



## Earth-Kind Shortcourse offered April 7

— Special to the Democrat For area landscape gardeners who want to enjoy beautiful, productive landscapes which require only minimal maintenance while providing maximum protection for the environment, an Earth-Kind Shortcourse will be held Saturday, April 7, at Clark Gardens Botanical Park in western Parker County, according to Jon Green, County Extension Agent-Ag. The event is being sponsored by the Parker County office of Texas Cooperative Extension, Clark Gardens Botanical Park and the Parker County Master Gardener Association. Topics to be covered include Earth-Kind Soil Management, Earth-Kind Roses and Earth-Kind Landscape Design. Instructors who are all Earth-Kind enthusiasts will be Dr. Steve George, Extension Horticulturist, Dallas; Steve Chaney, Extension Agent-Horticulture, Tarrant County; and Gary Wylie, Johnson County Master Gardener. The fee for the shortcourse is \$37.50 per person and includes a 97 page Earth-Kind Guide, an Earth-Kind rose plant, lunch and a tour of the National Earth-Kind Rose Trial being conducted at Clark Gardens according to Green. The day will begin with registration at 10:30 a.m. and the shortcourse will last from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with tour to follow. Preregistration is required. Call (940) 682-4856 by April 2. Other activities to see and do during the day include Historic Tree Trail, "G-Scale" Model Train Exhibit, Composting Demonstration, an All American Rose Trial Garden, more than 1,200 varieties of irises to see, rain water capture and a free Earth-Kind plant given to all children in attendance. Clark Gardens Botanical Park is located at 567 Maddux Road, off Highway 180, 15 minutes west of Weatherford. Educational programs of Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Parker County office of Texas Cooperative Extension at (817) 598-6168 for assistance.

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