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# DISTRICT III NEWS

"PLANT TEXAS - DISTRICT III IS BLOOMING"

## *A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I pray everyone will have a safe and fun holiday.

Thank you to Hemphill Garden Club and Six Mile Garden Club for hosting a WONDERFUL fall meeting. We had such a good time! Everything was so beautiful and the food was sooo good!! The program by Scott Hasty was great.

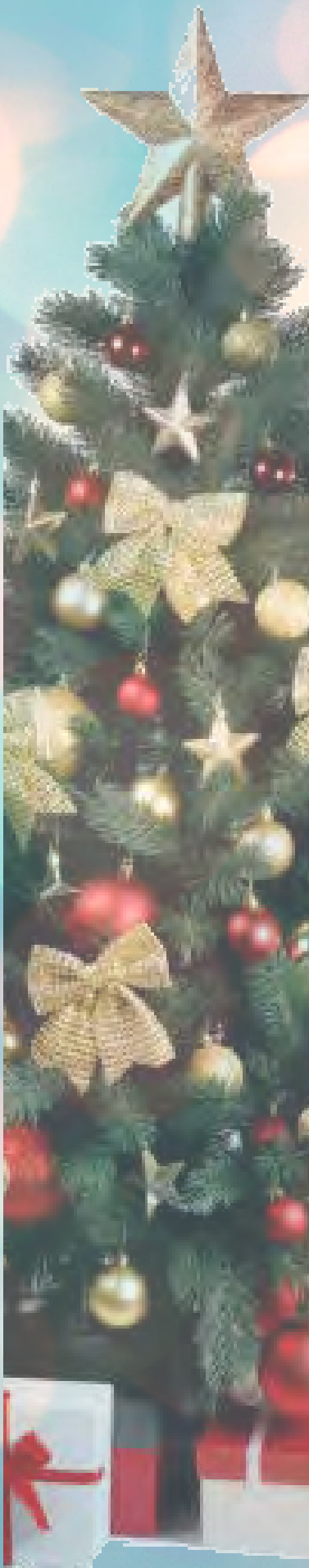
Thank you to Kathy Tanner for volunteering to be our Recording Secretary. Welcome and Thank YOU!!

Just a reminder, President Reports are due to the Zone Directors by January 15, 2024. Please fill out the reports and send them in even if you are not competing. I need information off these reports to do my report to State. I need to brag on y'all!!

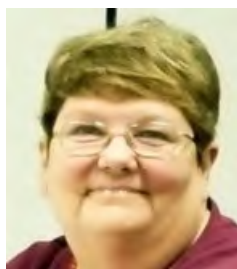
The District III Spring convention will be March 14, 2024 in Mineola, hosted by Fannie Marchman Garden Club. Thank you for hosting!!! I am looking forward to this convention and our South Central Region Director will be there. We will be installing our Zone Directors.

Have a great Holiday and see you next year.

*Kathi Sivess*



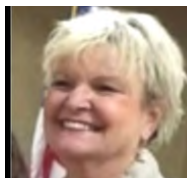
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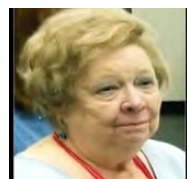
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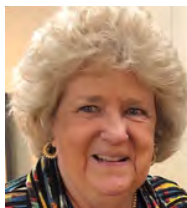
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**SOUTHERN ZONE DIRECTOR** - MARCH, 2024

## TREASURER'S REPORT -NITA BEALE, DISTRICT III TREASURER-

DISTRICT DUES: \$25.00 PER CLUB ~ MAIL BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30TH, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT III, TGC.  
MAIL: NITA BEALE, 610 TOWN OAKS CR, KILGORE, TX 75662

GARDEN THERAPY CONTRIBUTIONS ~ MUST BE SENT TO NITA BEALE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH.  
NOTE: (CLUB TREASURER SHOULD INDICATE ON THE CHECK HOW THE FUNDS ARE TO BE DIVIDED. TO RECEIVE AN AWARD, A GARDEN CLUB MUST CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST \$5.00 TO EACH:

GARDEN THERAPY PROJECTS.  
RUSK STATE SCHOOL  
LUFKIN STATE SCHOOL  
CAMP TYLER  
BOSHER AND OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

FYI: ALL-CLUB RATING APPLICATION INFORMATION IS TO BE SENT TO:

**CAROL MOORE**  
601 SYLVAN AVENUE  
PALESTINE, TX 75801

THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE SENT AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

DISTRICT III SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

**DEBBIE GILLISPIE**  
14279 CR 294  
ARP, TX 75757

TEXAS GARDEN CLUB BOTANICAL GARDEN/INA BRUNDRETT AZALEA GARDEN CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

**CAROL IZARD**

179 SUNSHINE LANE

TROUP, TX 75789

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS:

**PAM SYKES**  
210 BAY COURT  
HEMPHILL, TX 75948

STATE DUES  
DUES ARE DUE **APRIL 1ST TO MAY 31ST**, AND **DELINQUENT AFTER JUNE 1ST**. CLUBS MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH ALL DUES PAID BY DUE DATES TO RECEIVE AWARDS.

STATE DUES FOR CLUBS: \$8.00 PER MEMBER, REGARDLESS OF STATUS—INCLUDES ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, AND LIFE MEMBERS. INCLUDES ROSTER OF MEMBERS, ADDRESSES, ZIP CODES, PHONE NUMBERS, AND E-MAILS. YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE LONE STAR GARDNER AND NATIONAL ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR STATE DUES. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TGC, INC. AND MAILED TO:

**TGC, INC.**  
3111 OLD GARDEN ROAD  
FORT WORTH, TX 76107-3498  
IRS 990-N FORM REPORTS FROM EACH CLUB ARE DUE JUNE 1ST THROUGH OCTOBER. 15TH - DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15TH

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**PLEASE NOTE NEW IRS CHANGES AS OF JANUARY, 2023 - YOU MUST CREATE AN NEW ONLINE ID WITH EITHER A LOGIN.GOV OR AN ID.ME ACCOUNT.**



December 5, 2023

To the members of Texas Garden Clubs,

Holiday Blessings to each of you. I am writing to inform you of several changes in our organization that will impact all our membership. Due to financial considerations, we have had to lay off our Headquarters staff in Fort Worth and we have changed to a less expensive bookkeeping service. This will go into effect with the last staff day December 15, 2023. From December 16, 2023 until January 2, 2024, the office will be closed for the Holidays in keeping with a similar schedule observed by National Garden Clubs.

From January 2 forward, some of the office duties will be redistributed to some of our Executive officers and to chairmen. However, we would like to have volunteer staff in the office at least a few days a week to answer the phone, open mail and do some light housekeeping. This will allow our organization to transition through a difficult financial period.

Also, because of these changes, we would like to be able to reduce some of our costs for exterior maintenance – especially in the wildscape area and around the building and in the flower beds. To this end, we would like to ask for anyone willing to volunteer to help in the office to contact Betty Edwards ([nenawrocks@outlook.com](mailto:nenawrocks@outlook.com)/432-208-0983) or me ([hainiac@swbell.net](mailto:hainiac@swbell.net)/210-260-4649) ... OR... Bobbie Mason, Wildscape Chairman ([bobbie.mason18@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbie.mason18@yahoo.com)/972-742-0738) to work in the wildscape or outside.

The Board of Directors discussed the possibility of leasing the Headquarters building at the Fall Board Meeting, and a committee was formed to pursue this option which will be voted on by membership before this becomes a reality.

I am grateful for the commitment of the wonderful men and women of Texas Garden Clubs and believe that we will emerge from this transition as a stronger and more financially secure organization.

Wishing each of you Happy Holidays!

*Lee Taylor*

TGC President, 2023-2025

# Tyler Area Council - Palenstine



Debbie Gillespie (left) wins 1st place!

Great Costumes Ladies!!



*Menu Options*  
*Tyler Area Council Meeting*  
*April 1, 2024*  
*Pemberleys Tea Room Nacogdoches Texas*

*Entrees*

*Quiche Lorraine* Homemade pastry crust, filled with savory egg custard, crispy bacon, cheddar cheese, & spinach, served with fresh fruit, a warm muffin, and a orange pecan gelatin salad.

*Apple Blue Chicken Salad* Crisp romaine lettuce, topped with grilled chicken, diced apples, candied pecans, black currants, dried cranberries, bleu cheese crumbles, served with a blueberry pomegranate dressing.

*The Ashford Salad* Mixed greens and spinach, with sun dried tomatoes, candied pecans, toasted sesame seeds, bleu cheese crumbles, grilled chicken, and a pepper jelly vinaigrette.

*Beef and Bleu* Tender slices of roast beef, with melted aged cheddar, lettuce, tomatoes, and herbed bleu cheese spread on an everything bagel, served with potato chips and a pickle spear.

*Beverages*  
*Tea, water, or coffee*

*Your choice of one entree and a drink*  
*\$20.00 plus tax and gratuity*

*Dessert*  
*Pound cake with a chutney fruit dressing*  
*\$5.00*

*Please contact Janice Moore with your menu choices by March 15, 2024*  
*Phone or text 936-675-1072 Email jmoore1946@earthlink.net*

# Spring Bonnet Contest

Let your creativity soar!!  
Design and create your own  
Spring bonnet.

Bonnets will be judged at the TAC meeting  
April 1, 2024 in Nacogdoches.

Prizes will be awarded to first and second  
place winners.

Buy or use a hat you have on hand.  
Imbellish with jewels, feathers, tulle, etc.  
Whatever makes you smile and your creative  
side say "Yes, that makes me happy"

Please contact Janice Moore for any questions or concerns  
you may have.

Call or text: 936-675-1072

Email: [jmoore1946@earthlink.net](mailto:jmoore1946@earthlink.net)



**Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. 96<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention**

**April 8 – 11, 2024**

**West Texas WILD: Cut 'n' Dried**

**MCM Elegante**, 4250 Ridgemont Dr., Abilene Tx 79606 For hotel reservations, call **325-698-1234**. Identify by event name to receive special rate of \$139/night + tax; **DEADLINE**: March 8, 2024.

**District VIII Club Members – Hostesses**

Name on Badge: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credentials** (Please circle ALL that apply)

NGC President	TGC President	Club Delegate	Flower Show Master
Fmr. NGC President	Fmr. TGC President	Club Member	Flower Show Life
NGC Chair	TGC Officer	Council President	Flower Show Emeritus
NGC Life Member	TGC Chair	Affiliate President	Landscape Design Consultant
SCR Director	TGC Life Member	Affiliate Member	Gardening Consultant
Fmr. SCR Director	District Director	Flower Show Judge	Environmental Consultant
SCR Chair	Trustee	Flower Show Student	Guest Speaker
SCR Life Member	Club President	Flower Show Accredited	

**Please select and enter amount for each event you plan to attend.**

**Registration Deadline March 1, 2024. No Refunds After March 15, 2024.**

**Registration Fee** \$35 for entire convention/\$25 per day ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday, April 8** – Meals on your own

**Tuesday, April** – Executive Board meetings

Lunch – Environmental Program ..... \$33 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop – Dried Flower Shadowboxes: (limit 30)..... \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner – Floral Design Program ..... \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, April 10** – General Assembly

Lunch – Hummers of West Texas ..... \$36 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner – Member-of-the-Year Banquet ..... \$39 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, April 11** – Western Day

Workshop – Concertina Seed Book (limit 25) ..... \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch – Youth Awards..... \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trip – Historic Downtown Abilene..... \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

--OR--

Workshop – Flowering Art on a Block..... \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner – Adult Awards Banquet..... \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Themed T-Shirt** **Shirt name:** ..... (S, M, L, XL) ..... \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**See next page for T-Shirt designs** (XXL, XXXL) ..... \$23 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE any special dietary needs: Diabetic/Gluten-free/Vegan/Vegetarian/Other** \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration form & check payable to District VIII 2024 Convention to:

**Monty Lewis, Convention Treasurer, 825 Waters Edge Drive, Abilene, TX 79602**

# West Texas Wild Cut 'n' Dried

Please fill out your choices on the TGC, Inc. 96th Spring Convention Registration form on the previous page!

Choose name of shirt preference and circle your size.



**Carolina  
blue**



**Heather  
orange**



**Azalea**



**Ice  
grey**



**Sand**



**Pistachio**

**S, M, L, XL-\$20**

**XXL, XXXL-\$23**

**TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC –  
DISTRICT III ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION –  
TYLER AREA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS  
“Wildflowers of Texas**

Location: Hidden Pines Venue

387 County Road 2667, Mineola, TX 75773

Host: Fannie Marchman Garden Club – Mineola, Texas

Chairs: Carol Moore and Christine Fincher

Thursday March 14, 2024 8:30 A.M.-- District III Executive Committee Meeting  
Registration, Coffee, Ways and Means

9:30 A.M.-- General Assembly – Official Opening

11:30 P.M.-- Luncheon - **TICKET ONLY**

**Program: Bob Wells/ Sorelle Farms  
Ed and Rachel Donnelly  
Topic: Native Plants/Edible Native Plants**

1:00 P.M. -- Awards Presentation –Kay Kuser  
Installation of District III Zone Officers  
Door Prizes-Linda Jean Brown  
Credentials Report- Nita Beale  
Courtesy Resolutions-Linda Jean Brown  
Announcements  
Raffle Drawing  
Silent Auction Winners  
Adjourn

Support District III Ways and Means with your ‘Marked Items’ and shopping.

**Convention Luncheon Catered \$25.00 RSVP ONLY  
(cannot hold reservation)**

**Deadline to Register: March 1, 2024**

Make checks payable to: District III – Tyler Area Council of Garden Clubs

Mail to: Nita Beale  
610 Town Circle  
Kilgore, Texas 75662 – 903-981-3251 ©  
[poppytl@cablelynx.com](mailto:poppytl@cablelynx.com)

Complete separate registration form for each person. "Please print, and mail."

Special dietary restrictions or handicapping needed: \_\_\_\_\_

This will be a box lunch.

Please choose your sandwich:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken and Cranberry Salad on Croissant

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey, Bacon, Avocado Sandwich

Box lunch includes chips, pasta salad and dessert.

Coffee, Tea and Water will be available.

NAME (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ GARDEN CLUB(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Credentials Report Information – Please check all of your classifications:**

- \_\_\_ National Board
- \_\_\_ SCR Director
- \_\_\_ SCR Office
- \_\_\_ SCR Chairman
- \_\_\_ State Officer
- \_\_\_ TGC, Inc State President
- \_\_\_ TGC Former State President
- \_\_\_ TGC State Chairman
- \_\_\_ Affiliate Pres.
- \_\_\_ Affiliate Member
- \_\_\_ Trustee
- \_\_\_ District Director
- \_\_\_ District Officer
- \_\_\_ District Chairman
- \_\_\_ District Consultant
- \_\_\_ Garden Club President
- \_\_\_ Gardening Consultant
- \_\_\_ TGC Consultant
- \_\_\_ Landscape Design Consultant
- \_\_\_ Environmental Consultant

National Flower Show Judge:

\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_ Accredited \_\_\_ Life \_\_\_ Master \_\_\_ Emeritus

Life Memberships: \_\_\_ District III \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ SCR \_\_\_ National



# Calendar of Events

## **December 2023**

1 – Deadline for Awards to State Awards Chairmen

## **January 2024**

15 – Deadline for President's Reports to Zone Directors

29 – 31 – Flower Show School II - Houston

## **March, 2024**

14 - Spring Convention hosted by the Fannie Marchman Garden Club in Mineola, TX

## **April, 2024**

8 - 12 - TGC, Inc. State Convention in Abilene, TX

24 - 25 - SCR Convention in Little Rock, AR

# Six Mile and Hemphill Garden Clubs host the District III Meeting - November 9, 2023





Scott Hasty was the featured speaker at the District III Fall Convention. It's a delight to watch him create floral designs and four lucky winners got to take his designs home. Go see him when you can!





Dogwood Garden Club decorated the courthouse, courthouse annex and the Greenbrier Nursing Home of Palestine.





# Frankston Garden Club

The Frankston Garden Club bought a booth at the Homecoming weekend Square Fair to help support school children with their fun in their senior year. We unveiled and sold our 3rd in the series of our commemorative ornaments, visited a lot of people and had a great time! As well as raising a little money for the club.





## Frankston Garden Club Celebrates Arbor Day & Halloween

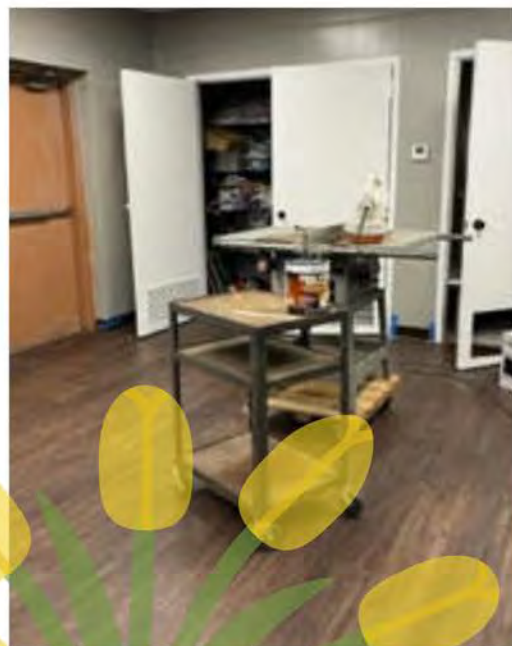


Adventures of the Frankston Garden Club in October included celebrating Texas Arbor Day (technically a few days early but this is the day the school could accommodate us). There were 5 foresters present and about 12 Garden club members along with Frankston Elementary School PALS 5th graders. The foresters showed the children how to plant the beautiful Red Oak that was donated by the Anderson County Master Gardeners. We all learned about all things Arbor Day.



The night of Halloween, our club had a booth on the square and gave away 2,400 pieces of candy to over 1,000 costumed kiddos. What a fun safe way to spend Halloween!





Evelyn Williams and the  
Arp Garden Club enjoyed  
their first meeting in their  
new meeting space.

Congratulations!!



# TGC, Inc. Board Meeting ~ Fort Worth October 17th and 18th, 2023



Paula Copty-Duplant (disguised as a hummingbird) kept things light!



## DISTRICT III PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT

### SECTION 1: GENERAL

- a. GENERAL FUNDS: Membership dues, Garden Therapy assessment, proceeds from “Ways and Means,” projects, interest from Life Membership Fund, and other general income received shall be deposited in this fund and be expended for budgeted and operating expenses of the District by direction of the Director and Treasurer.
- b. WAYS AND MEANS FUND: Proceeds from “Ways and Means,” projects ~~may~~ **will** be deposited in a temporary account of the Chairman’s choice, to be transferred to the General Funds, as needed, ~~or at the close of an administration.~~ The Ways and Means Chairman will prepare a complete report for the Board and General Assembly at each meeting.
- c. ~~DISTRICT III NEWSLETTER FUND: All monies received from subscriptions may be deposited in a temporary account and disbursed by the Newsletter Editor with the direction of the Director. A complete report of receipts and disbursements will be prepared to be presented to the Board and General Assembly at each meeting.~~

### SECTION 2: RESTRICTED

- a. WELMA AKIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Donations and bequests, designated for Scholarships will be maintained in this fund. ~~Only the interest on this fund shall be used for awarding scholarships each year.~~ The Scholarship Chairman and the ~~Director~~ **Treasurer** shall dispense these funds as directed by the committee and be approved by the membership. The Scholarship Chairman will be responsible for maintaining the records of the fund and shall present a report to the Board and General Assembly each year which reflects the permanent portion and ~~interest~~ available for distribution.



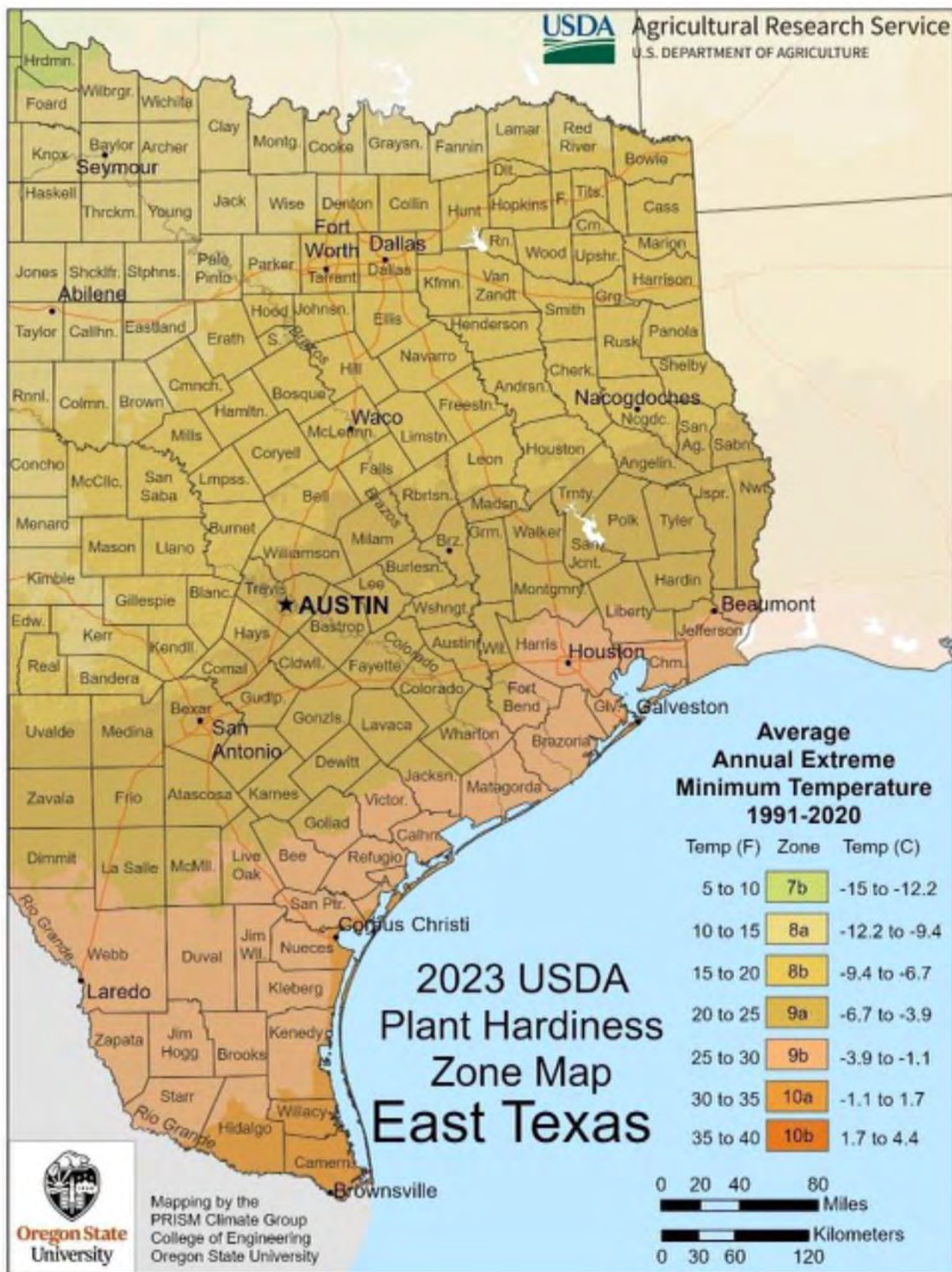
## DID YOU KNOW PANSIES ARE A YEAR ROUND FLOWER?

If you live in a warmish part of the country, pansies are in season right now. They grow in every garden zone in America, and they actually bloom through the winter in zone 7 and up. That means you can use them as colorful accents on salads and desserts even in the gloomiest months.





Agricultural Research Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



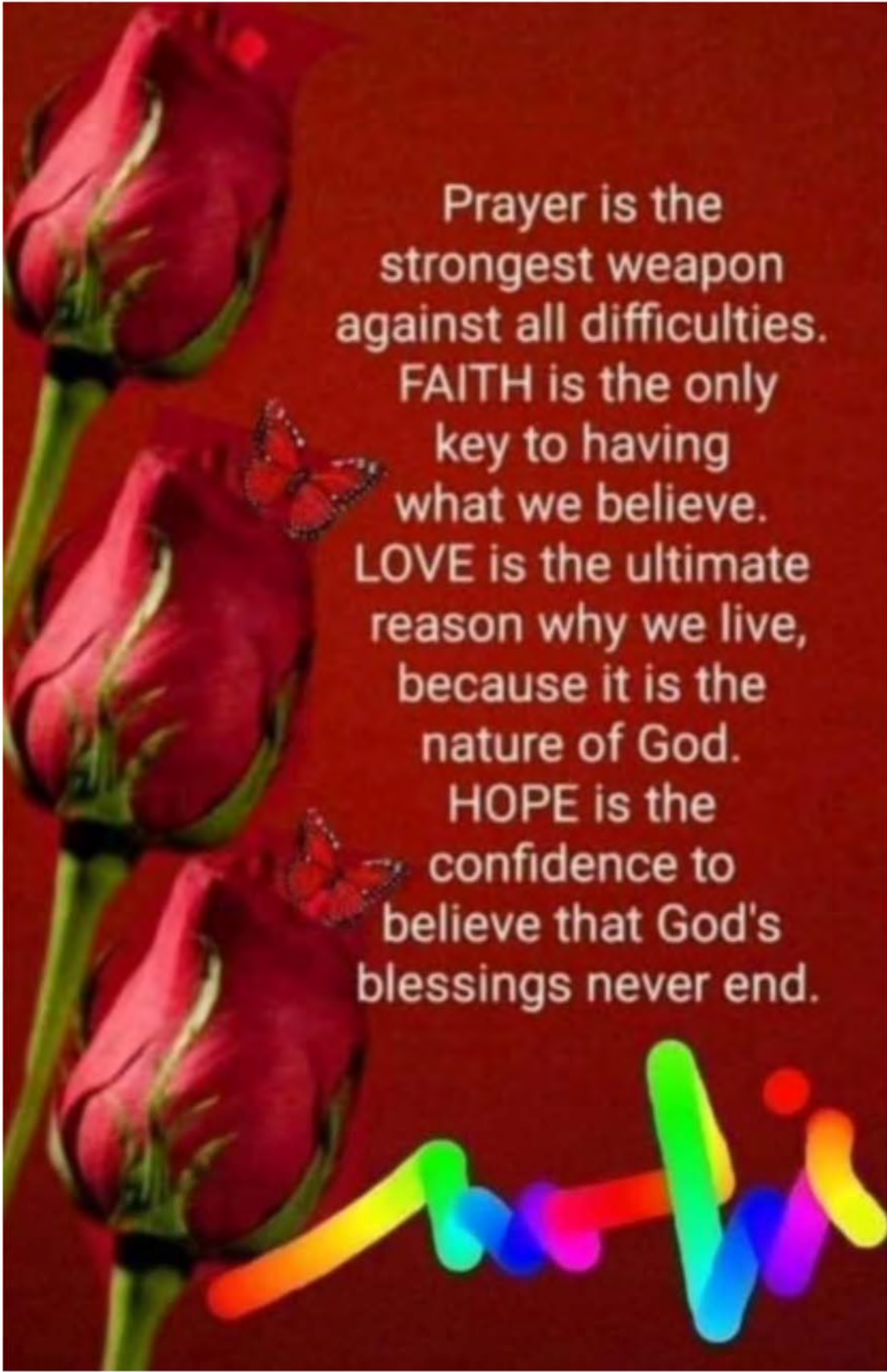


Sabine County has it's first Master Gardener class this year. You'll find these folks all over Sabine County answering community gardening questions!

Check with your local county extension agent about the Master Gardener program in your area.







Prayer is the  
strongest weapon  
against all difficulties.  
FAITH is the only  
key to having  
what we believe.  
LOVE is the ultimate  
reason why we live,  
because it is the  
nature of God.  
HOPE is the  
confidence to  
believe that God's  
blessings never end.