

2010 DALLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S SCHOOL

Program Title: "EARTH-KIND® and WaterWise Herb Gardening"
(9:00am – 12:00noon)

Presented By: Marian Buchanan
Certified Dallas County Master Gardener

About Marian Buchanan:

You may have seen Marian Buchanan around town – perhaps at the Texas Discovery Gardens, or at one of her many speaking engagements. Marian has been a Dallas County Master Gardener since 1988. Her special interests are herb education and habitat gardening, and she is exceptionally well known for both.

Marian 'walks the talk,' as her tiny home garden is a Certified Butterfly Habitat. When she and her husband downsized to a smaller home several years ago, they knew that having just a little patch of grass would be boring. So they dug up the back yard ... **and** part of the front ... and made it interesting! "It's amazing how many different plants can coexist in a small space!" she exclaims.

Marian has always been generous in sharing her time and wealth of knowledge with others. Never timid in front of an audience, she has been active in the Master Gardener Speakers Bureau from its beginning. After all, she taught junior high in her past life, so she's used to rowdy crowds! She also speaks at herb festivals around the state and to groups of all ages in the Dallas area. In past years she has also invested countless volunteer hours – some of her happiest -- at Texas Discovery Gardens, both in the greenhouse and during butterfly exhibits.

Marian and her husband have two grown daughters, two great sons-in-law, and six darling grandchildren who are learning to love poking around in Grandma's – three boys and three girls, including the latest addition (a granddaughter) born just this June!

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