

The Concho Valley Master Gardeners 4th annual

FALL Landscaping Symposium

Saturday, September 12, 2015



Neil Sperry

Myths and Mystiques of
Texas Gardening

and

Water-Conscious Landscaping

Charles Floyd

Creating Mini-Habitats in
Your Landscape for
Desirable Songbirds

Steve Lyons

Weather & Gardens - Taking
Weather Away From Plant
Growing Woes

Cindy Burkhalter

How to Start and Maintain a
Butterfly Garden in the South

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

Registration 8:00am - Program 8:45-3:15

Cost: \$25 per person

Refreshments and lunch will be provided

txmg.org/conchovalley - registration
instructions for cash or check, as well as
parking and hotel info

<http://mkt.com/cvmg> - register with credit card

**Seating is limited,
must pre-register to attend**

Deadline: September 8th

FMI: 325-659-6522



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Neil Sperry



Neil Sperry grew up in College Station, the son of a professor and head librarian. He attended Texas A&M, but transferred to The Ohio State University, where he completed both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in horticulture. His name has been synonymous with Texas gardening since 1970. Neil has grown a very successful reputation in the horticulture industry, with extensive efforts to share his knowledge through many formats:

Radio: Neil broadcasts weekends over DFW powerhouse radio station WBAP NEWS/TALK 820 AM, following a very successful 30-year career at KRLD Dallas/Fort Worth. He broadcasts to more than 50 stations statewide with his daily Plant Talk Texas and weekend Texas Lawn and Garden Hour.

Newspapers: Featured garden columnist with the Fort Worth Star Telegram, San Antonio Express News, Dallas Morning News and 15 other newspapers across the state.

Magazine: Owns and publishes Neil Sperry's GARDENS Magazine.

Books: 'Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening' is the 4th best-selling gardening hardback in American history. Released in April 2014 was 'Neil Sperry's Lone Star Gardening,' Neil self-published this book, and it will be available for purchase at the symposium.

Professional Recognition: Inducted into Texas Radio Hall of Fame, American Garden Communicator of the Year (American Association of Nurserymen), Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension), Garden Communicators Association of America: top awards for his radio and television broadcasts, book, magazine and calendar.

Presentations:

Myths and Mystiques of Texas Gardening: Is it fact or fiction? Have you ever heard something that left you scratching your head? Neil will delve into many of the most common concepts and comments, bringing light to their subject. Who knows – he may save you time, money and a lot of frustration in the process.

Water-Conscious Landscaping: Every county in Texas is concerned about longterm water needs, and no place any more so than Tom Green County and the Concho Valley. Neil will address plants, principles and practices that will allow gardeners and their plants to coexist within our civic responsibility to conserve every available drop.

Charles Floyd



Charles is a retired science teacher and school administrator who has spent his retirement years as a federally licensed master bird bander. Each year he typically traps and marks around 5000 birds representing 150 species for research purposes. From hummingbirds to hawks, he has intimate knowledge of most of the birds of west Texas, their habits and habitats. He leads West Texas

Avian Research, Inc, a non-profit organization of bird banders devoted to the study of birds in this region. He is a presenter for many of the nature/birding festivals across the state.

Presentation:

Creating Mini-Habitats in Your Landscape for Desirable Songbirds: Your landscape may be worthy of a blue ribbon award from the garden club but most city, small town and suburban landscapes with their green lawns are worse than the Sahara desert for our feathered friends. Learn what you can do to bring back the sweet songs of the birds and the flutter of hummingbird wings to your corner of the world.

Steve Lyons



Dr. Steve Lyons has been a meteorologist for nearly 40 years and has worked in a wide range of weather disciplines. His expertise is with hurricanes and ocean waves. However, he has been a professor at three universities including Texas A&M where he is still an adjunct professor and is well rounded in many facets of meteorology. He has been a research scientist working weather issues for the U.S. Navy. Steve has been a climate

scientist at the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at Princeton University. He has also worked in the private sector meteorology business; for 12 hurricane seasons he was The Weather Channel Hurricane Expert covering a majority of the most costly U.S. hurricanes in our country's history. Steve has worked in the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters in Fort Worth TX and at its National Hurricane Center in Miami FL. Steve currently manages the National Weather Service forecast office in San Angelo Texas. His office provides forecasts and warnings for a large portion of west-central Texas. He has given hundreds of talks and written more than 100 papers, many published in journals.

Presentation:

Weather & Gardens - Taking Weather Away From Plant Growing Woes: How can you maximize your success in growing your plants and flowers? How does the behavior of local weather impact your growing success? How can you find critical weather and climate information that will help your garden thrive? What can you do to try and take weather woes off your plant failure list?

Cindy Burkhalter

Cindy teaches English at Angelo State University. Her academic background is in both English and Psychology, and she has taught for over 40 years. Her interest in butterflies and butterfly gardening has been a lifelong interest. As a child, she spent hours observing, identifying, and hosting butterflies in her parents' gardens. She even established a thriving butterfly nursery and learned about, with great interest and amazement, the complete life cycle of the butterfly.

As an adult, she pursued Master Gardener training as a part of her effort to continue her education about butterfly gardening. For three and one-half years, she aided in the operation of a Butterfly House at Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg, TX. This opportunity afforded her a wonderful, hands-on opportunity to operate a substantial butterfly garden and nursery and to participate in the education of all who visited the Butterfly House.

Presentation:

How to Start and Maintain a Butterfly Garden in the South: Cindy will provide all the basics for creating a successful butterfly garden, by covering the following topics: Understanding the Butterfly, Creating a Butterfly Garden, Pest Control, Butterflies for the South, Host Plants, Nectar Plants, and Recommended Resources.

