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BCMGs, Please Record Your Volunteer and CEU Hours to Close Out 2017 Reporting NOW !

RODEO SHIFT INFORMATION IS NOW AVAILABLE! And always keep an eye on the BCMG Rodeo Volunteering Page (page under the Members Tab) for updates and new information!

First BCMG Meeting of the Year: Mark Hansen from San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE) will address the **January 18th Rodeo Kick-off meeting**; members are invited to bring their favorite Chili or Corn Bread to share! Join us from 6 to 8:30pm for great food (all MGs are great cooks!) and a terrific presentation (1.5 CEUs), plus

sign up for your shifts. Don't forget your 2-sided Release & Indemnification Agreement Form needs to be signed, notarized and delivered to Nick at the AgriLife Office front desk!

Tell Your Friends: 2018 BCMG Training Program Applications are now available on the BCMG website. Class size will again be limited to 30 students: dates are Feb 21 to May 23 (14 weeks). Application deadline is February 2nd.

Generous Conference Lodging Opportunity from Fellow MG!

BCMG Barbara Linick's family owns and operates a wedding venue (Peach Creek Ranch) 10 miles south of Texas A&M, about a 20 minute drive from campus. She is offering a 7-bedroom barndominium (multiple beds in most rooms) to BCMGs for 3 nights (Tue thru Thu nights, Apr 3, 4 & 5) with check out by 8 am on Fri morning, Apr 6, the last conference day (bridal party arrives 10am that day). Total cost of $200 would shared by everyone who stays there, not per person, to cover cleaning/turn-around costs. **What a Great Deal!**

Email Barbara for details or to book; you can find Barndominium photos online and a floorplan here.

2018 TMGA Conference Early Bird Pricing!!

Register online before December 31, 2017 to get the EARLY-BIRD Pricing of $255 (price increases to $285 on Jan 1, 2018).

Plan to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the TMGA and the unveiling of the Gardens at Texas A&M University at the 2018 TMGA Conference. Statewide MGs raised $149,000 for the garden naming rights. View the promotion video and check your calendar! Host hotel is filling up fast!

For Your 2018 Calendar:

Put Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the University of Incarnate Word on your calendar for our next Cultivate! educational seminar. More workshops, gardening groups, and vendors than our first CULTIVATE! this past September. We again will need great support from our Master Gardener volunteers. Please plan to help out prior to, or during, the event with one of the many committees needed to coordinate the different aspects of this growing educational seminar. We are working the details, so please stand by for more news on how you can help make our spring CULTIVATE! even more successful.

SIGN-UPs for VOLUNTEER EVENTS are accomplished online using the Event Calendar in the *VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (VMS)*. Find number of volunteers still needed, who has signed up, Project Code and even request an event reminder!

Look for RODEO Sign Up Information on VMS and on the BCMG Website!

Education Opportunities

MASTER GARDENER SPECIALIST COURSES IN 2018

If you are interested in attending, please email David Rodriguez, Extension Agent-Horticulture, Bexar County. *BCMG CEU Code: 001.*

PLANT HEALTH & DIAGNOSTICS EDUCATOR, Feb 8-9 - Gonzales - TGMA Website

VEGETABLES, Feb 14-16, Dallas - TGMA Website

Learn more about MG Specialists Trg & our Current BCMG Specialists at our website!

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Check out speaking opportunities for 2018 by heading over to the BCMG webpage for the Speakers Schedule. Here's the direct link to the Schedule! If you see RED, that means we need your help. If you are an active speaker, a MG Specialist, or a MG who might like to become a speaker, start planning for 2018 and email LAUREN WILLIS if you can help.

UPCOMING *Classes*

See All the Details on the MG Calendar!

– Tue, Jan 2, 6:30-8:30pm: What Birds Have Taught Me About Plants, 1 CEU, Code 002

– Sat, Jan 6, 9:30-11am: Pond Building 101, 1.5 CEUs, Code 002

– Wed, Jan 10, 9:30-11:30am: Growing Patio Citrus, 1 CEU, Code 001

– Thu, Jan 18, 6-8:30pm: BCMG Rodeo Kick Off, 1.5 CEUs, Code 003

– Sat, Jan 20, 7:30am-5pm: Rain to Drain Experience, 8 CEUs, Code 002

– Sat, Jan 20, 9am-Noon: Fruit Tree Basics Seminar, 3 CEUs, Code 001

– Sat, Jan 20, 10-11:30am: The Gardens of Mount Vernon, 1 CEU, Code 002

– Sat, Jan 20, Noon-3pm: Citrus in San Antonio Series – Pruning & Long Term Care, 3 CEUs, Code 002

– Sat, Jan 27, 10-11:30am: Tower Gardening, 1.5 CEUs, Code 002

– Sun, Jan 28, 8:30-10:30am: Planting with Purpose, 2 CEUs, Code 002

Dinner Tonight: Pumpkin Cupcakes **with thick greek yogurt frosting are delicious for the holiday season. And, try some** smart substitutions **in your cooking adventures.**

2018 Beef Cattle Short Course: Will be held Tuesday Evenings, Jan 9 & 16 at Palo Alto College. Flyer is available HERE**.**

Master Wellness Volunteer Training: Begins with a face-to-face training on Sat, Jan 20, at the Bexar County Extension Office, Ste. 208, and continues with weekly online study until the final face-to-face training on Sat, Feb 10. Cost is $75 ($25 for students), and online registration **is due by Jan 19, 2018.**

2018 Spring Children's Vegetable Garden Program: The San Antonio Botanical Garden is now accepting registrations for children ages 8-13 to get hands-on horticulture experience. Classes will be held Saturday mornings, February 17

through June 2nd from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Click on the link below for additional information. Go to the Spring 2018 Children's Vegetable Garden Program **and use "Click here to register".**

Get Ready to Celebrate San Antonio's Tricentennial!