



# WELCOME TO THE 2024 TEXAS MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE!



We are thrilled to have you join us for this exciting event. Please explore the diverse range of topics on the Agenda.

We look forward to sharing our expert's knowledge, ideas, and experiences with you!

**Click on Name of Presentation for more information.**

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP MONDAY, APRIL 22

**12:30pm - 4:30pm**

*Teamwork Makes the Dream Work:  
Transforming Passion into Action in Your  
County*

Speaker: Tobi Johnson

Note: separate registration is required to attend this workshop



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## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

### 8:30AM - 9:00AM OPENING

Dr. Jayla Fry, State Coordinator  
Dr. Larry Stein, Welcome from the AgriLife Extension Service



### 9:00AM - 10:15AM KEYNOTE

**Robert Pavlis** - *Fun Facts About Plants*

### 10:30AM - 11:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. **Dr. Charlie Hall** - *Looking into the Minds of Consumers*
2. **Dr. Kevin Ong** - *Can Rose Rosette Disease Be Controlled?*
3. **Dr. Amit Dhingra** - *Horticulture - the Future is Stronger with this One*
4. **Dr. Russ Wallace** - *Strawberry Flowering... From Emerging Buds to Sweetness in 21 Days*
5. **Randy Seagraves** - *HANDS-ON with the Early Childhood Learn, Grow, Eat & Go Curriculum*

## LUNCH BREAK

### 11:45AM - 12:45PM PROJECT SHOWCASE

### 1:00PM - 2:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. **Morgan Bradley/Andrew Crocker** - *Growing Together. Cultivating Inclusive Gardens*
2. **Charles Swanson** - *Maximizing Irrigation Efficiency*
3. **Dr. Andreea Botezatu** - *Is it ME or is that wine really bad?*
4. **David Rodriguez** - *The Texas Bluebonnet: Red, White and Blue*
5. **Dr. Laura Huebinger** - *Cultivating Growth: AgriLife Extension Volunteers*





## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

2:15PM - 3:30 PM KEYNOTE

**Andrew Crocker, Dr. Julie Gardner, Dr. Rusty Hohlt, Odessa Keenan, Michael Lopez, Mary Pearl Meuth and Renda Nelson - Under the Umbrella**

3:45PM - 4:45PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. **Brandi Keller** - Fostering Community Alliances
2. **Dr. Tim Hartmann** - Antioxidant Factory in a Pot: How to Grow Your Own Container Blueberries
3. **Dr. Bhimu Patil** - The Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center's Role in Improving Human Health
4. **Skip Richter** - Some Like It Hot: Vegetables for the Blazing Summer Garden
5. **Dr. Joe Masabni** - Hydroponics - The Art and Science of Growing Plants in Soilless Culture
6. **Ginger Easton-Smith** - Texas Sabal: Queen of the Texas Palms - and the Wildlife it Supports

6:00PM - 6:30PM

**SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY**

Join us as The Texas Master Gardener Association (TMGA), in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, acknowledges and presents awards for outstanding achievements across the state.



# AGENDA



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:30AM - 9:30AM PROJECT SHOWCASE

9:45AM - 11:00AM KEYNOTE

**Brie Arthur:** *Seeds of Enchantment: The Art of Cottage Gardening*

11:15AM - 12:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. **Kat Grier** – *The Living Classroom: Utilizing The Gardens for Educational Programming*
2. **Julia Minter** – *Life Beneath the Surface: How Cover Crops Influence Soil Health*
3. **Keith Hansen** – *I Wish I Never Planted That (There)*
4. **Brittnay Meyer and Brad Voss** – *Turning a New Leaf with Earth-Kind®*
5. **Stephen Brueggerhoff and Gene Speller** – *Bring on the Heat: Soil Solarization Results for Root-Knot Nematode Control*

## LUNCH BREAK

12:30PM - 1:15PM DIRECTORS MEETING





*Blooming Together*

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

### 1:30PM - 2:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. **Brandi Keller** – *Make Art from the Garden*
2. **Beth McMahon** – *Do Your Research: Simple Plant Trials for Home or Public Gardens*
3. **Dr. Jenna Anding** – *Home Food Preservation Knowledge and Practices Among Texas Master Gardeners*
4. **Greg Grant** – *The Life and Times of a County Horticulturist Before and After the Master Gardener Program*
5. **Paul Winski** – *Blossoming Anew: The Earth-Kind® Re-Boot of 2025*

### 2:45PM- 3:30PM Q&A WITH PROJECT LEADS

### 3:45PM - 5:00PM KEYNOTE

**Dr. Jay Maddock** – *How Spending Time in Nature Improves our Health*

### 5:15PM- 6:15PM SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**Dr. Jayla Fry and Nicky Maddams** – *The Texas Master Gardener Management Guide*

### 6:15PM CLOSING REMARKS

*Looking Ahead to 2025!*



WE EAGERLY ANTICIPATE YOUR PRESENCE AT THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE AS WE WELCOME 84,000 MASTER GARDENERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO OUR VIRTUAL STAGE!!  
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