



Williamson County Homeowners

Peach Chautauqua

And Pruning Workshop

**Monday, February 16
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Williamson County Extension Office
3151 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown
Covering Insects, Disease, Fertilizing, Varieties and Pruning
Registration \$20**

On-line Registration: <http://williamson.agrilife.org/program-registration>
Registration deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, February 12



SPEAKER

Jim Kamas, Asst. Professor & Extension Horticulturist-Pomology & Viticulture, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service. He received his B.S. in horticulture from Texas A&M in 1977 and his M.S. in horticulture from Texas A&M working on perennial food crops.

Jim has served as a research associate and instructor in the A&M Hort. department, was a commercial peach grower for ten years and was the extension team leader of the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program for Cornell University from 1988 to 1996. In 1996, Jim returned to Texas to serve as an extension specialist in Fredericksburg.

Jim serves as a farm advisor to fruit growers across the state with an emphasis in the Texas Hill Country. He has and continues to conduct applied research to address the needs of commercial and home fruit producers. His current activities include an aggressive program to evaluate Pierce's disease resistant varieties and rootstocks, work on chemical and cultural control of cotton root rot and the evaluation of fruit varieties in sustainable orchard settings.



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Michael Harper is a five year member of Williamson County Master Gardeners and owns six acres of pecan and peach trees in Williamson County. He retired after 30 years in U.S. Navy and 18 years with the State of Texas. Now he occupies his time working in the demonstration vegetable garden plus taking care of his 40 pecan trees, 35 peach trees, apricots, persimmons, juju b's and a huge fig tree.

He has attended the Pecan Short Course at Texas A & M, a Vegetable Specialist Class at the Experimental Station at McAllen, and several Fruit and Nut tree courses.

Just as the Chautauqua's of the turn-of-the century shared and discussed new ideas, we will share the latest information from Extension research. Homeowners with one tree or 20 will benefit from this discussion and the hands-on pruning demonstrations will give them the knowledge and confidence to prune their own trees. The \$20 registration includes, the program, handouts and lunch. For more information or to register call 512.943.3300.

Agenda

9:30—10 a.m.

Registration

10—12 noon

Classroom Presentation

12-1 p.m.

Lunch

1—2 p.m.

Young tree pruning at demonstration garden

2-3 p.m.

Mature/Neglected tree

Pruning at private residence

3 p.m.

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