

Earth-Kind® Rose Symposium

The Earth-Kind Program, developed by Texas A & M University, is promoted as the horticultural gardening system of the 21st century because it makes it possible for today's time-strapped gardeners to spend a minimum amount of time caring for their plants, to be environmentally responsible, and to still be successful in their growing endeavors. No one benefits when plant lovers "throw in the trowel" because of too busy schedules.

Roses are awarded the distinctive Earth-Kind designation only when they have proven to meet high levels of landscape performance and outstanding disease and insect tolerance after rigorous statewide testing. In this program you will learn how to select plants and utilize Earth-Kind gardening practices to maximize your gardening success.

Sat. Oct. 17th, 8:00 - 5:30 p.m. Early Registration: \$65 (see Reg. Form)

4-H Activity Center ~ 259 Bachelor Dr. ~ Victoria, TX

(At Victoria Regional Airport ~ across from the control tower)

Coordinated by:

**Victoria County Master Gardener Association and
Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Victoria County**

Sponsored by: Renken's Nursery, Inc., Northside Ranch Pet & Garden Center,
EarthWorks, Wal-Mart Super Center, Texas Backyard at H-E-B Plus!

At this Symposium, you can learn to :

Create a beautiful landscape,

Decrease supplemental watering by up to 70%,

Minimize use of pesticides significantly,

Grow beautiful roses in a variety of soil types with abundant blooms,

Utilize Earth-Kind gardening techniques!

Registration fee includes:

- ✓ **Presentations by Dr. Steven W. George, creator of Earth-Kind® Rose Program, and others**
- ✓ **Small group seminars with each of the presenters**
- ✓ **Box Lunch**
- ✓ **Refreshments: morning & afternoon breaks**
- ✓ **Opportunity to shop with garden vendors**
- ✓ **Earth-Kind® Handbook**
- ✓ **2 gal. experimental rose**

*Earn 6
CEUs for
Master
Gardeners*

*Earn 3 CEUs
for TDA
pesticide
credit (TX
Department
of
Agriculture)*

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361-575-2028

Don't "throw in the trowel". Join us and learn how to garden the Earth-Kind way!



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Earth-Kind[®] Rose Symposium Agenda

- 8:00 Registration and Refreshments
- 9:00 **Welcome and Overview** - Joe Janak, Agriculture Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Victoria
- 9:10 **Earth-Kind Overview** - Dr. Steve George, Landscape Horticulture Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Dallas
- 9:20 **Earth-Kind Roses: The Ultimate In Beautiful, Low-Maintenance Roses**
Gaye Hammond, Past President, Houston Rose Society
- 10:20 Break
- 10:35 **Improving Existing Soils Through Earth-Kind Environmental Soil Management**
Steve Chaney, Horticulture Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Ft. Worth
- 11:35 **The Ever-Expanding Horizons for Earth-Kind** - Dr. Steve George
- Noon Lunch (provided on site)
- 12:45 **Overview of Concurrent Sessions:** 35 minutes each, with a 10-minute break between each session; audience will be divided into four groups, each group rotates in numerical order through all four of the concurrent sessions.
- 1:05 **Concurrent Sessions Begin**
- Session 1: **Earth-Kind Bed Preparation Demonstration** - Steve Chaney
- Session 2: **Introducing Children to the Joy of Growing Roses** - Gaye Hammond
- Session 3: **Creating an Earth-Kind Rose Garden in Your Own Backyard** - Dr. Steve George
- Session 4: **Companion Plants for Earth-Kind Roses** - Dr. Shari Koch, Horticulture Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Rosenberg
- 3:55 Break
- 4:10 Depart for Research Site at adjacent VCMGA Educational Gardens
- 4:20 **Tour of VCMGA's Earth-Kind Rose Research Study Site at the Award-Winning Victoria Educational Gardens (VEG)**
- 4:50 Return to General Assembly Room
- 5:00 Course Evaluation - Joe Janak
- 5:15 **Distribution Of Experimental Roses**
- 5:30 Adjourn

Registration form - Earth-Kind[®] Rose Symposium Sat., Oct. 17, 2009 - 8:00-5:30 p.m.
Complete this form and mail with your check. **Register early. Space is limited.**

Name: _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

(You will receive confirmation by email. Because of expenses incurred by VCMGA, ticket costs are non-refundable.)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (\$65.00 if received by VCMGA by 5 p.m. on Oct 1. Should seats still be available after Oct. 1 deadline, a late registration will be accepted at a cost of \$75 per person with seats assigned in the order the payment is received, with final deadline being Oct. 9th)

Checks payable to **VCMGA**; Mail checks to **VCMGA, P. O. Box 1723, Victoria, TX 77902.**

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