

What's Happen'ng

CBMG Titus County Earth-Kind Grape and Muscadine Research Trials

Titus County will be the location of 2 Grape and Muscadine research trials beginning this fall. Master Gardeners Rhonda Leshner and Dale Vanhose have worked hard preparing locations on their property to accommodate this 5 year study under Dr. Justin Sheiner, Viticulture Specialist at Texas A&M University.

Each location has 78 total plants planted on September 11th. This trial will study 9 different varieties using the Earth-Kind method of no fertilizer, pesticide and very minimal if any additional water. This is similar to the rose demonstration at the office and at the Sugar Hill location that Rosemary and her committee members are conducting.



Kenny Rollins and Dr. Justin Sheiner



Master Gardeners plant grapes for 5 year study

Master Gardeners Exhibit at Pioneer Days, Titus County Fair and Country Fest

We set up the booth for these three events to promote the 2015 MG classes and recruit new members. Special thanks to David Miller for carving the pumpkin we raffled at Country Fest and thanks for all those who worked the booth.



Greenhouse Ready

The greenhouse is ready to be tilled and raked smooth to form the new floor. Plastic on the top needs to be replaced, we believe we have enough plastic, and the old plastic will be used as a weed block on the floor. Corrugated plastic needs to be acquired to seal the back side for an effective weed block and the vent needs to be raised. Wednesday workdays will be used over the next weeks to complete these items and begin building the raised beds



Master Gardeners Judge Flower Contest

Debbie DeWolfe and Rosemary Morgeson were judges at the Red River County Fair in Clarksville. Master Gardener Helen Brunson needed volunteer judges for the local flower contest and Debbie and Rosemary raised their hands. Plants and cut flowers were on display for judging.



Work Continues on Nature Trail

Working with the Boy Scouts we completed two foot bridges on the Nature Trail. Full completion of the bridges will require adding earth for the ramps to the bridges, hand rails and perhaps extra bracing to reduce bridge bounce. Andre says the trail also needs cleanup to the trail and surrounding natural areas. A perfect project for Wednesday workdays.



Bridge supports are placed



Planking is added to top of bridge supports creating a foot traffic bridge



CBMG A Busy Group

The Cypress Basin Master Gardeners are a busy bunch. We have a lot of projects for a group of our size and it takes many volunteer hours to keep up. Major winter projects will be the greenhouse, nature trail, walkways for the new Superstar beds, rain water harvesting repairs, drip irrigation for the south bed and signage for all beds. Whew!

Thanks to all of you who take on these projects and keep us rolling along!