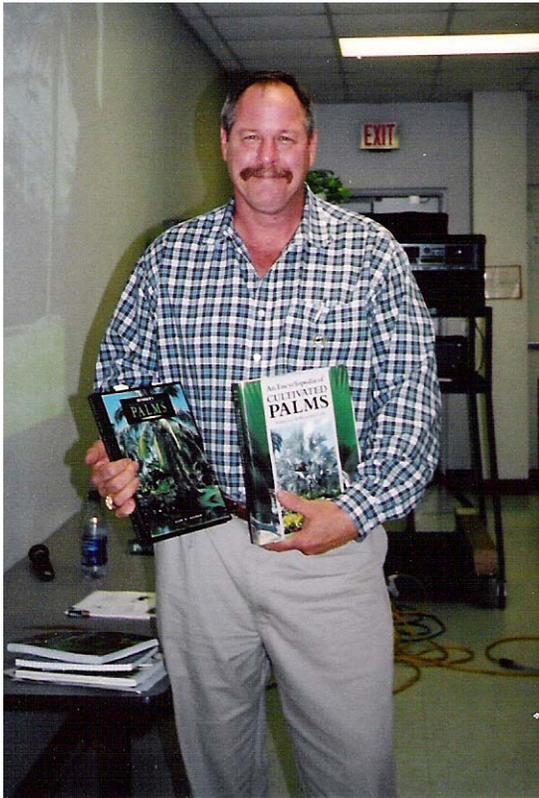




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**Michael Morrison speaks at the
Spring Landscape Short Course**



Michael Morrison is a County Extension Agent from Harris County and he presented an excellent program on palm trees that are appropriate for our area.

David Parker, Clarence Martin and Neal Iverson have a spirited discussion over the finer points of horticulture during a break at the Spring Landscape Short Course

***LIBERTY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR 2004***

(Third Thursday of the Month)

- February 19, 11:30 a.m. – Sam Center (Vernna Gibson – Orchids)
- March 18, 6:30 p.m. – Extn. Office (Ken Flournoy – “Speakers Choice”)
- April 15, 10:00 a.m. – Thomas Residence – BBQ by Albert (Bonnie Childers – Pecan Grafting)
- May 20, 11:30 a.m. – Sam Center (Katy Breden – Daylilies)
- June 17, 6:30 p.m. – Extn. Office (Ron Abbott – Plumerias)
- July 15, 11:30 a.m. – Sam Center
- August 19, 11:30 a.m. – Sam Center
- September 16, 6:30 p.m. – Extn. Office
- October 21, 11:30 a.m. – Sam Center
- November 18, 11:30 a.m. – Sam Center
- December 16, 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Party (??)

Dues Time!

All certified Master Gardeners are reminded that Liberty County Master Gardener Association dues were due January 1st. The fees are \$15.00 for an individual and \$25.00 for couples. Please remit your dues to the Treasurer Paul Schmidt. He will be remitting the state dues for all those who are registered.

Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee Meets the second Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the extension office to coordinate and plan the activities of the Liberty





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County Master Gardener Association. This meeting is open to all members of the association.

Project Schedules

March 27, 2004, Liberty Jubilee Booth (**Shelli Ellerbe**)
 April (?), 2004, Master Gardener Fundraiser (**Denise Barkis & Michele Moyer**)
 May 1, 2004, 2004 Master Gardener Class informational meeting.
 May 8, 2004, Yard & Garden Tour
 June 2004, Start of 2004 Master Gardener Classes.

Publicity Items

Party Line Show – Our President **Nancy Brandli** has a horticulture program on the KSHN Party Line Show the 2nd Monday of every month.

Newspaper Items – Nancy also writes a weekly column for the Liberty Gazette, Pony Express and a monthly column for the Cleveland Signal.

Our Publicity Chairpersons for this year are **Annette Billingsley** and **Debra Singletary**. Please let them know far enough in advance of when you want your information on your project published so that they can satisfy the appropriate deadlines that media have.

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The newsletter will be published at least once a quarter in January, April, July and October. I will have the newsletter available for handout at our association meetings. If there is enough

information that comes available each month I may try to do it each month. I will see how it goes.

I am always looking for items of interest that you might have that you can send me to be included in the newsletter. I'll even take cartoons and jokes that are appropriately horticultural related. Of course some of us think that Aggie jokes are always appropriate.

HELP!

The extension office staff needs at least one person each day of the week for either a morning or afternoon shift to answer the phone and follow up on horticulture related questions. This is an excellent way to accumulate some of your volunteer hours.

SAM CENTER ACTIVITIES

Paul Schmidt says that whenever the winter rains quit and the ground gets dry enough he has another physical exercise program for us planned where we will move the rest of the crushed granite. He says that for those of you who might be worried that you won't get enough exercise moving what he has left, don't worry he is planning to order a "few" more yards.

Get credit for your work!

Make sure you get credit for the hours you put in supporting the Liberty County Master Gardeners Association by submitting them to **Bo Whittington**.