

# FORT BEND COMMUNITY & SCHOOL GARDENS NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2026

## Annual Vegetable Conference

Join us this **February 17th** at the 41st Annual Fort Bend Regional Vegetable Conference at the Fort Bend Epicenter! Our new multi-track format offers educational programs for educators/school gardens (CPEs available), TDA licensed agricultural pesticide applicators (5 CEUs available), backyard gardeners, small market gardeners/producers, and food preservation/canning. Included with paid registration is a BBQ lunch, catered by Safari Texas Ranch, along with refreshments throughout the day! Door prizes will also be given away.

### Educator/School Garden Track Agenda:

- Digging Deeper with 4H Gardening Curricula
- Learning Leaf by Leaf: Cafeteria Hydroponics at Lamar CISD
- Growing a Sustainable School Garden Program Question & Answer Panel
- Getting the Green: Grant Opportunities for School Gardens
- Plant Propagation & Seed Saving

EARLY REGISTRATION IS \$45 UNTIL JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER!

## Learn, Grow, Eat, and Go!

On January 5, Gabrielle Butler (County Extension Educator) and Priscilla Ofori (4H-Urban Youth Development Agent) hosted a Junior Master Gardener Workshop focusing on Early Childhood curriculum. There were 47 educators from Meadow Montessori School and Sugar Mill Montessori School in attendance. The educators participated in hands-on activities, a lesson-plan breakdown, and breakout sessions about “Gardening with Youth” and “Sensory Activities for Infant/Toddlers”.



Gabrielle Butler explains a hands-on sensory activity for toddlers in a school's garden.



Teachers practice a fun craft activity called “Rainbow Roots,” that demonstrates parts of the plant.

PLANT. GROW. HARVEST.

Did you know there's more than 45 community and school gardens across Fort Bend? Here's a few:



Armstrong Elementary School (Missouri City)



Montessori House for Children (Richmond)



Preston Street Community Garden (Richmond)



Garden of Grace at Grace Fellowship Church (Katy)

We want to feature your garden! Send your location, workday/time, and pictures to: [gabrielle.butler@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:gabrielle.butler@ag.tamu.edu)

## Task Force Meets Monthly

Want more educational programs to support your garden and volunteers? Join us on 1st Mondays at 6PM in the Extension Annex (1436 Band Rd, Rosenberg, TX 77471). You'll find community volunteers, gardeners, and educators coming together to strategize and implement Extension programming that makes a difference in Fort Bend.

## Contact Us

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