



A Gardener's Journal

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Member Profile-Sheryl Chambers



With Newsletter Number 2, we're moving back to having our Member Profile on the first page on the newsletter. And this month, it's my turn to be profiled. As you know, I do the newsletter each month. This is my second year in PGS, having been "drafted" by Beckie and Wendi, after helping with the SPIN Into Spring Garden Tour in 2009. Come to think of it, they also "drafted" me to help with that! I met both of them when Beckie and I were participants in the tour in 2006.

My husband and I are both from Ohio, and we've lived in Texas since 1987. We moved to Southlake in 2000, and we can't believe that the last 10 years have flown by.

I started gardening when we lived in Coppell, and I was delighted to have a larger yard to play with in Southlake. We were the first owners of

this house, so the yard was a blank canvas. We were lucky enough to have an American Elm and a couple of Easter Red Cedars in the yard when we moved in. The construction process was pretty tough on the trees, and we lost a couple shortly after moving in. We've added more trees, shrubs, perennials, vines (I love clematis!), ground cover—you name it. I've learned by listening to Neil Sperry on the radio, reading his books and many others on gardening in the south.

I'm excited to be a part of this group, so that I can continue the learning process. I'm looking forward to another successful year with PGS, and since Beckie, Wendi, Ed, Rosemary and I are on the SPIN Into Spring Garden Tour Committee for 2011—I encourage everyone in PGS to get involved to make next years garden tour the best yet!

Local Gardening Events

- 9/25—Iris & Daylily Sale, Ft Worth Botanic Garden
- 9/18-11/14—Autumn at the Arboretum, Dallas Arboretum
- 10/2—Gardening for Pleasure and the Planet, Denton County Master Gardener's, Denton Bible Church
- 10/9—Fall Plant Sale, Ft. Worth Botanic garden
- 10/23-24—Fall Festival in the Japanese Garden, Ft. Worth Botanic Garden

October Meeting - Plant Propagation



Ever wish you had more of that specimen shrub to make a whole border? Or admire a friend's houseplant and want one just like it?

Learn to make a plant clone – that's plant propagation and it's easier than you may think. Fall is the perfect time for cloning shrubs and perennials.

Master Gardener Plant Propagation Specialist Marilyn Sallee will demonstrate several cloning techniques and how to know which ones to use for which plants. Plants propagated in class, including several propagation containers, will be given away to those in the audience. See you there.



This Month's Garden Tips



- Pansies, pinks, snapdragons, flowering cabbage and kale can be planted now, for winter color.
- Give tulips and hyacinths at least 45 days of "chilling" in refrigerator at 45 degrees F. Plant them into ground no sooner than late December.
- Keep mowing at normal height until first frost. **Letting grass grow tall actually weakens it.**
- Save major pruning of trees and shrubs for mid-winter.
- Add water-soluble fertilizer to new annual flowers to encourage good early growth before winter.
- It is time for the third, final, and **most important fertilization** of the year, between **September 15th and October 15th**. Put **organic** fertilizer down at the rate of 20 pounds per 1,000 square feet on lawns and all flower/shrub beds. If you can only afford to do one fertilization a year, this is the one to do.
- **Fall is THE BEST time for planting** trees, shrubs, and perennials. Even though the upper part of the tree, shrub, or plant may be dormant during the winter, the roots will continue to develop throughout the winter, and your plants will be very well established before next summer's heat. Nurseries usually have great sales going on this time of year, too!
- Fall is also a great time to **transplant** shrubs and divide and transplant perennials, if needed. Make sure soil/root ball is very moist when planting, and keep soil moist until plant is established. If you need to **transplant** a tree, wait until it is completely dormant, usually January.

September Meeting Re-Cap

**Next meeting October 13
at Susan Schleppegrell's -
525 Brooks Ct,
Southlake—
Social Time—9:30 am
Meeting—10:00 am**

Hostesses provided delicious fruit, cake and coffee. The weather was the biggest topic of discussion since Tropical Storm Hermine was bringing torrential rain to Southlake this morning, with numerous folks reporting flooded intersections, high water, etc. Announcements were made and members introduced themselves. Co-Presidents Beckie Underwood and Wendi Carlucci introduced today's speaker (and SPG member) Sharon Duquemin. Sharon has a degree in Landscape Architecture, is a Master Gardener and active member of SPGS.

Sharon reviewed the material distributed last year on design process, design principles, identifying good design and introduced a new topic, "Trends in Outdoor Living". Factors driving the trends are ecology and economy. Sharon reviewed trends in pools, outdoor kitchens, furniture, landscape, style, organics, vegetable gardening, ornamentals, containers and communications. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.



The Perennial Garden Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating its members on gardening topics specific to the North Texas area. The primary focus of the group is native and adapted drought tolerant perennials and grasses. Our purpose is to promote, encourage and share ideas with other gardeners regarding the implementation of native and adapted perennial in the suburban Texas landscape.

PERENNIAL GARDEN SOCIETY

2010 – 2011

PROGRAMS, HOSTS & CO-HOSTS



- September 8th** Trends in Landscape Design - Sharon Duquemin
Location The Lodge @ Bicentennial Park
Co-hosts Pattie Minder, Wendi Carlucci, Jackie Phillips, & Beckie Underwood
- October 13th** Propagation – Marilyn Sallee
Host Susan Schleppegrell 525 Brooks Court, Southlake
Co-hosts Barbara Schlauch & Pat Wiszneauckas
- November 10th** Ornamental Grasses - John Snowden w/ Blue Stem Nursery
Host Tamara Hauser 911 Emerald Blvd., Southlake
Co-hosts Sharon Duquemin & Marge Carpenter
- December 8th** Hands-on project – Claire Alford
Location The Lodge @ Bicentennial Park
Pot-luck Brunch Everyone bring something to share along with gift for GRACE
- January 12th** Vegetables – Bill Vanderver and Bill Hall
Host Kelly Foster 1305 Wakefield Court, Southlake
Co-hosts Sheryl Chambers & Jennifer Myers
- February 9th** Ponds – Scott Wood w/ Terrascapes
Host Margaret Collins 2901 Knight Court, Southlake
Co-hosts Shirley Morris & Jackie Phillips
- March 9th** Soil/Compost/Bugs – Michael Bosco w/ Soils Alive
Host Bob Hudnall 1402 Plantation Drive
Co-hosts Ken Stone & Kalena Cook
- April 13th** Field Trip
- May 12th –** Members Garden Tour and Lunch
Luncheon Host Diane Bredenberg
Members asked to bring Salad or Dessert
1. Becky Gamble
 2. Ken Stone
 3. Tamara Hauser
 4. Marge Carpenter
- (alternate—Ed Richmond, if needed)