

# Texas Master Gardener Newsletter

July 2017



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, my fellow gardeners,

Where did you learn about gardening?

Stop and think about all the wise and maybe not so wise gardening advice that you have received over the years. It may have come from your relatives, friends, a teacher, or even a stranger. Hey, it could have even been from me. What do we do with this advice? Use it, store it in our memory or disregard. Well, after all it was free!

Myth or True?

- Don't say thank you for the gift of a plant or it will die....
- April showers bring May flowers.....
- Don't plant legumes(peas-beans) in May, all you will get is flowers....
- If a plant is under stress, feed it.....
- Throw stale bread into the rain to make the rain go away.....
- Plant Marigolds in veggie garden to keep pests away.....
- Use baking soda for black spot on roses.....
- Early to bed, early to rise, early bird gets the worm.....
- Candy bar a day keeps the Doctor away, wait.....maybe that was an apple...I never tried it.

The point is, hmmm, don't guess I had a point, but I do know healthy soil will bring healthy plants and a larger harvest!

Always keep smiling....it makes people wonder what you have been up to!



Happy gardening.



## Upcoming Events:

**07/08/2017**

[Plan Your Fall Garden](#)  
McLennan County

**07/10/2017**

[Fall Plant Sale](#)  
Victoria County

**07/19/2017**

[Lunch with the Masters - "The Lore and Lure of Herbs"](#)  
McLennan County

**07/27/2017**

[The Herb 'n' Cowgirl - Ann McCormick](#)  
Henderson County

**August 2018 Rhine River Cruise**

Arkansas Master Gardener Janet Carson's Study Cruise  
information: [Rhine River Cruise](#)



### UPCOMING SPECIALIST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

[Junior Master Gardener](#) - August 1-4  
hosted by Denton County in Corinth, TX

[Entomology](#) - September 18-21  
Dallas County Agrilife Extension, Dallas, TX

[Vegetables](#) - October 17-19  
hosted by Bexar County in San Antonio, TX

Hugs,  
Peggy Rogers  
2017 President

[Plant Propagation](#) - October 30-31 hosted by Hill Country Master Gardeners in Kerrville, TX



**April 4-6, 2018**

**Texas A&M University, College Station, TX**

Plans are increasingly underway for the 2018 conference hosted by the TMGA and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, honoring YOU, the Texas Master Gardener!

Join us as we "Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, Embrace the Future". We will be celebrating 40 years of the MG Program in the state of Texas and the unveiling of the Earth-Kind® Gardens within The Gardens at Texas A&M University! It's going to be a grand time of festivity!

Over a third of the rooms within our block at our host hotel, The Hilton, have already been reserved. You may make your reservation by following this [link](#). College Station books up fast!

Have you heard a presenter speak who you think would be good fit for this unique commemorative conference? Please have the presenter fill out our Call for Speakers [application](#) for consideration or email Nicky at [nmaddams@tamu.edu](mailto:nmaddams@tamu.edu).

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

During the 2018 conference, we would like to feature as many of you (that's over 7100 Master Gardeners!) for exclusive video productions to be featured at the conference.

Send us your photos with identification to [2018tmgaconference@gmail.com](mailto:2018tmgaconference@gmail.com):  
(See examples to the right)

1. A selfie with you in MG attire (yes, a selfie, not a photo someone else took!).
2. A photo of your association.
3. A photo of a project your association is involved with or has completed.
4. A photo showing what you do outside of working in the dirt. Our Master Gardeners are multi-faceted and we want to know more about you!

## **INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE 2017**



**July 10-14, 2017  
Portland, OR**

If you attend the International Conference in Portland, please send pictures and/or a short write-up of your experience to share in the next newsletter. [tmga.news@gmail.com](mailto:tmga.news@gmail.com)

Examples of photos you can send  
for the 2018 conference

Send to [2018tmgaconference@gmail.com](mailto:2018tmgaconference@gmail.com)



1. *Selfie*  
Jamie Bruns  
Grimes County



2. *Group photo*  
Brazos County



3. *Project*  
School Crayon  
Fence  
County



4. *What Else We Do*  
Donna Hagar's goats  
McLennan  
Somervell County