

MARSP APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Tips For Texas/Permian Basin Gardening

Special points of interest:

- Master Gardener
- Thinking Of You
- Membership
- Donation
- MARSP Scholarships
- Facebook Live:: Tim Lee
- Misc



At the April 6th meeting, we were lucky to have MARSP member Susie Yarbrough present our program. Susie is a Immediate Past President of the Permian Basin Master Gardeners, and she spoke to the group about Earth Kind Landscaping. Susie presented 7 principles of good gardening and handed out a list of recommended plants for the Permian Basin. The program was interesting and entertaining. On May 4th, our program will be presented by Melissa Hagins, Executive Director of the Texas Pecos Trail Region. She will speak on the many different natural wonders and outdoor recreation opportunities that can be experienced in the Pecos Trail Region, many of which are within a day's drive.

Thinking Of You!

Please notify Patti Watson at pnw1000@gmail.com or 432-697-1170 of any death of a member or member of their family, or member in need of our thoughts due to illness or other adversity. A sympathy or thinking of you card will then be sent to them or their family. The following cards have been sent:

Family of Jo Hayes: Sympathy upon Joe's death, Jaxon Olivares, Mike and Kathy Landrum's grandson and Lee Ann Brenner (Hal Brenner passed away)

Looking Forward to a Magical 2023-24 MARSP/TRTA Membership Year!



Have you already returned your 2023-2024 MARSP/TRTA membership Form with your dues check? If yes, that's fabulous! If no, please consider doing that soon. TRTA kicked off "The Magic of Membership" drive on March 1st. MARSP would love to be a winner in the TRTA Membership contest again. Can't find your renewal form that was bulked mailed in early March? Don't panic —just head to the MARSP website, <https://www.midlandretireded.org>, and you will find one you can use under "MARSP Documents" or under "Quick Downloads". Fill out the form and send it with your dues check to MARSP, P.O. Box 4954, Midland, TX 79704. Any questions about membership? Email Paula Knight, pvknight432@gmail.com. Do you know retired education personnel who aren't members of MARSP? Please invite them to our May 4th meeting where we'll have good food, and an educational and interesting program and fellowship of members.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Paula Knight, MARSP 1st VP/membership



Stuffed Animal Donation to the Midland Soup Kitchen



Barbara Stooksberry reported the final total of 107 stuffed animals were donated to the Midland Soup Kitchen. These animals will be distributed to children of families the kitchen serves.

Scholarship Recipients To Be Announced At The May Meeting

Patricia Maurer will announce the winners of the 22-23 MARSP Scholarships at the May meeting. The Scholarship committee consists of Maridell Fryar, Ricardo Torres and Patricia Maurer.



Facebook Live: Tim Lee Talks

If you would like to hear what Tim Lee reports, you can go to Facebook at 4:00pm Thursday afternoons and hear Tim live report current news from TRTA and also read comments from fellow teachers across the state. If you can't see it at 4:00, his report is recorded and you can watch it later on Facebook, when you have some time.

- Don't forget to send your volunteer hours to Helen Whitehead at hlwhite54@gmail.com.
- Next meeting is May 4th, First Baptist Church Fellowship hall at 11:30. If planning to eat, please make a reservation with Anita Patton. Info is on MARSP website. Program will be by Melissa Hagins on "The Pecos Trail".
- MISD has a variety of job openings that range from administration, teaching, support staff in the offices as well as maintenance and facilities (plumbers, electricians etc) and transportation. If you know someone that is looking for a stable position have them check out MISD Human Capitol website and join their team.
- Reminder IRS Federal Income Tax due date is Tuesday, April 18th, 2023.

