

Parker County Master Gardener Program to Welcome New Intern Class This Fall

Weatherford, TX — The Parker County Master Gardener Association (PCMGA) is gearing up to welcome a new class of interns for its highly anticipated fall training program. Gardeners and horticulture enthusiasts alike are invited to take the next step toward becoming certified Master Gardeners¹ through a series of enriching in-person and online educational sessions.

The PCMGA is filled with dedicated volunteers, who maintain the gardens at nine ongoing project sites throughout Parker County.

They are also enthusiastic about educating the public and each other on gardening and related skills. You can find them in person at the *Ask a Master Gardener* booth during First Monday events and other local gatherings. They also offer support by phone, email, or in person at their local office for the general public. Study groups for members meet monthly or seasonally, covering a wide range of hands-on topics such as soils, plant propagation, insects, landscaping, and vegetable gardening.

Each month, they hold a members only lunch meeting that features an engaging educational presentation. Topics vary widely but have included Texas Superstars, honeybees, herbal deep dives, rainwater harvesting, Firewise landscaping, and more.

In addition, PCMGA schedules optional field trips for its members to explore places of horticultural interest. Past trips have included visits to field trials in Overton, TX, hydroponics operations, lavender farms, and dahlia nurseries among others.

The intern training program, set to begin August 27 and conclude in early November, will be hosted at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Weatherford, with a mix of weekday in-person and on-line based classes. Sessions will be led by experienced Parker County Master Gardeners alongside Texas A&M professors, offering participants a deep dive into horticultural science, sustainable gardening, and community engagement.

“Get your calendars out – because we have dates for you!” said Lynda McCarty, PCMGA Intern Coordinator. “We’re thrilled to welcome new faces to our gardening family.”

Prospective interns are required to attend one of two upcoming Information Meetings at the Parker County Extension Office located at 604 N Main Street, Weatherford, TX 76086.

- **Monday, July 7** from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
 - **Monday, July 21** from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
- No RSVP is required for these meetings.

Applications will be provided at the information meeting and are due by **Monday, July 28**, 15-minute interviews will be conducted on **July 30, August 5, and August 6**.

A limited number of applicants will be accepted for this exclusive training series. If accepted, new interns can expect a robust curriculum beginning in August and a set volunteer hour requirement to be completed in 2026 at the various Master Gardener county projects to certify.

For more information, applicants are encouraged to visit the [PCMGA website](http://www.pcmga-texas.org) at www.pcmga-texas.org; or follow the [PCMGA Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/pcmga) at www.facebook.com/pcmga. Direct questions can be sent to Intern Coordinator Lynda McCarty at lyndamccarty@gmail.com or by phone at **806-690-5298**.

The PCMGA program continues to cultivate a strong network of volunteers dedicated to educating and inspiring the community about gardening—and this fall’s intern class promises to grow that mission even further.

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¹ Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service Master Gardener volunteer