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Texas Master Gardener Association  
2007 GRAPHIC PRESENTATION AWARD



Association Membership/Size: Small (Small, Medium, Med.Large or Large)

Number of Members: 45

County: Hood

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Educational Program Title: Rainwater Harvesting — Tank Installation

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**THIS SUBMISSION SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO (2) PAGES TOTAL.**

**I. DESCRIPTION OF THE GRAPHIC PRESENTATION (10 pts) Points \_\_\_\_\_**  
**In 150 words or less please describe the Graphic Presentation.**

This PowerPoint presentation was originally developed for use in LGMG community education Rainwater Harvesting classes. Photographs for this presentation were taken during the final installation and connection of the rainwater harvesting system in the LGMG Demonstration Garden. The sequence follows a TAMU training specialist as he explains the parts of the system and the process of installation. Rainwater Harvesting class participants can first view the connecting procedure in the classroom and then go outside to the Demonstration Garden to see the actual harvesting tank and hook-up. The TAMU Rainwater Harvesting Specialist program is now using this PowerPoint to train Rainwater Harvesting specialists throughout the state.

**Please answer questions as they relate to the 2007 entry year.  
VALUE 10 POINTS EACH**

**1. Who is/was the target audience and how was it identified? Points \_\_\_\_\_**

The target audience is Hood County residents/visitors who want educational information on water conservation methods. A secondary audience is Texas Rainwater Harvesting Specialist classes.

**2. What is/are the objective(s) the presentation? Points \_\_\_\_\_**

The objective is to illustrate the specifics of connecting a rainwater harvesting system from a catchment area to a harvesting tank and to explain the purpose of each part of the system.

**3. How many Master Gardeners were involved? How many volunteer hours? Points \_\_\_\_\_**

Forty-eight MGs helped with the rainwater harvesting tank connection process, which was photographed by one MG (3 hr.). One MG prepared the PowerPoint presentation (3 hr.).

**4. How was Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) involved and How was accuracy of information assured? Points \_\_\_\_\_**

TAMU Rainwater Harvesting specialists connected the tank and provided instruction/educational material during the process. These materials were incorporated into the PowerPoint. The TCE agent, who helped with the connection, reviewed the presentation after its completion.

**5. Were any other organizations involved? How? Points \_\_\_\_\_**

Hood & Menard County TCE and other Extension specialists assisted with the class/installation.

**6. Does the TCE logo appear on the presentation? No. Points \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. How was the presentation used to educate the community? Points \_\_\_\_\_**

The PowerPoint is used in LGMG community education classes on Rainwater Harvesting. The presentation is also available for checkout through the TCE office. Anyone interested in constructing a Rainwater Harvesting System can borrow it. It is also shown to civic/garden clubs. TAMU Rainwater Harvesting Specialists use it to train new Specialists throughout the state.

**8. How many people have seen the presentation? 160 people. Points \_\_\_\_\_**

**9. Were copies of the presentation distributed? How and how many? Points \_\_\_\_\_**

Two copies were made. The Hood County TCE used one seven times in 2007 to demonstrate the process of connecting a rainwater harvesting system in the LGMG Demonstration Garden. Another was used six times by the Rainwater Harvesting Specialists to teach Specialist classes.

**10. Did the presentation meet the objective? Describe. Points \_\_\_\_\_**

Seeing the actual steps taken to connect a system in the classroom and then seeing a real life demonstration in the LGMG Garden provided enormous educational benefits. TCE Rainwater Harvesting Specialists incorporated this presentation into their statewide training program.

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