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Member Profile— Sharon Duquemin



This month's profile is Sharon Duquemin. As many of you know, Sharon is a past president of PGS. Let's see what Sharon has to share with us:

I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, part of a Texas family that goes

back seven generations to their arrival in Texas in 1846. Thus I count myself as a native Texan even though I spent 20 years living out of state. I returned to my Texas roots in 2004 moving from the Chicago area with my husband and

three children, two sons now ages 18 and 14 and a daughter age 12. I am an Aggie, having graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in landscape architecture. On moving to North Texas I realized I knew little about the plants or growing conditions here so I was happy to find the Perennial Garden Society. In 2006 I became a master gardener. Through gardening I've met some wonderful people and made many friends. Besides spending time with my husband, kids and extended family I also enjoy swimming, sewing and reading. For my last birthday my husband bought me a subscription to the Wall Street Journal which I spend way too much time with.

Vegetables!

Bill Vandever, a Tarrant County Master Gardener, presented at our January meeting and provided a lot of great information on growing vegetables. By popular demand, we've attached a copy of Bill's presentation to this month's newsletter.

There are many websites that have additional information on vegetable gardening—how to establish a vegetable garden, what vegetables grow well in North Central Texas, when you should plant and harvest, and how to spot and cure problems.



Based on the questions that were asked at the meeting, we're sharing the following

helpful web sites:

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/>

[publications/guides/E-502_home_vegetable_guide.pdf](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/guides/E-502_home_vegetable_guide.pdf)

http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/guides/E-560_raised_bed_garden.pdf

http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/docs/tomato_tips.pdf

<http://blog.briangallimore.com/wp-content/uploads/2008/03/vege-planting-dates-tx.pdf>

Local Gardening Events

- Jan 29—Free Landscape Design 101—River Legacy Science Center, Arlington
- Jan 29—The ABC's of Pruning—Calloway's
- Feb 12—Creative Container Flowers—Calloway's

February PGS Meeting



The February meeting will be held at Margaret Collins' home. Joining us will be Scott Wood of Terrascapes. We'll be learning about ponds and aquatic gardening. Be sure to bring your questions!

The meeting will start at 10, with refreshments beginning at 9:30. Please remember to bring your own coffee mug!

February Gardening Tips



Ornamental Grasses benefit from a yearly cleanup and haircut. Warm season Ornamental Grasses should be cut back rather low to the ground each year, just as new growth is preparing to emerge. Cool season ornamental grasses do not require as aggressive a haircut. They prefer to have at least 1/3 of the foliage left behind. Raking or combing through cool season grasses can help clean out debris.

Ornamental grasses do not need to be cut down before winter. In fact, they are attractive when left standing and the foliage helps to insulate the crown of the plant. Cut back the foliage to about 4-6 inches in the spring before growth resumes. When foliage is removed, spring growth will begin earlier. Old foliage left on the plant can delay the crown's warming and subsequent

growth by as much as 3 weeks.

Tip for Cutting Back Ornamental Grasses

Lassoing a large ornamental grass makes it easier to handle. In the spring when the grasses start showing signs of growth, get a rope, a friend, and some shears. By tying up the grass in a bundle one person can hold the plant out of the way while the other one cuts. No loose mess either; it comes out of the garden in one neat package. Heavy grass clumps can be cut back using a hedge trimmer or weed eater.

Once the clump has been cut back, use a stiff rake to comb through the remaining clump and remove debris. This will help slow down the center die-out that results in those donut shaped clumps.

Next meeting
February 9th-
Margaret Collins
2901 Knight Court,
Southlake
MEETING TIME 10:00

December Meeting Re-Cap

The Southlake Perennial Garden Society met on December 8th at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Wendi Carlucci and Becki Underwood. Claire Alford, Master Gardener and Bulb Specialist, presented the program on bulbs. Each member was given a wide selection of bulbs to

plant in his/her own large clay pot using planting medium. Bulbs used included hyacinths, anemones, ixia, muscari, narcissus, crocus and ipheion. After the program, members shared in a holiday "pot luck" lunch. Delicious food was enjoyed by all.

January Meeting Re-Cap

Wendi Carlucci welcomed everyone to her home and thanked the co-hostesses Sheryl Chambers and Jennifer Myers. She introduced Bill Vandever, a Tarrant County Master Gardener. Bill started by telling us he wasn't an expert on vegetables, nor was he a speaker, but he did give us some great

information on growing vegetables in North Central Texas. Beckie Underwood ended the meeting by introducing two members that were attending their first meeting of the season - Mildred Kidwell and Phillip Bressinck, in addition to two guests, Diane Chenard and Charlotte Namez.



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

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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 Wendi Carlucci 2000 North Peytonville, 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)