



# Through the Grapevine



## Message from the President

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At the September 13 CVMG general business meeting, the three members of the Nominating Committee were approved. Jalene Jones ([jalenej@gmail.com](mailto:jalenej@gmail.com)), Janie Houck ([jbhouck@academicplanet.com](mailto:jbhouck@academicplanet.com)), and Linda Rowe ([linda.rowe@conchovalleycscd.org](mailto:linda.rowe@conchovalleycscd.org)) will be contacting potential candidates for the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, and one State Director. Please contact any one of them if you would like to nominate someone. Self-nominations are welcome as the Committee may not be aware of your interest in serving. The major criteria for officers are that the person be an active Master Gardeners and willing to serve the two-year term. Candidates should be announced soon via the email blasts. Elections will take place at the November 8 CVMG meeting.

Membership approved a education offering to Master Gardeners, friends, and general public to be held at the 4-H Building on Tuesday, October 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Monte Sims, MG Class of 2003 will present information on turf and management of other plants in the drought environment. Monte is a local turf expert. He is arranging for a speaker on correct pruning with proper tools. Please spread the word and come for the continuing education.

A rain barrel workshop will be held on Saturday, October 1 at the 4-H Building beginning at 9:00 PM. Volunteers will be needed Friday evening to do some preparation work on the barrels such as drilling the 6" hole on top

of the barrel and the 1" hole for the faucet bib. We now own the proper-sized hole saws but not the drills. Volunteers will also be needed Saturday during the workshop. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer Friday evening &/or Saturday morning. Shade is coming to the 4-H Building Demonstration Area! We will be planting a variety of trees at the 4-H Building on Saturday, October 8 and will need lots of strong people to help with the hole digging. We will be planting a Burr Oak, Chinese Pistache, Texas Persimmon, and several small pomegranate trees. For several of the trees we will need to break through caliche so please bring the necessary pick-axes, sledge hammers, etc. Think of the shade the trees will provide in future summers. Watch for future work-days including a trip to Llano to select rock for a rain garden out front, putting in paths, and installing benches.

Requirements to maintain active status and certification as a Master Gardener each Master Gardener are completing 12 volunteer hours, taking 6 hours of continuing education, and paying annual dues by December 31 of the preceding year. Please be sure you are turning in both your volunteer hours and your continuing education hours to Allison on a regular basis. Dues for 2012 are \$5.00 with \$3.00 staying locally and \$2.00 going to the Texas Master Gardeners Association and may be paid by check payable to "CVMG" and sent to Concho Valley Master Gardeners, Tom Green County Agrilife Extension, 113 West Beaure-

gard, San Angelo, TX 76903 or dropped off in the office. Alternatively dues may be paid at the October or November meeting. Checks or exact change are preferred. Interns who will not have completed their 50 hours of volunteer service do not pay dues yet.

The Executive Committee reviewed the bylaws at our August meeting and is suggesting some revisions. These revisions are to correct typographical errors, to remove inconsistencies in the document and to align the bylaws with how the CVMG operates. Circulation of the suggested revisions has begun. I have already received some additional corrections - a spelling error and an inconsistency between the role of the secretary and the newsletter committee. The most recent version of suggested changes is included in this newsletter. Ignore the notes and asterisk markings as these will be removed in the final draft. Please contact me with questions or further suggestions. The revisions to the bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on November 8, 2011.

As usual, let me know of questions, suggestions, and concerns.

*Carolyn Mason*

President

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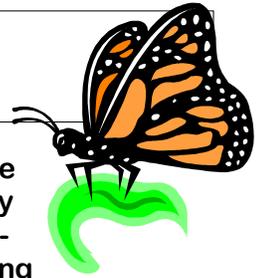
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**Special points of interest:**

- Come to next CVMG Education program— Oct 11th
- 4-H Demonstration Beds at TGC 4-H Bldg—another change!
- Watch for the Monarch Butterflies
- Where can you share some of your hardy & well-loved plants??

# Bring Back the Monarchs



University of Kansas ecology professor, Orley “Chip” Taylor has been studying monarchs since 1992 and has tracked the migration between the U.S. and Mexico. He started a national effort to bring back the monarchs because of their decline. This was the beginning of Monarch Watch, an outreach organization based at KU dedicated to tracking the monarch’s migration and conserving its habitats.

Taylor asked the public to create waystations, which he named after stops used by steam engines and the Pony Express. They needed stops to pick up water, coal, food and fresh horses. The Monarch needs places across the continent to breed and sustain its migration. With extensive land development and the use of herbi-

cides and pesticides some of the necessary plants critical to their survival have been lost.

Gardeners can play a significant role in the conservation efforts by planting milkweeds and nectar plants. You can even get your planting area certified as a Monarch Waystation. Upon certification your site will be included in the international Monarch waystation Registry and you will be given a certificate and ID number. You are also eligible to display a sign indicating you have created a waystation, giving you an opportunity to share the conservation information with others who might join the effort.

There are no minimum area requirements to be certified, but a few things to consider are the size, sun exposure, drainage and soil type, shelter, milkweed plants necessary for hosting, nectar plants and

management of the site. You can easily incorporate a waystation in an existing bed. If you really want to get “hands on” with the monarchs you can also help tag them for research.

I look forward to their visit enjoying my pecan trees every year on their migration journey back to Mexico for the winter. I mark my calendar and keep my camera standing by.

There is a complete listing of certification requirements and an application on the website at [www.MonarchWatch.org/waystations](http://www.MonarchWatch.org/waystations).

By *Nina Hallmark*

*Tagging of Monarchs in 2009 at Wall School Garden.*



**BYLAWS**  
**Concho Valley Master Gardener Association**  
**(in support of Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Tom Green County)**

**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Concho Valley Master Gardener Association.

**Article II. Objective**

This organization shall be a non-profit, educational, literary and charitable association within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to support Texas AgriLife Extension Service. This organization will not be affiliated with any commercial enterprises. Its objectives shall be:

- ▶ to increase knowledge of gardening to its members and the general public
- ▶ to support and assist Texas AgriLife Extension Service by providing the community with information on good gardening practices through educational projects, including publishing news articles and other mass media, presenting at garden clubs, schools and other community groups, and responding to telephone inquiries
- ▶ to assist "Master Gardener Interns" in fulfilling their volunteer commitment

**Article III. Membership**

**Section 1.** Members of this organization shall be Concho Valley Master Gardeners, certified by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

**Section 2.** To become a certified Concho Valley Master Gardener, the person must complete the 50 hours of instruction offered by the County Horticulturist through the County Extension office plus 50 hours of volunteer service in the 12 months following the completion of the course. Volunteer service may begin prior to the completion of the course work. Master Gardener Interns will be non-voting Associate Members.

**Section 3.** To maintain certification and Active status, the Master Gardener must pay the annual dues, provide 12 hours of volunteer service and participate in a minimum of 6 hours of continuing education by December 31 of the preceding year. At present dues are \$2.00 for the Texas Master Gardener Association and \$3.00 for the Concho Valley Master Gardeners for a total of \$5.00. Concho Valley Master Gardener dues may be changed in the future by a vote of the membership. Dues may be paid in cash or check to the CVMG Treasurer at a regularly scheduled meeting or by sending a check to the CVMG at the County Extension Office. Alternatively, the Master Gardener may visit the Extension office in person to pay the dues. If the criteria of dues, service and continuing education are not met by the end of the

calendar year, Master Gardener certification may be terminated.

**Section 4.** Should a situation arise that makes it impossible or very difficult to fulfill the volunteer service and/or the continuing education hours, the certified Master Gardener may request to be placed on the inactive roll for up to 2 years by sending a letter to the County Extension agent requesting inactive status with a very brief explanation why it is justified. The letter is due by December 31 of the year preceding the year inactive status is to begin. Payment of dues is still required.

**Section 5.** Should a person whose certification was terminated secondary to failure to pay dues in a timely manner, provision of the volunteer hours, and/or participation in continuing education hours, the previously certified Master Gardener may regain certification by attending 15 hours of class plus pay an reactivation fee of \$20 plus dues of \$5.00. If the termination period was greater than one year, back dues may be requested.

**Section 6.** Master Gardeners are expected to identify themselves as such only when performing public service under the auspices of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardeners are not permitted to advertise their place of business during Extension-related activities nor may the title of Master Gardener be included in any advertisements of businesses owned by or employers of Master Gardeners. Since AgriLife Extension Service is a source of unbiased, research-based information, appearing as a commercial activity, having association with commercial products or giving implied AgriLife Extension endorsement of any product or place of business is improper.

**Section 7. Auxiliary Members.** The Concho Valley Master Gardeners may vote to extend auxiliary membership to those individuals who contribute significant knowledge or expertise that facilitate the activities of the Master Gardeners. Auxiliary members will be non-dues paying and non-voting members. Auxiliary members are not eligible to hold an office.

**Article IV. Meetings**

**Section 1.** Meetings will be held bimonthly on the second Tuesday of the odd month unless voted otherwise by the membership for the purposes of educational opportunities, seminars or similar meetings. Notice of meetings and other educational opportunities will be announced through regular electronic communications or US Mail for those individuals with-

out email.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called if the need arises at the discretion of the Executive Committee (see Article IX, Section 1). Such special meetings shall be announced to members by phone or email at least 10 days before the meeting date.

**Article V. Fiscal Responsibilities**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year of this organization shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

**Section 2.** Any contributions, bequests/gifts made to the CVMG shall be accepted or collected and accounted for by the Treasurer with a report made to the Executive Committee.

**Section 3.** All funds of the CVMG shall be deposited to the credit of CVMG, under such conditions, and in such banks as designated by the Executive Committee.

**Section 4.** Approved signatures. Project coordinator may approve reimbursement for expenses related to their project. Request for reimbursement of the project coordinator need to be approved by the president. **\*\*Note: The Executive Committee (EC) wanted the officer specified.**

**Section 5.** Budget. Annual budget shall be approved first by the Executive Committee and then by the CVMG members. No expense in excess of total budgetary **\*appropriation\*** shall be incurred without prior approval of the CVMG members.

**\*\*Note: Correction of typographical error.**

**Section 6.** Emergency Allocations. The Executive Committee may **\*approve\*** necessary funds to meet emergency expenses **\*not to exceed \$500\***. Such **\*approvals\*** must be reported to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**\*\*Note: Emergencies arise and the EC wants to be able to address those emergencies but think some restrictions are good.**

**Section 7.** Audits. Audits will be performed annually and by resolution by the Audit Committee. A report of the Audit Committee will be presented to the Executive Committee and the CVMG members.

**Section 8.** Financial Reports. A summary of financial operations of the CVMG shall be made annually to the CVMG **\*membership at the January meeting and\*** by way of the **\*January\*** newsletter.

**\*\*Note: This formalizes when the report is to occur.**

**Article VI. Officers**

**Section 1.** Officers of this organization shall be:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors (2)

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Section 2. Officers shall be nominated by the nominating committee and a slate of candidates shall be presented to the membership via established means of communication prior to the November meeting.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected at the regular November meeting, and shall be installed and assume their duties **\*on January 1 of the upcoming year.\***

**\*\*Note: This change makes the assumption of office coincide with the fiscal year. It also ensures the outgoing officers can handle the final details of the year such as reporting officers and membership to the Texas Master Gardener Association.**

Section 4. Officers will serve two year staggered terms. President, Treasurer and one Director will be elected in the even years. The Vice President, Secretary and one Director elected in odd years.

Section 5. Officers may be re-elected to the same office for a second term.

Section 6. All nominees for the office must be active members in good standing.

#### **Article VII. Duties of Officers**

Section 1. The President shall

- A. Preside at all meetings of the organization.
- B. Appoint the chairman of each standing committee and any special committees.
- C. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- D. Work with the Treasurer on the budget.
- E. Communicate regularly with membership through established channels.

Section 2. The Vice President shall:

- A. Take charge of meetings in the absence of the president.
- B. Be chairman of the bylaws committee.
- C. Be chairman of the program committee.
- D. Be responsible for the reserving of the meeting room and ordering the necessary furnishings.

Section 3. The Secretary shall:

- A. Record the minutes of each meeting
- B. Distribute minutes in communications following each meeting.
- C. Keep a record of attendance at meetings.
- D. Keep a current list of members' names and addresses

Section 4. The Treasurer shall

- A. Receive all dues and monies for the association.
- B. Keep an exact account of all dues, other income, bank deposits, disbursements, and other financial matters.
- C. Pay all bills upon receipt of a written statement and purchase proof with co-signature of the project coordinator.

D. Make a monthly financial report to the membership.

E. Present the financial records for audit annually or **\*at change of treasurer.\***

F. Maintain record of assets.

**\*\*Note: The proposed change in E above makes the annual audit consistent with Article VI section 7. The EC also wanted to have a mechanism in place should a treasurer resign during the term of office.**

Section 5. The Directors shall

A. Represent the Concho Valley Master Gardeners at the State level through attendance at the **\*Texas Master Gardeners Association (TMGA) Board of Directors\*** meetings.

B. Report any information from the **\*TMGA Board of Directors\*** meeting for the good of the CVMG membership.

**\*\*Note: The insertion of the name of the state organization clarifies which meetings. The TMGA Board meets quarterly with one meeting occurring at the annual conference.**

#### **Article VIII. Committees**

Section 1. The standing committee chairman shall be appointed by the president and announced at the January meeting.

Section 2. Associate members may serve as members of committees.

Section 3. The standing committees if applicable and duties of each are:

##### **A. Educational Enrichment Program**

1. The Vice President shall serve as chairman.
2. This committee is responsible for arranging programs for bimonthly meetings and additional educational enrichment programs, seminars and field trips.
3. This committee is responsible for informing the **County** Extension agent when **\*continuing education\*** programs are required or needed.

**Note: inserting the bi- in front of monthly makes the meetings consist with Article IV**

Section 1.

##### **B. Newsletter**

1. The chairman will serve as editor.
2. The committee will prepare and send a **\*quarterly\*** publication to inform members of meetings and other pertinent information.
3. The committee shall consist of at least a chairman/editor **\*and reporters\***.

**\*\*Note: Because much of our routine communications is occurring via email blasts the newsletter is not required monthly. The Extension office staff formats the newsletter so all the editor needs to do is request articles and batch submit them.**

##### **C. Volunteer coordinating**

1. The committee will consist of at least a chairman.
2. The committee will maintain the sign-up

sheets for all on-going projects of the CVMG.

3. The committee will routinely inform the membership of possible volunteer activities through established means of communications.

4. The committee will contact members by the telephone as the need arises.

#### **D. Nominating**

1. The committee will consist of a chairman and two members who are not currently serving on the Executive Committee.

2. The committee will provide a slate of candidates for offices at the Annual Meeting held in November. The slate of officers will **\*consent to serve if elected\*.**

#### **E. Audit**

1. The committee will consist of a minimum two members who are not currently serving on the Executive Committee. **\*An outside audit may be considered on the approval of the Executive Committee\*.**

2. The committee will audit the financial records annually **\*or change of treasurer\*** and prepare a written report.

**\*\*Note: We had an outside audit at the end of 2010 and may wish to do so again in the future.**

#### **F. Website**

1. The committee will consist of at least a chairman.

2. The Committee will maintain the website, updating and upgrading it as necessary.

#### **Article IX. Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee will consist of the president who will serve as chairman, vice president, secretary, treasurer, directors, **\*and\*** Volunteer **\*Coordinating\*** Committee chair.

**\*\*Note: We now have staggered terms so the need for the past president as advisor is not needed.**

Section 2. A staff member of Texas AgriLife Extension Service with horticultural duties shall serve as advisor to the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Committee will meet as necessary.

Section 4. A quorum of a majority of Executive Committee members will be present for transaction of business at Executive Committee meetings.

Section 5. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee will present the name of the person recommended to complete the remaining term of office to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting for a vote of affirmation. If affirmation is not forthcoming, nominations will be taken from the membership present at the meeting followed by voting.

#### **Article X. Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern the association in all cases in which they are applicable and when not inconsistent with the bylaws of this association.

#### **Article XI. Voting**

Section 1. A quorum shall consist of the active members present at a meeting.

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# Community Garden Project by Shirley Quincy



This past spring several Master Gardeners met with Carol Wortham of the Baptist Retirement Community to discuss their plans for a spring vegetable garden. Their goal was to provide food for the residents (via their restaurant) that would increase their knowledge and desire for fresh veggies. Additionally, they wanted to provide the opportunity for residents to work in the garden and to offer individuals a garden spot of their own if they wished to have one.

During our meeting we came up with

general site plans and provided Carol with a list of vegetables that would be good for the spot selected. We included tomatoes, squash, peppers, and herbs.

The spot designated was a blank slate where a house had been removed and the land scraped. Carol arranged for top soil to be delivered and Master Gardeners moved compost from the BRC pile on-site.

Once the soil was ready and the beds developed, we added drip irrigation lines to the shared portion. On the planting day, Carol had invited residents to attend either to watch or to help plant. While some visited and enjoyed refreshments, others pitched right in and helped plant and advise us on the best way to plant the veggies. The day was a great success and we all left happy & dirty.

According to Carol, with the exception of the tomatoes, everything did great and

the residents enjoyed having fresh veggies and caring for the site.

Master Gardeners involved are Barbara Maner, Shirley Quincy, Bob & Janie Houck, Debbie McCullough, Susan Stanfield, Nettie Cavin and Mary Jo Thomson.



# Ron's Ramblings by Ron Knight

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map indicates what the lowest winter temperature most likely will be based on historical records in various zones, serving as a *guideline* for determining if a plant might survive the winter in a given area. Other factors like microclimates also influence plant survivability. Interestingly, the state of Texas has the largest number of cold hardiness zones of any of the states! The Concho Valley is in Zone 7B, which historically has a minimum winter temperature of 10 to 5 degrees F. In general, using this information is a useful tool in selecting plants for cold tolerance for a particular region of the country.

The summer of 2011 has set some meteorological records that hopefully will not be broken any time soon. With already 90+ days of temperatures reaching over 100 degrees F., and the worst drought in recent history, we have learned that the plant hardiness zone is

only one consideration that should be given when selecting plants specimens for the Concho Valley. Some of our native and adapted plants that have done well here in the past have suffered from the prolonged high temperatures that we have experienced this summer. Nandinas (even the old established specimens), in particular have lost the battle in many of the local landscapes, and many other plants, such as Indian Hawthornes, have suffered leaf scorch, as well as death. The American Horticultural Society is making progress in forming a new Heat Zone Map according to the number of days per year that temperatures exceed 86 degrees F. This new zone map ranges from Zone 1 where temperatures never reach 86 (Alaska) to Zone 12 where temperatures reach 86 degrees over 210 days per year (Laredo and the SW tip of Texas). We are in Zone 9, averaging 120-150 days per

year above 86 degrees. The AHS now is identifying plants that thrive in each of the designated heat zones, similar to the USDA Hardiness Zone Map. One might wonder, "Why 86 degrees?" That is the point the growth processes in most plants begins to struggle and decline. Heat doesn't kill plants instantly like cold, but weakens them to the point of eventual death over time.

Take a good look around town and see which plant specimens have survived and which have struggled during the summer heat and drought of 2011. Hopefully, in the near future, we will have more information, based on both cold, as well as heat, extremes that plant selection and survivability will be based.

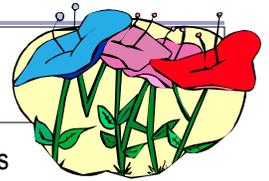
*But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no roots. Mark 4:6*



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# PROPAGATION!!!

by Loretta Burgess



We, the CVMG propagation team, would like to share our purpose and focus with all our fellow members. It is, of course, to produce viable plants for our annual spring plant sale – either from seed, cuttings or digging and dividing healthy plants from our own landscapes. At all times, we welcome anyone that is interested in helping and learning this process.

Each season we have approximately 65 – 75 varieties of annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables included in the sale specimens. Evaluation meetings after each sale tell us which plants sold best and fastest and what our customers were looking for. A few new specimens are tried each year and certain

other plants are dropped because of “crop failure” due to pests, susceptibility to diseases or limitations on the time frame we have to produce a sellable plant (six months).

In the past, we have sold seeds at our plant sale, but the interest in collecting, drying and packaging them has waned lately. If there is anyone among our group willing to revive this important task, please contact me by email ([klburg@zipnet.us](mailto:klburg@zipnet.us)) or call 655-2397.

As mentioned above, many of our plant sale specimens are dug and divided from yards of MG's and/or their families, friends and neighbors yards!! These are tried and true varieties that we feel are important enough to encourage the public to experience year after year. Because of our extreme summer, some of these

plants have not multiplied as happily as in years past so we need your help. If you have any abundance of the following list of plants and wouldn't mind sharing, please contact me ([klburg@zipnet.us](mailto:klburg@zipnet.us)) and the team will arrange to help you dig and divide the bounty: Feathertop Grass, Blue Dune Grass, Lemon Grass, Miscanthus sp of grasses, Bulbine Lily, 'Katie' Mexican petunia (dwarf), Lamb's Ear, 'Chi-Chi Pink' Mexican petunia, Umbrella plant, Sedum varieties, and mints – including orange, pineapple, spearmint, chocolate and apple.

While I write this, I am sitting out on my patio with a cool breeze blowing and it is mid-afternoon! As Shakespeare said “Hope springs eternal in the human breast”. Happy digging this fall.



## FASCIATION

submitted by Carol Sturm

How many of us have heard of this term? Recently my husband brought home, from a friend's ranch, a very unusual looking plant formation that came from a Mountain Laurel. Our friends had never seen anything like it and they described it as a large cluster of flat gray/green fronds projecting from the end of a branch.

Fortunately the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower web site had pictures and that is how I discovered the scientific term for this phenomenon—fasciation.

According to Wikipedia, it is a condition of plant growth in which the apical meristem, normally concentrated around a single point, producing cylindrical tissue, becomes elongated perpendicular to the direction of growth, producing flattened, ribbon-like, or elaborately contorted tissue. In other words fasciated stems are due to abnormal activity in the growing tip of the plant.

The cause is not completely under-

stood. It may be the result of injury either by insects, pathogens, or mechanical damage. I believe the extreme prolonged heat and drought has contributed to this process. Recently while in Boerne, Texas I saw this first hand on several branches of a Mountain Laurel.

This phenomenon adds more interest to our enjoyment of plants and a surprise if found in your garden.



Snapdragon stem and blossoms damaged by Fasciation.



Photo (top) taken by Jack Kelly Clark, University of California

Photo (left) submitted by Carol Sturm.

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We're on the web!!

<http://mastergardener.tamu.edu>

<http://txmg.org/conchovalley/>



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**Section 2.** All CVMG in good standing will be eligible to cast one vote in decision making or board elections.

### **Article XII. Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more tax exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such asset not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### **Article XIII. Amendments**

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the active members present at a meeting.

**Section 2.** Notice of all proposed amendments to the bylaws must be presented in writing at one regular meeting and a copy sent via email or mail to members not present. Proposed amendments will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

## Spider Mite Recipe

A MG overheard another MG complaining of spider mites and is passing this information on with a warning or caution.

I am a fan of Jerry Baker mainly because of his use of common items for garden pests. I have not tried the following solution, although I have used many of his other ideas and they have always worked.

This is his formula for Spider Mites: 4 cups of wheat flour; 1/2 cup of buttermilk; 5 gal. of water "Mix all of the ingredients together, and apply to your plants with a handheld mist sprayer. Spray to the point of runoff. This mix will suffocate the little buggers without harming your plants."



## Allison's Accents:



*An addiction to gardening is not all bad when you consider all the other choices in life.*

- Cora Lea Bell

We may not get much rain this fall but at least it has to cool down sometime! How nice to start getting some pleasant weather. With the relief from the scorching temperatures comes the ability to get back outside to work in the yard. The drought may not be over, but don't let that stop you from doing any fall planting of trees or shrubs – the drought is all the more reason to replace scorched plants with tougher, more drought and heat tolerant types that can use less water.

One exciting project that is starting soon is the Kordes Rose trial that will be planted in Kirby Park. Thanks to the wonderful

support from the Master Gardeners and with help from the City Parks Department, 20 different cultivars of roses will be planted (repeated 4 times, so 80 total) to test their hardiness and determine if they can be designated Earth-Kind. A tentative planting date has been set for October 20-21, as long as all preparations go according to plan.

Thank you to each and every one of you, for all the great work you do in the community - it is such a joy to be able to work with you!

*Allison Watkins*

Horticulturist



### **Calendar items:**

- ➔ October 1— CVMG Rain Barrel Workshop-4H Bldg, 9am-11am
- ➔ October 6—Landscape Recovery Program (Monte Sims) 6pm, 4H Bldg
- ➔ October 14 – *Lunch N Learn*, 12pm – Butterfly Gardening
- ➔ October 20-21 - Kordes Rose Planting, Kirby Park – 9am (tentative)
- ➔ November 18 – *Lunch N Learn*, 12pm – Landscape Design
- ➔ December 16—*Lunch N Learn*, 12pm—Rainwater Harvesting

