



Mariana Greene

BIO:

Mariana Greene, garden editor at *The Dallas Morning News*, is a Dallas native and lifelong gardener. She comes from an extended line of Southerners whose women raised flowers — morning glories, zinnias and sweet peas — and whose men raised crops such as cotton, onions and tobacco seedlings for resale to other planters. Her first gardening memory is helping her mother dig transplant holes for annual red verbenas and disturbing a horny toad.

A writer and journalist since junior high, Mariana has specialized in garden writing since 2003. Her stories and weekly column, appropriately named *Gardening Fool*, seek to convey the passions that digging in the dirt can awaken in people — herself and others practicing the art and craft in North Texas. Charmed by Martha Stewart's stories about her heritage poultry breeds, Mariana established a backyard flock in 2003. As the antics of her city chickens have become a regular topic of her columns, readers are as interested in talking with her about the entertaining garden girls as in gardening itself.

In welcoming Texas Master Gardeners to the Dallas area, Mariana will share some of the colorful, inspirational and sometimes kooky stories of the passionate gardeners who have populated the pages of *The Dallas Morning News*.