

The "DIG IT" News



A PUBLICATION OF THE HIGHLAND LAKES MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

HOWDY!!

—Warren Struss

The next scheduled Master Gardener General Meeting is noted below:

WHEN: 3rd Tuesday
October 16th, 2012

TIME: 2:00 p.m. Tour of
Green House with Dick Peterson
3:00 p.m.—Presentation
4:00 p.m.—Meeting
5:00 p.m.—Social Hour—
Wine & Cheese & Plant Swap
6:00 p.m.—Pot Luck Dinner

WHERE: The Trails Clubhouse
539 The Trails Parkway
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657

TOPIC: Sustainable Landscape
Design—Plant Selection—Utilizing
Internet Data Bases.

Come prepared to expand your resources as Master Gardeners!! Our speaker has many talents, too numerous to fit in this space so I encourage you to go to DickPeterson.com

So come prepared with dish to pass, i.e., appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. Meats, water, tea, ice, coffee and all paper goods, utensils, and cups provided.

Directions: From Marble Falls take 2147 to Hwy 71. Make a right onto Hwy 71 and go 1 mile.

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Howdy Master Gardeners. For all you Longhorns out there, the word howdy is used by Aggies around the world as a sincere greeting with wishes of good health and spirits to all!

I want to extend my hearty thanks to Karen Wilkens, our energetic Vice President who arranged a most remarkable September Master Gardener program held at the beautiful Summit Rock in Horseshoe Bay. It was a gorgeous Tuesday afternoon in the Hill Country and a wonderful turnout of Master Gardeners.

There was a lot of "buzz" regarding Karen's guest speaker, Mr. Walter Schumacher. Walter is the founder of Central Texas Honey Bee Rescue and Preserve who lives and works in Austin Texas. Folks in Austin are well known for "Keeping Austin Weird" and Walter admits that he is doing his part to maintain this iconic culture. Walter kept us in stitches for the

majority of his presentation with real life bee experiences; however, it was obvious that Walter takes the subject of bee preservation and protection very serious and that the future of our world depends upon this effort.

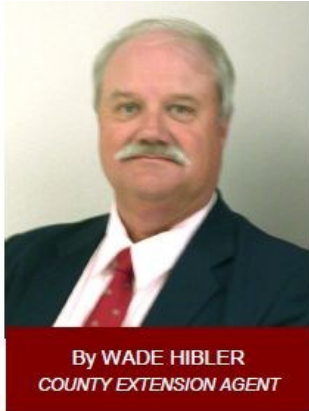
Walter's presentation left a lasting impression on me, an impression that our job as Master Gardeners is a very important one. We have a

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GRACE ALEXANDER DAY LILLIES



Grace Alexanders Day Lillies Live on Today.

One of our first Master Gardeners was Grace Alexander. Grace passed away a few years ago but her mark is all over my house in Day Lilies she gave me. Since we are in that planting time here is an article I want to put in the Dig It in her memory.

Planting Day Lilies : Plant only to the base of the crown, the area above the roots on the plant where it is white in color and gradually goes to green, Plant no deeper than where it turns green in the crown.

Location: This is the single most important factor in growing daylilies well here in south Texas. They need FULL morning sun and FULL mid-to-late afternoon shade. Next best choice is full morning sun and partial afternoon sun. Full morning and full afternoon sun is the worst choice for them, and can sometimes kill them, as they bake in our brutal summer temps. Daylilies need full sunlight in the morning hours to open properly.

First 2 weeks care: After planting, water in your new lily well. Repeat every 2 days for the first week, then every 2 to 3 days the second week. Do NOT over water !!

After 2 weeks: I recommend giving your new plant a dose of Miracle-Gro or K-Gro in the fall around early October. Do not Miracle Gro any later than mid November, as a freeze could cause root damage. Keep your lilies soil moist, but not wet

Winter Care. Basically, in winter time here you only need to water it once a week, or if you get rainfall, none at all ! Just be sure the soil doesn't get too dry. Foliage needs no care, simply leave it alone. If the daylily is dormant, it will disappear into the ground.

Spring and summer care: In mid-January, I recommend spraying all of your foliage with Orthene systemic to the point of dripping. This will kill any thrips that could damage your scapes. Start a once every 3 weeks Miracle-Gro application by March 1, and continue until scapes appear in May. Keep the soil lightly moist, but not soaked, especially in the June-September time frame, where the roots can rot if kept too wet. Lilies respond best to a time release fertilizer such as a 19-5-9 or 20-5-10 slow release, but you may use any fertilizer close to these in proportion. I strongly recommend mulching.

Care for lilies during bloom season: You may remove by clipping off the next day any bloom from the previous day. When all blooms are done, you should NEVER cut the scape (holds all flowers on it). Wait until it can be removed from the plant with a gentle pull only. It will be brown in color at this point.



BILL LUEDECKE

THIS OCTOBER AND EL NINO

Well, Praise God, El Nino has finally arrived and brought that very precious commodity, rain, with him. It has been projected by the weather folks that we will be enjoying the benefits from El Nino this Fall, Winter and early Spring. We are going to have a wetter and colder Fall and Winter (it would not take much to do that) than last year. It seems that we (The Texas Hill Country) have enjoyed the relief and the benefits of recent rains. Remember, a one-inch rain produces 27,154 gallons of water per acre. Think how much that one inch rain helps our water supply just from not having to water the yards, trees, gardens, etc. A one-inch rain is huge when you realize the benefits. Now do the math with your recent rainfalls and see the big difference it has made.

BUSY OCTOBER

Now is the time to apply Corn Gluten for the lawns. I have not done my lawn yet because with our moisture it would be a waste. Remember to apply at the rate of 20 pounds per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Water it in gently and reapply next February or right before the last freeze this next year. I am going to apply in late January of 2013. **Warning:** Never apply any fertilizers just before a rain. The rains will carry off your application and you will have wasted your money, time, and effort. Corn Gluten is high in Nitrogen (10%) and that is what knocks out the grass burrs.

Prepare your plants for winter by applying John Dromgole's formula to your plants, trees, and almost any vegetation. This application builds up the plants to either heat or cold and Lord knows we have both in our winters. This formula is best if used as a foliar spray. The recipe is 2 tablespoons of fish emulsions, 1 tablespoon Medina Soil Activator, 1 tablespoon of Maxicrop Seaweed, 1 tablespoon of G-V Blackstrap Molasses all combined in 1 gallon of water.

Have you purchased and placed your Tulip and Hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator? After 60 days of chilling, then in late December you can plant them for spring color. The other bulb plants can be planted this month. Later, this is also the time to dig up and prepare for saving till next year the Caladium bulbs. Check with your local nursery or look at pages 135 and 140 of my book *Gardening in the Texas Hill Country*.

Don't start pruning yet—wait till at least the first freeze. However, you can be thinking about where you want to plant which trees in November through February.

If you have been gathering seeds and preparing them, now you can place them in containers properly labeled. **Warning:** Be absolutely sure that you have properly dried the seeds before putting away for the season. This is an excellent year to collect native grass seeds. With our first half year being so wet, the grasses have been plentiful and some are growing that we have not seen here in years. Always collect from country roads, as they have no herbicides applied by local and state governmental agencies.

It is time to feed your Azaleas, Camellias, and Rhododendrons with bone meal.

This is the month to plant those wildflowers that you have been collecting or purchasing. On every packet that you purchase at Wild Seed Farms has instructions on how to plant. I think that their website has instructions as well (www.wildseedfarms.com).

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duty to lead by example and lighten our footprint on this earth and where possible protect all of God's "bees". I shudder to think what this world would *bee* like if we don't come together and save the bee.

I am so happy that there are people like Walter in this world that are willing and able to energize us to make an impact. Thank you Walter!

Gig 'em

Warren

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Turn right onto 2831, go approximately 1.7 miles. Trails Gate is on the left. Turn right after coming thru gate—this is Trails Parkway. Proceed .8 mile and the Clubhouse is on the right. Park in lot on left.

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Cut the tops off all the herbaceous perennials that have completed their flowering cycle or when the first freeze has killed their leaves.

Start planning where you are going to plant which trees in the November to February planting time. Make your list, and consult with your local nursery and garden center folks as they know best what your soils are and the weather patterns.

When all the leaves start falling and our grasses are brown is a great time to start a compost bin or pile. This is one of the best things you can do for your garden and lawn. The end product will be applied to both lawn and garden come next spring when you will be looking for some really rich compost.

CEDAR FEVER IS COMING!

Now is the time to locate those lady Ashe Junipers (Cedar Trees), the ones with the berries. Mark these with flagging tape spray paint or something so you can go straight to them and get the berries that you will need to make the Cedar Tea to combat "Cedar Fever". If you have plenty then you will want to share with friends who suffer from this annoying allergy. Sue Kersey, as in years past, I have yours already spotted and in late November I will have your berries bagged for you.

BEEES AND HUMMINGBIRDS

Recently and it has been right before a cool front and rain my hummingbird feeders are completely covered up with honey bees. There have been so many that the Hummingbirds could not get to the feeders. I called my friend, Kim McBride to ask him about what was going on. Kim said that they could be either thirsty or looking for the sugar, as they have had a really tough time this year due to the drought. It was only those two times, however, the Hummingbirds were really perplexed as to what to do. Fortunately each episode only lasted a day or two at the most. It seems that we are all affected by the drought in one way or another.

Till Next Month! Keep your souls and your soles in your garden! Remember the True Master Gardener: Jesus said, "I am the vine; my Father is the Gardener." John 15:1

September 24, 2012

**Letter to the Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association
Membership**

On behalf of the Executive Board and our wonderful Volunteer/Membership Committee, I wanted to send this letter to each of you to say thanks and also remind you about recertification.

Thus far, 6106 hours of Volunteer Service has been reported by our membership since January 2012. What a group!! What a community!

**ENERGY—VITALITY—COMMITMENT—EXCITEMENT—TAKING
THE CHALLENGE—GARDEN WISE—PLANT PASSIONATE—
CAPABLE**

**DIG—PLANT—WATER—SUNSHINE—HARVEST ADORE THOSE
FLOWERS—NOURISHMENT ON A VINE—GOOD BUGS—COLORFUL
BUTTERFLIES—CHATTERING BIRDS—TALKING FROGS**

Who would not want to share these “delights of everyday gardening life” with other Master Gardeners? Who could possibly miss out on such a golden opportunity?

Well, don't you miss it!! Don't be left out!! Get those hours done (12 hrs volunteer service and 6 hrs advanced training) and submit to Carolyn Lange by October 31st!! Celebrate the miracle of creating life in the soil!!

In closing, a special thanks to all our members who have already reached recertification. Let's reach our goal of 100% recertification for 2012!

Sincerely,\

Warren

**HIGHLAND LAKES MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 1:30 P.M. AT SUMMIT ROCK GOLF COURSE
HORSESHOE BAY, TEXAS**

Attendance: 60

Agenda:

Call to Order

President Warren Struss called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m., recommending a moment of silence so members could think prayerfully of those with challenges in their lives.

Then, on a happy note, Warren observed that both Val Klaudt and Beth Mortenson, who had surgery recently, are now back among us and are doing well. Carol Kowing is improving. She and Ben expect to return to Texas by Thanksgiving. And nothing, apparently, can slow down Lavona Fry!

Warren remarked on the beautiful celebration, in late August, of the life of Sarah Rowland, who was loved and revered by the entire gardening community. Warren asked that members keep Gary, the Rowlands' children, and Hairston Creek Farms in their prayers.

He requested prayers for Sue Kersey as well, whose son-in-law was killed in a car wreck early in September, and for Diane Land, who was facing surgery later in the month.

Sign-In Sheet

Co-Secretary Sue Lilley reminded all present to sign in. She also mentioned rain gauges, asking that members who wish to be CoCoRAHS volunteers let her know by September 30, so she can order the right number of gauges and, with luck, qualify for the group discount. Replacement parts are available for CoCoRAHS gauges—Sue can furnish details.

Welcome Guests

Paula Montandon introduced her guest, Irene Dauphin, a Master Gardener from Waco. Karen Wilkens recognized Summit Rock's Glenn Lee and his staff, thanking them for the opportunity to meet in such a beautiful venue

Program: 1 hour Advanced Training (AT); 1 hour Volunteer Service (VS)

Vice-President Karen Wilkens introduced Walter Schumacher of Central Texas Bee Rescue, who provided many interesting and little-known facts about honeybees, stressing their importance to the environment.

Central Texas Bee Rescue (CTBR) is part of the Austin Community Foundation. Its purpose is to assist with the removal and relocation of honeybees—and, whenever possible, to encourage pollination. Currently, three teams cover a five-county area.

In Austin alone, 2,000 hives are exterminated every year. In 2012, Central Texas Bee Rescue aims to remove and relocate 500 hives, so only 1,500 will be destroyed. That's still a lot of hives!

A decline in the number of honeybees is of serious concern, not only here in central Texas, but also nationally. One-third of U.S. honeybees are gone for good. As most gardeners are aware, bees are vital to

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Unfortunately, widespread use of pesticides is harming bees and reducing their numbers. Pesticides turn the nectar of flowers into poison for bees. In extreme cases, pesticides can spoil an entire area such that bees can no longer live there.

As Mr. Schumacher continued, he answered questions about the behavior of bees and, in so doing, talked more about what Central Texas Bee Rescue does and hopes to do.

Together with corporate sponsor Whole Foods, CTBR is designing a pilot program that will put bees on rooftops in the city of Austin. Whole Foods also wants classes given every Saturday and Sunday, aimed primarily at school children, to teach them why bees are important and why they should be protected, not feared. Such classes would prepare children to assist with bringing rescued hives to CTBR's current location in Bastrop, where they could then work with the bees to make them more docile.

Another possibility, in which HLMGA could be instrumental, would be working with Summit Rock Golf Course to bring feral bees to the Marble Falls area. An apiary here could serve a 50-mile radius, as well as be used as an education facility.

On behalf of the group, Karen thanked Mr. Schumacher for a very informative program.

Break

Items for Action:

Approval of July 2012 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held July 17, 2012, published in “The Dig-It” for August 2012, were approved (motion, second, unanimous vote).

Approval of Treasurer's Report for July 2012

The treasurer's report for July 2012 was approved as published in “The Dig-It” for August 2012, with one correction from Treasurer Donna Maier: The Helping Center opening balance for July should have been \$3,203.29. (Motion, second, unanimous vote.)

Approval of Treasurer's Report for August 2012

The treasurer's report for August 2012, published in “The Dig-It” for September 2012, was likewise approved, again with one correction from Donna: The Helping Center ending balance for August should have been \$2,966.39. (Motion, second, unanimous vote.)

Other Business:

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State Master Gardener Conference Update

Linda Fleming provided a brief report on this meeting held in August in College Station. Information was furnished by various State committees about current activities and plans. The next statewide meeting will

Other Business Continued:

take place December 1, 2012. Linda added that there have been several personnel changes at Texas A&M University and that a new logo appears on the Texas Master Gardener Association web site.

Nominating Committee

Warren announced that Paula Montandon will chair this year's nominating committee; Val Klaudt and Bob Ann Rossi will serve as members.

Fourth Quarter Executive Board Meeting

This meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. at IBC Bank in Marble Falls. The Board will be considering recommendations from the PET committee (Project Evaluation Team) regarding volunteer service opportunities in 2013. Warren reminded all project chairs to submit their forms by October 1.

Christmas Party and Annual Awards Banquet

This year's banquet will take place Tuesday, December 11, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Kingsland Convention and Community Center, 3451 Rose Hill Drive in Kingsland. Board members will coordinate the event and will serve as hosts and hostesses.

Recertification

It's that time of year again! Warren asked that HLMGA aim for 100 percent recertification in 2012. As of September, only about 53 percent of members have completed their recertification requirements (6 hours Advanced Training, 12 hours Volunteer Service). However, it appears that some members have not yet submitted their hours for 2012 to Carolyn Lange. Warren urged everyone to do so by October 31 so as to be eligible for awards on December 11.

As a reminder, Carolyn's report of hours earned by members through September 5, 2012, was attached to the agenda for the meeting on September 18.

There remain opportunities to earn both AT and VS hours—see the two items below.

Burnet Farmers' Market—Sign Up Now with Lavona Fry for the Month of October

Green Thumb Program—Thursday, September 19, 2012, Noon, Kingsland Library

Program for October Meeting

Vice-President Karen Wilkens announced that the meeting on Tuesday, October 16, will be held at the Trails of Horseshoe Bay. Speaking will be environmental guru Dick Peterson on the subject "Sustainability." Members should meet at the Trails clubhouse; a chance to explore nearby gardens will be offered.

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The time of this meeting will be announced in “The Dig-It” for October, and directions to the Trails will be provided. Following the program will be a pot-luck dinner and plant exchange.

Announcements from Membership

Marble Falls Helping Center

Karen Wilkens gave the Helping Center report, informing members that Josie Overton is now in charge of signing up volunteers. Pete Smith is at the Center on Mondays and Karen on Wednesdays. More than 3,000 pounds of produce have been harvested *already* in 2012 and donated to the Helping Center!

Linda Wall (of the Natural Gardener in Austin) is assisting the Center free of charge.

Starbuck's is sponsoring a community work day on Sunday, October 28, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Also, Gabe Jones, a 10-year-old from Austin who was inspired by the “Discover Green” curriculum, has proposed a work day for Saturday, November 17 (9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon), in which he and some of his classmates will take part. Karen has been so impressed with Gabe's commitment and organizational skills that she urges Master Gardeners to show up that morning as mentors.

Finally, arrangements are being made to move the Center's rainwater collection system.

Announcements from Membership, Continued:

EarthKind Specialists

Upon their completion of a two-day intensive course, Robert and Sheryl Yantis have now officially been named EarthKind specialists. Congratulations!

Native Plant Festival

Sylvia Williams reported on plans for the Texas Native Plant Festival, to be held Saturday, October 20, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery on Park Road 4. This event is being sponsored by the Native Plant Society, LCRA, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, and the Highland Lakes Birding and Wildflower Society. Volunteers are needed—those interested should sign up with Sylvia or with Josie Overton. Linda Fleming mentioned a particular need for volunteers to assist with parking.

The day's events will include a plant sale, two speakers, and a presentation on hatchery operations by the Friends of the Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery. More information is available on the web.

Other

Suzanne Labry announced that she had agave and yucca plants to give away. Also announced was the Renewable Energy Round-Up to be held in Fredericksburg on the weekend of September 22-23.

Adjourn

After a motion, a second, and unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Lee, Co-Secretary

OUR HELPING CENTER GARDEN

BY CAROLYN KENNEDY

This morning, a small grey bunny rabbit crossed my path in the pea patch. Scurrying for cover under the black-eyed peas, the furry creature was trying to avoid detection. Unlike Mr. McGregor, however, I did not try to chase him out of the garden. There's room enough there for many of God's creatures, including Peter and me.

Harvest is not abundant at this time of year. So shall we let the area rest—leave it to the rabbits for awhile? I think not! There is work plenty this fall: tending the fall plants, removing expired plants, planning the winter garden, adding mulch and pathways, and the ubiquitous weeding. Therefore, you are needed at the Helping Center Garden, Broadway & Ave N in Marble Falls.

On October 28th, we are inviting all friends of the garden to work. The pay-off is in cash—cash for the garden. Much-needed chemicals, equipment, mulch, and of course, plants must be purchased to keep our vegetable garden hardy. Our own Starbucks is keeping an eye out to see how many workers we can garner that day, and for each person/hour worked, they will donate \$10. Thank you, Starbucks!

How easy is that? You don't even have to bring gloves or a digger—we have lots of left-overs you can use. Bring your child-like love of a garden and its creatures, and help the Master Gardeners to begin another season of helping others.

Come any time or the whole time from 1:00pm to 4:00 on the 28th. Bring a friend. Lend a hand. Plant a carrot. Earn \$10 for the garden. Who knows? You might even get a glimpse of Peter, watching from underneath the mulberry bush.

Howdy from Gatlinburg, Tennessee! Jake and I are having a wonderful trip and have seen so much of our beautiful country—the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to see our grandkids and kids, lighthouses along western Michigan, The Grand Ole Opry, and now the Smokey Mountain National Park today. We even saw a black bear this afternoon! Thanks for sending your articles early. (Picture at Opry.)
Carol Nicholson-Editor (How 'bout those Aggies!)



Congratulations
Robert & Sheryl Yantis
For Becoming
EarthKind Specialists

Highland Lakes Master Gardener Association
Fourth Quarter Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2012 @ 1:30 pm
IBC Bank, Marble Falls

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Welcome Board Members and Guests
- III. Membership Communication
- IV. Items for Discussion and Possible Board Action
 1. Project Evaluation Team Committee (PET) Discussion
 2. Recertification update and discussion
 3. Christmas Party and Awards Banquet planning
- V. New Business from Board Members
- VI. Old Business from Board Members
- VII. Adjourn

Gardening Event Reminder On **Friday, October 5th**, Jim Landers, an expert on irises and an iris judge, will give a very informative program on "Growing Bearded Iris". This free program is presented by the Kingsland Garden Club at the Kingsland Library, 125 W. Polk. The program is at 1:45. Everyone is invited to the Club meeting at 1 PM. More info at <http://www.yantislakesidegardens.com/kingsland-garden-club>. This program will count for 1 hour AT credit for Master Gardeners.

The day before on **Thursday, October 4th**, Dr. Chuck Sexton will give us a virtual tour of the birds within 60 miles of Austin. He is very knowledgeable and you don't want to miss this chance to learn about our local birds. Social at 9:30 AM, meeting and program at 10:00 at the Marble Falls Library for a meeting of the Highland Lakes Birding and Wildflower Society. Read about this program, "Birds of Austin - the Fringes" and Dr. Sexton at www.yantislakesidegardens.com/hlbws.

We have a wonderful opportunity to hear some great speakers and see and experience nature at work at the Native Plant Festival on **Saturday, October 20th** at Inks Dam Fish Hatchery. This is a free program (we appreciate your bringing a can of food for the food bank) with speakers, author Kelly Conrad Bender and Jessica Robertson of Backbone Nursery. Read about the activities and speakers at www.yantislakesidegardens.com/npsot for times, map and contact information. The Birding and Wildflower Society will even help you identify our local birds. Don't miss this wonderful family opportunity. This will replace the Green Thumb program originally scheduled for this date.

Volunteer Hours at the Kingsland Library

We are having a workday at the Kingsland Library on Thursday morning, October 11th. Bring your gloves and pruners. We will be working from 8 to at least 11am but we welcome you to come whenever you can and work as long as you want. See you there.

Thanks, Sheryl and Robert Yantis - (325) 388-8849

OCTOBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCED TRAINING FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Wait no longer. This month classes are so abundant that you can get most of your needed advanced training for the year.

October 5th—"Growing Bearded Irises" presented by the Kingsland Garden Club at the Kingsland Library, at **1:45 p.m. 125 West Polk' 1 hour AT**

October 20th—Native Plant Festival at the Inks Lake Fish Hatchery

10:30 - 12:30—"Texas Wildscapes, Gardening for Wildlife" with speaker Kelly Conrad Bender, author and wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

1:00 p.m.—"Native Plants" with Jessica Robertson from Backbone Valley Nursery. Presentations will be held in the Education Building.

Classes presented by Backbone Valley Nursery, Marble Falls

October 6—10 a.m., "Beautiful Containers and Baskets"

October 7— 3 p.m., "Deer Resistant Plants"

October 13—10 a.m., "Planting Bulbs for Naturalizing in Texas"

October 21—3 p.m., "Miniature Gardening Madness!"

October 27—8—5 p.m., Backbone Valley Tree Festival, lectures to be announced later.

For more info, go to www.backbonevalleynursery.com

Many activities are being offered this month at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.

October 13—11 a.m., Robert Shaw lecture at the Fall Plant Sale and Gardening Festival.

October 16th—Go Native U: Butterfly Gardening class

October 17th —5:30-7:30 p.m., Native Plants Walk and Talk

See the website for much more information about all of the above: www.wildflower.org/events

Webinar: This is online and you can participate from the comfort of your own home (as long as you have high-speed internet).

November 7, 12:00-1:00, "Tree Selection and Establishment" with April T. Rose, TreeFolks' Executive Director. Learn about selecting the right tree and more! www.wildflower.org/webinar

National Wildlife Refuge Week: Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, October 13th at Doeskin Ranch on RR1174.

1. "Hiking Ancient Seabeds:—Learn how geologic history and soils affect plant communities: **9 a.m.—Noon**. Bring water for 3 mile walk.

2. "Native Grasses Walk"—the tall and the small. **9:30—10.30 a.m.**

3. "Medicine and Edible Plants"—casual walk. **1:15 p.m.—3:15 p.m.**

4. "Nature Walk"—Learn about ferns, flowers, fire, frogs & fossils! **2:30—4:00 p.m.**

For more information call Rob Iski at 512.339.9432, ext. 70.

Don't forget to turn in your Hours Report at the end of every month to Carolyn Lange.