

2010 DALLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S SCHOOL

Program Title: "Introduction into the World of Plants" (9:00am – 12:00pm)

Presented By: Laura M. Miller
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About Laura Miller:

Laura Miller, a sixth-generation Texan, graduated from Eagle Pass High School, picking up quite a bit of border-style Spanish along the way. After high school she moved north to College Station and attended Texas A&M University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture as well as a Master of Education degree in agricultural education. Over the next several years she embarked on a number of pursuits, among them, working for a land trust, raising native plants in the lower Rio Grande Valley, and teaching Spanish.

In 2001, Laura moved to Florida where, until 2008, she was a University of Florida/IFAS (*Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences*) Extension Agent working with ornamental plant producers -- nurseries, greenhouses and sod farms -- in Hillsborough and Polk Counties. In March 2008 she joined Texas AgriLife Extension and became the Tarrant County Extension Agent for Commercial Horticulture. Among her many responsibilities, she provides informal educational programs and problem-solving services to all aspects of the commercial horticulture industry, from green industry professionals to fruit, vegetable and ornamental plant growers. Laura really enjoys Extension-service work because she learns something new every day and can often share that knowledge to help someone solve a problem, earn more money, or improve the environment.

Laura is part of a proud, all-Aggie household, including husband Raymond, daughters Megan and Sarah, and dog Reveille. Raymond works for Dow AgroSciences as the national specialist for the nursery and greenhouse markets. Megan is a May 2008 graduate of Texas A&M and a rising third-year student at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. Sarah is beginning her fourth and penultimate year as a student of Floral Design in College Station. And Reveille enjoys taking walks and closely admiring any and all plant material along the way!

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