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Meet the Masters: Linda Singleton

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“I have killed more than 1,000 plants”, exclaims Henderson County Master Gardener Linda Singleton. Gardening, however, takes perseverance, and Linda definitely has perseverance. “I just tried. Then I tried again”, she explains. That perseverance has paid off, and Linda’s garden has grown along with her successes. She readily admits that her husband helped her immensely. They started with a vegetable garden, then expanded. “Currently we have eight different small beds. Some in sun, some in shade.”



Of all the aspects of gardening, “digging in the dirt” is what Linda loves best. “I am truly happy when I am working in the garden.” As a Henderson County Master Gardener, Linda enjoys working in the Dream Garden at the East Texas Arboretum. She is there most Mondays, “cold, heat, rain or shine. There is a true peace to be found there, communing with God’s creation. The fellowship and laughter at coffee break time under the trees is priceless. There is a true sense of satisfaction with being able to give back, if that is only pulling some weeds or sweeping the walk.”

A friend suggested Linda join the Master Gardener Association. “She gave me a number and told me to call. So I did.” There have been no regrets. In fact, Linda says that becoming a Master Gardener is “one of the best things I’ve ever done.”

What has she liked best about being a Master Gardener? “The knowledge and generosity of these gardeners is amazing. The fact that they share freely is inspiring”, Linda states.

If you have an interest in becoming a Henderson County Master Gardener, classes will be starting soon. You may do as Linda did and call 903-675-6130, find an application online at <http://henderson-co-tx-mg.org/about-us/becoming-mg/2016-MG-Application.pdf>, or pick one up at the free HCMGA Summer Series 2: Texas Shade Gardens with Steven Chamblee, July 21, 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, 3344 Hwy 31 East, Athens, TX.

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