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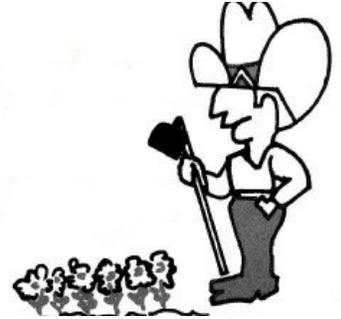
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AMGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Neil Sperry's yearlong North Texas garden calendar

June

Plant: Warm-season turf, early in month, before really hot weather. Assuming water curtailments allow, water lightly and at least once or twice a day for 1-2 weeks, until roots become fairly well-established. Crape myrtles, while in full bloom, to ensure specific colors. Heat-tolerant annuals, including moss rose, purslane, trailing lantana, pentas, copper plant, firebush, purple fountain grass, caladiums, coleus, crotons, tropical hibiscus, mandevilla and Gold Star esperanza.



Prune: Erratic spring growth from shrubs, trees and ground covers. Avoid formal shearing whenever possible. Mow frequently (four- or five-day intervals) to keep turf low, dense. Allowing grass to grow tall weakens it and does not improve its drought tolerance.

Fertilize: Turf, shrubs, trees, ground covers, flowers and vegetables with all-nitrogen fertilizer in clay soils, high-nitrogen fertilizer in sandy soils. Patio pots and hanging baskets with high-nitrogen, water-soluble food every few times that you water them. Apply iron/sulfur amendments to correct iron chlorosis (yellowed leaves, dark green veins; most prominent on newest growth first). Keep iron additives off masonry, painted surfaces.

On the lookout: Webworms in pecans, walnuts, persimmons and other trees. Remove with pole-pruner as soon as you see webs starting to form. Bagworms devouring foliage of junipers, arborvitae, cypress and other conifers (B.t. or general-purpose insecticide). Tomatoes may show lower leaves first bright yellow, then dried and crisp. This is early blight — control with labeled fungicide. Spider mites may cause leaves of beans, tomatoes, marigolds, violets and many other plants to turn tan and crisp.



NEXT MEETING

June 18 at 7:00pm (every 3rd Monday)

Garden Room of the Bob Duncan Center

2800 South Center Street, Arlington, Texas

Bring a Friend This Month!

June 18, 2018 GOA SPEAKER — Liz Moyer

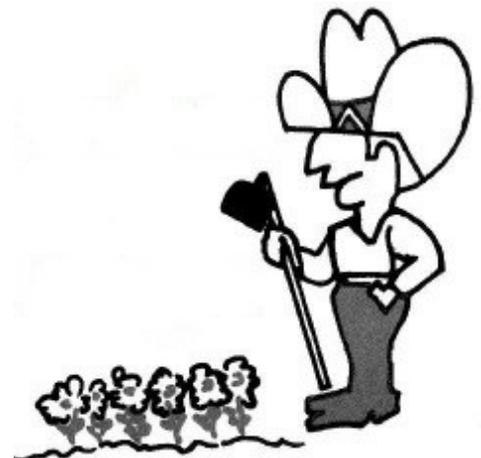
June Speaker

Liz Moyer

'Natives in the Suburbs'

Our program will be delivered by Liz Moyer of the Denton County Master Gardeners Association and the Native Plant Society of Texas. Having lived in North Texas over forty years, Liz sympathizes with our special gardening challenges. "Natives in the Suburbs!" will explain why natives are a great choice for our landscapes, what natives will perform best here and how to include natives in a way that will keep you and your neighbors happy!

Liz grew up in Central Texas near a farm her grandfather purchased in the late 1880's, and has been a resident of North Texas over 40 years. She has been a Texas Master Gardener for nine years, a member of the Native Plant Society of Texas since the early 1980's and is also a Citizen Forester. Liz and her husband, Pat, contribute a substantial number of plants to both the Native Plant Society and Master Gardener spring plant sales each year. She is also a quilter and coordinates Community Service for the Land o' Lakes Quilt Guild. Liz is especially interested in bringing more native plants to home and commercial landscapes so that Texas looks like Texas!



INVITE A FRIEND TO THIS MONTH'S MEETING!

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OUR SUNSHINE REPORT

AMGC Members and/or their family's health conditions and well-being, as received, are listed below. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thoughts and prayers appreciated for our members with health issues.

Snack Volunteers?

Please Sign up at our next meeting for snacks!



Speaker Spotlight

June 18—Liz Moyer: 'Natives in the Suburbs'

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June

Gardeners To Do List For June

Planting

- Continue to plant warm season turf grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine, and Zoysia). Early June is also an ideal time to establish new Bermuda lawns by hydro-mulching.
- Plant ground covers and tropical and warm season annuals such as begonia, hibiscus, periwinkle, portulaca, purslane, salvia, zinnia, coleus, Mexican heather, gomphrena, and caladiums.

Pruning

- Prune out any dead or broken branches of woody ornamentals (trees and shrubs) but avoid major pruning during summer heat.
- Cut back spent flowers of annuals and perennials to encourage new blooms.
- Prune spent flowers from roses and fertilize if needed according to a soil test.
- Pinch back chrysanthemums to encourage branching.

Plant Care

- Pay special attention to the water needs of new lawns, trees, and ornamentals as hot dry weather sets in. Water in the early morning hours (3 AM to 8 AM) to minimize fungal problems and reduce evaporation.
- Fertilize annual flowers and vegetables with your favorite fertilizer type to assure continued vigor, based on results from a soil test (which may cost as little as \$10).
- Check crape myrtles for aphids throughout the summer.
- Check ornamentals, flowers, and vegetables for spider mites, prevalent in warm months.
- Watch for bagworms on junipers, arborvitae and other conifers, treat as needed.
- Watch for webworms on trees, especially pecans and mulberries, and treat as necessary.
- Apply fungicide as necessary to control black spot and powdery mildew on roses.
- Early June is an ideal time to aerate your lawn.
- Fertilize your warm season turf grasses if needed based on soil test recommendation.
- Check for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns throughout the summer, and for gray leaf spot fungus in periods of high humidity and temperatures in the 80s and 90s.
- Spot treat fire ant mounds with ant bait or a mound drench.
- Begin to harvest vegetables and fruits as they ripen: potatoes, beans, cucumbers, squash, radishes, tomatoes, blackberries and peaches.
- **Water all your plants when they're dry, but be particularly diligent with new plantings that can quickly dry out in our persistent spring winds. Use 3 – 4 inches of mulch on all flower, shrub and vegetable beds.**

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