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New Volunteer Directory

A new directory of Master Gardener volunteers is available online at <http://hcmga.tamu.edu> in the Members Only section. For login information e-mail David Parish at dwparish@ag.tamu.edu. In a effort to conserve resources, the directories will be not be mailed out in mass. In order to conserve resources, printed directories will not automatically be mailed to each individual Master Gardener, but printed versions are available to those without Internet access or to others who need a printed version. Contact David Parish if you would like to request a paper copy of the directory.

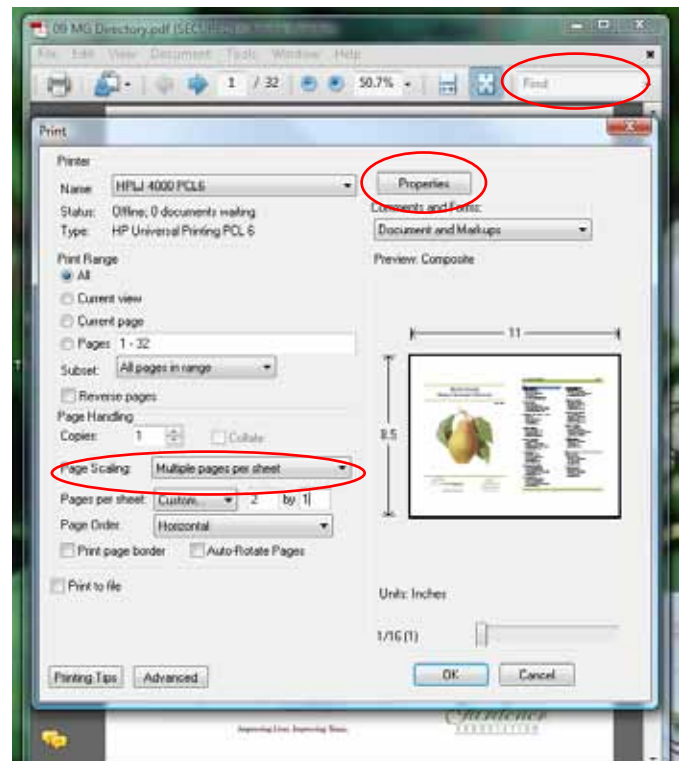
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As the online version is periodically updated, notification will appear in David Parish's Master Gardener Update emails. Suggestions for making the directory more useful are always appreciated and should be directed to Margie Elliott, Publications Committee Chair or Carol Brouwer at c-brouwer@tamu.edu.



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Continuing Education Opportunities

March 2009

Master Gardener Lecture Series: Extension Office

March 3. Vegetation Around Power Lines by Wes Boettcher, Center Point Energy. 12:00 noon.

March Mart Gardening Series: Mercer Arboretum

March 3. Tropicals and Gingers available at the March Mart Sale 10:00 a.m.

Continuing Education: Mercer Arboretum

March 3. Climbing Roses by Mike Shoup, Antique Rose Emporium. 10 a.m.

Green Thumb Lecture Series: Precinct 2

March 10. Great Plants for Houston by Karen Breneman, Master Gardener and Carol Brouwer, Ph.D., 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bass Pro Shops (Hwy 288 at Bltwy 8).

Gardening Classes: Arbor Gate

March 10. Native Plants for the Gulf Coast by Jason McKenzie. 10:00 a.m.

Lunch Bunch: Mercer Arboretum

March 11. March Mart Preview See new plants and reliable favorites for sale at March Mart. Bring a sack lunch. Call ahead for reservations. 281.443.8731. Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Gardening Classes: Arbor Gate

March 14. Southern Treasures by Dr. Bill Welch and Chris Wiesinger. 10:00 a.m.

Master Gardener Evening Lecture Series: Extension Office

March 17. Bog Gardening by Karen Breneman, Master Gardener. Desserts and coffee at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.

March Mart Gardening Series: Mercer Arboretum

March 17. Vines, Veggies and Herbs available at the March Mart Sale 10:00 a.m.

Master Gardener Lecture Series: Clear Lake Park

March 18. Color in Your Garden by Ginia Keen Matern, Master Gardener. 10:00 a.m. The Meeting Room at Clear Lake Park (on the Lakeside) 5001 NASA Road 1, Seabrook, TX 77586.

Green Thumb Lecture Series: Extension Office

March 19. Growing Plants from Seeds and Cuttings by Jean Fefer, Ph.D., Master Gardener. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Plant Propagation Workshop: U of H Clear Lake

Mar 21. Growing Plants from Seeds and Cuttings Participants will take home the plants they propagate. \$15 registration fee. 10:00 am. to noon.

Lunch Bunch: Mercer Arboretum

March 21. March Mart Preview See new plants and reliable favorites for sale at March Mart. Bring a sack lunch. Call ahead for reservations. 281.443.8731. 10:00 am. to noon.

Nacogdoches Azalea Trail Symposium

March 21. Azaleas and More—Companion Planting. Stephen F. Austin State University. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Gardening Classes: Arbor Gate

March 31. Wildscape Gardening by Diana Foss, Texas Parks and Wildlife. 10:00 a.m.

April 2009

Master Gardener Lecture Series: Extension Office

April 7. Critters in the Landscape by Keith Crenshaw, Texas Parks and Wildlife 12:00 noon.

Green Thumb Lecture Series: Precinct 2

April 14. WaterSmart Landscapes by Chris LaChance, Texas AgriLife Extension. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bass Pro Shops (Hwy 288 at Bltwy 8).

Master Gardener Lecture Series at Precinct 2: Clear Lake Park

April 15. Shade Gardens by Carol Fraser, Master Gardener. 10:00 a.m. The Meeting Room at Clear Lake Park (on the Lakeside) 5001 NASA Road 1, Seabrook, TX 77586.

Green Thumb Lecture Series: Extension Office

April 16. Great Plants for Houston by Karen Breneman, Master Gardener and Carol Brouwer, Ph.D. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Master Gardener Evening Lectures: Extension Office

April 21. Great Plants for Houston by Carol Brouwer, Ph.D. Desserts and coffee at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Exxon Mobil Volunteer Grants Available

The Exxon Mobil Volunteer Improvement Program (VIP) is designed for employees, retirees, and other eligible participants who volunteer in the community on an individual basis. A \$500 grant can be awarded to a charitable, nonprofit organization after an eligible participant contributes at least 20 hours of volunteer time to the organization during a calendar year.

Each eligible participant (employee, retiree, surviving spouse, or director) may apply for four individual grants per calendar year. These grants may be for the same or separate organizations, provided 20 hours of work is performed for each grant. An organization may receive a maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year of Individual Volunteer Grants.

For more information, visit <https://secure12.easymatch.com/ExxonMobilVIP/Content/common/Guidelinesivip.asp>.

Black Planting Containers Recycled

Black planting containers are difficult to recycle and most recycling centers will not accept them. However, there is a drop off location for these containers in the Houston Arboretum parking lot from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 713-681-8433 or go to <http://www.houstonarboretum.org>.

2009 Texas Master Gardener State Conference: Marshall, TX

April 23-25, 2009

Make plans to join us for the 2009 Texas Master Gardener State Conference, that will be held in beautiful East Texas. The conference will feature world class azaleas, dogwood and crape myrtles, as well as unique bed & breakfast establishments. <http://tcaaa.tamu.edu/09statemeeting.htm>



Nacogdoches Azalea Trail Symposium: Azaleas and More— Companion Planting

Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Stephen F. Austin State University Agriculture Building on Wilson Drive, Nacogdoches.

The symposium speakers will focus on colorful companions for azalea gardens. Topics include “Japanese Maples in the Landscape” by Elizabeth Mundy, owner of Acer Acres, Inc. of Beaverdam, Virginia and “Perennials for Shade” by Dawn Stover, Ornamental Plant Evaluations Research Associate at the Mast Arboretum. Registration fee includes Japanese maple grafting workshop, grafting knife, and tree to take home.

Lunch is provided, followed by tips on propagating azaleas and a guided tour of the SFA Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden by Barbara Stump. Co-sponsored by SFA Mast Arboretum and the Texas Chapter of the Azalea Society of America. Fee \$40 to SFA Gardens members; \$50 to non-members. Contact 936-564-7351 or sfagardens@sfasu.edu to register or for more information.

Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training

September 28 – October 2, 2009 at the Montgomery County Extension Office, Conroe, TX

Hosted by Dr. Paul R. Nester, Extension Program Specialist, Houston/Metro area, and the Montgomery County Master Gardeners.

- Registration fee of \$300.00 includes collecting kit with lots of goodies; lectures; Extension bulletins; 3 lunches, 1 dinner, snacks & drinks.
- Course is limited to 25 applicants; deadline is July 18, 2008
- Contact David Parish at 281.855.5600 or visit <http://texasmastergardeners.org> for registration forms and more information. County Agent's signature is required on the registration.

Contact Paul Nester at pnester@ag.tamu.edu or 281-855-5639 with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Ask a Master Gardener Help Line

Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to take calls on the help line. Volunteering to help once or twice a week, month or even a year will make a difference. Half day shifts are available from 9:00 a.m. to noon or noon to 3:00 p.m. Full day shifts are available as well. Remember, you don't have to know all the answers, just the phrase "I don't know, but I'll call you back." If you'd like to participate in this fun and educational opportunity contact David Parish at 281.855.5635 or dwparish@ag.tamu.edu.

Work in the Gardens

Tuesday mornings are workdays in the gardens at the Harris County **Extension Office**. Monday and Wednesday mornings are the designated workdays in the **Genoa Friendship Garden**.

Ask a Master Gardener Kiosk

Volunteers are needed to host the Ask A Master Gardener Kiosk at the Green Thumb Lecture Series held at the Extension Office. Times are 6:15 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. A sign up sheet is available in the Mster Gardener room at the Extension Office or you can contact David Parish at dwparish@ag.tamu.edu.



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President's Thoughts

By Sally Harpole
Harris County Master Gardener Association President

The first two months of this year have been a busy time at the Extension Office for the Master Gardeners. At the same time many were working on the successful Fruit Tree Sale others were busy beginning work on the Tomato-Pepper Sale. **Jean Fefer** and **Virginia Joiner** have been the chairpersons of this sale for several years and have done a great job every time. When Jean put out the call for help, I asked her what all was involved in preparing for the sale. I want to include what she told me in my article this month as I am sure I wasn't the only one who didn't realize all the work involved.

Jean explained that preparations for this year's Tomato-Pepper sale started in the greenhouse with the planting of pepper seeds in early January. This was followed by the tomato seeds in mid January along with green eggplant, basil and the seeds for the 2009 vegetable test garden. In addition to the planting of over 5000 seeds work has been going on to improve the watering system by cleaning out the tubing and emitters that deliver the water and fertilizer to the plants. In some cases this meant actually replacing some of the PVC piping to make it easier to clean out in the future. This was accomplished with David Parish's help. The second week in February the seedlings were big enough to be "bumped up" – peppers to 4" pots and tomatoes to quarts. This process involved a lot of volunteers working steadily for several days to mix the soil, fill the pots, transplant the seedlings complete with labels, and organize the plants in the greenhouse so they can be easily tended. All tables, except one, in the greenhouse are required to hold the finished plants ready for the sale. She pointed out that when all is accomplished all they can do is keep the plants watered, bug free and hope they grow to a saleable size (not too big) by the time of the sale.

Virginia and **Grady Joiner**, along with their other activities, were busy running around Houston looking for more tents to purchase for the sale and for the future sales. They also needed to find new poles to replace broken ones from the other tents we have. Jeanie Dunnihoo and her committee were busy preparing the herbs that would be sold while Phyllis Fritch and Brian Koehl were preparing the roses for sale. All of their work and many more volunteers' work helped us have an excellent sale.

The Master Gardener Spring Class began the last week in January with a total of 63 attendees. The class is made up of 57 new students, with four from Pct. 2 finishing their course that was interrupted by "Ike", and two that are auditing the class. Whenever you see a new student welcome and make them feel a part of our organization. **Marjorie Chambers** is the Chairman of the MG Class Committee and **George Williams** is the Class Coordinator. The assistants working with them are **Anne O'Neil, Susan Muck, Patsy Butcher, Ken Couch, Bea Patterson, Janet Echelman, Bonnie Morrow, Nina Turner, Karen Bauser, and Donna Hubberd**.

I want to thank **Ron Brown** for the many years he has served as Chairman of the Speakers Bureau. Ron has stepped down as chairman and **Carol Fraser** has accepted this position. Ron and his wife, Lynn, not only scheduled all the speakers, but also, have made many presentations. They will continue to be active on this committee. I welcome Carol, who has been a part of the Speakers Bureau for several years, and wish her success in this endeavor.

Now that March is here I am sure we are all ready to begin planting our spring plants. Let's keep our fingers crossed for an early spring season.

Happy gardening.

Garden Gifts

News from Our Outreach Gardens

By Kenneth Dorman
Harris County Master Gardener

By the end of this month we will have planted our most diverse garden ever. Among the new, to us, tomatoes are Amish Paste, a really big heirloom sauce tomato (an Amish tomato for Italian pasta or Mexican rice?), Flamme, a smallish old French tomato with persimmon orange color and flesh; Mexico, a big, red beefsteak type heirloom, from guess where; Texas Star, big, yellow fruit with pale red stripes, a red star on its bottom and a perfect acid/sweet balance; Arkansas Traveler and Tropic, both adapted to high heat and humidity, with great tomato taste and our old favorite, Dona. We actually have five more new ones planted that are a little more weird and if they are good I will write them up later. This sounds like a lot of tomatoes, but the most we have of any one kind is four and some we only have one or two plants.

We have seven kinds of hot chilies including a giant jalapeno that is supposed to grow four inches long and two inches wide which is as big as some of the bell peppers we have grown in the past and a double hot habanero that can only be picked by persons wearing safety goggles and leather gloves. Among the sweet peppers we have a couple that are nematode resistant and one called Aji Dulce that has the look and flavor of a habanero, but none of the heat. We got seeds of an heirloom pink/lavender eggplant from Puerto Rico to take the place of the green ones.

A new cantaloupe that was developed in Israel and appropriately enough called, Israel, has been added this year to go with our old favorite French Orange Hybrid. It is reputed to have sweet green flesh and to be even more fragrant than the French Orange Hybrid. Cantaloupes are among the best liked produce we take to the Pantry so we plant a lot of them.

The squash vine borers have annihilated our squash, both summer and winter types, for the past several years so I searched all I could find on Google and came up with one summer squash and three winter squash we are going to try. They all belong to the species *Cucurbita moschata* and are said to be very resistant to borers; we will certainly give them a test because we are infested with the vile things. They are worse than mockingbirds in the tomatoes. The winter squash are all butternut types, one from the U.S., one from Italy and the other French while the summer squash, Zucca d'Albenga, is from Italy. The summer squash was grown in the Extension garden one year as I recall. I don't remember the results, but Mr. Kish may.

This is the extent of the exotics and we intend to keep good records on them all and will pass it on later. The rest of our crops, Gina bush beans, Sweet Success cucumbers, 1015Y onions and Red LaSoda and Kenebec potatoes are all proven veterans of the garden that we have exposed to competition, but can't beat.

We planted onions in January, Irish potatoes in February (why do we call South American potatoes Irish) and will put out tomato plants as we get them then plant bean seeds, cucumber seeds and melon seeds the second week of March, pepper and eggplant plants and squash seeds go in the ground the third week of March and sweet potatoes and okra go in the onion beds after they finish with pinkeye purple hull peas coming behind the potatoes. If we can find a free bed or two in July we will start planting tomatoes again.

Helping others is really satisfying and fulfilling. It makes you feel good about yourself which in turn makes you feel good about others. Loving yourself is an easy step from here. Do it.



Photo by Carol Brouwer
Potato harvest at CCSC Garden, 2008

Precinct 2 News

by Eileen Donovan
Harris County Master Gardener

Our first Open Garden Day was a great success. Despite chilly weather, we had quite a few visitors who toured our gardens and asked many questions. Volunteers had been potting up a lot of plants, both from our own gardens and from the Friendship Garden and we sold many of them. We also sold tomato cages, orange oil, molasses, tools and other items from our store.

We will continue to prepare plants for sale and if you have plants to share we would be happy to accept them. Please make sure they are labeled. We also could use pots, up to one gallon in size.

The Precinct 2 Master Gardeners are going to be responsible for setting up and running a store at the first Tuesday Master Gardener Lecture Series at the Extension Center. We will be selling many popular items, such as herb blend, various tools and MG logo tee-shirts, caps, aprons and vests. If you are interested in volunteering to help with these sales, please contact **Janice Muhm** or **Georgia Lau**.

The greenhouse is full of baby tomatoes and peppers awaiting our big sale on February 28. The Wednesday group completed the drainage and border improvements to the herb bed. Several new grasses and a large donated hibiscus have been planted. Applying compost and mulch has been another big project. The perennial garden, tropical garden, rose beds, the fruit trees and citrus and the grapes were all mulched. It took several weeks to complete that chore. Pruning has begun, but will take a while to complete. Sprinkler system maintenance is ongoing and never ending.

Tom Solomon hosted visitors from the NASA Longhorn project and who were interested in our vegetable gardens. He also toured visitors from the Katy Prairie Conservancy and Hermann Park Garden Center who wanted to see the new P2 greenhouse and the prairie grass propagation activities taking place there.

Gloria Tome donated a microwave for the volunteers to use. While Tom always has coffee ready for the volunteers, the tea drinkers have had to bring their own or do without. Thanks Gloria!

Dr. Carol Brouwer spoke on EarthKind Roses at the Master Gardener Lecture Series at Clear Lake Park. She did a great job, as always. **Christa Kaiser** arranged to have a number of EarthKind roses for sale. Response from the public as well as the Master Gardeners in attendance was great. **Angela Chandler** spoke on vegetable gardening at the Green Thumb Series and also did an excellent job as always.

I apologize to those of you who were looking for the photo of Chloe, our garden mascot, last month. Due to technical difficulties, it didn't make it to Extension before the newsletter went to print. She is here now, and since this photo was taken, **Bobbie Weise** and **Tom Solomon** have spruced up her hairdo.



Chloe enjoying the Genoa Friendship Garden

Natives, Invasives, Cultivars and Weeds

By Laura M. Miller,
Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension, Tarrant County

Isn't that an invasive plant?" It's a question that is asked fairly often by everyone from gardeners to property managers. It's also a hot topic among environmentalists and horticulturists, who sometimes disagree. It was even the cause of a recent e-mail flurry in regard to the Texas AgriLife Extension EarthKind Plant Selector, found on line <http://earthkind.tamu.edu/EKSelector.html>

The EarthKind Plant Selector assigns a score, the Earth Kind Index, to each plant selection based upon its performance in four resource efficiency categories, heat tolerance, drought tolerance, pest tolerance, soil requirement, and fertility requirement. A high scoring plant would be able to handle lots of heat, get by with practically no water, be unlikely to be killed by pests, not be too picky about what kind of soil it would grow in, and not really require any fertilization. That sounds like a plant that would grow just about anywhere. Sometimes we call those plants weeds, but should they be labeled invasive?

A weed by definition is a plant growing in an inappropriate place. That plant can be native or nonnative, attractive or ugly; if it is out of place, it's a weed. Anyone can make a weed declaration. Weediness, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. A plant that gets a good score on the EarthKind Plant Selector could be a star in one landscape and a weed next door.

Invasive is not a label that should be tossed around as lightly. An invasive plant is one that displaces native vegetation in natural areas. While anyone can call a weed a weed, before a plant should be deemed invasive there should be documentation in the form of scientific articles by recognized experts that the genus and species in question was introduced by man and has indeed spread beyond where it was planted to invade natural areas. The presence of a non-native plant in a place man once tended, such as an old homestead, a cemetery, a roadside or agricultural land, shouldn't count when evaluating invasiveness.

Native plants can't be classified as invasive. They would grow here without any intervention by man. Although a native plant may be ugly, seed out like crazy and be a weed in a landscape, a member of the native plant family isn't an outsider and therefore can't be called an invasive.

The official invasive plant list for the State of Texas is kept by the Texas Department of Agriculture at http://info.sos.state.tx.us/fids/04_0019_0300-1.html. It is a short list, consisting of only 29 species of plants. The largest group of plants, a full 37% of the species on the list, is made up of aquatic plants. Others were "once upon a time" desirable ornamentals that have gone bad. The Chinese Tallow Tree, *Triadica sebiferum* is one of these. It was once prized for its fall color and small stature, but is now the enemy in a vegetation management battle that stretches across the Coastal Plains.



Chinese Pistache (*Pistachia chinensis*)

Natives, Invasives, Cultivars and Weeds cont'

While some people still love their Chinese Tallow Trees, most people would agree that it and the other species on this list are capable of creating a negative ecological impact in natural areas and belong on the list due to the difficulty and costs associated with managing them. On the other hand, the regional appropriateness of the list could be questioned. Texas is a big state and while Brazilian Peppertree, *Schinus terebinthifolius*, is invasive in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, it probably would not make through the winter in the Metroplex. The bigger controversy is attached to the bigger lists. There are numerous groups, often called Exotic Plant Pest Councils, who put together their own lists of invasive and potentially invasive plants. The Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Council maintains a list of 140 plant species that occur in or around Texas and that are suspected of causing problems by invading natural areas. Some of the plants on this list are landscape staples: Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*), Silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*), Russian Olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*), and Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina domestica*).

This brings us to the biggest controversy in the invasive debate. What should we do about cultivars? A cultivar, or cultivated variety, is a plant that has been selected and named because of its useful and/or beautiful characteristics. The cultivar name follows the genus and species name and is set apart with single quotation marks. An example would be *Ilex vomitoria* 'Pendula' also known as weeping yaupon holly, which was chosen, named and propagated for its growth habit.

One way to think about the differences that can exist between cultivars and the plain old species is to think about dogs. Though they are all the same genus and species, there's a big difference between a Chihuahua and a St. Bernard. It's possible to say that *Nandina domestica* is like a German Shepherd while *Nandina domestica* 'aka,' known by its trade name Blush, is more like a Pomeranian.

While standard *Nandina domestica* can be found growing wild in some wooded natural areas in Tarrant County, *Nandina domestica* cultivars such as 'Firepower', 'Gulf Stream', 'Umpqua Chief' and many more were chosen for foliage color and dwarf habit. Most of them don't produce berries. One of the primary ways that nandina invades natural areas is by berries transported by birds so these cultivars are much less likely to be invasive.

Should cultivars be considered noninvasive when the species is "on the list?" That depends. These cultivar qualities should be present:

- Readily distinguishable from the species—so they won't be confused
- Doesn't readily revert to the species (think of tall ruellia in Dwarf Katie)
- Characteristics such as seedlessness that reduce dispersal (such as those nandinas mentioned above)
- Doesn't hybridize with native plant species (this is the key problem with lantanas)
- Characteristics that inhibit competitiveness (dwarf size, variegation, etc.)

Invasive plant issues won't go away when ignored. Like a little patch of kudzu, they'll just keep growing. Responsible gardeners and members of the Green Industry should support the development of credible information about invasiveness. When choosing landscape plant material for an area where the potential for invasion is high, such as a new development adjacent to a natural area, make careful choices. And finally, don't be afraid to share your enhanced understanding of the issues. The Labrador Retrievers of the plant world are counting on you.

Reference: Knox, G. W. and S.B. Wilson. Evaluating North and South Florida Landscape Performance and Fruiting of Ten Cultivars and a Wild-type Selection of *Nandina domestica*, a Potentially Invasive Shrub. *Journal of Environmental Horticulture* 24(3):137–142. September 2006.

March 2009 Volunteer Hours See below for instructions.

March 2009 volunteer hours and CEUs are DUE by April 15, 2009.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Volunteer Service Hours

Date	Location	# of Contacts*	Hours**
* Number of people you educated during volunteer activity		TOTAL	
** Time spent volunteering			

Continuing Education Hours

Date	Topic or Title	Speaker's Name	Location*	Hours
*New for 2008, event must be affiliated with Texas AgriLife Extension, Texas A&M University or Mercer Arboretum. Exceptions must be approved prior to event with David or Carol.			TOTAL	

Please submit your volunteer hours to **David Parish** in person, by e-mail dwparish@ag.tamu.edu, fax 281.855.5638 or regular mail to 3033 Bear Creek Dr, Houston, TX 77084. The **Deadline** for submitting volunteer hours and CEUs is the 15th of the following month.

Would you like to fill out this form on your computer? We've posted a spiffy version on the MG Web site. You can fill it out on the computer in Acrobat Reader and submit it via e-mail or print it and fax or mail it. Get it at <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/mgdir/index.htm> (e-mail David if you don't have the password.).

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 Work Day: P2	3 MG Lecture Series: Plants and Power Lines by Wes Boettcher: Ext. Off. HCMGA Board Mtg: Ext Off Work day: Ext. Off.	4 Work day: P2	5 Work Day: P2	6	7
8	9 Work Day: P2	10 Green Thumb - Bass Pro Great Plants for Houston by Karen Breneman and Carol Brouwer Work day: Ext. Off. Newsletter deadline Climbing Roses by Mike Shoup: Mercer Arboretum	11 Work day: P2 March Mart Preview: Mercer Arboretum	12 Work Day: P2	13	14
15	16 Open Garden Day: P2 Work Day: P2 Steering Committee: P2	17 MG Evening Lecuture Series: Bog Gardens by Karen Breneman Work day: Ext. Off. Vines, Veggie and Herbs: Mercer Arboretum	18 MG Lecture Series at P2: Color in Your Garden by Ginia Keen Mattern Work day: P2	19 Green Thumb - Extension Office: Growing Plants from Seeds and Cuttings by Dr. Jean Fefer Work day: Ext. Off.	20	21 MG P2 Propagation Workshop: EIH at UH Clear Lake March Mart Preview: Mercer Arboretum
22	23 Work Day: P2	24 Work day: Ext. Off.	25	26	27	28 March Mart Plant Sale Mercer Arboretum
29	30 Work Day: P2 Steering Committee: P2	31 Work day: Ext. Off.				



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