

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau Topics June 8, 2023

Balancing Weeds, 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

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

Compost – What are the ingredients for the best compost

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

Fragrant Plants – Adding fragrant plants to our gardens

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

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

Garden Friends – Beneficial insects

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

Harmful and Helpful Plants – Common plants in our backyards that have harmful aspects and some that are beneficial

Herb Gardening – Growing culinary herbs and their uses

Herb Gardening – Shade, sun, and best seasons

House Plants – For fun, flavor, fragrance

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

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

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 – Plants for beauty year after year

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

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

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 feature

Root Knot Nematodes – Stunted or wilted plants with poor production might indicate root knot nematodes (RKN) instead of nutrient deficiencies. Learn how to identify and control RKN.

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 our gardens

Succulents – Easy-to-grow container plants

Texas Master Gardener Program – Introduction to the statewide program and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

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

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

Vegetable Gardening in Warm Season – Growing tomatoes and other vegetables (beans, muskmelon, cucumber, eggplant, okra, southern peas, peppers, sweet potato, watermelon, squash, multiplying onions) and common pest problems

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

Wildscapes – Gardening for wildlife

Yoga for gardeners – Stretching the mind and muscles of gardeners