

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION



March 2019



President's Message



Duddly Hargrove
2019 TMGA President

Ah! At last, that most important of gardening events...vernal equinox (Spring), when daytime finally starts getting longer than the nighttime and hopefully, no more frost.

There's a quote I like from Margaret Atwood's book *Bluebeard's Egg*. "***In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.***"

Speaking of getting out in the garden (volunteering at the demonstration garden that is), during 2018, volunteer time in Texas was rated at \$24.69 per hour.

I once was nominated for a Presidential Award for giving more than 5000 volunteer hours. I declined. I had spent most of those hours in meetings. Suppose I had spent those hours doing what Extension Master Gardeners are really supposed to do... volunteering toward some effort for Research, Education, or Demonstration (R.E.D.)? But, an award for 5000 hours of meetings... not fair to those others who had worked so hard.

In an article written by Dr. Steven G. Rogelberg (*Wall Street Journal*, Sat/Sun, 2019 February 16-17) entitled "***The Science of Better Meetings***". Dr. Rogelberg says that meetings "*are essential to teams and organizations, supporting inclusion, communication, and coordination*". But, he says, "*Meetings consume and waste a massive, rising amount of individual and organizational time.*" Dr. Rogelberg mentions in the article that, "*Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos is known for instituting a "two-pizza rule" — "if you need more than two pizzas to feed everyone, the meeting is too large."*" I suggest one step further. Pizza finished... the meeting is over.

How about a stand-up meeting? Research by the *Journal of Applied Psychology* found that sit-down meetings last 35% longer than those held standing up. Another good suggestion... A meeting leader must contribute to a team "beer jar" if a meeting lasts longer than scheduled.

Remember, our primary purpose as Extension Master Gardeners is Research, Education, and Demonstration (R.E.D) volunteers, not meetings and meetings and more meetings.

An old Chinese proverb says:

“If you are thinking one year ahead, you plant rice. If you are thinking twenty years ahead, you plant trees. If you are thinking a hundred years ahead, you educate people.”

Contact me at duddlyhargrove@tx.rr.com or call my cellphone at **972-816-1911**.

—Dr. Rogelberg is Chancellor’s Professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the author of **“The Surprising Science of Meetings: How You Can Lead Your Team to Peak Performance,”** published last month (January 2019) by Oxford University Press.

2019 TMGA Conference April 25-27, 2019 Victoria

[Registration for the conference](#)

Bloomhilda Alert!

Hi there! Bloomhilda wishes to remind you that registration for \$175 ends on February 28. (March 1 - April 1 - \$200)



Be an early bird and register today!
Register and get more information at:

2019tmgaconference.com

You also may sign up online for the April 24
Leadership Training.



Booking for the 2019 TMGA Conference tours has been extended for the time being. It was to have closed Thursday, Feb. 21. A new tour deadline will be announced soon. However, the Goliad tour has been dropped and is not available.

[See accommodation choices](#), and ask for the Master Gardener rate.

Great speakers, plenty of good food, wonderful tours and garden-crafty workshops are planned for you!

Also, check the [2019 TMGA Conference Facebook page](#).
See you in Victoria April 25-27!

A "Wall Map of Activities" is planned for the conference and wants to share your MG Association's activity pictures. Send your pictures to mkschilek@sbcglobal.net.

Leadership Session - Wednesday, April 24

Register for the Leadership Workshop (\$25) at the same time you register for the Victoria TMGA Conference.

Topics for the 2019 Leadership Session:

Mentoring
Fundraising
Technology



March 1, 2019

- [Dues](#)
- [Service Milestones](#) - Start with those who have 15 years of volunteer service, and then any additional increments of 5 years

Past Due:

[Officer and Director Rosters](#) and [Association Charters](#)
(But you should still send them in!)

To submit, use the forms linked above

If you would like for your association members to receive this monthly state newsletter, send in an Excel formatted document of your members, listing first name, last name, and email address.



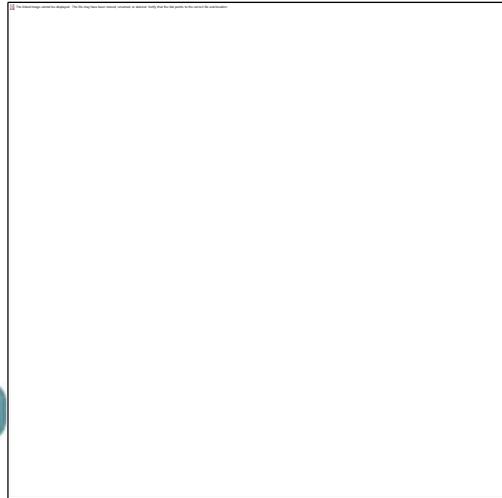
International Master Gardeners Conference

June 17-21, 2019
Valley Forge, PA

See the [website](#) for all the planned activities and speakers!

Review all the information on the website before going to the [registration web page](#).

Read More



Association Events

To submit events for inclusion on the TXMG Website calendar, please use --> [this form](#)

- March 2 - [Waller County - Vegetable and Herb Sale](#)
- March 5 - [Washington County - Lawn Maintenance Calendar](#)
- March 8 - [Comal County - Spring Gardening Seminar "Dynamics of the Four Seasons"](#)

March 9 - [Fort Bend County - Spring Vegetable/Herb Plant Sale](#)
March 11 - [Victoria County - Lunch and Learn with the Masters](#)
March 15 - [Smith County - Master Gardeners at the Library](#)
March 16 - [Jefferson County - Spring Plant and Vegetable Sale](#)
March 16-17 - [Collin County - Garden Show 2019](#)
March 16 - [Concho Valley - Beautiful, Edible Earth-Kind® Landscapes](#)
March 16 - [Lubbock County - Growing Grapes in West Texas](#)
March 22 - [Leon County - Diseases of Roses and Crape Myrtles](#)
March 23 - [Bexar County - CULTIVATE! Educational Seminar](#)
March 23 - [Lubbock County - Vegetable Varieties for Lubbock](#)
March 23 - [Cypress Basin - Spring Plant Sale and Garden Show](#)
March 23 - [Montgomery County - Spring Plant Sale](#)
March 30 - [Travis County - The Challenges of Tomatoes: Blight, Blossom End Rot, Bugs](#)
April 2 - [Washington County - Bokashi Composting](#)

(See All [Events on the TXMG.org Website](#))

Upcoming Advanced Training

(See All Advanced Training info: [TXMG.org Website](#))

[Tree Care](#) - March 13-15, hosted by Dallas County, Dallas
[NEW! Budding & Grafting](#) – April 2-3, hosted by Waller County, Brookshire
[Plant Propagation](#) – April 12-13, hosted by Tarrant County, Ft. Worth
[Earth-Kind®](#) – May 16-18, hosted by Henderson County, Athens
[Greenhouse Management](#) – October 17-19, hosted by Tarrant County, in Ft. Worth

Save these dates!

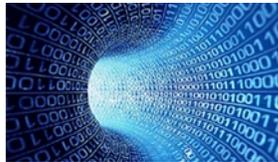
First Detector #1 – May 2-3, hosted by Ellis County, Waxahachie
First Detector #2 – May 20-21, hosted by Williamson County, Georgetown
Turfgrass – May 23-24, hosted by Montgomery County, Conroe
Tree Care – June 12-14, hosted by Kerr County, Kerrville
Vegetables – August 13-15, hosted by Bexar County, San Antonio

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Help Wanted

Data Management Committee Chair

TMGA is looking for a member in good standing who is a "whiz" with computers and data management.



The purpose of the Data Management Officer is to provide consistency from year to year with the maintenance of documents and other critical matters of the TMGA. This is not an official nor voting member of the Executive Committee but may be asked to attend all Executive Committee meetings.

Significant computer and technical skills and specific knowledge of the Google environment is a must. This position includes management of several Google accounts and a Google Administrator of a G Suite for Non-Profits account.



Word Press Training Offered

Texas A&M is offering webinars for WordPress training in March, April and May.

These webinars walk you through "how to" in several areas that will help improve and update your website.

The first one is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019
1:30 - 3:30 pm Central Time
[Join AgriLife WebEx meeting](#)

Meeting number:
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