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# Garden Calendar

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**WATER CONSERVATION:** Dr. Dotty Woodson of the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Urban Solutions Center will speak at the monthly meeting of the Trinity Forks Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Her specialty is the conservation of water resources. 7 tonight. Texas Woman's University, Administration Clock Tower Building, third floor, Denton. Free. [npsot.org](http://npsot.org).

**TEA ROSES:** The Dallas Rose Society monthly meeting will include an update on hybrid tea roses that perform well with minimal care. 7 p.m. Friday. [Farmers Branch](#) Recreational Center, 14050 Heartside Place. Free. 972-620-1131.

**JAPANESE MAPLES:** Hear recognized expert Dr. David Creech, director of the Mast Arboretum at [Stephen F. Austin](#) State University, advise how to get the most out of these ornamental trees for shady spots. He also will share his experiences of seeing these trees in their native China and will bring 1-, 3- and 5-gallon specimens for purchase. 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday. Dallas Arboretum, 8617 [Garland](#) Road. \$27 members; \$30 for nonmembers. 214-515-6580.

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Take advantage of a special Japanese maple session and sale at the Dallas Arboretum Saturday.

**SOWING WILDFLOWERS:** Learn how to provide abundant and colorful wildflowers in your spring garden in this hands-on class. 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Coram Deo Academy, 4900 Wichita Trail, [Flower Mound](#). Free. Optional seed materials, \$20. 469-828-9074.

**CULINARY HERBS:** Quarterly meeting of the Friends of [Oak Cliff](#) Parks will include a presentation on herbs from Barbara Gollman. 1 p.m. Saturday. Grand Bank, community room, 305 E. [Colorado](#), Dallas. Free. 214-331-4758 or e-mail [brbrb303@aol.com](mailto:brbrb303@aol.com).

**TEXAS SMARTSCAPE TOUR:** Tour will showcase seven water-wise landscapes in [Coppell](#), including five private homes and the two Coppell Community Garden locations that use native and adapted plants. 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Maps for the self-guided tour are \$5 at Helping Hands Garden, 255 Parkway Blvd., Coppell. 972-462-5191.

**FALL COLOR:** Learn how to create a container garden with Matrix pansies, an all-purpose pansy series that is resistant to becoming leggy. 10:15 a.m. Saturday. All Calloway's Nursery locations. Free. [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com).

**IRIS SALE:** Texoma Rainbow Iris Society will sell median and tall bearded iris as well as mixed-color grab bags. 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at Twin Oaks Nursery East. 2107 Highway 691, Sherman. 903-463-2205.

**GARDENING CLINICS:** Free workshops are planned at Covington's Nursery and Landscape, 5518 Liberty Grove, [Rowlett](#). 972-475-5888. [www.covingtonnursery.com](http://www.covingtonnursery.com).

- Planting with Texas-tough perennials, 10 a.m. Saturday
- Basic landscaping, 1 p.m. Saturday

**MONARCH BUTTERFLIES:** Collin County master gardener David Spadoni will speak about providing habitat for monarchs at a meeting for the North Texas Unit of the Herb Society of America. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. North Haven Gardens, 7700 Northaven Road, Dallas. Free.

**DAYLILY SALE:** The North Texas Daylily Society will sell prominent hybridizers' recent introductions, unavailable at retail nurseries, Saturday from 9 a.m. until plants are gone. [Fort Worth](#) Botanic Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Fort Worth. [www.northtexasdaylilysociety.org](#).

**HEN HEALTH TIPS:** [Plano](#) vet Jennifer Thedford will discuss poultry diseases and pests and offer tips for keeping backyard flocks healthy. Sponsored by the Dallas Backyard Poultry Meetup Group. 3 p.m. Saturday. North Haven Gardens, 7700 Northaven Road, Dallas. Free. [www.meetup.com/dallas backyardpoultry](#)

**WILDFLOWER WALKS:** Wildflower expert Jim Varnum will lead a walk through the prairie of Cedar Ridge Preserve, offering tips to help identify wildflowers. Tour will be about two hours of easy walking; wear sturdy shoes and sun and bug protection. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday. 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas. Free. 972-709-7784.

**GARDEN EDUCATION:** North Haven Garden plans the following free clinics and presentations. 7700 Northaven Road, Dallas. [www.nhg.com](#).

- Fall vegetables, 1 p.m. Saturday
- Fancy begonias, 2 p.m. Sunday

**HOUSEPLANTS:** John Briscoe of Hortical Plant Care Specialists discusses the best organic products and methods to keep plants healthy indoors year-round. Sponsored by the Dallas Organic Club. 3 p.m. Sunday. North Haven Gardens, 7700 Northaven Road, Dallas. Free.

**CHINA ROSES:** Monthly meeting of the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society will include a presentation by master rosarian Claude Graves. 7 p.m. Tuesday. Farmers Branch Recreational Center, 14050 Heartside Place. Free. 972-620-1131.

**SHARPEN YOUR SENSES:** The Women's Council of the Dallas Arboretum presents leading experts and artists who will present sessions on photography, painting, drawing, journaling and gardening. 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road. \$35. Tickets can be purchased at [www.womenscouncildallasarboretum.org](#). 214-797-5966.

**MASTER COMPOSTING CLASS:** Hands-on class will include demonstrations and information on setting up a compost pile and worm composting. 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 2. Students must attend all three sessions to achieve master composter designations. Coram Deo Academy, 4900 Wichita Trail, Flower Mound. \$20 for Flower Mound residents, \$25 for nonresidents. Advance registration is required. 469-828-9074. E-mail [info@kfmb.org](#).

**ROAD TRIP:** Stephen F. Austin State University's Mast Arboretum holds its fall plant sale. The event will feature hard-to-find Texas-tough natives, drought-tolerant plants, the rare Mexican sugar maple and more. The public is encouraged to arrive early and bring a wagon. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 2, 1924 Wilson Drive, Nacogdoches. For a list of plants for sale, call 936-468-4404 or visit [arboretum.sfasu.edu](#).

**TEACHER WORKSHOP:** The [Bob Jones](#) Nature Center invites educators to its Growing Up Wild teacher workshop. Growing Up Wild is a program for 3- to 7-year-olds that helps them explore wildlife and the natural world. 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 2, Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve, 355 E. Bob Jones Road, [Southlake](#). \$15, includes activity guide. Advance registration is required. 817-748-8010. [www.southlakeparksandrec.com](#).

**WILDFLOWER SEEDS:** Collin County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering fall wildflower seeds. The fall mix includes 17 varieties, such as bluebonnets, Indian blanket, prairie clover and more. A 1-pound bag is \$32 and will cover up to 5,000 square feet. Bluebonnet seeds also will be available in a 1-pound bag for \$32. Order through Oct. 20. Pick up seeds from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at 1406 N. McDonald St, [McKinney](#). 972-542-0081, ext. 3.

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