

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BOTANICAL GARDENS AND ARBORETA



TABGA CONFERENCE – SFA GARDENS, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY,
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In an attempt to organize all the Botanical Gardens, Arboreta and Public Gardens and Parks under a single umbrella – the Texas Association of Botanical Gardens, Arboreta and Public Gardens was created in 1991. The individuals behind the formation of the organization were Paul Cox (retired from the San Antonio Botanical Garden), Henry Painter (Fort Worth Botanical Garden), Linda Gay (retired from the Mercer Arboretum) and Dave Creech (SFA Gardens) – and the agreement was reached that no by-laws would be allowed, no committees could be created, and there would be only one annual meeting per year - and the host for each annual meeting had to cover all the costs. Since those early days, annual meetings, usually in February, have been well attended – and provide Directors and staff the opportunity to get together, review the past year, and share in the joys and tribulations of gardening in Texas. While not all of the gardens of Texas attend, the following list is a good starting point for those looking for a listing of the public gardens in Texas. If you find any problems with the list or descriptions, please contact Dr. Dave Creech at dcreech@sfasu.edu – who is semi-retired and cheerfully serves as the informal webmaster of this one web page Association.

NORTH TEXAS

CLARK GARDENS BOTANICAL PARK

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Surrounded by native woodlands and tucked away down a country road between Weatherford and Mineral Wells, is Clark Gardens Botanical Park. Its story is one of hard work, dreams and the visions of Max and Billie Clark. What began as the Clark's private garden in 1972 - a small personal endeavor of traditional landscaping on this rugged Texas hillside - is now a botanical masterpiece. Much of this world of tranquility - this unexpected treasure - was sparked by Billie Clark's inspirations. In 1999, Max and Billie established the Max and Billie Clark Foundation and donated 143 acres, including the gardens, to this new non-profit organization. The gardens are an educational and scientific facility as well as a working model of beautiful, yet sustainable, landscapes. The native Texas and Texas adaptable plants the park exhibits are low maintenance and many are drought tolerant. On April 22, 2000, Clark Gardens opened its gates to the public and has been declared one of the most beautiful gardens in Texas. Visitors may take a photo journey of the making of Clark Gardens Botanical Park, and read more about its unique history when they visit the History House in the Park's West Garden Area.

CHANDOR GARDENS

711 W. Lee Avenue'

Weatherford, TX 76086

817-613-1700

www.chandorgardens.com

Email: schamblee@weatherfordtx.gov

Weaving the mysterious elements of Chinese architecture into the elegance of a formal English garden, the 3.5-acre former estate of portraitist Douglas Chandor was designed & built to delight your heart and revive your senses. Each of the garden's fifteen rooms will enchant you. From the 20 foot stone boulder waterfall to the formal bowling green to the mysterious dragon fountain, something wonderful awaits you around every bend.

DALLAS ARBORETUM

825 Garland Road

Dallas, Texas 75218

214-327-8263

214-327-4901 Event Hotline

Jimmy Turner, Horticulturist – Jturner@dallasarboretum.org

The Dallas Arboretum is a sixty-six acre arboretum and botanical garden. It is devoted to research and education, as well as to public display. Plan a full day here in the spring or fall. The Dallas Arboretum has amazing color displays and has developed a cutting edge evaluation program for new plant materials.

FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDEN

3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard

Fort Worth, Texas 76107

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The oldest botanic garden in the state of Texas, the Fort Worth Botanic Garden consists of 110 acres within the cultural district of Fort Worth. It features 23 gardens, among them the rose garden, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, a 10,000 sq. ft. conservatory that houses a tropical collection, and the beautiful Japanese Garden. Opened in 1973, the Japanese Garden covers 7 ½ acres of varied topography and includes authentic Japanese architecture, koi ponds, waterfalls, and meticulously-maintained plant material, including a vast assortment of Japanese maples.

GRAPEVINE BOTANICAL GARDENS

411 Ball Street

Grapevine, Texas 76051-5113

Telephone: 817-410-3470

This garden is a beautiful treasure in the heart of historic Grapevine – an excellent place to enjoy the natural beauty and tranquil surroundings of nature. This special garden welcomes visitors with hundreds of varieties of plants, extraordinary scents to tantalize, and the therapeutic beauty that a day in the garden provides. The gardens are an ideal location to exercise, hold a wedding or special event and take those special family photos.

HOMESTEAD HERITAGE TRADITIONAL CRAFTS VILLAGE

P.O. Box 869
Elm Mott, Texas 76640
254) 754-9600
Email: info@homesteadheritage.com

This is an all-organic establishment with planting scattered around the grounds. The Homestead Heritage Village is a working farm featuring a herb garden, perennial borders, old roses and vegetable gardens.

TEXAS DISCOVERY GARDENS AND CONSERVATORY

3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
P.O. Box 152537
Dallas, Texas 75315
214-428-7476
Email: TDG@TexasDiscoveryGardens.com

Texas Discovery Gardens and Conservatory is a seven acre arboretum and display garden. It is designed to showcase native plants in an urban environment and teach the conservation of nature. The tropical conservatory doubles during the State Fair as a living butterfly exhibit.

THE HEARD NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM AND WILDLIFE NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

One Nature Place
McKinney, Texas 75069
972-562-5566
Email: info@heardmuseum.org

A 289 wildlife sanctuary that is glorious in spring and fall. The museum is beautifully integrated into the beauty of this Texas landscape. The Texas Native Plant Display Garden harbors over 200 plant species, including some seldom seen in public collections, like Texas aloe and the native black cherry.

WESTON GARDENS IN BLOOM

8101 Anglin Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76140
817-572-0549
Email: Weston@westongardens.com

The Weston Gardens in Bloom is a retail nursery covering seven acres and a display garden covering four acres in the gardens. The gardens feature English-style mixed borders, old roses and native plants.

LUBBOCK MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Clapp Park
4111 University Avenue
Lubbock, Texas 79413
806-797-4520

A fifty-five acre arboretum and research site, exhibiting landscape use of native and adapted plants.

EAST TEXAS

AMAND BAYOU AND NATURE CENTER

8500 Bay Area Boulevard
Pasadena, TX 77507
(281) 474-2551

ABNC was founded in 1974 as a result of efforts begun by an environmental visionary, Armand Yramategui. Armand foresaw the urban growth around Armand Bayou and strove to have this land remain a wilderness. Armand's tragic death in 1970 inspired a local, regional and national coalition of people and organizations to acquire the 2500 acres of land now preserved as ABNC. ABNC is a non-profit organization that was established with the mission preservation and environmental education.

BLUE MOON GARDENS

13062 Farm Road 279
Chandler, Texas 75758
903-852-3897

Blue Moon Gardens is a six acre cottage garden, greenhouse and retail nursery. The gardens are clustered about a farmhouse that's nearly a century old and newer buildings that carry out the same style, this is a cottage garden par excellence. Be careful visiting the nursery; it's easy to get carried away with the wonderful diversity of ornamental plants.

EAST TEXAS ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL SOCIETY

1601 Patterson Road at Highway 175 West
P.O. Box 2231
Athens, Texas 75751
email: info@eastexasarboretum.org

The Arboretum and Botanical Society is a 100 acre nature trail and associated gardens. The property includes an 1850s dogtrot house as home to a small museum, a large open-sided pavilion and numerous color gardens.

IDEA GARDEN

420 Rose Park Dr., Tyler, Texas 75702
Highway 31 West at Rose Park Drive
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Fax (903) 535-0884;
Email: k-hansen2@tamu.edu

Right next to the Municipal Rose Garden, the 8,000 square foot IDEA garden offers a tranquil setting, designed for the serious gardener seeking new ideas or for the enjoyment of the casual visitor. The garden features more than 90 varieties of flowers, trees, shrubs, grasses, ground cover and bog plants. Some are new or currently under utilized, but all are adapted to the Northeast Texas area. Also featured are new plant promotions and plants being tested and evaluated for use in our region. All plants will be grown in an environmentally friendly manner using water conserving methods. The IDEA Garden features several composting methods.

JASPER ARBORETUM AND OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

225 Water Street, Jasper, TX 75951 (1 block south of the courthouse)
Mailing address: Jasper Master Gardeners c/o Texas A&M AgriLife, 271 E. Lamar, Suite, 200, Jasper, TX 75951. PHONE: 409-384-3721 or call the Chamber of Commerce at 409-384-2762; Email: sharonruthkerr@gmail.com

This 14-acre complex features several park areas sponsored by a coalition of organizations and the City of Jasper. The original plans for the gardens were designed by horticulturalist Dr. Dave Creech at the request of Estelle Debney, founder of the Jasper Arboretum board, with the support of the Woman's Civic Club. Sandy Creek runs through the center of the park from Hwy 96 to the scenic stone-arched Main Street bridge. The north bank features formal gardens, children's Kiwanis Park, and Library Gardens (dry garden, rose garden and butterfly garden). The historic Beaty-Orton House built in 1888 is surrounded by the sunny garden (color plantings and heritage azaleas) and the home itself is filled with period antiques. The house is open for tours by appointment only and may be reserved for special events like weddings and quilt shows. The newest addition to the park is the Master Gardener greenhouse and Outdoor Learning Center. In front of the greenhouse is a pergola with brick patio and swings, a favorite lunchtime stop for downtown Jasper. Behind the greenhouse is a potting shed/classroom overlooking Sandy Creek, where otters sometimes play. Next to the greenhouse is the Butterfly Gardens. During Butterfly Festival (first Saturday in October), a section of the butterfly gardens next to the greenhouse is netted over to be a protected butterfly house where children can get a closer look at the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. One goal is to raise enough money to build a permanent butterfly house that will be open year-round. Future development on the south bank will include a larger pond with fountains, footbridge over the creek, nature trail with Texas native plants and a log cabin nature center. Both the Jasper Arboretum and Jasper Master Gardeners are 501(c)3 non-for-profit organizations.

LONGVIEW ARBORETUM AND GARDENS

P.O. Box 3563
Longview, Texas 75606
Email: info@longviewarboretum.org
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A new garden in Texas, the Longview Arboretum and Gardens will be located on 28.62 acres of city-owned flood plain land adjacent to the Maude Cobb Convention & Activity Center in Longview, Texas. The mission statement states that the goals of the garden are to enhance the natural beauty of East Texas, preserve and protect the clean air, clean water, good soil, trees and abundance of living plants in the East Texas area; to enhance natural and native habitat with a minimum amount of disruption and intrusion, and to build an entity that will reflect the grace of God and His creation that East Texas citizens can enjoy and help preserve for generations.

MCFADDIN-WARD HOUSE

1906 Calder Avenue
Beaumont, Texas 77701
409-832-2134

The McFaddin-Ward House is an estate garden on the grounds of a 1906 Beaux Arts Colonial style house. It is three landscaped blocks including buildings; 40,000 square feet in lawns and 20,000 square feet in garden beds.

QUITMAN ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS (aka Gov Hogg Park Arboretum & Botanical GardenS)

100 Gov Jim Hogg Prkwy
POBox1395
Quitman, Texas 75783
903-466-4327

A new 23-acre garden with the upstart garden in Quitman, Texas, with the crown jewel being the Stinson house. The Stinson House was built in 1869 by James A. Stinson in Pine Mills, Texas--about 15 miles east of Quitman at the intersection of Highway 154 and 312. Ima Hogg was instrumental in having the Stinson House moved to its current site (at the back of the Governor Hogg Park) in 1968. The house is a venue for many events in the arboretum. There are several beds of dedicated roses in the rose garden, a butterfly garden, lily garden, sensory garden in the developing children's garden area. A gazebo was constructed in 2009 and is the relaxing lunch stop for many of the city and county employees looking to get out and enjoy nature. A newly constructed pergola in the shade garden with access to the nature trail, a quarter mile of walking in the woods and listening to the birds. A new waterwise garden is currently being built to be the perfect demonstration for home owners, if there is a limited amount of water for their landscape.

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TYLER ROSE GARDEN

1900 West Front Street
Tyler, Texas 75702
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The Municipal Rose Garden is fourteen acres dedicated for public display and research. The garden has some 38,000 to 40,000 specimens of more than 500 varieties, mostly modern. The is one of the largest collection of roses open to the public in the whole world.

SFA GARDENS

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Located on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, SFA Gardens includes the SFA Mast Arboretum, Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, Pineywoods Native Plant Center and the Gayla Mize Garden. Each of the gardens offers a unique outdoor experience. From a vast and diverse collection of rare plants from around the world, to Texas' largest azalea garden, to gardens and nature trails dedicated solely to native plants, and a new network of hiking and biking trails. The SFA Gardens serve to promote plant diversity in the landscape while serving as a living laboratory for SFA students, faculty and the nursery and landscape industry. SFA Mast Arboretum was established in 1985, the Mast Arboretum is 10 acres built entirely around themes and is used as display gardens for research and education. A green laboratory and a cornucopia of diversity, this garden serves as a teaching tool for the Horticulture program and is a must-see garden stop for visitors to Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas. The Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden - over eight acres, 7000 azalea plants (500 varieties), 200-plus varieties of Japanese

maples, 200-plus camellia varieties, 200 Hydrangea varieties, and much, much more, this garden encompasses forty beds and over 1.2 miles of walking trails. SFA's Pineywoods Native Plant Center is the third garden in the USA affiliated with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center with a mission to display a wide range of plants native to the Pineywoods. With over 2.2 miles of all-season trails and forty acres, this garden is a remarkable island in the middle of a busy city. Finally, the Gayla Mize Garden is eight acres initiated in 2010 and is part of the 68 acres of the SFA Recreational Trails and Gardens with a focus on deciduous azaleas and their hybrids.

SHANGRI LA BOTANICAL GARDENS AND NATURE CENTER

Physical Address

2111 West Park Avenue

Orange, Texas 77630

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Nestled within 252 acres in the heart of Orange, Texas, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation, a private foundation whose mission is to improve and enrich the quality of life in Southeast Texas and encourage and assist education. The unique ecosystem of Shangri La presents an ideal opportunity to further that mission as well as carry on the vision of H.J. Lutcher Stark, the man who originally developed it more than 60 years ago. The formal Botanical Gardens contain more than 300 plant species in five formal "rooms" as well as four sculpture "rooms." Adjacent to the Botanical Gardens is a bird blind which allows visitors to observe nesting birds in Shangri La's heronry. The Nature Center includes a hands-on exhibit called the Nature Discovery Center, a laboratory, and three outdoor classrooms located deep in the cypress swamp. The Orientation Center includes an Exhibit Hall, Discovery Theater, Children's Garden, Exhibition Greenhouses, Café, and Garden Store. Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is the first project in Texas and the 50th project in the world to earn the U.S. Green Building Council's Platinum certification for LEED®-NC, which verifies the design and construction of Shangri La reached the highest green building and performance measures. As one of the most earth-friendly projects in the world, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center offers a glimpse of how people can live in harmony with nature. The combination of gardens and nature at Shangri La presents a serene oasis for retreat and renewal, as well as the opportunity to explore, discover and learn. Visit Shangri La and rekindle your sense of wonder.

BEAUMONT BOTANICAL GARDENS AND THE WARREN LOOSE CONSERVATORY

Bert & Jack Binks Horticultural Center

6088 Babe Zaharias Drive

Beaumont, Texas 77705

409-842-8129

Gary Outenreath, Horticulturist: goutenreath@yahoo.com

A 10,000 square feet glass conservatory displaying thousands of tropical plants. The tropics come alive, with a water lily pool full of fantail goldfish, edged by Victorian water lilies from the Amazon, plus foliage and flowering tropical plants of every imaginable description.

CENTRAL TEXAS

ANTIQUÉ ROSE EMPORIUM

10,000 Hwy 50
Independence, TX 77833
979-836-5548
979-836-7236 Fax
Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm
Sun 11:30am-5:30pm

7561 East Evans Rd
San Antonio, TX 78266
210-651-4565
210-651-4569 Fax
Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm
11:00am-5:30pm

With two locations, visitors can wander through an amazing nursery and garden displays that features pass-along plants, proven performers and a plethora of own-root antique roses. Heirloom gardening at its finest.

BEND OF THE RIVER BOTANICAL GARDEN

7915 S. Gen. Bruce Drive
Temple, Texas
Contact information: Zoe Rascoe zrascoe@brc.tamus.edu

Open to the public soon!

LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER

4801 La Crosse Avenue
Austin, Texas 78739-1702
512-292-4100

As a wildflower center perfectly adapted to its environment, this display garden educates the public in the use and utility of regional plants. The garden consists of many small cultivated beds, including 23 theme gardens, and several miles of trails through the wonderful Hill country of Texas.

MAYFIELD PARK GARDEN

3801 Old Bull Creek Road
Austin, Texas 78703
Austin Parks and Recreation Department
512-974-6700

Mayfield Park Garden is twenty-three acres of public park with both natural woodlands and landscaped gardens, including a herb garden. Not all of the acres are cultivated.

CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM

9001 Bosque Blvd.

Woodway, TX 76712

254 399-9204

Janet Schaffer, Director. Email: arboretum@woodwaymail.org

Nestled in the rolling hills of Woodway, Texas you will find quaint pocket gardens and a rustic nature trails throughout this 16 acre facility. The Carleen Bright Arboretum celebrates and shares the distinct beauty of gardens and natural environments in Central Texas; it is a year-round focus for community life.

UMLAUF SCULPTURE GARDENS

605 Robert E. Lee Road

Austin, TX 78704

For Museum information, call (512) 445-5582.

Fax. 512-445-5583

Several paths take you through the garden to discover over 130 sculptures by Charles Umlauf, an internationally recognized sculptor. Sculptures range from detailed realism to lyrical abstractions. Family groups, animals, religious and mythological figures, and nudes are featured in the collection. The figures are crafted from wood, terra cotta, stone, bronze, and marble. This serene and shady spot is wonderful for escaping the Austin summer heat while still communing with nature and art. A stream runs through the garden, forming small pools at various spots. Both the museum and the garden are accessible to people with disabilities.

WILDSEED FARMS

425 Wildflower Hills

P.O. Box 3000

Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

830-990-1393

800-848-0078

email: wsf@fbg.net

Wildseed Farms is a two hundred acre working farm and display garden set up to give visitors a close-up view of some of the crops. It is a world leader in producing wildflower seeds. It includes 70 acres of bluebonnets as well as trails through the growing areas and beside sizeable display beds.

WILD BASIN WILDERNESS

Wild Basin Wilderness

805 N. Capitol of Texas Hwy.

Austin, Texas 78746

Director Monica Swartz, Wild Basin Director; 512-233-1619

monicasw@stedwards.edu

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve was founded in 1974 to protect 227 acres of pristine Texas Hill Country and to provide nature education programs. Visitors enjoy 2 1/2 miles of hiking trails that pass through woodland, grassland, and streamside habitats. These habitats are home to threatened and endangered species, and hundreds of native plants, animals and birds. Wild Basin's nature education programs are funded by special events, memberships, corporate donations and grants.

SAN ANGELO INTERNATIONAL WATER LILY COLLECTION

The Civic League Park is located at 24 South Park Street, between Beauregard and Harris Street.

In 1988, Ken Landon joined hands with city officials to create a lily pool at Civic League Park. The neglected pond, built in 1934, as a reflection pool, was a gooey bog when then city parks director, Jimmy Rogers asked city council members to approve an "Aquatic Beautification Project." After receiving the go-ahead, the two men and members of the San Angelo Council of Garden Clubs rolled up their sleeves and set to work. Soon, thousands of people were flocking to the park to look at the lilies. September and early October are the "Spring time" of flowering for lilies. However, something is always blooming in the collection April through October. The spotlights are turned on the night bloomers, and the park is also well lit and safe.

TEXAS A&M GARDENS & GREENWAY

600 John Kimbrough Boulevard
Texas A&M University
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White Creek is a natural landform asset on the West Campus of Texas A&M University. This riparian way was designated the West Campus Greenway in 1998 by the Board of Regents. The 45-acre property extends from the front of the Horticultural/Forestry Sciences Building and follows White Creek behind the AgriLife Complex to the Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

The Texas A&M Gardens & Greenway will restore, preserve, and develop the West Campus Greenway into a teaching garden and green space/reserve. The project will create an aesthetic, functional public garden to conduct formal teaching, research, and extension/outreach activities.

Perhaps the most important feature of the A&M Gardens & Greenway will be a large Teaching Gardens Complex, which captures the mission of this public garden: to teach people about the natural environment, gardening, and agriculture. This is where faculty and staff will teach students (college and K-12), industry professionals, and the public valuable concepts in food production,

landscape beauty, and reconnecting with nature. The Teaching Gardens Complex covers 5 acres and serves as outdoor teaching, education, and demonstration venue focused on garden design, installation, and management. It will contain a collection of thematic gardens focused on: vegetable and food production, Earth-Kind and Texas Superstar plants; student-designed and constructed rotating gardens; butterfly bee and bird gardening; our garden heritage; and more. Construction begins in late 2015 with completion in late 2016.

ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN

2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas 78746
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Website: www.austintexas.gov/department/zilker-metropolitan-park and
<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/zilker-botanical-garden>

Zilker Botanical Garden is located on 26 acres in the heart of Austin in Zilker Park. Beautiful theme gardens include rose, herb, daylily, iris, fern, and azalea collections as well as the native Green, Taniguchi Japanese, Hartman Prehistoric, and Butterfly Gardens.

SOUTH TEXAS

COCKRELL BUTTERFLY CENTER AT THE HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

One Hermann Circle Drive
Houston, Texas 77030
713-639-4629

The Butterfly Center in a three-story, cone-shaped glass conservatory. It was built and is maintained especially as a living exhibit of butterflies. The conservatory bloomed an *Amorphophallus titanum* in 2010, which was a signature event and greatly increased attendance.

CORPUS CHRISTI BOTANICAL GARDENS

8545 South Staples
Corpus Christi, Texas 78413
361-852-2100

Michael Womack, Executive Director,
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A one hundred-eighty acre combination botanical garden, with both highly cultivated exhibits and nature trail featuring native plants and wildlife including extensive natural areas and endangered species.

HILLTOP GARDEN

100 Lee Lane

Lyford, TX 78569

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956-262-2176

Hilltop Gardens is 25 acre tropical healing garden that is surrounded by a 500 acre organic farm. Hilltop Gardens is located in the Rio Grande Valley. Hilltop Gardens, the historical home of Aloe, is far from the sounds, lights, and energy of the city. It is a place to experience nature....a place to enjoy.... a place to learn....and a place to revitalize your mind, body and spirit with activities that focus on the restoration, nourishment, and preservation of an environment that promotes wellness. The concept of the gardens is based on the healing power of aloe and has been designed as a respite from the hectic world. It's a place where our visitors can learn, explore and experience nature. It's a place that promotes wellness of mind, body and spirit. The gardens are surrounded by a 500 acre experimental farm, a 12 month operation that grows premium quality crops. The farm is certified both organic and global GAP (Good Agricultural Practices).

HOUSTON'S HERMANN PARK CONSERVANCY

Hermann Park Conservancy

6201-A Hermann Park Drive

Houston, Texas 77030

Doreen Stoller, Executive Director

713-524-5876 ext. 331

doreen@hermannpark.org

A major park with public gardens and expansive green areas.

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN (CHINESE TEA GARDEN, SUNKEN GARDEN)

3875 N. St Mary's Street

San Antonio, Texas 78212

Phone: (210) 735-0663

This is a Japanese-style garden, with large lily pond and lush semitropical planting. Contains many more flowering plants than most gardens of this type, incorporating native perennials and colorful annuals throughout. This site is designated as a Texas Civil Engineering Landmark and a Registered Texas Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

MERCER ARBORETUM AND BOTANIC GARDENS

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Christy Vollrath, Greenhouse Manager of The Mercer Society at passiflora74@gmail.com

Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens is over 325 acres of beautiful public gardens. The gardens feature an outstanding collection of gingers, bamboos, and trees and shrubs adapted to the Gulf Coast region.

MOODY GARDENS RAIN FOREST PYRAMID

One Hope Boulevard

Galveston, Texas 77554

800-582-4673

A ten story glass conservatory, re-creating conditions in the world's rain forests. It is home to thousands of flora and fauna. The conservatory includes plants, fish butterflies, birds, bats, and insects from American, Asian, and African rain forest.

RIVER OAKS GARDEN CLUB GARDEN AND AZALEA TRAIL

2503 Westheimer

Houston, Texas 77098

713-523-2483

Several acres of classic old world formal garden. [Bayou Bend Collections and Gardens](#) is a new LEEDS Silver building worth a trip and is part of the

SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN

555 Funston Place at North New Braunfels

San Antonio, Texas 78209

210-207-3250

This botanical garden is planted and maintained for the purposes of education and research, as well as the conservation and display of plants from around the world. Includes a conservatory, display gardens, formal beds and native planting. The garden covers thirty-three acres.

SUNDERLAND'S CACTUS GARDEN

Route 1 Box 40
Alamo, Texas 78516
956-787-2040

This is a five acre wholesale and retail nursery. Thousands upon thousands of desert plants live and thrive in this natural rock garden setting, representing about 2,000 different kinds of cacti. The gardeners propagate them on site, thus preserving rare and endangered species. [Harry passed away June 4, 2010](#) and we are not sure of the status of his amazing collection.

VALLEY NATURE CENTER

301 South Border
Weslaco, Texas 78599
956-969-2475

A five acre educational nature park featuring native flora unique to the local ecosystem. "A secret garden in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley."

WEST TEXAS AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

1400 Streit Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79106
806-352-6513
email: jackie@amarillobotanicalgardens.org

A four acre garden designed to provide horticultural education for the region. It includes display gardens, a conservatory, a gallery for exhibitions, classrooms and a 1,600 volume library, making it a valuable resource for the community.

BARTON WARNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

HC 70, Box 375
Terlingua, Texas 79852
915-424-3327

The environmental education center is a two-acre botanical garden set within 99.9 acres of natural area. The garden features plants native to the Chihuahuan Desert.

CHIHUAHUAN DESERT GARDENS OF THE CENTENNIAL MUSEUM UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Centennial Museum
University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, Texas 79968-0533
John M. White, Garden Curator
Chihuahuan Desert Gardens
University of Texas at El Paso
Centennial Museum Rm. 305
500 W. University Ave.

El Paso, TX 79968
(915) 747-5335 Office
(915) 747-5411 Fax
email: museum@utep.edu

A two acre teaching and research garden open to the public for both formal and informal education in the use of native plants in the low-water landscape. This assemblage of 430 species is one of the largest collections of Chihuahuan Desert plants in the world.

TEXAS A&M AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

Xeriscape Demonstration Display Garden
Texas A&M University
1380 A&M Circle
El Paso, Texas 79927

A demonstration xeriscape garden, using plants native to the Chihuahuan Desert, as well as other arid regions, for research and education. The High Desert Cactus Garden is outstanding.



TABGA CONFERENCE – BAYOU BEND, HOUSTON, TX – FEB 23-25, 2012



TABGA CONFERENCE – CHANDOR GARDENS, WEATHERFORD, TX – FEB 21-23, 2013

Fort Worth Botanical Garden was host in 2014 but no group photo was found