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Educational Background: Ph.D.-horticulture, Texas
A&M University, 1989; M.Agr.-horticulture and adult
education, Texas A&M University, 1982; B.S.-
horticulture, Texas A&M University, 1979.

Career Experience: Extension Horticulturist,
campus-based, 1987 to present; Extension Agent -
Horticulture, Bexar County, 1982 to 1987; Extension
Assistant, campus-based, 1981 to 1982; Extension
Agent, Van Zandt County, 1979 to 1981.

Area of Specialization: In addition to working all aspects of consumer horticulture, Dr. Welsh gives special emphasis to landscape water management and Xeriscape. He is a co-author of the book, *Xeriscape Gardening: Water Conservation for the American Landscape* (Macmillan, 1992).

His new book is *Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac* (Texas A&M Press, 2007), which won a 2008 Gold Medal and Silver Medal of Achievement from the Garden Writers Association.

Dr. Welsh previously served as coordinator for the Texas Master Gardener program for 21 years and currently serves as Associate Department Head for Extension Horticulture in the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Dr. Welsh has over 30 years of experience as a garden writer and broadcaster, having provided regular garden programming and columns for WOAI-AM1200 (San Antonio), KTKR-AM760 (San Antonio), KTAM-AM1240 (Bryan), KSAT-TV (San Antonio) and the *San Antonio Express-News*. Currently, he currently produces a weekly garden segment on KBTX-TV (Bryan) and a weekly one-hour, call-in garden show on KAMU-FM, public radio (College Station). These segments and shows are archived at kbtx.com and kamu.tamu.edu.

Honors and Affiliations: Dr. Welsh received the 2008 Media "Signal" Award from Brazos Beautiful for his radio show; a 1998 Superior Service Award from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; the 1992 John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals from the American Society for Horticultural Sciences; and an "Honorary Certified Landscape Professional" designation in 1993 from the Texas Association of Landscape Contractors. Dr. Welsh is also a Past President and board member of the National Xeriscape Council, Inc. He is a member of the Garden Writers Association.

Additional Information: Dr. Welsh is a Houston native and is married to the former Laura Holloway. They reside in College Station and have four children, Katherine, John, Tyler and Elena.

