

2010 DALLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER'S SCHOOL

Program Title: "Fruits, Nuts and Berries for North Texas Gardens/Landscapes"

Presented By: Dr. Larry Stein (9:00am – 12:00pm)
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About Dr. Stein:

A proud Texas Aggie to the core, Larry Stein earned three degrees from Texas A&M University: a B.S. in horticulture in 1979, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in horticulture in 1981 and 1985, respectively.

Dr. Stein's work has emphasized production horticulture working with pecans, fruits, grapes and vegetable crops. He has done a great deal of work on variety screening in both fruits and vegetables. In addition, some of his work has focused on using drip irrigation to not only conserve water, but to also improve fruit quality and production. He is currently doing a lot of work on crop-load management of pecans via trunk shaking.

His extensive knowledge of horticulture shows up in numerous areas on PLANTanswers, an Internet plant question/answer forum to which he is a contributing editor. Together with George Ray McEachern, Dr. Stein updated the highly respected "*Texas Pecan Handbook*" in 2007. He has authored or co-authored a number of other publications on a wide range of subjects, such as table grapes, reducing tree stress, and how summer and fall moisture stress and irrigation scheduling influence pecan growth and production.

Larry is headquartered at Texas Agrilife Extension Service in Uvalde, Texas. "I have the perfect job, as horticulture is my hobby," he says. "Even though I deal mainly with commercial vegetables, fruits and pecans, I also 'mess around' with a few ornamentals." He and his wife, Barbara, are the proud parents of three "kids" – one girl and two boys.

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