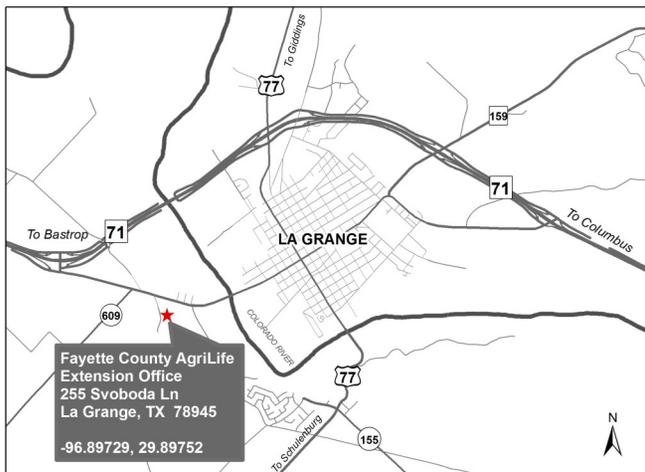


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# 2018 Schedule

## 2nd Tuesday of the Month

### Alternatives to Row Gardens

**January 9** *Carol Daniels*

While long rows of evenly spaced plants may appeal to a classic sense of what gardening is “supposed to look like,” it isn’t the only way to go or grow. Row-less gardening offers a number of advantages, especially for small-scale gardeners. There are several alternatives to row gardening, each with its own advantages and disadvantages.

### Container Growing Veggies

**February 13** *Kay Dippel*

Want to have more control over growing conditions and enjoy higher yields with a lot less work? Grow in containers. Most vegetables actually grow really well in containers. And by picking the right plants, you can create your own vegetable container garden and grow a fair amount of food in just a few pots.

### Hand Tool Care/Maintenance

**March 13** *Harold Pieratt*

Clean sharp tools make garden chores easier and faster and prevent damage to plants and the gardener. Learn how to care for your tools to save time and money replacing tools due to damage.

### Good Bug/Bad Bug

**April 10** *Wizzje Brown*

When you find insects in your garden, your first instinct might be to destroy them, but that’s not always the best course of action. Of the 1.5 million known insect species in the world, more than 97 percent are beneficial to gardens, or simply benign. That leaves less than three percent that are agricultural and nuisance pests.

### Pollinator/Bird Gardening

**May 8** *Trey Barron*

Pollination is usually the unintended consequence of an animal’s activity on a flower. Birds are very important pollinators of wildflowers throughout the world. There are 2,000 bird species globally that feed on nectar, the insects, and the spiders associated with nectar bearing flowers. Learn to encourage these important visitors to your garden.

### Groundcovers

**June 12** *Marcus Young*

Let easy-growing groundcovers be the solution to your landscaping problems. Utilizing ground covers can help to transform a bare or dull part of your yard into a beautiful, low maintenance show area.

### Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes

**September 11** *Penny Whiting*

Both gardeners and plant companies have a tendency to call any roundish, knobby plant root a bulb, but there are distinctions between true bulbs, corms, and rhizomes. For the most part they are all planted similarly, however there are times when you need to be aware of what it is you are planting and how to plant it and when to divide it.

### Worm Composting

**October 9** *Ed Eargle*

Wiggle your way to healthier plants with worms, the hardest working gardeners around. These tireless eaters transform organic trash into a soil rich in nutrients. Worm composting is small enough to keep on a balcony, patio or in a porch, so it's ideal if you don't have much outside space.

### Hypertufa

**November 13** *Nita Tiemann  
and Carol Daniels*

It is fun and easy to make your own limestone look-alike planters. Hypertufa is lighter-weight, cheaper, and more convenient than concrete or stone planters.



## What is it?

**T**he Master Gardener Program is a state wide volunteer development program offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and is designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and improve the quality of life through horticultural projects. The Bluebonnet Master Gardeners has initiated a “Lunch-N-Learn” series. Speakers will present on a variety of topics with the home owner and gardener in mind.