

The Latest Dirt

February 2012

McLennan County Master Gardener Association

"To market, to market to buy a plum bun" or a chicken and some greens

The Saturday morning at the Farmer's Market began with long underwear, heavy jackets, gloves and scarves. But the vendors and customers were there at 9 a.m. despite the cold. Two young ladies with Co-Town Crepes made crepes all morning with customers at times backed up 15 deep. Fresh chickens, irresistible breads and sweet rolls by Artisan Ovens, honey, soaps, fresh meats, eggs and winter vegetables from the Urban Gardening Coalition booth were just some of the goodies available.

Our booth was strategically placed next to the UGC booth. Bethel Erickson-Bruce with UGC discussed community gardening issues and the Monday MLK day of service events. At the MG booth we talked to approximately 75 folk, young and old. Many had specific questions, but most were interested in Barry Vokes's wonderful posters on square foot gardening and Lynn DeMuynck's pictures of innovative raised gardens from recycled materials around her house.

Brenda Golubski talked to many people who were interested in the upcoming MG class. Penny Gifford gave out handouts on the class as well as planting guidelines. The rain barrel and instructions sparked interest and we had paper towel seed gardens for the children, but this particular Saturday didn't yield many children.

Frankie Beckwith, secretary of the Farmers Market, was on hand to coordinate and supervise as well as discuss future



Story by Penny Gifford, right

Nelda with carrots at Cedar Ridge



Nelda Cooper by
Kathryn Turlington

options for MG participation. Jeanette Kelly and her husband Tom helped set up and Jeanette took pictures before we dismantled the booth at 1 p.m.

The setting for the Farmers Market couldn't be better. Located at 400 S. University Parks Drive between Clay and Webster, it is easily accessible from I-35. The area by the fire training tower used to be an RV parking lot. It is covered by large live oaks and gets a good breeze from the river (a bit chilly this week, but will be wonderful in the summer). The aisle between the vendors became a social event with friends greeting each other and discussing family and community matters. The relaxed and friendly atmosphere as well as vendor choices should only serve to help this market grow into a venue for learning and healthy, earth kind choices.

What do Master Gardeners do?

Grow ... see Nelda, pg. 1, Shane, pg. 3, members, pg. 6

Educate ... see Market, pg. 1, teach, pg. 2

Lead ... see Sandy, pg. 2

Support ... see Shane, Sandra, Neva ... pg. 3 & 4

Give ... see 5313 hours in 2011, pg. 6

Write ... see Melody at *Waco Today*, Feb. pg. 82 or
<http://wacotrib.com/wacotoday>

Next MG Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 12 noon

REMEMBER: Attending a meeting does NOT count for volunteer hours. Contacts are *only* made when working on a project and you are educating the public.

December 2011 Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours	829
Education hours	195
Contacts	258
Media	39,020
Meetings	48
<i>(Hours below are included in Volunteer Hours)</i>	
Arboretum	171
<i>Trailside Garden</i>	3
<i>Superstar Garden</i>	29
<i>Garden Fair</i>	94
<i>Cactus Garden</i>	28
<i>Gathering</i>	13
Garlic Trials	17
Zoo - Beast & Blooms	5
Plant Sale	57
Phone, misc. time - Ag office	77
Cedar Ridge Elementary	57
Woodway Elementary	4
JH Hinds School	55
MHMR	7
McGregor Demo Garden	68
We Care Garden	6
Habitat	16
B.I.G.	42
MG new class 2012	3
MG clerical	242
Ag office	39
Speakers Bureau	32
Newspaper prep.	17

Please note: Hours are now due by the 25th of each month in order for Julia Khoury to compile reports for Shane McLellan.

Speaker s Bureau Report

January 5 - Norma Folsie presented the program, *Saving Our Planet & Water-Wise Plants* to the Waco Federation of Women's Clubs.

January 9 - Barbara Vance spoke to the Hillsboro Garden Club about TX *SuperStars*.

January 17 - Ila Jean Carothers presented the program, *Some Like It HOT*, to the Four Seasons Garden Club. Forty-one attended.

January 26 - Steven Lovecky and Ernie Petru spoke to the Cynthia Ann Garden Club in Groesbeck about *Cactus & Succulents*.

February 9 - Jeanette Kelly will talk about *Water Conservation* at the Garden Forum Garden Club.

February 13 - Eva FitzGerald & Sherry Matthews will present a program on *Earth-Kind Perennials* to the Hillsboro Garden Club.

February 16 - Eva FitzGerald & Sherry Matthews will speak on *Earth-Kind Perennials* to the Morning Glory Garden Club in Lorena.



from
Sandy Back
to you

Well, I don't know about you, but I can't tell whether it is winter or spring by this inconsistent weather we have had in January. I have perennials beginning to green back up and the grass is looking like late March. Scary to think we could still have a hard freeze coming. February can be the coldest month in Texas.

I could not be any prouder of our Master Gardener organization! Thirty people signed up to help out at the upcoming B.I.G. Conference. We have had successful days at both Woodway Elementary and Cedar Ridge working with large numbers of children in the garden areas there. Educational booths have been set up at the Waco Downtown Farmer's Market, members are answering public questions at our Extension Office and pruning work is being done at McGregor gardens as well as the Trailside and Superstar beds. Eva FitzGerald has tirelessly published our new handbooks which you will receive at our February meeting. We are a busy and productive group that performs a great service to the public!

February is the month to do many things outdoors. Here are a few timely tips for this month: cool season annual flowers can be planted and those that are already established should be fertilized. Add organic matter to your soil and top off your mulch. We have been blessed with some recent rain, but if we go for several weeks with no moisture, don't forget to water your landscape as those winter roots still need water.

Valentine's Day is your signal to prune those rose bushes. You should remove approximately 1/3 to 1/2 half of the shrub to assure good spring growth. Prune back dead or weak growth while the rose bush is cut back so the stronger branches can produce some vibrant foliage in the months ahead. Major pruning of large shrubs are best done this month as well. Apply pre-emergence herbicides now to prevent spring and summer weeds. Fertilize trees and shrubs so the roots can absorb the nutrients. The vegetable garden can be planted with broccoli, cabbage, potatoes, lettuces and onions now. Don't forget our animal friends and offer them some water and food in your yard.

Get ready – we are heading into spring. Finally, you should be starting some plants for our annual plant sale in May!

Happy Gardening,

Sandy

What does a County Extension Agent do?

The answer:

A LOT!

Future county agents generally do not grow up in a city. No, they are usually raised on a farm or ranch. That's how most farmers and ranchers start out and it's much the same with county agents. Ours is **Shane McLellan** and he is a fascinating fellow. Shane is our mentor and perhaps you didn't know this, but he is committed to MCMG.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service expects every agent to "find the heartbeat" of agriculture in the county and develop a program specifically for that county's needs. Some counties are rural; others are urban. The differences are major. McLennan County has over 220,000 people, making it more urban than rural. But we have a lot of agriculture here. There is row crop cultivation and cattle (farms and ranches), plus horticulture and wildlife. There are questions from homeowners plus soil and water issues. Let's not forget politics. It is a tough, demanding job. State funding is short; budgets are being relentlessly cut and there is never enough time to get it all done.

Shane grew up on a family farm off Texas Highway 6 north of Abilene. He comes from a long line of farmers on both sides of his family. They farmed and ran cattle. It's in his blood. That's important, for you don't "become" a county agent, really. You are born and bred in that culture and you eventually accept the calling. According to Shane, attitude is everything: "You can choose to be a 'hero' or a 'zero' as an agent." The good ones give it everything they've got – and Shane is one of the good ones. We're fortunate.

It's tough on Shane's family. His wife and two kids must deal with his being gone for long periods at stock shows, judging contests and other events. The key to dealing with the time demands is learning how to say no gracefully now and then. There has to be some balance, for the pressure is intense.

It's not about money, for county agents are not very well compensated. It's a calling with an honorarium that allows a bit more than a poverty lifestyle, but certainly not deluxe. It has to be in your blood. You've got it or you don't, period. It's an intensely people business, and it's rewarding.



Shane is extremely rare among Texas county agents, for he is close to earning his doctorate in Agriculture Education. Yet you'd never know it from talking with him. He puts on no airs and fits into the ag community like an old, comfortable boot. That's how it should be.

The job brings some special moments, like seeing kids he mentored in 4-H programs graduate from college and become successful. Making a difference

in their lives is priceless. Shane also enjoys helping new ag agents get oriented. Again, it's not a job; it's a calling. There are frustrations too – mainly time-related. In a more populated county like ours, the agent must constantly think ahead like a chess grand master. In rural counties the agent gets to know everyone involved in agriculture. In McLennan County that's tough.

Farming and ranching are always a gamble, but it's especially difficult for Texas farmers and ranchers right now. Shane: "Diversification is the key for most farmers." This means don't overstock, practice conservation, graze rotationally and grow several crops at a time. Farmers must use crop insurance programs judiciously. Nowadays farmers routinely "scout" their fields for insects and are prepared to deal with them. It has become a sophisticated, costly business – not suitable for amateurs. To survive, farmers today must constantly re-educate themselves.

Shane dislikes some of the changes taking place in agriculture. It's more about "agribusiness" these days. Family farms are still around, but their numbers are dwindling. Bigger farms and ranches enjoy economies of scale – an important advantage. The little guys are gradually being absorbed by larger operations. It's about the money, sigh.

Shane: "Our Master Gardeners inspire me. MCMG has evolved to another level from where it was in 2007 when I moved here from Freestone County. I have high hopes for a membership management system that will allow us to grow, but remain tight-knit and cohesive."

We're at a crossroads. Do we continue to grow or do we tighten the rules to restrict future growth? Change is coming in 2012, mandated by AgriLife Extension Service. Let's deal with it gracefully and with a positive attitude. We'll know more soon. (BV)

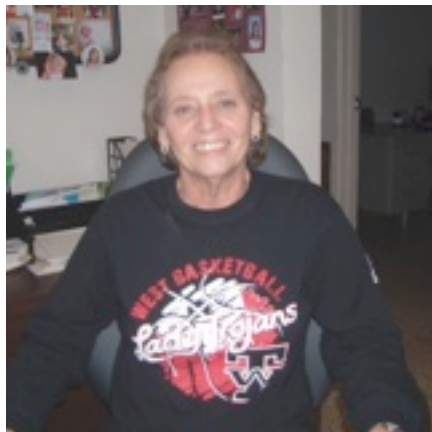
Their real job? “Keeping the public informed”

What do you do here anyway?

The most common question asked by the public about what goes on in a county agricultural extension department.

Sandra Bigham, office manager, and *Neva Dobbins*, secretary, are always ready and eager to reply, “Let me tell you the ways....”

There’s **Family & Consumer Sciences - Diabetes Education; Healthy Lifestyles** to combat obesity; **Better Living for Texas** - dollar stretching education for food stamp recipients.



There’s **4-H and Youth Development** which involved 4600 youth in 2010 to teach leadership, citizenship and life skills through 4-H, school and community programs. There are *agricultural workshops and field days*, the B.I.G. conference.

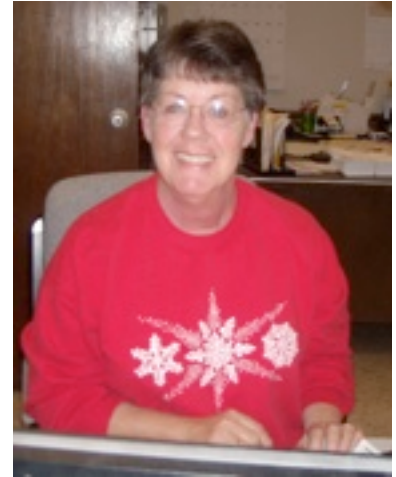
And, of course there are duties with elected officials, the do-more-with-less budget challenge. And, support for Shane and all his program responsibilities.

Sandra, a Waco native has been with the McLennan County department for 17 years. She spent 10 years with the 4-H program and then moved to administrative duties. She lives in Axtell with her two dogs on 22 acres that include a tomato, pepper and onion garden.

Her two grown children live in the area and are blessed with eight, going on nine, grandchildren. She is a loyal fan for her granddaughter who plays basketball for West. She’s Lady Trojan Bigham No. 4.

Sandra has mechanical skills - “great for fixing stuff here like the computers and copier,” says Neva.

Neva moved from a farm near Abilene to a farm in Falls County (Marlin) in 2004 when her husband joined the facility planning department at Baylor. Goats, two donkeys and a llama roam their 56 acres. She says the goats are for market and they are Boer Cross.



Her first grandbaby was born four months ago to her son and daughter-in-law in Galena Park near Houston and her daughter and son-in-law live in Moody.

The McLennan County Livestock Show is one of her big projects. The February event draws nearly 500 entrants - an equal number of 8 and 9-year-old girls and boys - who compete with their lambs, goats, steers and heifers. Passing grades are required before they can show. Many go on to Junior Master Gardening shows.

Those who spend time at the office know Neva as the front desk greeter who is a master of the copy machine. Also, she is always ten steps ahead when it comes to knowing what a confused Master Gardener needs.

Both Sandra and Neva say they love “working with people . . . the office is home away from home . . . because *it’s family.*” (SW)

See: <http://mclennan.agrilife.org>

Sarah Chudalla is 4-H Agent, April Guerrero is assistant for Better Living for Texas, Jessica Theimer, Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, is moving in Feb.

The new Pavilion at the Arboretum, January 2012



Photos by Chuck Garner,
Woodway City Council member

View from the deck over the Nature Trail and west



Minutes: January 11, 2012

President Sandy Back called the meeting to order at the Carleen Bright Arboretum, Whitehall Center, in Woodway, TX at 12 noon. President Back welcomed all attendees to the first meeting of the year. She announced County Agent would address the group at the beginning of the meeting, then stated Steve Lovecky has cotton seed compost available. Steve added that due to the drought a limited supply of compost is available (an estimated 30 day supply) and can be purchased at the Birome gin. Mrs. Back also mentioned a brochure provided by Eva FitzGerald promoting the Chelsea Flower Show and English Garden May 19-26.

Shane McLellan, County Agent, addressed the members about Extension in general and Master Gardeners for 2012 and any changes or challenges we may face. He stated the mission of Master Gardeners and Extension remains quality outreach education derived from science-based information about horticulture. Community development through organizations such as 4-H and Master Gardeners is essential to this mission. Through your knowledge and experience you allow Extension to reach the community.

Extension is organized by counties. Some offices serve two counties. There are 12 districts in Texas. Our district office is in Stephenville. Three different districts form a region. McLennan County is in the East Region with Districts 5 and 7. Each district has an office and research center. Our research center in McGregor focuses on beef cattle. Grain research also has a center in our region. Due to budgetary concerns, many positions were cut in Extension last year. Our office formerly had 5 agents and we are now down to 2. However, the Natural Resources position may reopen. Future cuts will be posted Jan.15, but McLennan County isn't projected to be included in future cuts because of previously losing positions. Expectations and Content has not changed for Extension offices for information, access and as a resource. We have to do more with less. McLennan, Bell, Coryell and Ellis Counties are considered urban initiative counties.

Agriculture production is the majority of the \$98 million income. Master Gardener objectives include more business in the office and growth as an organization. The association has changed since its inception and has challenges to address. Shane complimented the association on its quality input and encouraged each to continue in their positive influence. President Back thanked Shane on behalf of the organization and announced his remarks could be counted as 1 hour of education on member's activity reports.

Brenda Golubski, secretary; Barry Vokes, Treasurer; and Jeanette Kelly, Vice President were introduced to the members by President Back as part of her goal to increase recognition within the group. Ms. Back presented the minutes of the meeting on December 6, 2011 which were published in *The Latest Dirt* and asked for additions or corrections. Hearing none, President Back stated the minutes were approved as printed. The new budget prepared by Barry Vokes and approved by the executive board was presented to the membership. Sandy thanked Barry for his hours of preparation and thoroughness.

Bethel Erickson-Bruce of the Heart of Texas Urban Gardening Coalition and Downtown Farmers Market was presented to the group. She talked of upcoming activities and how to become involved in them. On Monday, Jan. 17 during the observance of *Martin Luther King Day* gardens at 14 sites will be worked. Some schools will have their gardens improved during the following school week. Building new raised beds, planting spring crops and general clean up of the gardens will take place. Barry Vokes will present on space intensive growing and composting. She also invited members to sell produce through their booth at the Downtown Farmers Market for only \$5 a week as opposed to individual vendors who pay \$25 a week. Donated proceeds will go into a fund to rebuild established garden sites or fund special projects. Jeanette Kelly, V-P, had handouts of the projects for 2012 and introduced the project manager for each. The Nominating Committee of Carol Wood, Ann Plasek and Robert Powers was introduced. The Audit Committee is Doug Quicksall, Jene Hering and JoAnn Clafferty. All other projects were listed on the handout. Doug Quicksall was added to the B.I.G. Conference committee. Kathryn Turlington and Linda Burchfield were recognized as the coordinators for The Class of 2012. **(Continued on Page 6)**

McLennan County Master Gardeners Association Officers 2012

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January 11, 2012 Minutes (from Page 4)

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Ila Jean Carothers announced the office reopens Feb. 2 with hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. She noted that 71 different Master Gardeners worked in the office last year. A signup list for Feb/Mar was circulated. Eugene Howard of Moody donated plant starter kits to the organization. Ila Jean also had 8 flats of larkspurs for sale. Books are available for checkout from the office.

Sandy Back presented certificates to Steven Goldman, Patricia Goaley, Marty Lee, Kai Newton, Amber Wilhite and Valerie Schillaci who have completed their requirements to become certified Master Gardeners.

Judy Schmeltekopf introduced visitor Candace Moore who now lives in Waco and was certified as a Master Gardener previously in Colorado.

B.I.G. Conference details were given by Doug Quicksall, Carol Wood and Jene Hering. The conference will be held on Feb. 7 & 8 at the Extraco Events Center. Last year our group did the registration for the group. There is a central location for registration and more back up registration at the individual sites of the presentations. There are eight programs on the 7th. On the 8th, a recertification program for pesticide application training will be held. A signup sheet for volunteer Master Gardeners was circulated.

Jene Hering discussed the Texas Master Gardener Association organization and our role within it. The executive board selected Ila Jean Carothers and Sandy Back as voting delegates and Linda Burchfield and Jeanette Kelly as alternates to the Texas Master Gardener Association. Jene Hering made the motion to accept this recommendation and it was seconded by Dick Berlanger. A vote by the membership approved the motion.

Irene Dauphin announced a clean-up of the Superstar Bed on Feb. 10 at 9 a.m.

A Circle of Unity was formed by the membership. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Golubski
Secretary

MGMC Volunteer Hours for 2011

VOLUNTEER HOURS	5313
EDUCATION HOURS	1284
CONTACTS	75,239
CONTACTS MEDIA	1,048,302
MEETINGS ATTENDANCE	569
ARBORETUM	1023

(These hours are included in the volunteer total)

TRAILSIDE GARDEN	149
ARBORETUM CLERICAL	10
DOCENT TOUR	6
CHILDREN S FAIR	505
HERB GARDEN	22
CACTUS GARDEN	28
ROSE GARDEN	37
SUPERSTAR BED	102
GARDENER S GATHERING	84
EVENING AT THE ARB.	36

MISCELLANEOUS HOURS: OTHER PROJECTS

NEWS PREP. AND PUBLISHING	317
CLUB PREP. AND ACTIVITIES	192
MASTER GARDENER CLERICAL	803
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	45
HEWITT COMMUNITY GARDEN	61
CAMERON PARK ZOO	111
BIG CONFERENCE	169
MC GREGOR DEMO. GARDEN	130
CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL	471
MHMR	202
WOODWAY SCHOOL	133
MLK WALK AMERICA	9
AG – OFFICE	900
MT. VIEW SCHOOL	21
DAY SPRING CHURCH	16
GARLIC TRIALS	72
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH	39
GOSPEL CAFÉ	44
URBAN COALITION	7
WALMART CHILDREN'S PLANTING	15
FUZZY FRIENDS	2
MISC. CHURCHES	20
PLANT SALE & POT RECYCLING	302
RAPOPORT ACADEMY	16
WORLD HUNGER RELIEF	3
SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL	81
J.H.HINES SCHOOL	52
INTERN CLASS PLANNING	62

About our membership for 2012 –

Members: 102
Males: 24 Females: 78 Couples: 4
On leave; 2 Inactive: 1
Class of 2010 interns certified: 31

from the cardinal's corner

by Karen Brandon
Arboretum Event Coordinator



While things can seem dreary outside in the winter, one thing to look forward to is spotting birds during their winter migration here in central Texas.

The **American Goldfinch** has been making quite a dent in our thistle supply! These state birds of New Jersey, Iowa, and Washington are known for their spring male's brilliant yellow and shiny black coloring, touched with a bit of white. These birds are the only finch that molts its body feathers twice a year, which can give it quite the scruffy appearance. Goldfinches are among the strictest vegetarians in the bird world, rarely eating any insects. They are active and acrobatic finches. Come by the Arboretum and listen for their distinctive "po-ta-to-chip" call.

White-crowned Sparrows are another temporary resident, identified by their black-and-white heads, pale beaks, and gray breasts. Scientists have discovered that White-crowned Sparrows can run on a treadmill at a pace of about one-third of a mile an hour without tiring out. They eat mostly seeds, nest low to the ground, and are ground foragers.

Harris's Sparrow is also only here for the winter. The Harris's Sparrow is the only bird species that breeds exclusively in Canada--nowhere else in the world. These birds eat seeds, fruits, arthropods, and young conifer needles, nest on the ground, and are ground foragers. Otherwise white and brown, they have a black bib, forehead, crown, and nape.

We can't talk about birds of the Arboretum without mentioning our resident **Greater Roadrunner**. Did you know the Greater Roadrunner can reach running speeds of over 18 miles per hour?! To warm up, a roadrunner will turn its back to the sun, fluff its back feathers, and expose skin along its back. This skin is black in order to absorb more heat. They are omnivores, nest in trees, and are ground foragers. If you're very quiet, our roadrunner just might let you watch her eat her hamburger lunch!

Why did my little plants die?

Several of our Master Gardeners are probably getting ready for the upcoming growing season by starting seeds. You get so excited when the first little green leaves peep out of the soil, when all of a sudden the little tiny plant just flops over.....its dead! This is usually due to a disease caused by fungi known as "Damping Off." These fungi love to attack young succulent tissue of plants when they are slow to grow.

Symptoms occur soon after the plant germinates. This can start very quickly and shows up at the base of the seedling. Even though the seedling tops may still look like they are green and healthy, they flop over because of loss of structural strength. They will have rotted roots and the plants will die. Sometimes this fungi will attack germinating seedlings before they emerge and this appears to be poor germination rate of your seed.

Fungi which causes damping off is often found in soil as the fungi can survive for a long period of time. When the opportunity presents itself, the fungi will attack resulting in damping off. Damping off usually occurs in cool and wet conditions and when seedlings are struggling.

Prevention is the best approach to this problem. Some simple things can help avoid this problem. A vigorous, strong seedling is less susceptible and an older seedling is stronger and resists damping off. Fungi love water and wet conditions!

Some guidelines to follow:

1. Plant when soil temperature is warmer for quick germination and growth.
2. DO NOT over water and have good drainage.
3. Use sterile seed starting media.
4. Remove and destroy diseased seedlings as soon as they are noticed.
5. Some seeds are treated to prevent this from happening. This is sometimes important if seeds are planted directly in the ground.

Contact your local County Extension office for more assistance or go to <http://AgriLifeExtension.tamu.edu>

by Eva FitzGerald



Steven Goldman receives his membership certificate from Sandy Back, president. Kai Newton and Marty Lee also received theirs, but were not present.

January 11, 2012 Meeting Attendance
Members: 59
 Back, Sandy; Barnes, B.L.; Belanger, Bonnie Belanger, Dick; Buckner, Linda; Burchfield, Linda; Burleson, Sandy; Carothers, Ila Jean; Crawford, Susan; Cunningham, Jean; Dauphin, Irene; Davidson, Emily; DeMuyneck, Lynn; Dougherty, Kim; Evans, Richard; FitzGerald, Eva; Fitzgerald, Melody; Ford, Kris; Foulks, Xan; Goldman, Steven; Goubski, Brenda; Henson, Margaret; Hering, Jene; Herndon, Jane; High, Melody; Kelly, Jeanette; Kinder, Missy; Lindsey, Donna; Lovecky, Steven; Matthews, Sherry; McDaniel, Louie; Milam, Elizabeth; Milnor, Gerry; Moore Andrea; Moore, Linda; Petru, Ernie; Plasek, Anne; Powers, Robert; Quicksall, Doug; Reinking, Carol; Rich, Jennifer; Richardson, Sharon; Schaffer, Janet; Schmeltekopf, Judy; Scott, Sandra; Seale, James; Segrest, Dawn; Setser, Della; Trice, MaryLou; Turlington, Kathryn; Vance, Barbara; Vokes, Barry; Waldrop, Melba; Warriner, Sonia; Whitehead, Dorothy; Whitehead, M.J.; Whitley, Patricia; Wilhite, Amber; Wood, Carol. **Guest:** Moore, Candace

Plug Into These Volunteer "Opps"

Date	Activity	Contact
Feb. 7 & 8	Blackland Income Growth (B.I.G.) Conference	J. Hering, C. Wood, S. Lovecky
Feb. 10	Texas Superstar Bed, 9 a.m.	Missy Kinder
Feb. 11	Waco Farmers' Market	Penny Gifford
	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. EarthKind roses and pruning	
Feb. 17	Woodway Elem. Gardening w/2nd grade	Kim Dougherty
	Noon to 2:15	
Feb. 21	McGregor Demo Garden rose pruning	Jene Hering
	9 a.m.	
Feb. 24	Cedar Ridge "Day in the Garden"	Sandy Back
	8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.	
Feb. 29	Trailside Gardens rose pruning	Emily Davidson
	9 a.m.	
Mar. 23	Woodway Elem. Spring Planting	Kim Dougherty
	Time TBA	
Mar. 30	Cedar Ridge "Day in the Garden"	Sandy Back
	8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.	

February/March Office Schedule 1 - 4 p.m.

Feb. 2:	Ila Jean Carothers, Louie McDaniel	Mar. 8:	Judy Schmeltekopf, Sharon Richardson
Feb. 7:	Margaret Henson, Elizabeth Milam	Mar. 13:	Amber Wilhite; Emily Davidson
Feb. 9:	Emily Davidson, Robert Powers	Mar. 15:	Missy Kinder, Irene Dauphin
Feb. 14:	Jim Seale, Dick Evans	Mar. 20:	
Feb. 16:	Irene Daulphin, Lynn DeMuyneck	Mar. 22:	
Feb. 21:	Linda Burchfield,	Mar. 27:	
Feb. 23:	Susan Crawford, Jean Cunningham	Mar. 29:	
Feb. 28:	Jane Herndon, B.L. Barnes	Contact Carol Reinking:	sscarol.24@gmail.com
Mar. 1:	Linda Moore, Steven Goldman		399-0927
Mar. 6:	Kathy Turlington, Kris Ford		