

Texas Master Gardener Newsletter

September 2017



Autumn Sunrise



Letter from the President

Our August weather has been just unbelievable all around the state. Today in my area it was up to 91° with the humidity making heat index 102°. Not only have we enjoyed the cooler weather, but our plants (or at least mine) have excelled with more blooms and blooming at an unusual time! I've had more butterflies, dragon flies, and hummingbirds than I have ever had. Do you think the cooler weather could be responsible, or maybe the gravity force leading up to the eclipse? Even though where I was, I didn't see a darkening shadow at all. Maybe your view was better than mine. I will say that my cat Loki acted very strange, running through the house meowing. Why is that strange? Loki doesn't meow, doesn't make a sound; but there he was with a voice. Well the eclipse has come and gone, and now we wait until 2024 for the next one that we can see. Hmmm?

It was a pleasure to see all of you who attended the August Director's meeting. Love to visit with all of you. I'm looking forward to seeing you at December Meeting. This year is almost over.

Hopefully, you have started working on state awards for this year. The Awards Committee is ready to accept your Search for Excellence (SFE) award applications.



SPECIALIST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

[Entomology](#) - September 18-21

Dallas County AgriLife Extension, Dallas, TX

[Vegetables](#) - October 17-19

hosted by Bexar County in San Antonio, TX

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Online - Earth-Kind® Training](#)

September 7, 2017

[Edible Landscapes](#)

Anderson County

September 8-9

[Our Edible Yard Symposium and Tours](#)

The deadline for submission is January 20, 2018 at 10:00 p.m., which is two hours earlier than in previous years

[See below for Awards submission information].

What great news that Texas Master Gardeners, through individuals and Associations, have donated almost \$150,000 for The Gardens at Texas A&M! Can we make it all the way? We thank you for your generosity. The Earth-Kind® teaching garden area will carry the Texas Master Gardener's name into the future. How neat is that? And just think our 2018 State Conference will be held at The Gardens, Texas A&M University, and College Station. Make your plans to attend, NOW, motels and hotels will sell out early!!! Hugs to you....



Happy Gardening,

Peggy
Rogers
2017 President



Search for Excellence Awards

Greetings from the Awards Committee.

It's time to start thinking about the projects and

Walker County

September 9

[Fall Landscaping Symposium](#)

Concho Valley - San Angelo, TX

September 9

[Fall Seminar: Bees, Blossoms & Butterflies](#)

Kaufman County, Forney, TX

September 9

[Downtown Farmers Market](#)

McLennan County, Waco, TX

September 13

[Make-A-Wish Garden "Butterflies and Busy Bees"](#)

Dallas County, Los Colinas / Irving, TX

September 14

[Gardening with the Masters \(Skip Richter\)](#)

Brazos County, Bryan, TX

September 19

[Wild about Wildflowers](#)

Henderson County, Athens, TX

September 20

[Lunch with the Masters – Holiday Arrangements](#)

McLennan County, Woodway, TX

September 21

[Cooking with Herbs](#)

Bell County, Belton, TX

September 25-26

[Landscape Design School Series XXV, Course III](#)

College Station, TX

September 30

[Fall Plant Sale](#)

Bell County, Belton, TX

October 2-3

[6th Annual Two-Day Texas Fruit Conference](#)

New Braunfels, TX

For the Future

April 4-6, 2018

[Texas Master Gardeners Conference](#)

College Station

August 2018

[Rhine River Cruise](#)

people you want to enter for recognition for their work in 2017. If you haven't already done so, put together a committee! Download the forms and Handbook from the State Webpage, www.texasmastergardeners.org, under the Awards tab. READ that handbook from cover to cover. Everything you need to know is in there.

When sending photos, please be sure they are in JPEG format and size them to 640x480 pixels. You may receive an email from the Awards Committee asking you to send just your photos, because some of you are so good at inserting pictures into documents, we can't get them out!

Because the Conference will be in April next year, that shortens the time we have to get awards in and processed. For that reason, we will open the award submissions on December 1, 2017. Submission will close at **10 p.m. on January 20th, 2018.**

If you have questions or need help, please email the Awards Committee. awards@texasmastergardeners.org

We will do our best to answer you within 24 hours.

2018 is the 40th Anniversary of the Texas Master Gardener Program, and we are excited to see what everyone has been doing around the State.

Beth Turlington, Co-Chair

Arkansas Master Gardener Janet Carson's Study Cruise

June 2019

[International Master Gardener Conference](#)

Valley Forge, PA



Conference Updates

Registration:

Conference registration should be available by October.

Check the [state conference link](#) for that information.

Accommodations: The reserved room block at our host hotel, The Hilton, is reporting 70% sold out. You may make your reservation at the Hilton by following this [link](#).

Other hotel choices in the area will be listed in the next newsletter and on Facebook, and great rates have been secured at numerous hotels.

Online Updates:

[Conference Facebook page](#)

**Click on the newest video below for what's planned for the 2018 Conference
You won't want to miss this!**

The New [Gardens at Texas A&M](#) and [Phase I Descriptions](#)

[Conference Website](#) (updates coming soon)

2018 TMGA Conference Promo II



A New School Year is Starting...
Happy Gardening
To our L.G.E.G. and JMG Programs

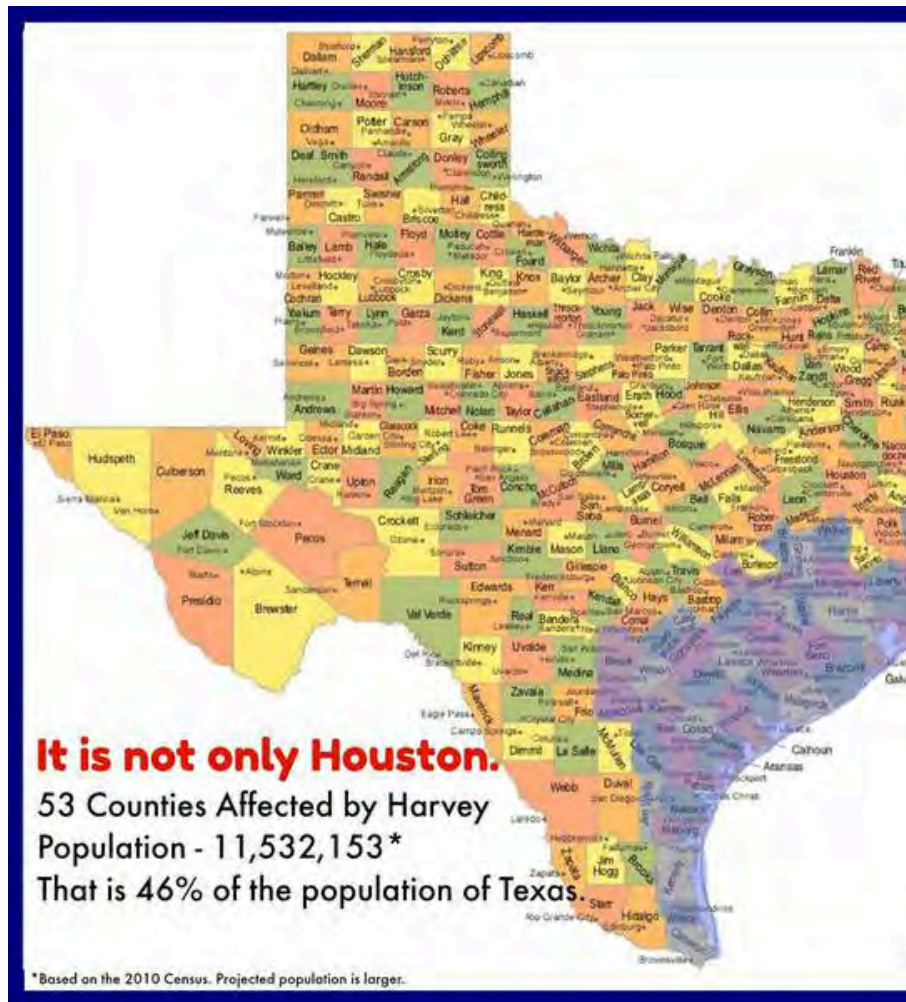


Hurricane Harvey

Words are not enough to convey our concerns for those in coastal areas who have experienced this wide-spread devastation. While Houston has the densest population and economic effect to warrant massive news coverage, so many of the smaller surrounding areas up and down the coast are suffering, too.

Fifty-three counties and over eleven million people have been directly affected by the storm. Reports of helping and giving are heart-warming and make us proud to be Texan.

If you have family and friends in these affected areas, our thoughts and prayers are with you - and them.



**Next Directors Meeting:
Saturday, December 2, 2017
12:30pm (11:45am Social Time)**