



## Letter from the President:



Yes, spring is definitely here in all of Texas! As I write this, we have had spring storms during the night and day. In my sandy soil just as soon as it stops raining, you can go out and work in the soil.

Where is the Easter cold spell? I see some lower night temperatures for next week. In my garden, my hens are singing and laying beautiful brown eggs, my tropical hibiscus is blooming after being in a cold dark garage for months, roses, amaryllis and Loki (my cat) are showing off, enjoying the spring weather.



Master Gardener plant sales are abundant around Texas so we can purchase more plants to feed our addiction for at least "one more plant".

Oh yes, the State Conference cruise and Awards Luncheon in Galveston are almost here!

Happy Gardening!

Peggy Rogers



## MAY 1, 2017 - ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

### DEADLINES TO REGISTER APPROACHING!!!



The Galveston County Master Gardeners are ready for you! Have you registered yet for the post-cruise Awards Luncheon and tours? Do it now—some tours have already sold out!

Tour choices include the 3.5 acre demonstration gardens lovingly created and maintained by the Galveston County Master Gardeners; the beautifully renovated Moody Gardens; tree sculptures artistically created from the remnants of

trees downed by Hurricane Ike; mysterious and historical cemeteries; iconic mansions and the 1894 opera house; the Strand Historic District for shopping (window or otherwise); as well as tropical seaside golf at the Moody Gardens Golf Course or a saltwater fishing excursion on Galveston Bay.

Visit The Galveston Connection on the conference [website](#) by **April 12, 2017** to register for the luncheon and tours.

The magnificent Moody Gardens Hotel is offering conference attendees discounted rates which include **free parking** and shuttles for cruisers, although limited seats are still available at \$10pp return. If you haven't already done so, book your hotel rooms through the conference [website](#) before **April 5, 2017**.



Galveston Demonstration Gardens

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SPECIALIST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- [Rainwater Harvesting](#) - April 10-12 in San Antonio, TX
- [First Detector \(Plant Pathology\)](#) - May 8-9 in Arlington, TX
- [Tree Care](#) - May 17-19 in Belton, TX
- [Junior Master Gardener](#) - August 1-4 in Corinth, TX

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- [Dallas County - Water Efficient Landscape Design School](#) - April 3-5
- [Williamson County - Plant Sale and Garden Fair](#) - April 4
- [Hill Country - Blooms and Barrels](#) - April 8
- [Nueces County - Earth Day-Bay Day](#) - April 8
- [McLennan County - Poetry in the Garden by Wendall Berry](#) - April 19
- [Smith County - Garden Flower Arranging](#) - April 21
- [Galveston County - Annual TMGA Awards Luncheon](#) - May 1
- [Smith County - Heat-Loving Plants](#) - May 5
- [Travis County - Inside Austin Gardens Tour](#) - May 6

## MASTER GARDENER MILESTONES



Please submit your Milestone Master Gardeners to Outreach Chair Sharon Barrett at [barrettseb@aol.com](mailto:barrettseb@aol.com). This includes Master Gardeners with 15, 20, 25 and 30 years active service as of

December 31, 2016.

We will be recognizing these members at the Awards Luncheon on May 1st in Galveston.



Moody Garden Hotel



Bishop's Palace

**International Master Gardener Conference 2017**  
**July 10-14, 2017**  
**Portland, OR**



**Don't delay! Some hotels and tours have already sold out.**

On offer at the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference are 44 concurrent session classes ranging from front yard gardens to soil as a habitat to garden photography, 16 tours including a pre-conference tour extending into the arid regions of eastern Oregon, and extra add-on events such as a mini film festival! There are options for anyone! **Some hotels and tours have already sold out**, so don't delay registering [here](#).

