

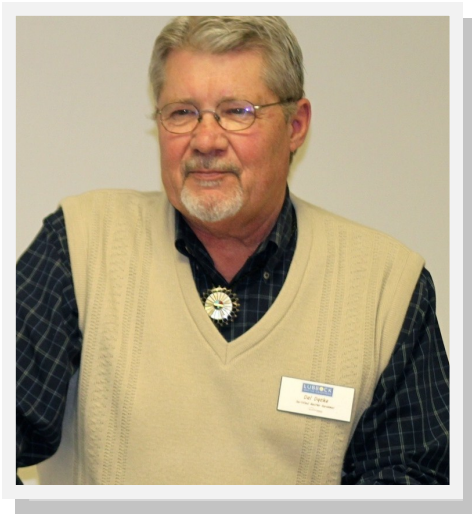


# The Grapevine

*The newsletter of the Lubbock County Master Gardeners Association*

April 2011

## Congratulations to:



Del Dyche

Del recently was awarded a \$1300 grant from the Lubbock Area Foundation to be used for improvements to the Dunbar Middle School garden. With the grant money, Del has had two willow trees removed from the area and will purchase a storage shed for tools. Currently, eleven 6th graders spend a class period each week tending and planting their garden. Del also gives class presentations on gardening each week.



Vanesa Hyde and Jim Graves

Vanesa and Jim were recently honored by the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum as “Wednesday Wonders” and now have their names on bricks in the patio which honors Arboretum volunteers.

***Please don't forget to submit your hours by the end of the month !***

## More Congratulations....

### and an Invitation

You are invited to a ceremony honoring Master Gardeners **Kathy Gilbreath** and **Victoria Price** for their year long effort designing and building a new waterwise landscape for the Guadalupe Somerville Neighborhood Center. **The event will take place on Tuesday, April 19th at 3:30pm at the Center, located at 123 N. Ave N. All Master Gardeners are cordially invited.**

The project consisted in renovating a neglected landscape and building a full size basketball court, goals, a gazebo, picnic tables, xeric plantings, playground surfacing, signage, a pergola and a raised garden bed. The project budget was \$240,000 and Kathy raised \$30,000 of that.

In Kathy's own words:

" I was sure that with volunteer support and the \$30,000 I raised, we could do it. With continued help from Victoria, we enlisted assistance from the county inmate program, city engineers, a plumber, City Departments in Streets, Traffic, Solid Waste, Planning, Parks&Recreation, a building contractor, a concrete contractor, and electrical contractor, a drip irrigation expert, a fellow elder in my church and a local landscaping business. Anyone you had the expertise to complete the tasks as was willing to do the work pro bono or at a reduced price got the job. The entire process took a year so by the summer of 2010 the children and families at Guadalupe could use the facilities. The finishing touches are being put in place this month, so from inception to completion it took 24 months. This could not have been done

without the uncounted hours of support and assistance from every person asked to contribute their ideas, money, or materials."



Kathy Gilbreath with Lubbock County jail inmates working on the project.

### April General Meeting

**The April General meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Texas Tech Greenhouse, at the corner of Hartford and Main Streets, just north of the United Spirit Arena.**

**Please note location change!** Jennifer Simek, director of the greenhouse, will present the program on greenhouse growing techniques.

**This program counts as 1 CEU.**

**"The Grapevine" is now archived on our website on the "Members" page.**

## Coming in April

### Volunteer Opportunities

To help with refreshments, contact Sylvia Pearson:  
[roanhorse@lyntegar.com](mailto:roanhorse@lyntegar.com)

To help with the radio show, contact Barbara Robertson:  
[bbr1125@msn.com](mailto:bbr1125@msn.com)

To help at the GRUB farm, contact Jenifer Smith  
[jsmith@spfb.org](mailto:jsmith@spfb.org)

**Please remember that all volunteer opportunities are listed on our website**

[Lubbockmastergardeners.org](http://Lubbockmastergardeners.org)

Go to the members page and click on "Reporting/CEU's". Or contact our volunteer coordinator, Debra Castle:  
[gardngirl@att.net](mailto:gardngirl@att.net)



Linda Jarvis sits on the roof of the new Education Garden gazebo before installation.

**All Master Gardeners are urged to come help with the rose pruning work day at the Garden, Tuesday, April 12th, from 8:00 until noon.**

### Saturday, 4-9:

Second Saturday at the Arboretum  
10:00 am

Nick Parker: Rainwater Harvesting  
**1 CEU**

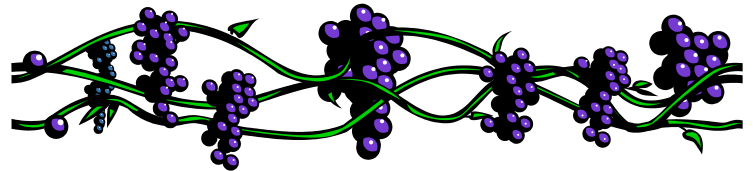
### Saturday, 4-9

Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshop  
Hodges Community Center 12:00 noon  
**1 CEU 50 fee Contact:**

[Jennifer.simek@ttu.edu](mailto:Jennifer.simek@ttu.edu)

### Tuesday, 4-12:

Rose Pruning at Education Garden  
8:00-noon



### *Free Presentation by Brad Lancaster*

Nationally known author and rainwater harvesting expert Brad Lancaster will give a free presentation on Thursday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ice House, located behind the Underwood Center for the Arts. Brad's topic will be: **Turning Drains into Sponges and Water Scarcity into Water Abundance.** He harvests over 100,000 gallons of water each year from 1 inch of rainfall on his 1/8 acre in Tucson, AZ. **This presentation counts as 1 CEU.** Those who have heard Brad speak at the xeriscape conferences in Albuquerque know what an interesting speaker he is. This presentation is free and part of "Spring into Green." Please see full program on following page.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Spring into Green* Conference

Thursday and Friday, April 14 - 15, 2011

It's *YOUR* home --- make it a *GREENER* place!



**THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 14, 5:30 PM**

**LHUCA ICEHOUSE & WAREHOUSE, AVENUE J & MAC DAVIS LANE**

***TURNING DRAINS INTO SPONGES AND WATER SCARCITY INTO WATER ABUNDANCE***

Water-conservationist Brad Lancaster tells how he practices what he teaches, harvesting over 100,000 gallons of rainwater per year from 12 inches of annual rainfall on his oasis-like 1/8<sup>th</sup> acre in Tucson, AZ.

Reception and book-signing to follow.

*plus...*

***Eco-to-Go: '57 to 2011*** - Eco-friendly car show featuring 2011 hybrids, electric and fuel-efficient models, and the TTU solar-powered vehicle, plus a Classic '57 Chevy.

*and...*

***LAND ARTS STUDIO DISPLAY*** - TTU College of Architecture students' "semester abroad in our own backyard" explored natural and human forces that shape contemporary landscapes in the American West. Director, Chris Taylor, TTU CoA.

*Thursday event is FREE and open to the public.*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 8:30AM TO 5:00PM**

**LHUCA FIREHOUSE, ICEHOUSE, AND WAREHOUSE - AVENUES J, K, & MAC DAVIS LANE**

Whether you are a home-owner, renter, builder, decorator, architect, or engineer...  
whether you are dreaming of remodeling or do it for a living...  
or whether you just want to create a healthy, affordable, and attractive dwelling for yourself and others,  
*This is the place to come!*

*LEARN* from notable speakers from Lubbock and across the nation, the *how-to's of greening* your home and landscape to make them more energy-efficient, safer, and healthier.

*LISTEN* to ***NET ZERO ENERGY HOMES: LESSONS LEARNED***, as awarding-winning Austin architect, Peter Pfeiffer, FAIA, LEED, at the Keynote luncheon, shares his experiences in creating smarter homes, working through complexity of design decisions and component selections that interact to affect health, durability, and conservation of resources.

*TALK* to exhibitors as they share and demonstrate the latest in energy-efficient products and economical ways to design, remodel, clean and "green" your home.

A \$40 registration fee includes lunch.

For more information, or to register for Friday's events

Visit: [www.lubbockspringintogreen.org](http://www.lubbockspringintogreen.org) or call (806) 445-4448 or send your check made out to USGBC West Texas Branch, PO Box 94873, Lubbock, TX 79493.



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Please note that Brad Lancaster's speech is free. The \$40 fee is for Friday's events. Lubbock Master Gardeners will have a table and distribute information on xeric perennials and adapted trees for Lubbock on Friday.

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