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NEWS

By Sue Adee

The Tyler Rose Society was entertained by Chuck Desmond who gave them a presentation on composting at their September meeting.

The students at the Christian Heritage School sent Linda Whetsell "Thank You" letters for her presentation on gardening.

Jackie Hope and Sue Adee assisted the Windsor Garden Club under the supervision of Mary Ann Rogers in dividing the perennials at the Heritage Rose Garden.

A big "Thanks" to the Master Gardeners who worked the booth at the East Texas State Fair.

THE CARE SHELTER

By Sue Adee

The goal of the Care Shelter Project is to provide a garden setting for the children who stay at the house. Progress is being made. The grass has had its fall feeding. Hugh's Plant Farm donated two flats of pansies to Paul Ferguson for the flower beds. "Thanks" Paul. The Care Shelter is located at 516 South Bonner.

CAMP TYLER PROJECT

By Sue Adee

Planning for the Camp Tyler project has been mostly completed. Paul Ferguson drew up plans for the compost bins, including needed hardware. Now is the time to go to work. It will take all of us to do the professional job of which we are capable. The following are the areas which need to be addressed: (1) The building of compost and worm bins; (2) designing and building the resource center; (3) writing and compiling teacher resources. **We need three Master Gardeners to volunteer to head up the above three areas.** By head up, we mean act as a coordinator so the whole project doesn't all fall on one person's shoulders, and each area has at least one person to provide continuity. So, put on your work gloves, thinking hat, and do your part to make the project a big success.

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TIP OF THE WEEK ASSIGNMENTS

Transplanting Trees and Shrubs - Chuck
Care of Christmas Trees - Robin
Care of Poinsettias - Robin
Gifts for the Gardener - Jackie
Gardener's New Year's Resolutions - Sue

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Daylily Seminar is October 29 at the RTDC from 9:00 to 4:00. Registration is \$30 at the door.

The next Master Gardener meeting is November 3 at 6:00 at the Extension Office.

The next Master Gardener Class will begin January 10, 1995. Begin spreading the word around and getting candidates for the class.

NEW NEWSLETTER

By Keith Hansen

Welcome to the **MG Grapevine** -- a new newsletter to keep Smith County Master Gardeners informed and up-to-date on what's happening. Although I will be the editor of **MG Grapevine** (for the time being, at least), this is your newsletter. Let's use it to communicate with each other about what we're doing, what our needs are and to facilitate our projects.

You can send me news and announcements or call with the information. I'll try to send out the newsletter about mid-month between meetings.

MG PHONE DUTY

The phone never stops ringing at the Extension office. True, in the winter it is more quiet than the spring, but gardening troubles never completely stop. This is still a good way to get hours, to sharpen your skills as a Master Gardener, and to significantly help the

agents. Currently, no one is scheduled at all to tend the phones. Please call or come by the office to help out.

REMINDERS

Be sure and keep up-to-date with your hours. You have until the end of February to complete your 60 hours. There will be plenty of opportunities in the coming months to complete the requirements.

Bring ideas for topics for the Tip of the Week for the month of January.

