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**Woodlands Landscaping Solutions provides water-wise info on September 28**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 18, 2013) – Great gardens begin in the fall! From native perennials and shrubs to cool season veggies, fall is the ideal time to plant. Moderate temperatures and warm soils encourage root growth that continues into winter and through spring. By summer, plants are well established and better able to handle East Texas heat and seasonal drought.

Just in time for fall planting, The Woodlands Landscaping Solutions event, on Saturday, September 28, 2013, from 9 a.m. to noon at 8203 Millennium Forest Drive, spotlights native and well-adapted plants, herbs and vegetables for southern gardens. Offering sage tips for yard and garden, this free, how-to event focuses on achieving an attractive, easy-care landscape that conserves water.

Explore the hottest trends in water-wise landscaping—rainwater harvesting and drip irrigation—with Montgomery County Master Gardeners. Woodlands Joint Powers Agency shares how to program and troubleshoot your irrigation system for optimum efficiency.

Develop your green thumb with demonstrations about plant propagation and backyard composting. Ailing plants receive a free diagnosis and prescription at the Plant Clinic. Sickly or pest-damaged plants should be transported in a plastic baggie.

The vegetable gardening guru, Ben van der Pol, will reveal how to grow your own vegetables from seed, as he shares what, when and how to plant. Open-pollinated seeds, vegetable starts, culinary herbs, olive trees and blueberry plants will be for sale at the The Herb Cottage.

Invite nature to your landscape with habitat gardening and the plants that attract birds and butterflies. Texas Bluebird Society, Butterfly Enthusiasts of Southeast Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reveal the basics. Nature's Way Resources will offer hard-to-find understory trees, shrubs, vines and perennials. Discover heirloom bulbs for hot landscapes with Chris Wiesinger, the Bulb Hunter.

Whatever the gardening challenge, Woodlands Landscaping Solutions has the answer! The event is organized by The Woodlands Township with sponsorship by Montgomery County Master Gardener Association, The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N., Hilton Garden Inn and Waste Management. For more information, please visit [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/gardeningevents](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/gardeningevents) or call 281-210-3800.

**PHOTOS:** From irrigation techniques to butterfly gardening and growing vegetables, Woodlands Landscaping Solutions on Saturday, September 28 spotlights water-wise methods with free booths, demonstrations, plant sale and give-a-ways.

