

Wise Water Words

Hello, Fellow Master Gardeners! Happy Spring!

What a fantastic event our 4th CULTIVATE! educational seminar, held Saturday, March 23, was! For the first time we sold out 6 of the 9 workshops by Friday evening. In anticipation of the many walk-ins we expected, three of our workshops were moved to the large auditorium. Both "Shady Characters" and "Texas Superstars" had 56 attendees each, 16 more than would have been able to attend in the originally-scheduled classrooms.

All of our very talented speakers did a wonderful job with their presentations. Numerous attendees stopped to tell me how much they enjoyed and appreciated the informative and professional presentations. There were even more positive comments on the evaluation forms turned in by attendees.

We had some new vendors and non-profit organizations this time, plus many who have been with us since the first event in September 2017. The event was attended by approximately 125 people, who came to the University of the Incarnate Word specifically to attend. Most came for the Workshops and to visit the Expo Hall, but several came especially for the plant sale.

The plant sale was a big hit. Over \$1,000 worth of plants sold in just a few hours. Thanks to the Master Gardeners who peddled the plants! We also sold many t-shirts, seeds and CULTIVATE! notebooks thanks to that great team of volunteers.

We had two separate visits from SAWS personnel. Both were very impressed with the attendance, the general air of excitement, and the education being provided throughout the event, in the workshops, on the Expo floor, and at the plant sale.

Each CULTIVATE! event since inception has grown and improved, driven by the focused efforts of our volunteers working diligently to make their particular piece of CULTIVATE! even better. It is with sincere and heartfelt gratitude that I thank all of these speakers, volunteers, and my co-chairs, Liz Campanella and Lynn Cox for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our signature event. **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!** Be sure to put Saturday, September 7, 2019, on your calendars, as this is the date of our 5th CULTIVATE!

Conservationally Yours,

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