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Christmas Party
12:30 p.m.
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Please contribute a dish to share ...appetizers, casseroles, meat or vegetable trays or desserts. Coffee, tea, water and sodas will be provided.

Also, you may wish to bring canned goods and/or jars of baby food to restock CAM (Christmas Assistance Ministry) after Thanksgiving.

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President's Message:



Anne Brown

Thanks, Everyone

This is my last newspaper article as President and it's time to say some big thanks to a lot of people. The President's job is only hard if you don't have good fellow Officers and Committee Chairs, and I was blessed to have the best. So here goes.

First of all to our outgoing officers, **Harold Pierrat, Carol Johnson and Sharon Johnson**. Y'all did a great job for two years, and the whole organization thanks you for all you did. To agree to serve a second term is beyond the call of duty and you are to be congratulated for doing so. My thanks also go to **Fay Drozd**, who served as ex-officio adviser those two years.

As you might guess, the Master Gardeners work best and have the most fun when everyone works together. Our Committee Chairs made that happen. I will go in the order that is listed in the newsletter to thank each Chair. It is appropriate that we begin with **Tony Pacini**. Tony has had many jobs with HCMG, and has done them all extremely well. The last has been the demonstration garden. What a beautiful addition to the Extension Office! Tony had a lot of help along the way, but was almost totally responsible for procuring all the materials, and

for installing the garden, including the irrigation system. Tony has declined to be a Committee Chair this coming year, asking to rest for a year. It is well deserved, and as **Roy Walston** said, we'll give him a year, but no more.

Debbie Russell has served as Education Chair for two and a half years, and has not only managed to organize the process more than it was, and it was organized, but also has recruited strong classes with good people interested in what we do. The Education Chair is appointed in June, unlike the other Chairs, due to the necessity to start getting ready for the coming January class.

Marie Brown assumed the role of Greenhouse Chair last January, and made sure we had the plants to sell at Market Days in good shape. She has, with great dedication, made sure that the plants were watered, fertilized and nurtured, all resulting in plants we were proud to sell.

Diane Whitney also assumed to role of Horticulture Inquiry, otherwise known as the phone desk, last January. Her job is to train the interns how to answer the phone and to make sure that the phones are "covered" when they need to be. Thanks Diane, for doing such a good job.

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Betty West

Calendar of Events: Attendance at events other than Master Gardener meetings is optional; events are listed for those wishing to attend other educational offerings. Be sure to call and confirm event. Betty West

November 26 – Master Naturalists, Hill Country Chapter, will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St., Kerrville. J. David Bamberger will present “Water from Stone,” the story of Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve.

Kudos to:

Rochelle Aymond, Carol Brinkman, Roy Eliff, Patrick Moore, Cheryl Andrews and Carolyn Nall, our latest Interns to complete their volunteer hours and become “certified” Master Gardeners.

Anne Brown and Fay Drozd for propagating new plants for the greenhouse. They propagated 200 new plants in one day. And this will be the basis for next year’s Market Days sales. Way to go, ladies!

December 4 – Native Plant Society of Texas, Kerrville Chapter, will meet at 2:00 p.m. at Riverside Nature Center, Kerrville. Rufus Stephens, Wildlife Biologist of Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept., will discuss “Overabundance of White-tailed Deer, Impacts & Current Solutions.”

Our outgoing 2007 Officers ... **Anne Brown, Harold Pieratt, Carol Johnson and Sharon Johnson.** This was an unbelievable year and we couldn’t have pulled off such a successful Texas Master Gardener convention without this Executive Board.

December 5 - HCMG annual Christmas party at 12:30 p.m. at the Kerr County Extension Office. Everyone should bring a dish to share for our pot luck luncheon. If you need suggestions on what to bring, contact Debbie Russell at russhill@ktc.com or check out Page 3 of this newsletter.

Our newly-elected 2008 Officers ... **Randy Simmons, President;** **Roy Eliff, V-P;** **Cheri Bolden, Secretary** and **Patrick Moore, Treasurer.** We’re all looking forward to another successful year of gardening under your leadership.

December 20 – Deadline for HCMG newsletter articles. Send to Eleanor Baldwin at baldwin@ktc.com

The Education Committee for recruiting a good class, interviewing all the applicants, developing the class schedule and confirming all the speakers. **Debbie Russell** is Chair, and members of the committee are **Marie Brown, Joan Bryson, Fay Drozd, Eileen Haden, Carol Johnson, Sandy Martin, Diane McMahon, Maryallen Meriwether, Connie Townsend,** and **Nina Wagner.** In addition, **Judy Simmons,** our Mentor Coordinator, works closely with them.

January 2, 2008 – HCMG monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office, The 2008 class will be introduced and we ask all members to wear their name badges and favorite garden hats. Refreshments will be provided.

Pam Bresler, Joan Bryson, Dorothy Buchen, Betty West and Sandy Martin for our refreshments at the November meeting.

Thanks to all the Committee Chairs for their hard work and leadership this past year.

Website of the Month

P Allen Smith - Fall Plantings

http://www.pallensmith.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1532&Itemid=99



Christmas Party

It is time to party and celebrate the holiday season!

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Dec 5th at 12:30 p.m. at the Extension Office meeting room. It has been a year of hard work and it is time to have some fun. So put on your party duds and join us for fellowship, good cheer, good food, and a surprise or two.

We are asking everyone to please bring a dish for the table, perhaps an appetizer, casserole, meat, vegetables or desserts. Coffee, tea, water and soda will be provided.

For some families this can be a really tough time of year. CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry) will be dealing with empty shelves right after Thanksgiving. The Christmas Party Committee is asking those who wish to do so bring in canned goods or a jar or two of baby food. Other items are small hotel size soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. You can give your items to **Debbie Russell** and she will be sure that they get in the right box which will be delivered that afternoon.

Thanks everyone and have a great Thanksgiving!

Welcome the New 2008 Master Gardener Class in January!

The new class of '08 is starting Tuesday, January 15th and runs to April 29th. There are a few new classes added to the schedule, so look for a copy of it in the January newsletter.

As we have done in the past, the January meeting has been a Garden Party where we meet the new class and the mentors introduce them and tell us a little bit about each of them. There are 24 applicants and we hope that each and every one of them will join the class.

The January meeting is on January 2 and it will be at 1:00 PM. So wear your garden hat and come and meet the new class at the meeting room.



The January meeting is will be at 1:00 your garden hat meet the new extension

We are also asking that the membership help us out with some party food. Fruit, veggies, cookies, or chips and dip would fit the bill. The committee will provide the drinks. Yeah, I know it was just New Years Day but hey, we can just keep on partying!!!!!!



Photos in this issue courtesy of Ida Lucky and Marguerite Belec.

Pictured are HCMGs Howard Platte (left) Dusty Gilliam, Program Chair (middle) and Fay Drozd (right) Jr. Master Gardener Program Chair.



Review of 2007 HCMG Events

With exemplary leadership for the last two years, we have accomplished much. Some 2007 highlights are:

January: Introduced 20 new class members

February: Started demo garden layout and work



HCMGs Bill Burger, Anne Brown, Otis Fox, Leo and Nina Wagner



March: Counting down to the Convention...revised Bylaws

April: Hosted Texas State Master Gardeners Convention



Left: Marilyn Pease, Betty Martens, Dorothy Buchen

Judy Simmons, Carol Biggs, Betty West



May: Garden Tours in Fredericksburg, thanks to *Liz Althaus*

June: Lavender Day in Fredericksburg with *C.A. Martin, Carol Seminara, Sandy Martin* and *Beverly Weidenfeller*

July: *Pam Bresler* set up Speakers Bureau...three members taught at Club Ed and five talks are scheduled for 2008

August: Scheduled Bamberger Ranch Tour and planned Horticulture Scholarship

September: Market Days continue all summer at the Courthouse Square --- *Tom Collins* leads Butterfly Count

October: Demo garden in full bloom; River Hills Garden Club made first official tour



John Osborn and Betty Martens



Right foreground: Bernadell Larson and Anna Osborn

November: Learned about Lasagna Gardening from *Connie Townsend*. New officers elected.

December: Education Committee completed interviewing 24 applications and we celebrated a very productive year



President's Letter continued:

Fay Drozd did double duty, serving both as an advisor to the officers and Chair of the Jr. Master Gardener Program. She met during the year with local community leaders, and is working to develop a JMG program.

John Osborn (yes it is Osborn regardless of what our directory says) took on Market Days this past year, and did a great job. Some of you may not know that John was the first Chair of Market Days for HCMG. It is very important not only to sell plants on Market Days, but also for us to be a presence in the community. Thanks to John for accomplishing this for us.

Judy Simmons once again chaired the Mentoring Committee for us. It is critical that the new students and Interns have someone to contact during their study and intern time, and Judy makes sure that happens. Thanks.

Randy Simmons and his committee did a great job in presenting a slate of officers for next year. He did so great a job that he agreed to serve as President this coming year.

What a year for great speakers at our monthly meetings. Dusty **Gilliam**, with able assistance from **Annese Thomas**, planned and procured all the speakers, and we had a very impressive line up to educate us during the year.

Sally Ritch agreed to serve as our Public Relations Chair, the first one we ever had, but had to go on leave of absence.

Timekeeping is hard work, especially when people do not turn in their time sheets on time! However, **Ida Luckey** does the job extremely well, in spite of all of us. Thanks Ida, for being so patient, and performing this very important task.

Pam Bresler organized the Speaker's Bureau, and made sure that all requests for speakers were accommodated. We are off to a good start with this new program, and thank Pam for all her hard work to pull this off.

Thanks to **Tommie Airhart** for getting all the above people to serve as Chairs, and for making sure that the Committees had the volunteers they needed to get their jobs done. This was a new position this past year, and it filled a huge need in the organization. Even though Tommie hasn't been able to attend our meetings for a while, she has continued her job, and has every Committee Chair filled for the next year. More of that from Randy later.

Eleanor Baldwin took over the newsletter last January, and has done a great job. She keeps us informed of what is going on, and has added pictures to the presentation. Thanks, Eleanor, for all your hard work.

Lastly, thanks to all of you for a fun two years. We traveled down a lot of paths these past two years, and I thank you for all your support. You all made it worth the effort, and I look forward to continuing being a part of HCMG.

And



to Anne Brown for an extraordinary job from all of the



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Fay Drozd - Ex-officio Advisor
Roy Walston –
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HCMG November 7, 2007 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Anne Brown at 1:55 PM on November 7, 2007 after a presentation on gourds by Bobbie Schenaert.

--Recognition of 2 newly certified Master Gardeners, Rochelle Aymond and Carolyn Nall.

--Treasurer's Report: \$10,131.74 in the bank.

--TMG Awards information is available on the TMG website for anyone interested.

--Will purchase A&M Insect Pest Mgmt CD for the MG Office. Cost is \$8.00.

--Bandera Home & Landscape Show has asked HCMG to participate in their show next Spring.

--Scholarship Committee Report. Fay Drozd outlined the recommendations developed by the committee. After discussion and questions, a motion was made and seconded to accept the committee recommendations with a qualifier that applicants must be a US citizen. A vote was taken with a majority voting to accept the recommendations.

--New officers. Nominations were called for from the floor. None were offered. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominees as follows: Randy Simmons- President, Roy Eliff - Vice President, Pat Moore – Treasurer and Cheri Bolden – Secretary. The nominees were unanimously elected in a voice vote by those in attendance. Randy Simmons and Pat Moore are now authorized to sign HCMG bank account

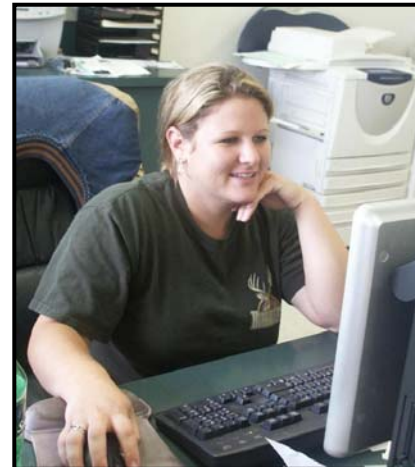
documents and become signatories on the account effective December 1, 2007.

--There are 24 applicants for next year's class.

--Christmas Party on December 5 at 12:30 will be a potluck luncheon. Installation of new officers will be the only official business.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon K Johnson



Always helpful Jamie McClintock in the Extension Office.

Don't forget our website:

<http://www.hillcountrymastergardeners.org>



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