



The BROWN LEAF

Arlington Master Composters

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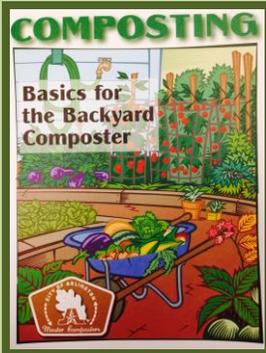
Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch Better Than Ever

We had a great turnout for the appreciation brunch in December. Over 40 Arlington Master Composters enjoyed the lovely buffet and our gift exchange game. More impressive though, were the conversations amongst the comrades. You all are a special group of folks and it is so joyful when we all get together.



During the brunch, we also recognized our 2014 volunteer of the year, Mr. Mike Heymann. Mike attended the 2013 Master Composter Class and quickly earned his first 40 hours towards certification and his free compost bin. Mike is instinctive; he is a self-starter and chips in wherever there is a need. Whether it's a specific task or working at Tierra Verde on Saturday mornings, Mike is always there to help. Mike was not able to attend the brunch at Tierra Verde, but hopefully, he knows how much we all appreciate his unending willingness to help improve the Arlington Master Composter Program. THANKS Mike!!!!





Grant-funded Education Opportunity

Last year, we received a small grant to have our *Basics for the Backyard Composter* booklet translated into Spanish and Vietnamese. This spring, we will be distributing the new booklets in conjunction with a Compost-Bin-Give-Away (also grant-funded).

This is an excellent opportunity to reach a whole new cross-section of Arlington residents.

We are in need of a couple of folks that speak fluent Spanish and Vietnamese to help with the events. If you or someone you know may be able to help, please let me know.

I have not secured dates or locations for the events but will have more details a little later this year.

Thank you.

Lorrie

Master Composter Workshop

February 27 & 28, 2015



Help us spread the word...

The annual Master Composter Class is scheduled for February 27th and 28th.

The class will be held at UTA's Veteran's Assistance Center located at 406 Summit Avenue (formerly the SWEET Center) in Arlington.

On-line registration is available at:
www.arlingtontx.gov/environment.

We'll need a few volunteers Friday night and at least six Saturday for the discussion panels and pile-building.

Please contact Lorrie if you'd like to help.



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