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Landry Lockett was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas. He completed both a B.S. and a Masters degree at Texas Tech University in Ornamental Horticulture. Landry moved to Austin to be an arborist working for Davey Tree Expert Company for more than a year. He then spent the next six years as an Ornamental Horticulture County Extension Agent in Collin County. His work with Texas Master Gardeners began at that time as he led the Collin County Master Gardeners. Landry earned a Doctorate of Education in Agricultural Education through a joint degree program from Texas A&M and Texas Tech, and is currently serving as an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist within Texas AgriLife Extension's Organizational Development unit in the Agricultural Education Department at Texas A&M University. Improving volunteerism and volunteer administrators within Texas AgriLife Extension is an important aspect of Landry's responsibilities. At Landry's home, you will find a wife, two kids, six 55-gallon plastic barrels to catch rain, never-sprayed roses, onions planted by a four-year-old, lizards, mesquite trees planted on purpose, and sweet tea.

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Concurrent Session Synopsis from Landry Lockett

10:00 – 10:50 a.m. **“The Importance of Evaluating and Interpreting Volunteer Programs.”**

How much of an impact are we having in our communities? Do the activities that we spend time and money on really make a difference? These are a couple of the many questions that we should be asking ourselves related to the effectiveness of our efforts. This session is an introductory course in the importance of evaluating our educational programs and available tools to do that.

2:00 – 2:50 p.m. **“Hints on Working Well with County Extension Agents and Specialists.”**

You became a Master Gardener because of a love of horticulture and a desire to improve your corner of the world. You realize that you are a part of a larger organization called Texas AgriLife Extension Service, but do you really understand Extension's mission and your role within it? This concurrent session will give a broad overview of the history and mission of Texas Extension, as well as the role that Master Gardeners play in the strategic plan. We will discuss what it looks like to be an effective Extension volunteer on the local level, working with your County Extension Agent and area Extension Specialists.