

Wise Water Words

Hello, Fellow Gardeners.

I hope everyone is doing well and staying cool. Hopefully cooler temperatures and more rain are on their way to us.

This month I would like to promote our twice-annual educational seminar, CULTIVATE!, which will be on Friday, September 9, and Saturday, September 10. This will be our 10th seminar and we are very excited to offer several new topics. For your convenience, these classes will be online and you can learn from the comfort of your own home.

This event is free to attend and for SAWS WaterSaver Rewards members, worth one SAWS WaterSaver Reward point for each workshop attended. If you are a SAWS customer but not a WaterSaver Rewards member yet, you might still have time to sign up and receive credit. For more details and to sign up, visit <https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/watersaver-rewards/>.

We have four exciting door prizes we will give away after our seminar is over. Everyone who attends will have their name put in the virtual hat once for each class they attend for a chance to win a prize. If you attend 1 class, your name will be entered once. If you attend all 6, your name will be entered six times for the prizes explained below.

A huge THANK YOU to the San Antonio Botanical Garden for providing us with a free annual membership to raffle off for one very lucky attendee to our seminar. This membership is the Friend Membership, value of \$150, and is a wonderful way to enjoy the SA Botanical Garden as many times as you want all year long. More about this and other membership benefits is available at this link: <https://www.sabot.org/membership/>. Thank you for your generosity, SA Botanical Garden!

Another huge THANK YOU to Rainbow Gardens for providing three \$50 gift certificates to give away as well. Rainbow Gardens has two nurseries in the San Antonio area and often invite Master Gardeners to give presentations on a range of horticultural topics. You can find their schedules and more details here: <https://www.rainbowgardens.biz/events-classes/>. Both locations have a large selection of plants that we recommend for our region. Thanks for helping BCMG in our educational outreach, Rainbow Gardens!

We usually have anywhere from 150-200 people who attend the CULTIVATE! Workshops. In an effort to ensure participants are ready for the classes at the allotted time, we open the webinars 8-10 minutes early. Our Master Gardeners have created 'pre-reels' with upcoming events and other interesting information to share with you while you wait, so please plan to sign in a few minutes early.

Registration can be found here: <https://bexarmg.org/cer/>. A description of each of these classes can be found on our [website](#). Here is the schedule of workshops we are offering for our fall CULTIVATE!:

Friday, September 9

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| 9:00-10:00am | Ethnobotany-Native Plants with Maeve Bassett (SA Botanical Garden) |
| 10:30-11:30am | Native Pollinators with Molly Keck (Texas A&M AgriLife) |
| 12:00-1:00pm | Growing Christmas Oranges with David Rodriguez (Texas A&M AgriLife) |

Saturday, September 10

- 9:00-10:00am Basic Tree Care with Marybeth Parsons (BCMG)
- 10:30-11:30am Rain Gardens for Wildlife and Water Quality with Lee Marlowe (SA River Authority)
- 12:00-1:00pm Fall Gardening Tasks with Lynn Cox and Anna Vogler (BCMG)

Please feel free to share this information with any friends or family who you think might be interested in attending our fall educational seminar. I hope to see you all at CULTIVATE! on September 9 &10.

Conservationally yours,

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