



Forty-Fourth Edition

January 2005

The **MASTER COMPOSTER** Program of Arlington is in partnership with Texas to dramatically decrease yard and household waste going to landfills by inspiring and educating our citizens to reduce, recycle, and reuse.

John Darling — 2004 Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Mr. John Darling who was recognized at the Christmas luncheon in December as the 2004 Arlington Master Composter Volunteer of the Year.



compost to helping the City write grants, no job is too big or too small.

John attended the very first Master Composter class in November of 1996. Since then, he has volunteered for a variety of tasks. From screening

We especially appreciate John's ability to "see the big picture" in ways such as bringing the City, the Arlington Conservation Council and the Arlington Master Composters together to accomplish similar goals. John is a true asset to our program

and our community.



Texas Recycles Day 2004 Roundup Event

As many of you know, the City of Arlington recognized *Texas Recycles Day* in November by once again hosting a computer and electronics collection event.

Several Master Composters were there to help with the event which was held at UTA from 8 am to 12 pm. Over 32 tons of old computers and other electronics were taken to Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth as a result of the event.

A special thanks to John and Frances Presson, Sharon Thorwald, Alex Aguilera and Phyllis

Behrens for braving the cold weather and helping at the event.



January Meeting

Please make plans to attend our 1st meeting of the new year

Thursday, January 13
7:00 p.m.
Buck N Loons Restaurant
3517 S. Cooper Street.

In the past, we've met at Amilio's Deli, but they have gone out of business. Buck N Loons has a separate room for dining and meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss our plans for the year. So please come and feel free to share any ideas or suggestions you have regarding the Master Composter program.

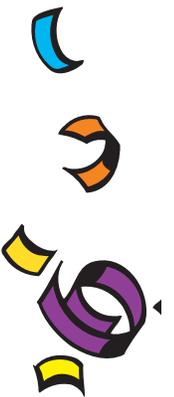
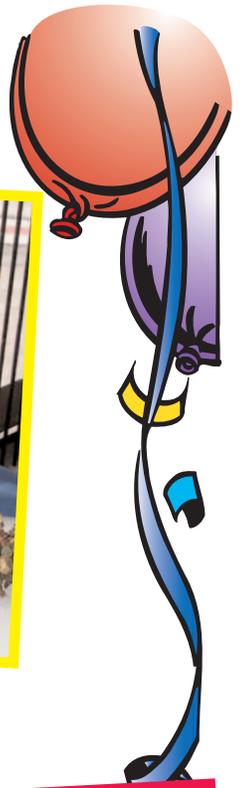
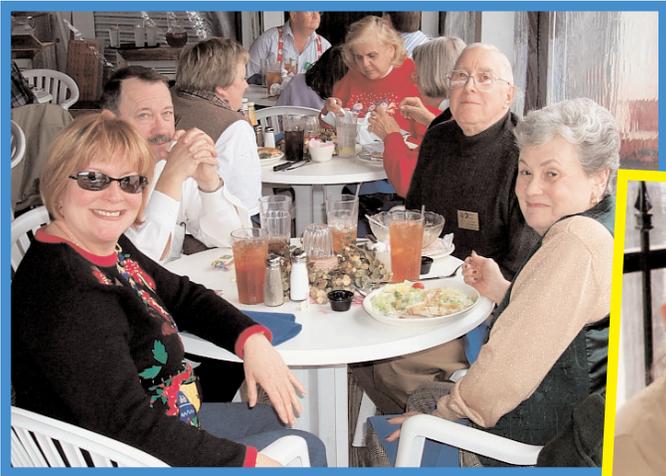
If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please call Lorrie at 817-459-6778.

2004 Annual Christmas and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

With over 40 in attendance, the annual Christmas luncheon was a huge success. For those who couldn't make it, once again the wonderful atmosphere and hospitality of the staff at the Oasis on Joe Pool Lake added a little something special to the celebration.

To everyone who joined us, thanks for coming and allowing the City of Arlington to say THANKS for being such great volunteers.





A Message from the Backyard Compost Coordinator

In its 8th year, the Arlington Master Composter program has accomplished so much. And as we begin the new year, I look forward to working with all of my fellow compost comrades to accomplish even more.



Once again, we are starting the year by hosting a booth at the Howard Garrett show which will be followed by the Master Composter Workshop in February and the Wormshop in March. We

will be very busy this spring making improvements to our demonstration sites as we wrap up our grant project. I will try my hardest to keep everyone informed of upcoming volunteer opportunities and encourage each of you to continue "spreading the word" about our program and the many benefits of composting. Thanks so much.

— Lorrie

Master Composter Workshop

The annual Master Composter Workshop is scheduled for February 25 and 26. Please tell anyone interested in learning more about the class to visit our web site at www.ci.arlington.tx.us or call 817-459-6778.



Leaf Recycling Update

In only its third year, this voluntary program is overwhelmingly popular. More and more Arlington residents are demonstrating their environmental awareness by participating in the City's solid waste reduction programs such as leaf recycling, curbside recycling and the computer roundup.

Over 400 tons of leaves have been collected so far through the City's leaf drop off sites. With 1 1/2 months to go, we expect to break last year's record of 800 tons.



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