



# The BROWN LEAF

Arlington Master Composters

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## Save the date!

### Ecofest

Sept. 19, 2015



## Master Composter Class of 2015



March's annual Master Composter Workshop was one of our best ever. In addition to Arlington residents, this year's class brought us folks from Hurst, Mansfield, Bedford and Carrollton. We were also very pleased to welcome Ms. Marshall-Knowles and several students from Juan Seguin High School's Environmental Club. They brought a fresh perspective and a feeling of hopefulness to the class.

Please help me welcome our new and very enthusiastic master composter interns: Sherry Andrewson, David Baker, Natalye Del Prado, Darlene Donovan, Cindy Elefson, Carolyn Hazel, Richard Hazel, Mairy Hernandez, My Le, Lee Suehyun, Donna Marshall-Knowles, Sally Miller, Phat Nguyen, Sandra Schniepp, Sarah Schniepp, Jan Stout, Fatima Thomas, Howard Tran, Cynthia Villalobos, Marie Williams and Mary Lou Yost.

I look forward to getting to know them better as many of them have expressed interest in earning their Master Composter certification.

*Lorrie*



## A Few Words About Don Graves



Don Graves attended our very first Master Composter class in November of 1996.

Back then, I had no idea what I was doing, especially when it came to working with volunteers. But Don helped make it easy. Through his experiences as a Master Gardner, he had me rolling along in no time at all.

He told me right away, we needed name badges which he helped me design.

Don was a gifted teacher and loved to share his knowledge. Like many others, I have learned so much from Don over the years. Some of my favorites are: how to carry a Shepherd's compost bin without hurting your back, how to tear newspaper in strips with the grain and many, many gardening tips.

I am honored to have known Don and to have worked with him on the Master Composter program. I will miss him dearly.

*Lorrie*

## Volunteer Opportunities

### ► Compost Bin Giveaway

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Duncan Community Center at  
Vandergriff Park  
2800 S. Center Street  
8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

We will need assistance with:

- Distributing compost bins and books
- Checking proof of residency
- Answering questions about composting
- Translating

Our target audience for this grant-funded event is residents that speak primarily Spanish or Vietnamese, so we are especially in need of volunteers that speak Spanish or Vietnamese.

(You do not have to be Spanish or Vietnamese to receive a free compost bin, but you must be an Arlington resident.)

### ► Conservation Plant Sale

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Home Depot  
Road to Six Flags  
8:00 am until 12:00 noon

We will need assistance with:

- Distributing information about backyard composting and about our monthly classes
- Answering questions about backyard composting

