

**Wednesday, Apr. 23, 2008**

## **Gardening advice widely spread on Arbor Day**

Parker County Master Gardeners, volunteers for Texas AgriLife Extension Service, celebrate Arbor Day in Weatherford's Chandor Gardens, Clark Gardens Botanical Park near Mineral Wells and at Stuart Nursery in Weatherford.

The Saturday, April 26, seminars and advice opportunities begin in Chandor Gardens, 711 West Lee Avenue, at 9 a.m. with a program on shade gardening in Parker County. Participants learn how rewarding shade gardening can be as they tour the historic garden, see shade plants at their best, have opportunities to question Master Gardeners, receive gifts, and take extensive printed information home for future use.

The admission to Chandor Gardens is \$5. There is no charge for the PCMG program, which concludes at 11 a.m.

The day's events continue from 1 to 4 p.m. at Clark Gardens Botanical Park, 567 Maddux Road, off Texas 180 near Mineral Wells.

Clark Gardens admission is \$7 for adults (ages 13 and up), \$5 for children (4 to 12) and free for under 4. The PCMG program is free.

A tree planting is at 1 p.m.

Carrie Atchison, Urban Staff Forester with the Texas Forest Service, speaks on Oak Wilt at 2 p.m. in the Chapel. Earl Hogan, NRCS retired, speaks about native trees at 3 p.m. in the Oxbow Overlook.

Participants may tour the gardens, receive information, question Master Gardeners and receive gifts, including a tree for each child attending.

The PCMG will be at Stuart Nursery, 2317 Fort Worth Hwy., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Nursery Day. This annual event makes Master Gardeners available at local nurseries for one-on-one gardening advice. The public is invited to Ask a Master Gardener about problems, and/or get help with plant selections.

See [www.pcmg-texas.org](http://www.pcmg-texas.org), or call the Parker County office of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 817-598-6168 to speak with a Parker County Master Gardener.

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