

Denton County Master Gardener Association

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Buds From The Board

BY CHERYL HUCKABEE, PRESIDENT

Ah, North Texas gardeners, we've got a holiday wish list longer than a beanstalk! We dream of one inch of rain every week, year-round, but let's face it, sometimes even the clouds mock us. And can we talk about a temperate climate in all four seasons? Winter and summer, we're looking at you.

Our biggest fantasy? No more prolonged freezing temperatures to keep our green darlings shivering. We'd even settle for rabbits and deer, developing a sudden passion for grasshoppers over our prized plants. We'll build a grasshopper buffet if it helps!

Finding space for one more "absolutely necessary" plant that we don't need but desperately want is a universal struggle. And don't get us started on pruners – why do they hide when we need them and show up covered in mysteries of the garden?

We yearn for seeds germinating on command and cuttings that root like they're auditioning for a movie. And let's face it: It's high time we broke up with plants that don't appreciate our Texas love.

Imagine a world where HOA boards suddenly have a plant epiphany, irrigation systems never falter, and the soil stays fertile without needing a Ph.D. in amendments. Our fruit crops remain untouched by feathered freeloaders, and we stay healthy enough to enjoy the great outdoors.

So, here's to North Texas gardeners and their whimsical dreams! May your wishes be watered, your pruners ever-present, and your gardens a source of endless joy. After all, in this green wonderland, even your wildest horticultural dreams might take root.

Wishing you the happiest holiday season!

~ Denton County Master Gardener Association Board of Directors



2024 Garden Tour Preview

Flower Mound, Double Oak = Four Gardens + One Community Garden

May 11, 2024

Keyhole Gardening, Mushrooms/Mycology, Erosion Control/Drainage, Drought-Tolerant Shade Plants, Design within an HOA, Oak Trees, Native Plant Ecosystems, Pollinators, and Wildlife. Our Annual Garden Tour has it all. Watch for ticket information in early February.

Shades of Eden and Art

This one-acre HOA-restricted property features native and adapted showstopper plants in a carefully curated design. Wander through gardens brimming with native perennials, understory plantings, and a selection of reseeding annuals. Alongside, you'll find vegetables and mushrooms in a keyhole design. A certified Wildlife Habitat, this property shares occupied owl and blue bird boxes with multiple other pollinators, all enjoying the bounty.



2024 Garden Tour Preview (Cont.)

Possum Creek

Possum Creek flows throughout this visually stunning 1.25-acre lot surrounded by rock boulders, mature oak, elm, and cedar trees. Native plants and perennials, including areas of sun and shade, are featured alongside the rambling creek bed. Redbuds, a smoke tree, and red yuccas thrive together in this diverse group of gardens. Erosion control and preparing proper drainage are the keys to the success of this property.



2024 Garden Tour Preview (Cont.)

Century Oak Garden

On this beautiful property, you will explore a little bit of country nestled in the middle of town. Relax under the nearly 200-year-old Post Oak, just one of the seven types of oaks on this property. Learn how the property creates an active habitat, providing food and shelter for pollinators and thriving wildlife. Native perennials thrive in abundant sun, along with a not-to-be-missed spiral herb garden.



2024 Garden Tour Preview (Cont.)

Hidden Gem

Look closely. This seemingly ordinary HOA restricted corner lot is anything but ordinary! Besides the two large Savannah Hollies flanking the front door, not a single contractor plant remains. This hidden garden gem has been carefully transformed into a natural gardenscape filled with natives and other sun and shade-loving perennials. Wildflowers and poppies take center stage in the springtime!



2024 Garden Tour Preview (Cont.)

Flower Mound First Baptist (FMFB) Community Garden

Garden Tour 2024 celebrates the alliance between the DCMGA, CCA, FMFB Church, and the community surrounding the gardens. The gardens grow, nurture, and ultimately donate thousands of pounds of vegetables and fruits yearly to benefit the CCA of Denton County. The gardeners themselves have grown into a diverse community of close friends, a family of sorts, around a shared interest in gardening and the common goal of feeding hungry families.



December Upcoming Events

Permanent Gardening Class

December 2nd. 8AM-5PM. Global Spheres

To achieve a Permanent Garden, you need to understand the elements around it and how they are connected and learn from nature by observing, engaging, and activating your "Garden Brain." Our goal is to equip you to take action with more confidence, not be afraid to explore, and become the best gardener version of yourself! Co-sponsored by Beulah Acres.

Houseplants

December 8. 9AM-10AM. Denton Senior Center

Let Carol Rowley, Denton County Master Gardener, help you plan and take care of house plants. Just the thing to brighten your days in this wintry weather!

***Denton County Master Gardener
YouTube Channel***

Click on "Videos" and check out our new presentations!
And don't forget to subscribe!

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DCMGA Members & Interns

***Plan Your Week (PYW) has the most current VS/CE Opportunities
and is sent via VMS every Friday.***



***Resources & Education Opportunities
for Master Gardeners and the Community we serve
can be found on the Calendar at
Upcoming Events.***

For non-DCMGA events, Continuing Education Opportunities.



2024 DCMGA membership renewal opens Sep 1
Veterans and 2023 Interns \$20 until Jan 31, \$30 after
Scan the QR code or go to the Member Home Page



Reminder



The December and January issues of The Root will be mainly announcements only. This gives The Root editor & and its authors time to enjoy the holidays. The February 2024 issue will be full of the gardening articles and information you have come to expect.

The Newsletter staff thanks you for your understanding.





Landscape Design Class Registration Opens November 1st!



Earth-Kind® Design

Denton County Master Gardener Association

Learn sustainable design & installation techniques for creating or renewing your home landscape!

6:00pm-9:00pm Thursday/Friday, January 18-19

& 9:00am-4:00pm, Saturday, January 20, 2024

Denton County Elections Building, 701 Kimberly Drive, Denton 76208



Scan the QR code or
dcmga.com/events
to register

Limited class size • Individual or Companion
registrations available • Reserve your spot now!



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Mission Statement

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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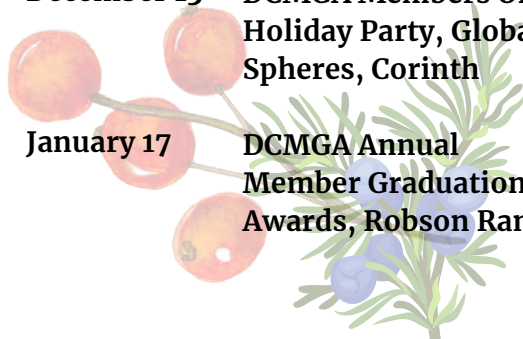
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Save the Date

December 13 DCMGA Members Only
Holiday Party, Global
Spheres, Corinth

January 17 DCMGA Annual
Member Graduation &
Awards, Robson Ranch



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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 Judy Allen at dcmga.communications@gmail.com.

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