

2010 DALLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S SCHOOL

Program Title: "WaterWise/EARTH-KIND™ Shrubs" (9:00am – 12noon)
Field Trip: Southwest Landscape Nursery (1:00pm – 4:00pm)
Presented By: Dale Groom, Extension Horticulturist and Master Gardener
Program Coordinator – Dallas County
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

About Dale Groom:

Coming from a long line of farmers and gardeners, Dale left his native Brownwood, Texas, to earn his B.S. degree in horticulture at Stephen F. Austin State University, followed by an M.S. in horticulture from East Texas State University. While in East Texas he established the Ornamental Horticultural program at Tyler Junior College and went on to become known as an accomplished author, radio/TV host, speaker, consultant and columnist as *The Plant Groom™*. He joined Texas AgriLife Extension Service in January 2004.

Among the many venues he uses to share his expertise on Texas gardening, Dale hosted "*The Plant Groom™*" a live, Saturday call-in radio show, and records "*Great Gardening Minutes*" each weekday for News/Talk 600AM KTBB and ktbb.com. He has appeared on television including ABC's WFAA-TV Channel 8 and CBS' KTVT Channel 11, to provide accurate, reliable and timely lawn, garden and landscape tips, and to promote the Dallas County Master Gardener program and Extension activities and events. In addition, his weekly lawn, garden and landscape column, "*Ask the Plant Groom,*" appeared in 11 Texas newspapers, five web sites and six newsletters. Currently, 1,200+ *Ask The Plant Groom™* columns have been published.

To date, Dale has authored five books on gardening in Texas. '*Dale Groom's Texas Gardening Guide (Revised Edition)*' and '*Month-by-Month Gardening in Texas*' are available to gardeners statewide through independent retailers and boutiques as well as through national bookstores including Barnes & Noble, B. Dalton and Book Stop, as well as Lowe's. As a certified professional nurseryman, Dale is a member of the Texas Association of Nurserymen and the Agriculture Honor Society. He is also a sought-after judge for plant and flower shows.

Dale and his bride of nearly 41 years, Judy, enjoy old rock 'n roll music, Texas food, and country life on their farm between Athens and Canton. Judy operates Greenbriar Retreat, a specialty retreat for quilters and scrapbookers on their farm. They are the proud parents of three children: son Aaron, a structural designer living in Austin; daughter Angie, a Certified Pharmacy Technician employed in Mabank, and youngest daughter Ashley, who recently earned her M.S. degree from the Texas A&M School of Architecture and is now attending the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in Ft. Worth.

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