



Henderson County Master Gardeners Weekly News Article December 17, 2018

Master Gardeners Celebrate 2018

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Henderson County Master Gardener Association (HCMGA) held their annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, December 13. A presentation on the history and taxonomy of various types of Christmas trees was presented by Master Gardener Sherry Sorrell.



Photo: Master Gardener class members receive their intern pins and certificates. Courtesy photo.

Fourteen members of the Master Gardener class were awarded certificates of achievement in passing the course. They also received pins indicating their introduction as interns into the Master Gardener program. These fourteen are: Rachel Bayless, Carl Beck, Cynthia Beck, Larry Beier, Cindy Carter, Joseph Cerveny, Rebecca Chapa, Judy Colvin, Rita Hammond, Delbert Hirst, Cindy Oliver, Paula Patterson, Ellen Sokolovic, and Barbara Whitfill.

Newly certified Texas Master Gardeners were given their certificates of achievement and Texas Master Gardener pin. These were: Shery Damuth, Sherri Doss, Christy Graham, Susan Skommesa, Sherry Sorrell and Barbara Thompson. They took the class in 2017 and volunteered a minimum of 50 hours to the Master Gardener program in 2018. Part of their volunteer hours were spent compiling a Monthly Gardener Guidebook. This guidebook is being offered to the public by calling the office of the County Extension Agent.

Barbara Thompson received the Intern of the Year award. Thompson has volunteered numerous hours at every project and program in the HCMGA. She volunteered regularly at the greenhouse and in the Dream Garden. The Dream Garden is HCMGA's ornamental demonstration garden located inside the East Texas Arboretum.

Yvonne Sparks received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Sparks served as President of HCMGA in 2018. The membership selects the Volunteer of the Year by secret ballot.

Receiving a three year service pin was Ted Haldeman. Five year service pins were awarded to Robert Erickson, Shannon Greene and Marylee Haldeman.

Officers for 2019 were installed. They are: David Bickerstaff, President; Claudia Durham, Vice President of Programs and Administration; Lora Tomlinson, Vice President of Member and Community Education; Martha Rainwater, Secretary; Barbara Thompson, Treasurer; and Sara Drummond, Historian.

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