

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau Topics March 19, 2026

Balancing Weed, Trees, and Grass – How to achieve a balance of healthy trees, green grass, and weeds by using less water, fertilizer, and chemicals.

Butterfly Gardening – Host and nectar plants that attract butterflies

Butterflies and Hummingbirds – Attracting them to your garden

Citrus Quarantines – The Five W's of citrus quarantines

Common Garden Pests and How To Treat Them – Learn the difference between pests and beneficial insects, how to get rid of pests

Companion Gardening – Helping to improve plant growth, repel unwanted harmful insects, improve pollinators and soil health

Compost – What are the ingredients for the best compost

Composting In the Home Garden – Converting garden waste and garden kitchen scraps into plant food

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Container Gardening – Getting creative when space is limited

Earth-Kind Landscaping – Individuals using Earth-Kind landscaping principles and practices can create beautiful, easy-care landscapes, while conserving and protecting natural resources and the environment

Fairy Gardens – How to make enchanting miniature gardens

Fall and Winter Color – How to add color to our winter gardens

Fearless Pruning – Pruning landscape plants, shrubs, and trees for flowering, health, and after-winter damage

Flowering Plants for 4 Seasons – Color all year long

Fort Bend Master Gardeners – What is the Fort Bend Master Gardener program

Fragrant Plants – Adding fragrant plants to our gardens

Fruit trees for the backyard – Which trees will perform in a small backyard

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Gardens of the world – Photo tour of gardens of our world

Garden Friends – Beneficial insects

Garden Myths and Misconceptions – Are old wives' tales true?

Going Tropical with Landscaping – Well designed tropical gardens combine lush foliage with vibrant colors to create that Wow moment. Learn which plants mimic the visual questions of tropical species while being hardy enough to survive SE Texas temperatures

Hardiness & Heat Zones – What they mean and how they affect plant selection

Healing Gardens Sensory Gardens – The history and purpose of healing gardens and how to make one for yourself

Herb Gardening – Growing culinary herb and their uses

Herb Gardening – Shade, sun, and best seasons

Herbs: Nature's Pharmacy – A look at medicinal herbs including historical use, popular medicinal herbs and how to research to

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find the results of studies, contraindications, etc. of herbal medications

House Plants – For fun, flavor, fragrance

Hydroponics – The process of growing plants in a water based nutrient solution, without soil, which has an advantage for growing in high density urban areas

Insects – Identifying the gardener's friends and enemies

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – An effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management in your garden

Irrigation Efficiency & Auditing – Understanding & optimizing your system

Landscape Maintenance – Learn how to cut corners on common landscaping tasks to get them done quicker and easier

Landscaping for Birds – Why birds matter; how to attract them; plant/bird relationships

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Lawncare – How to be the envy of your neighbors

Maintaining the Garden – Gardening tips and the tools of the trade

Native Bees in Your Garden – Helping our garden friends

Native Plants for the Landscape – Benefits of using native plants

Perennials – Beautiful plants year after year

Pet-Friendly Gardening – Landscaping with dogs and cats in mind

Poisonous Plants – Blooms, Doom, and Murder. Behind some of our prettiest garden plants lies a darker history – one where leaves, roots, and berries have played starring roles in real murders and classic mysteries.

Preparing for winter landscape – How to prepare for advancing winter, which plants to protect, what projects to start?

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Problems with Citrus – Is it a disease? Is it a bug? What’s eating my tree?

Propagation – How to start new plants

Rain Gardens – Capturing rainwater runoff in a landscape
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Rose Rosette Is It, or Isn’t It? – Rose rosette can be a devastating disease in our garden. Answer many questions including how do you recognize it and what can you do about it?

Salvias – So many varieties

Shade Plants – Plants that thrive in the shade

Shades of Green – Adding texture and interest with green plants

Spiders Misunderstood Garden Friends – Exactly what do spiders do for us in the gardens

Succulents – Easy-to-grow container plants

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Texas Superstar Plants – Highly recommended plants by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for their performance in the Earth-Kind landscape

Trees of Fort Bend County – Finding the perfect tree for your yard selection – planting, pruning, and tree care the first two years

Tropical Fruits to Grow in Fort Bend County – Ten easy tropical fruits that do well and how to grow them

Vegetable Gardening – Tips for a successful Spring or Fall vegetable garden

Vegetable Gardening – All vegetables in all seasons for best production including ground or raised beds, and how to build them

Vermiculture – Or the art of lovingly raising worms! Learn what types of worms are the best for composting your kitchen waste, how to get started, how to care for them, and reaping their benefits

Weeds – How to identify, destroy, and prevent weeds

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Wildscapes – Gardening for wildlife

Yoga for gardeners – Stretching the mind and muscles of gardeners