

The Concho Valley Master Gardeners Present:
Fall Landscaping Symposium
Saturday, September 13, 2014

Featuring:

Mike Mosman - Owner, Cactustown Texas
How to Affect All of Your Senses in a Low Water-use Landscape

**Pam Smith - Park Landscape Manager,
City of Farmer's Branch**
Roses for the Landscape

Debbie Frost - County Extension Agent, Retired
Best Plants...Best Garden

Pam Penick - Author and Landscape Designer
Lose the Lawn: Design Tips for Drought-Proof Gardens

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Enhance The Garden Experience

Location: Stephens Central Library Community Room
33 W. Beauregard, San Angelo

Registration 8:00am - Program 8:30am-3:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person, or \$30 per couple

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

Visit txmg.org/conchovalley for parking and other information

See reverse for program descriptions and speaker biographies



Call to RSVP: 325-659-6522

Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 10





Mike Mosman

Mike has been the owner of Cactus Unlimited for the past 15 years. He has supplied hundreds of wholesale and retail nurseries, developers, contractors, architects, and private estates with a wide array of desert plants. The customers Mike has dealt with range from coast to coast - mostly throughout the entire southwest. Mike is also the owner of Cactustown Texas, just 5 minutes north on highway 67. He claims it to be the most unique desert nursery in Texas. 'Desert Gardens' at Cactustown not only has many varieties of cacti, they also have a wide selection of desert shrubs and trees - as well as succulents, palm trees, aloes, agaves, yuccas and more.

Presentation:

How to Affect All of Your Senses in a Low Water-use Landscape: Learn how to create a low water use landscape that will not only be pleasing to the eyes! Color and texture are important, but learn also how to use plants and features to affect *all* of your senses; therefore creating a sense of satisfaction, as well as a feeling of anticipation for your landscape. "A Sensible and Sensable Xeriscape."



Pam Smith

Pam is a horticulturist by passion and profession. Her B.S. degree is in Floriculture from Texas A&M, and M.S. degree is in Horticulture from Texas Tech. She has worked in the green industry for over 40 years - the last 18 years have been with the City of Farmers Branch as the Park Landscape Manager. Current projects include the Rose Gardens, Community Garden and the Nature Preserve. The Farmers Branch rose gardens are home to over 600 different rose cultivars and eight different rose trials.

Presentation:

Roses for the Landscape: Learn how to use these great flowering plants to enhance your landscape. Roses can make a great Waterwise, Earth Kind addition to your plant palette. Bed preparation, selection and care will be covered to equip the gardener with the knowledge to successfully grow the nation's official floral emblem.



Debbie Frost

Debbie is a horticulturist working as a landscape designer and garden coach. Prior experience includes 30 years as an Extension Horticulturist in New Mexico and then Texas. Her focus was on environmental horticulture programs for home gardeners, landscape professionals and Master Gardeners. Frost writes a weekly horticulture news column and volunteers in Extension education events. Education includes a BS in Horticulture and an MA in Agriculture Extension Education from New Mexico State University. Frost lives in Odessa, with her husband Bert where they enjoy spending time with family and grandchildren, Dillan and Samantha.

Presentations:

Best Plants...Best Garden: Plant selection can make or break your gardening spirit! Get the most out of your efforts by selecting the best plant species for our region. Best plants can transform your garden from a mishmash of lawn grasses and plain hedge rows to a landscape space that sings hallelujah from season to season with a variety of color, texture and form. Transform your garden from "ho-hum to ooohhh my!" with well adapted plants.

Enhance The Garden Experience: Plants are just one piece of the puzzle when it comes to gardens. Complete the experience with art and embellishment just as you do inside your home. Serious, fun and even functional inorganic items can take your garden from nice to Wowee! Create color themes, subject themes and fanciful fun for your garden. See what can be done with beautiful, imaginative, re-purposed accents to complete the garden experience.



Pam Penick

Pam Penick is author of [Lawn Gone! Low-Maintenance, Sustainable, Attractive Alternatives for Your Yard](#) and a [landscape designer](#) in Austin, Texas, specializing in lawn reduction for homeowners looking for water-conserving, regionally appropriate, and beautiful alternatives. She's [written](#) for *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Design*, and other publications, and her [photographs](#) have appeared in books and magazines. On her blog, [Digging](#), she offers an inspirational mash-up of garden tours, design tips, posts about drought-tolerant plants, and plenty of examples of [lawn-gone gardens](#).

Presentation:

Lose the Lawn: Design Tips for Drought-Proof Gardens: Has your lawn turned to dust in the drought? If you ditch the lawn to save water, what do you do with an empty yard? Put down some rocks and a lonely cactus? Stop! Don't let your yard be a "zeroscape." Xeriscaping can be beautiful! Pam Penick talks about alternative design ideas for lawn-gone yards that are beautiful, less thirsty, and better for the environment.