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From the Yard

By Jeff McMullan, President, FBMG S2001

My favorite signs of spring, the purple martins, showed up on Valentine's Day, 2005. These happy, gregarious, friendly birds, plus all of these rainy days, are sure signs that we'll be doing serious digging in just a few more weeks! Though it's obvious that plenty of work in the demonstration gardens continued through the dreary days of winter, it's also apparent as we finalize our budget for 2005 that the various committees plan lots of work over the next few months. There are projects planned that will be of interest to each and every one of our members.



I couldn't let this issue of The Grapevine go by without one more great big THANK YOU to Sarah Lineberger.

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During her too-short stay as County Extension Agent - Horticulture, she offered much and delivered even more. Sarah's work with FBCMG (and other groups associated with Fort Bend County Cooperative Extension) is greatly appreciated and will be sorely missed. Extension Director Vince Mannino is hard at work in search of Sarah's replacement. We look forward to the guiding hands of a new agent and lots more new ideas for us to pursue.

We are also looking forward to lots of new ideas from the Spring 2005 class who began their training on February 23. If you'd like to stop by to meet the new MG's or sit in on a class, they're meeting in the Agriculture Center conference room, so seating is limited. It would be a good idea to check with Margo if you plan to be there. Welcome!

The Denton County Master Gardeners are this year's host to the Texas Master Gardener Conference at the Doral Tesoro Hotel in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The dates are May 5 - 8. The theme is "For the Love of Gardening - Lessons and Inspirations" with tours, seminars, and the opportunity to meet and learn from Master Gardeners from all over Texas. We are hopeful that our association will again be recognized for all the great work that you do. Our nominations were submitted on February 5 and they all looked like winners to me!

P.S. For those interested, stick on zippers don't hang together when a cold front would like to blow your cold frame all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. Wait! next year!

Welcome Spring 2005 Class!

We wish you success in your training and look forward to working with you on a variety of FBMG projects.



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MARCH MONTHLY PROGRAM:

“Fruit Trees” by Dr. Ethan Natelson. Dr. Natelson is a medical doctor and fruit tree hobbyist who will talk about the best, most carefree fruit trees for Southeast Texas.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
SOCIAL TIME—6:45 PM PROGRAM—7:15 PM
MEMBER’S MEETING FOLLOWS THE PROGRAM

BAZAAR HAPPENINGS

By Barbara Brannon, Bazaar Chair, FBMG 1999

The first **BAZAAR WORKSHOP** for 2005 will be held on **Wednesday March 9th**. We have several projects ready to start. Please watch the FBMG Web site in the future to see first hand some of the things we are making. To start out we will have workshops every other Wednesday beginning March 9th. We have made many changes to this years in the bazaar organization. Our committee has come up with a lot of new suggestions and ways to organize our workshops so everyone may participate. Our Bazaar this year will be Saturday October 29.

We will have a **BAZAAR MEETING** on **April 6th** at 6 PM. At this meeting we will be looking for **NEW** ideas for projects. Please be looking for bazaar ideas and mark your calendar to attend this meeting. Any and ALL suggestions are welcome and encouraged. If you have an item that you think we might be interested in making **please plan to bring it to this meeting**. If you would like to be added to our email list to be kept up to date on current happenings and latest workshops please contact Barbara Brannon @ 281-533-9522 or LILBITMOM@AOL.COM. Remember our first work shop is March 9th 6 PM in the Annex Conference room. Everyone is invited.



Community Affairs

By Peg d’Hemecourt, Community Affairs Director,
FBMG F2003

Upcoming Monthly Programs

April 28 – “Daylilies” by Betty Lenderman of Enchanted Forest. Betty will share a wealth of knowledge about daylilies – great preparation for a field trip to a daylily farm.

May 26 – “Some Less Common Culinary Herbs for the Gulf Coast: Their Culture and Uses” by Lana & Bob Sims, Harris County Master Gardeners and herb growers.

Field Trip Monday, May 16:

Payne’s in the Grass Daylily Farm



Leon and Paula Payne invite Ft. Bend County Master Gardeners to Payne’s in the Grass Daylily Farm (located in Pearland) to experience daylilies during the peak of the bloom season. The Payne’s maintain an AHS Display Garden and grow over 800 different registered cultivars and approximately 10,000 of their own seedlings, along with many perennials. Leon and Paula are daylily hybridizers, and have reserved the morning of May 16 for us. We will meet at the Farm at 9:30 a.m. and begin with a walk through the growing field. Daylilies may be purchased by cash or check, provided the plant desired is not the last one in the Payne’s collection. The Payne’s display garden will also be open to us to enjoy.

To register for this event, send Margo “Mac” McDowell an e-mail indicating your interest to mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu.

Directions will be provided to those planning to attend. The estimated drive time to Payne’s in the Grass Daylily Farm from the Extension Office is approximately one hour. Transportation will not be provided, but carpooling is encouraged.

You may spend as much time at the Farm as you like. The growing field and display garden can be viewed in about an hour and a half. If you are purchasing plants, expect to be there a bit longer, as the Payne’s will have to write up a ticket, dig the plant and complete the sale.

This event will qualify for 1.5 hours of advanced training credit. For a preview of what’s in store, visit the Payne’s website at www.daylily.net/gardens/paynesinthegrass.



Notes from Mac

by Margo "Mac" McDowell,
Fort Bend County Master Gardener
Coordinator

I am so impressed with the recent Fruit Tree Sale! What an amazing day that was. We also hit a new high in organization and the number of Master Gardeners who volunteered to help. **Cheryl Huber**, our new Chairperson for Plant Sales did a super job coordinating everyone, and organizing the sale in general. Know this - Cheryl is a graduate of the Spring 04 class which means she only has been to one of our sales before, the 2004 Perennial Sale. With **Patti Dunn's** advice and assistance, Cheryl carefully laid out detailed plans to make the sale a success. It was indeed remarkable. Cheryl has a willing spirit, and enthusiasm for our organization – she is always asking me, "What can I do for you, Mac!" Cheryl is also a huge help to chairperson Dell Keene on the Berry Patch.

It is great to have Patti Dunn available to help with the sales as well. Patti's expertise in handling the plant material and first hand knowledge of our plant sales make her a real asset to our organization. What a good team Cheryl and Patti make! So when you have a moment, give both Patti and Cheryl an email or pat on the back.

When I led the group of customers from the lecture to the side of the barn to open the sale, I couldn't believe the number of people – there was a line from the beginning of the barn entry alllllll the way to Building D! Did anyone get any pictures of that?

There are so many people who put their efforts together and made all of this happen. If I start naming everyone, I'd have to get Mary Beth to make this a 24 page newsletter! You all know who you are – some more visible than others, but important because you were there and your presence or your food or your knowledge or your muscles played a vital part. Just know that.

New Class begins!

You all have heard me say this over and over again; I can't believe another class has almost ended and another just began. You'd think I'd be thin! Well here we go again! We started another class on February 23. Class location has changed – we will be having this evening class in the conference room in the Ag. Center – what I call the main office. We made the decision to limit the size of the class to 35 people to make the class more manageable and because of space limitations in the room. If you are a graduate, and you want to attend the classes for a brush up, you are still welcome to come as always. Just know that you can't get Advanced Training since you've already had the class. The class schedule is posted on the website.

We're also doing something a little different this time—there will be a Class Landscape Project. Under

the guidance of our Landscape Director **Amy Ping**, and her two Landscape Co-chairs, **Nat Gruesen** and **Johnny Williams**, the new class is going to redesign and implement a new front yard—the area in front of the main office.

Another change in the class which actually took place with the F2004 class is that we have made it mandatory for everyone to experience a little bit of time in every aspect of our program. This time, because it is an evening class, it will be mandatory for the Associates to work at least 1 hour in 6 different gardens, and then they must also spend at least 6 hours on the Class project. Other mandatory items are attending 4 monthly programs, and then the usual – composting, fundraising, and the Hotline.

One added bonus for the class, and me, is assistance from **Ginny Grant** (F03). Ginny has agreed to be the "class liaison". Ginny will be available to help me answer the millions of questions that come up (you all know that is no exaggeration!), get class ready, and reinforce the "can do" attitude since she is a recent graduate. I don't want anyone to feel they can't get an answer, or can't get the explanation for the rules, so Ginny will be on hand to help.

I ask again for your help in making the new Associates feel welcome, and please feel free to ask them if they have questions! Remember how you felt?

A request from Mac

It seems that each class has different things going on, different rules, and different ways of getting hours. Well, we are constantly trying to improve the "class experience." Some ideas work, some don't. What I ask from all of you is if any new Associates ask questions about how they obtain their hours, or ask you if you think they can have hours if they attend this or that, please reinforce to them that I am the right person to answer such questions. It doesn't happen very often, but I don't want to be placed in situation where I have to tell a new Associate that a Master Gardener told them something incorrectly. I know its hard enough trying to absorb all the information given in class without having a variety of answers on how to get hours. Thanks everyone!

We shall garden-on!

No matter what happens within our organization... and especially during the last year we have shown that we stand on solid ground. Have any of you given this a thought at all? I have. I think our organization is at a great crossroads of growth and we are moving to being even better than we have ever been. I was sad to see Wayne move away, and Sarah leaving ... well, we have lost some very talented and dedicated people. But we have also gained a lot recently as well.

We have a very talented and extremely knowledgeable horticulturist who has become our County Director, **Vince Mannino**. I hope you all enjoyed him at our

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Message from Mac (continued)

January's monthly program because he was great! Remember the story about the ice cubes? Ha!

Another person stepping up is **Terry Douglass**. He has decided to take over the merchandizing! I'm so excited about this! Terry is also a real asset to our Hotline & Research Department. He comes in every Monday and Thursday, and he is such a big help to our community. We will be ordering shirts really soon!

Dea Friloux is our Publicity Chairperson, and she has done a great job with publicity for our sales, our monthly programs, and our classes

Johnny Williams, who helps out the hotline on Wednesday afternoons, and is one of the Landscape co-chairs, has also decided to take on another role. We recently received a huge donation of orchids, and with those types of plants being a passion of Johnny's, he decided to take this on as well. The orchids are in the Greenhouse and you'll hear more about this work later. Thanks Johnny!

Most of you know **Don Johnson** (F03). Don is leading a new committee – an IPM group with an emphasis on insect education (not educating the insects either). It's not easy to get a new project going—especially when you're already involved with another pretty big project. Don is active with the Plants in the Classroom program. We've already had a kickoff meeting, and will meet again on March 10th. If you are interested, please come!

Aleta Patrick is lining up teachers for the Plants in the Classroom program this year. Several new additions to the lineup of instructors are **Lynn McKillop**, **Jan Girndt**, **Holly Dern**, **Nicolle Peffley**, and **Gretchen Breland**. **Wendy Talkington**, **Ginny Grant**, **Don Johnson**, **Catherine Pennington**, **Yolanda Thomas**, are Master Gardeners who are volunteering again this year. This was a program started by Sarah, but will continue thanks to the talented members of our organization.

So, we have 2 major players missing from our organization, and we shall always remember what they did for us...while we are busying helping those who have stepped up to fill that void. Garden-on. I'm proud to be part of this organization.

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Looking for the source of those soft tones floating across our gardens? Check out the newest feature in the Japanese Garden.



LANDSCAPE UPDATES

From the Vineyard

By Pete Pavlovsky, Vineyard Chair, FBMG S2000

My sincere appreciation to a great friend, Donald G. Jones for chairing the pruning and cleaning up the Vineyard. With the help from Holly Dern (F2004) and Judy Chamblis (F2000) the grapes are ready to GROW & PRODUCE. The vineyard is not a large area but when pruning takes place, there is a lot of work to be accomplished. And the three did it.

I appreciate your thoughts, prayers and phone calls following my hospital stay and I will soon be back on my feet. There are a few grapes that need to be replaced and we'll get that accomplished quickly.

Howdy from the Circle Garden Areas!

By Becky Luegemors, Circles Committee Chair, FBMG 1998

The new CEMAP plants are in and almost all have been installed in the circles area. The CEMAP plants are being tested for TEXAS SUPERSTAR status. On a monthly basis we monitor their blooming ability, disease and insect resistance, and overall appearance to see if they have what it takes to be a TEXAS SUPERSTAR in our area. Any Master Gardener wishing to be part of this plant evaluation is welcome to email me at: blgard@houston.rr.com, or call and leave a message at 281-277-6223. We will most likely be doing these evaluations from 9-11AM on a Wednesday close to the first of each month. I can hardly wait to see how the new little guys grow. Let's hope they are all winners! Some of them are peaches, and I suppose taste-testing should be done—just to be sure they are real superstars, of course. How long is it until peaches produce?

The Berry Patch

Have you seen the new Berry Patch? Well you should. Dell Keene (S2004), Chairperson, has taken out all the old berries, repositioned the trellises, and on February 16, with the help of Pat Topping (S2004) and Cheryl Huber (S2004), planted 90 berry plants of different varieties. Several others worked as well – Barbara Seelhorst, Karen Zurawski, Ben Hobbs, and Pat Bishop. Without their help, the Berry Patch would not be full of berries! Everyone is welcome to join in and work with this committee. You can contact Dell at 281-438-2174 or email him at keeneja@yahoo.com.

New Addition to the Japanese Garden

As most of you know, Weldon Mayse (S2002) designed and created the Japanese Garden front gate, and also the Circle Garden's arbor. Now he has finished the long awaited projected – the Japanese Garden Chimes. The tones that these chimes make are so relaxing! Thank you Weldon, for another stunning creation!



Garden Checklist for March, 2005

By Dr. William C. Welch

- Prepare beds for planting warm-season flowers and vegetables. For every 100 square feet of bed area, work in a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic material such as compost, pine bark, or sphagnum peat moss.
- Select and order caladium tubers as well as geranium and coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperature reaches 70 degrees F.
- Check mulch on azalea and camellia plantings and add where needed. Consider using pine needles, pine bark, or similar organic materials. As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with 3 pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area.
- Beware of closeout sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Best bets for now are container-grown or balled-and-burlapped plants.
- Remember that many trees and shrubs are damaged or killed each year by the careless application of weed killers, including those found in mixes of fertilizers and weed killers. Always read and follow label directions very carefully. Weeds in a lawn usually indicate a poor lawn-management program and can usually be crowded out in a healthy turf.
- For early color in the landscape, try some of the following annuals as transplants: ageratums, cockscombs, fibrous rooted begonias, coreopsis, cosmos, cleomes, marigolds, nasturtiums, petunias, phlox, portulacas, salvias, sweet alyssums, sunflowers, and zinnias.
- Divide existing clumps of fall-blooming perennials. Separate the clumps into individual plants and set them 8-10" apart in groupings of 5 or more. Be sure to prepare the bed area well by spading in 3-5" of organic material into the top 8-10" of soil. For longlasting fertility add 3-5 pounds of cottonseed meal or slow release fertilizer per 100#s of bed area.

Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) ... What Is It?

By Mary Beth McCaughey,
Vice President, FBMG S2000



As we enter the season of active gardening and regular outdoor activities, I thought it would be good to remind folks that our individual actions have an impact on the world around us:

Q: What is Nonpoint source pollution?

A: Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from many diffuse sources. NPS pollution is caused by rainfall moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters, and even our underground sources of drinking water. These pollutants include:

- Excess fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides from residential areas and agricultural lands;
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from urban runoff;
- Sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forest lands, and eroding stream-banks;
- Bacteria and nutrients from livestock, pet wastes, and faulty septic systems.

Q: What are the effects of these pollutants on our water?

A: States report that nonpoint source pollution is the leading remaining cause of water quality problems. The effects of nonpoint source pollutants on specific waters vary and may not always be fully assessed. However, we know that these pollutants have harmful effects on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries, and wildlife.

Q: What causes NPS?

A: We all play a part. Nonpoint source pollution results from a wide variety of human activities on the land. Each of us can contribute to the problem without even realizing it.

Q: What can we do about NPS?

A: We can all help to reduce and prevent NPS. Governments have some responsibility but individuals have a role also. We can each practice conservation, take care with the types of chemicals used in and around our homes pick up pet wastes, and make sure that litter is disposed of responsibly. Give a bit of thought to everyday habits—the world will be better for it!

Greet The Gardener

By Sheredith Heitzenrater, FBMG S2002

Buying a house that needed remodeling on 11 acres can be quite a challenge. Deborah Birge, FBMG S2002, and her husband, Warren, were drawn to the possibilities of land located near Pecan Grove. After extensive work on the house they were ready to tackle the pastureland.

Deborah grew up in tiny Apple Springs in East Texas. Warren grew up in Virginia and while in college, mutual friends introduced them. Warren works with behavioral sciences and Deborah claims she is now "retired". That just means their two children are both away from home at college, and she has learned to say "No" to many of her previous volunteer activities. Now she is concentrating on "Mother Nature".

Deborah decided to take the Master Gardener classes because she was tired of having only mediocre success in her yard. She wanted to learn how to get her plants to have a better survival rate. Her favorite class was Entomology. She learned that it is best not to kill beneficial insects. She advises everyone to be as organic as possible in the garden. The good bugs and the bad will eventually even themselves out.

Deborah and Warren have used the raised bed system for their vegetables and herbs. They now have 12 fruit trees in an orchard but find the rose garden, gardenia bed, and shade gardening vs. sun gardening to be a challenge. The home already had a greenhouse attached so the Plumeria's have winter shelter. They have added interesting walking paths in the various beds and made the Koi Pond a major focal point of the back yard.

Deborah belongs to two book clubs and the abundance of rocking chairs on the back decks indicates she likes to read while she watches her flowers grow. She also watches their dogs, Hannah and Rowdy Jane—saying that innovative fencing has saved the vegetable gardens from their curiosity.

Festival is Deborah's favorite rose. She also has great success with poppies and has planted many flowers and bushes to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. She feels that Turk's Cap really attracts the Hummers. She said you can't kill it once it roots but it does tend to spread. Since there is a barn on their property, Deborah is about to enter the world of raising Guinea Fowl.

There were so many snakes wanting to share the flowerbeds that Deborah decided to take a class on snakes at the Mercer Arboretum. Now she can identify the 3 poisonous ones found in our area.

Deborah's gardening advice is to plan ahead. Figure out how the plants you put in now will look in 5-6 years. She advises planting trees first and then putting in other plants beneath them. That way, when the trees are big enough to give shade, the sun loving flowers can be replaced with shade loving ones. Also she feels you should garden as organically as possible. If you spray, you are killing the beneficial insects as well as the pesky bugs. If you can't walk barefoot in it, don't use it! Deb-

Deborah worked as a wildlife rehabilitator for 10 years and she observed many birds that ate seeds and berries of bushes that were sprayed. The birds would be poisoned from the pesticides.

Deborah is an active Master Gardener and recently helped with the delicious food at the Fruit Tree Sale. If you would like to sit in one of her rocking chairs, sip tea, and watch the bounty of "Mother Nature" just give Deborah a call. She would love to show you the fruits of their labor, discuss those new chickens, get your thoughts on how well you think her new asparagus bed will do, and maybe even identify a snake for you!



Garden Guardians Grow Smiles

By Aleta Patrick, FBMG 2003

The pain and emotional turmoil suffered by a child that has been abused, neglected, or abandoned is unfathomable. Thankfully, there exists a place that works to bring "help, healing, and hope" to these hurting children. The Krause Center in Katy, Texas serves as a safe haven for the healing of boys and girls age 11-17 years. The Krause Center addresses the "emotional, physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs" of these children as sponsored by Lutheran Social Services (www.lsss.org).

In the summer of 2004 the Krause Center contacted the Fort Bend Master Gardeners to appeal for a gardening program for these children. The opportunity to work in the outdoors and nurture a living, beautiful plant elicits an environment of healing. A generous donation by a local business provided the first step in the garden installation. Three Master Gardeners—Genevieve Morell, Lisa Pfister, and Aleta Patrick—along with a local artist formed the creative and educational minds for the planning of the new gardening class—the "Garden Guardians."

The fall class addressed garden design, herbs, soil composition, composting, bed preparation, and garden installation. The classes focused on hands-on learning with plenty of physical labor. An herb garden was planted by the children with herbs donated, in part, by Master Gardeners. Excavation and drainage work on the 40' vegetable bed included several Saturday workdays with Master Gardeners and other local volunteers. And a Master Gardener generously donated an 8'x10' shed for tool storage.

To date, the vegetable bed silently awaits the children's seeds and plants; the iris and ranunculus bulbs have sprouted and the salad and herb bed awaits harvesting for a salad. If you would like to be a part of the Garden Guardians please contact Aleta by phone at 281-395-2185 or email cwp.home@ix.netcom.com.

A Fruitful Turnout For Master Gardener Sale

By Cheryl Huber, Plant Sale Chair, S2004

The beautiful weather must have played a part in the huge turnout the Fort Bend Master Gardeners experienced at the annual Fruit Tree Sale on February 12th. The temperature was cool that morning, but warmed up nicely as the sale progressed. The lack of rain, after a very wet week, brought customers from all over the county.

Several teams worked together to ensure that the sale would be great. Dea Friloux's and Karen Zurawski's advertising team efforts were a success. Cliff Bergman and Don Woods chalked off the barn, and Master Gardeners unloaded the trucks on Friday. TreeSearch Farms provided quality product, and owner Heidi Sheesley gave a terrific overview of the merchandise offered.

Nearly 80 Fort Bend County Master Gardeners arrived early and received instructions from Patti Dunn on how to work the sales floor, pull and pack the bare root items and fill out invoices. Sales team leaders Hester Hackstedt and Becky Leugemors positioned their workers when the doors opened to the public. Team leaders Judy Davisckenour, and Holly Dern quickly saw the need for more workers to check invoices, recruited off of the floor, and positioned their team accordingly. Leslie Niemand volunteered to help cashier, and Shirley Valenziano's team worked frantically to keep up with the constant flow of customers. Carry-out team leader Ralph Bender, had his group hurrying to return wagons for the waiting customers. As a result, 300 customers were served in the first 45 minutes of the sale. Margo "Mac" McDowell and I were scattering to print more invoices and buy more trash bags, as it became apparent that a record breaking day was in the works.

It was great to see team members maneuvering smoothly between areas to meet the needs of our customers. Things slowed by 11 AM and the teams were able to take a few minutes to go over to Building D for a feast prepared by Debbie Birge and Jamie McPhearson as the Food Energizer team! This particular team is always behind the scenes but never forgotten. Their efforts were much appreciated.

After an exhausting four hours, the gross sales were a record breaking 30 percent higher than the previous year!

It was a thrill to be a part of a winning team. With the Perennial Sale approaching on March 19th there is excitement building. The team leaders have already met to review ideas and suggestions. We are preparing for another successful sale and hope to have the same kind of success again in March. Thank you to all of the volunteers that made the Fruit Tree sale so much fun. Working with Master Gardeners is rewarding, because you all work so hard and no one com-

Dates to Remember



*Activities marked *ATC are eligible for Advanced Training Credit.*

Mar 10—Green Thumb Seminar, "Plants that live in Fort Bend", 7-9 PM, Bud O'Sheiles Community Center

Mar 15—Sugar Land Garden Club meeting. "What in the World is a Bromeliad" by Gene Powers (FBMG). 10 AM, Sugar Land Community Center. ***ATC**

Mar 16—3rd Wednesday workday in the gardens.

Mar 18—Setup for FBMG Perennial Sale.

Mar 19—FBMG Spring Perennial Sale. 9 AM-2 PM. ***ATC** (for lecture only)

Mar 19—Green Thumb Seminar, "Soil and Composting," 10 AM –Noon. Lost Creek Park in Sugar Land, contact Keep Sugar Land Beautiful to register (info@kslb.org or 281-313-5752)

Mar 24—FBMG Monthly program, "Fruit Trees" by Dr. Ethan Natelson. 7:15 PM, Bud O'Sheiles Community Center. ***ATC**

Apr 2—Monthly workday in the gardens.

Apr 6—1st Wednesday workday in the gardens.

Apr 14—Green Thumb Seminar, "Gardening to Attract Wildlife", 7-9 PM, Bud O'Sheiles Community Center

Apr 17—Green Thumb Seminar, "Soil and Composting," 1-3 PM. Lost Creek Park in Sugar Land, contact Keep Sugar Land Beautiful to register.

Apr 19—Sugar Land Garden Club meeting. "Plant Hybridization" by Millie Burrell. ***ATC**

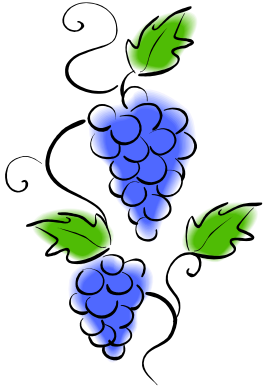
Apr 20—3rd Wednesday workday in the gardens.

Apr 28—FBMG monthly program, "Daylilies", by Betty Lenderman. 7:15 PM, Bud O'Sheiles Community Center. ***ATC**

Apr 30—WaterSmart seminar. 8 AM—5 PM. Pasadena Convention Center. \$30 fee. Visit www.watersmart.cc to register. ***ATC**

May 5-7—Texas Master Gardener Association State Conference. Denton, TX. For more information, visit <http://dcmga.com/> ***ATC**

Reminders



Take a minute and submit your volunteer and advanced training hours for the first quarter to Margo (a.k.a “Mac”)

The deadline to submit articles for the May/June edition of the Grapevine is April 22. Send articles in electronic format to the Editor at mccaugheymb@aol.com

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