

Denton County Master Gardener Association

THE ROOT

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Buds From The Board

BY KATHRYN WELLS, PRESIDENT

Happy December, Denton County!

You may notice that the December and January issues of *The Root* are briefer than usual; that's by strategic design, so that our editor and contributors may have some extra time to spend with friends and family during the holiday season. We hope you have plenty of joyful moments, too!

Friends, this 36th Buds column is my last; after three years serving as President of Denton County Master Gardener Association, I am easing into the Past President position. Incoming President Cheryl Huckabee is the perfect person to lead us through 2023 ... and beyond! I look forward to supporting her and the entire 2023 Board of Directors as we continue to educate and engage the community we serve.

Denton County Master Gardeners and Denton County residents—each of you is a true treasure. May every good gift be yours this season ... and every season.

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2023 Garden Tour Preview

Oak Point, Lake Dallas, Denton – Four Gardens

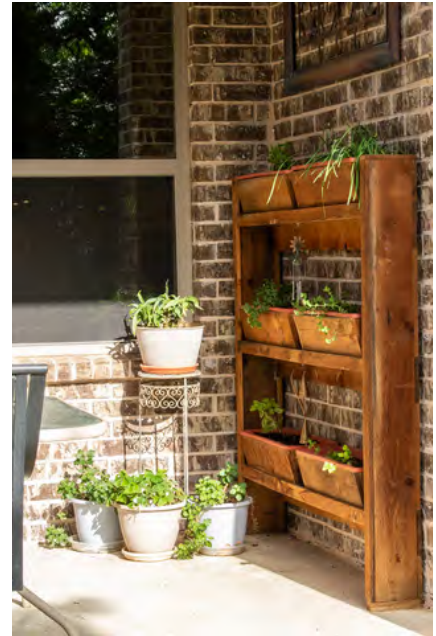
May 13, 2023

Landscape Design tips, the importance of Native & Adapted plants, a shade gardening presentation, a scavenger hunt, and local arts and crafts booths – our Annual Garden tour has it all.

Watch for ticket information in early February.

Wildlife Waystation

This environmentally responsible space features permeable walkways, raised-bed edible gardens, composting, and rainwater harvesting systems in a small landscape. Working within HOA guidelines and state laws, the owners' design is aesthetically pleasing and a designated Monarch Waystation and National Wildlife Certified Wildlife Habitat.



Hundred Woods Acre

This Master Gardener owner's love of Winnie the Pooh makes this property a fantastical adventure. Children will be delighted with the fairy and mini-themed gardens, the dragon treehouse, and the mural of the lake and wildlife. Adults will be enchanted with the waterfall feature and shade gardens featuring Clematis, Hosta, Rose of Sharon, Rudbeckia, and more.



2023 Garden Tour Preview (Cont.)

Hidden Cottage Garden

Surrounding a Craftsman-style home, the hidden cottage garden has no rules except variety and abundance. Beds with the riotous colors of Poppies, Yarrow, Roses, Verbena, and their multitude of native and adapted flower friends spill onto curved rock pathways while attracting pollinators and birds. Edible plants add surprise to drifts of self-sown annuals, and antique iron gates lead to rock terraces showcasing successful shade gardening. A dry riverbed, repurposed tree stump and an adorable garden shed add delight.



Red Rock Crossing

Enjoy nature's beauty and tranquility on the largest property on tour. The carefully "wildscaped" design provides habitats for wildlife and pollinators. See it all – shade, sun, xeriscaping, rain, and pollinator gardens.

Post Oaks, Little Bluestem, Winecups, and Cutleaf Daisies are just a few of the many native plants displayed. Enjoy watching the nesting bluebirds and busy pollinators while relaxing in one of the seating areas.



Master Gardener Help Desk

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please contact our Master Gardener Help Desk at 940.349.2892
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Notice



*The December and January issues of The Root will be announcements only.
This will give the Editor & Authors time to enjoy the holidays with their families.
You can expect the February 2023 issue to be chock full of the gardening articles and
information you have come to expect.*


The Root staff thanks you for your understanding.




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TOP GARDENING TIPS

December

Forage for fresh holiday decorations; leave seeds and berries for wildlife.
Clean, sharpen, repair, and store garden and lawn tools.
Leave the leaves! Mow in place, compost, or use as mulch.
Check trees for damaged limbs that may be compromised by ice.
Relocate established trees & shrubs during winter dormancy.

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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



May the blessing
of family and
friends bring joy to
your holiday
season. We are
believing for good
things and happy
memories as we
venture into
2023.



2023 GREATER AUBREY AREA GARDENING SERIES

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226 COUNTRYSIDE DR., AUBREY, TX

JAN Presented by Bonnie Ambrose 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	19 Companion Plants Learn about the benefits of companion planting to conserve water, save space, improve pest control and pollination, provide habitat for beneficial insects, and add beauty to your garden.
FEB Presented by Mike James 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	16 Plant Choices Need help selecting plants for your landscape? This presentation will help you learn the crucial factors to consider in choosing the right plant for the right location, such as light, water, soil, and plant characteristics and function.
MAR Presented by Rooted in 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	16 Sprinkler Systems 101 Are you confused about how to manage your sprinkler system? This class simplifies the parts and components of your in-ground sprinkler systems with easy-to-follow tips on operating and setting your controller. You'll learn some water-saving tips, too!

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What's Growing On

Denton County Master Gardener Association *Upcoming Events*

- December 3** ***Permanent Gardening Class***
8am-5 pm. Presented by Beulah Acres. Global Spheres Center, Corinth. Registration required.
- December 9** ***Growing Succulents***
9-10 am. Presented by Bonnie Ambrose. Denton Senior Center.
- December 9** ***Container Gardening***
11 am-noon. Presented by Charlotte Canion. Dallas Arboretum.
- January 4** ***Pleasures & Perils of Perennials***
10-11 am. Presented by Carol Rowley. Denton Senior Center.
- January 10** ***Landscape Design***
7-8 pm. Co-sponsored by Flower Mound Garden Club.
Presented by Lynda Harvey. Bridlewood Activity Center.
- January 13** ***Japanese Gardens***
9-10 am. Presented by Carol Rowley. Denton Senior Center.
- January 19** ***Companion Plants***
6-7 pm. Co-sponsored by Greater Aubrey Area Library.
Presented by Bonnie Ambrose. Greater Aubrey Area Library.

For detailed information: dcmga.com/upcoming-events

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**MEMBER
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Fair

FEBRUARY 8, 2023, 10 AM
GLOBAL SPHERES CENTER
7801 S INTERSTATE 35
CORINTH, TX



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Denton County Master Gardener Association educates and engages county residents in the implementation of research-based horticultural and environmental practices that create sustainable gardens, landscapes, and communities.

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Save the Date

December 14 DCMGA Christmas Party (Members Only)
- See Plan Your Week for details.

January 18 DCMGA Awards Banquet / Annual Meeting (Members Only)

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Content

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Ideas, photos, and articles are welcome and may be submitted to Editor Karen Gibson or Communications Director Cheryl Huckabee at dcmga.communications@gmail.com.

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