

GARDENING FRIENDS OF LUFKIN

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Gardening Friends Officers

Chairman—Don Martin
Vice Chairman—Jerrell Durham
Secretary/Treasurer—Atha Martin
Hospitality—Ann Blanton
Weeding Committee—Verna Griffith
Publicity—Rachel Emrick

Calendar Events

December 15—Jeff Abt
“The Second Best Garden
Talk Ever” 7 p.m. SFA,
Room 110, Ag. Bldg.

Thanks, continued.

Thanks, too, to Eloise Havard for helping Louise make those announcement deliveries!

Thanks to Bob Bashaw for making the announcements!

Rachel Emrick—Thanks, Rachel, for making sure we’ve had a great line-up of speakers and for doing the publicity for each lecture!

Thanks to the Weeding Committee members for helping keep the entrance to the Zoo looking good!

Thanks to Jerrell & Darrell Durham for the multitude of plants they’ve provided for the lecture plant drawing!

Merry Christmas to all! *Don Martin*



Gardening Friends 2006

There’s a saying that goes, “Time flies when you’re having fun”, and that’s really true about these past four years of Gardening Friends. It’s been great seeing this organization grow.

Because we believe that Gardening Friends is such a worthy organization, we have decided to step aside for 2006 and let new officers take over and grow this group to even further heights.

We, Atha and I, truly appreciate all the effort put forth by our members. And, so, we thank:

Verna Griffith—Verna, for all you’ve done. Being the Hospitality Chairman and Weeding Committee Chairman, and ALL those other ways you’ve made Gardening Friends the best—Thanks so much!

Ann Blanton—Thanks, Ann, for always being there and for taking care of things at the last minute (running out to buy cookies when we had a large crowd.) And, thanks, too, for being the Hospitality Committee Chairman this past year. We really appreciate you!

Louise Finley—Thanks Louise for all the pine straw we’ve picked up from your house these past four years! And, thanks especially for delivering the lecture announcements. And, a “special” thanks for agreeing to continue in 2006!

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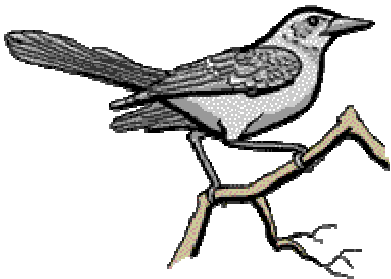
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- Oliver Herford, *I Heard a Bird Sing*

Wanted: Newsletter Editor for Gardening Friends

If you would be interested in becoming the Gardening Friends newsletter editor, please call Rachel Emrick at 633-0431.

SFA 2006 Lecture Series

We have attended the SFA lecture series for a number of years and really appreciate the varied topics by well-known speakers. We've seen some of you over there also, so we feel confident that you would appreciate the schedule for next year.

The SFA Arboretum Les Reeves Lecture Series is normally held the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 110 of the SFA Agriculture Bldg. on Wilson Drive (between the Art Bldg. and the intramural fields.) It is FREE and open to everyone. Refreshments are served before the talk and a rare plant raffle is held afterwards.

January 19—David Creech—"The Best Garden Ever"

February 16—Bobby Green—"Camellias" Something old, Something new, Something yellow, something blue?"

March 16—Gary Knox—"Magnolias Rule the World!"

April 20—Tom Spencer—"Soul of the Garden"

May 18—Bill Welch "Colorful Gardens for Sun or Shade"

June 15—Mark Crawford "Propagation Secrets You Must Swear Not to Tell Anyone"

July 20—Greg Grant "Going Native and Lovin' It"

August 17—Aubrey King "I'm Back and I'm Not Leaving"

September 21—Neil Sperry "The 12 Steps of Successful Gardening"

October 19—Keith Hansen "You've Got A Plan? Well, I Have an Idea About That!"

November 16—Dawn Stover "Everything Including the Kitchen Sink: Container Gardening Gone Wild"

December 14—David Creech "The Most Amazing Garden Talk Ever"

Gardening Friends Lectures for 2006

The January Gardening Friends newsletter will have the schedule for 2006.

