TO: Master Gardeners & Agents

FROM: Marty Vahlenkamp, County Extension Agent and Lake Granbury Master Gardeners Association

SUBJECT: Master Gardener Rainwater Specialist Training

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service in Hood County and Lake Granbury Master Gardeners are offering a Master Gardener Rainwater Specialist Training in Hood County on July 13th and July 14th, 2011. The training will take place in the Meeting Room at the Hood County Annex 1, 1410 West Pearl Street, Granbury, TX.

This hands-on training will include the tours of collection systems at the Lake Granbury Master Gardener demonstration site. Every trainee will make a rain barrel to take home for their own use, or to use as a demonstration. Each trainee will receive a shirt, power point and other materials to help them install rainwater harvesting system demonstrations in their counties and teach others about rainwater harvesting. Be sure to dress appropriately for these activities. A copy of the tentative schedule is attached with the registration form with some information on hotels.

Only 30 participant spots are available for this training, so please submit your registration forms as soon as possible. Registration is on a first come/first serve basis. Payment and forms must be in our office by June 27, 2011. Contact Marty Vahlenkamp at (817) 579-3280 or by email m-vahlenkamp@tamu.edu to answer any questions or provide further information.

Once the course is complete, Master Gardener Rainwater Harvesting Specialists will be able to set up a rainwater harvesting demonstration and trainings in their counties for other Master Gardeners and for the public.

We are excited to be able to host such a great learning opportunity and look forward to seeing you here in Granbury.