair)

Sage: Antibacterial, packed with antioxidants, and possibly memory enhancing, sage enjoys a time-honored reputation; even its name derives from the Latin word *salvus*, meaning "safe." Add slightly bitter, chopped fresh sage to poultry or pasta, sauté it with garlic and cannellini beans; or stir it into macaroni and cheese.

Submitted by Helen Quinn

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