

# NTNGA April News

The April meeting will be held at Tawakoni Plant Farm on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Tour starts at 5:30 with meeting and dinner to follow. Helena Chemical Company will be the sponsor. Ches has lined up an interesting presentation to learn valuable nursery information. Brad Bush of Helena Chemical Company will be the guest speaker. Tawakoni Plant Farm is located at 651 VZ CR 3728 in Wills Point. Call Ben Fischer – Tawakoni Plant Farm to RSVP 800/880-6728. Please make room on your calendar to attend and remember to RSVP.

NTNGA would like to thank Christina Pampena of PPG for sponsoring our March meeting. There were 18 members present and 3 guests. If you did not attend or need more information about chlorine injection using tablets call John Surratt of Four States Irrigation at 214-797-9121.

Herman Vess reports there was \$8500 raised for the Mary Moser Scholarship Fund/ Memorial Greenhouse project at the Feb 2010 trade show.

A huge Thank You to all who participated in making it a success.

## Enjoying the Beauty of the Spring Season

By Mike Freeman

The spring of the year is a favorite season for many people, and it is certainly easy to understand why this is so. The spring is when the earth comes back to life after a long cold winter, and it is in the spring when the first flowers begin to bloom and the green world begins to return after its winter slumber.

The power of spring and its regenerative effects are evidenced by the fact that every major religion includes a major holiday in the spring season. From Passover to Easter, it seems that every culture marks spring with a celebration of renewal and new life. It is easy to understand how in times past ancient cultures were overjoyed by the power of spring and the beauty of new life.

The spring is an important season for many hobbies, including of course gardening. For the gardener, the spring is one of the most pleasant times in the garden. The spring is the time when the bulbs that were carefully planted in the fall begin to grow and blossom, and the spring is when the first seedlings are carefully nestled in the garden. There is no doubt that the spring is one of the most beautiful, and most colorful, of all seasons for the gardener.

The spring is also a favorite time for home improvement projects that could not go forward while the weather was too cold. Whether it is a small project like installing new downspouts or a large project like building a new garage or storage shed, the spring is one of the best times to work at improving the value and livability of the home. In the spring, the weather is neither too hot nor too cold, and the homeowner has plenty of daylight in which to work. It is no wonder that the spring season is one of the busiest for home improvement stores and warehouses.

For the outdoor sports enthusiast, there is nothing like the coming of the spring season. For the fisherman, the coming of spring means the first day of trout season. For the avid hiker, spring means that those favorite trails are no longer impassable due to snow, and for the horseback rider spring means being able to take a ride without first bundling up. And of course spring means the opening of baseball season, a joy for spectators and players alike.

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Happy Spring to all – It's finally here!

