

## CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH



Photo submitted by TOM BRYSON

**Attendees** can learn about Earth-Kind roses and more during several landscaping sessions in January and February.

## Landscaping series features rose experts

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Contributor

Although winter's bite has barely begun, Farmers Branch landscape manager Pam Smith said there's no time like the present to begin plans for landscaping with roses in 2012.

The city of Farmers Branch, along with the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society and the Dallas Rose Society, is co-sponsoring a series of classes in January and February designed to promote landscaping with roses.

"With the proper selection of variety, roses have proven themselves to be a very drought-resistant plant," Smith said, explaining that the Earth-Kind roses in Gussie Field Watterworth Park were watered only three times this brutally hot summer and still bloomed beautifully in the fall. "The time to plant and establish roses is now, before summer weather sets in."

The sessions will be taught by area gardening experts, and topics include planting Earth-Kind roses, pruning roses and roses bred for toughness.

All class sessions are at 7 p.m. each scheduled day at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center, 14050 Heartside Place, unless otherwise noted.

Attendance is free, but registration is requested. Call 972-247-4607 to reserve a spot for one or more.

Attendance at five classes and the pruning clinic will make participants eligible for a 30-minute personal landscape consultation. Additionally, rose plants

### CLASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday:** EarthKind Roses — Lessons from the Garden — Top Performers in the National EarthKind Trials, Texas A&M's Steve George

**Jan. 24:** Fragrance in Roses, Master Consulting Rosarian and National Rose Show judge Mike Becker; session starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be in conjunction with the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society monthly meeting

**Jan. 31:** A Classic Collection of Roses for the Metroplex, president of the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society and Master Consulting Rosarian Claude Graves

**Feb. 7:** How to Prune Roses, Peter Schaar; preparation for a Rose Pruning Clinic at 10 a.m. Feb. 11 at Gussie Field Watterworth Park

**Feb. 28:** Roses Bred for Toughness — Buck Roses and Kordes Roses, Chamblee's Roses owner Mark Chamblee; session starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be in conjunction with the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society monthly meeting

will be available for \$10 each.

For more information, call 972-919-2625.

*Tom Bryson contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of the city of Farmers Branch.*

## TOWN OF ADDISON

## Hotcake Hustle race to benefit Teen Contact

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The Town of Addison will kick off the new year Saturday with the Hotcake Hustle 5K/10K at Addison Circle Park, 4950 Addison Circle Drive.

A fun run starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K and 10K races start at 8:30 a.m. Packet pickup begins at 7 a.m. at the Addison Conference Centre, 15650 Addison Road.

Racing Systems presents the run, now in its seventh year. It benefits the Addison Midday Rotary Foundation. This year, the foundation will donate funds to Teen Contact, which offers a 24-hour phone line for teens in crisis.

The race represents starting the new year with healthy habits and launches The Run Project, a run series produced by the Addison-based running retailer Run On and its race management division, Racing Solutions.

"The Run Project is the newest race series to hit the D-FW market, and we're excited to launch it in Addison, our hometown," Racing Systems race director Lear Johnson said. "The Run Project will pro-

vide runners with top-notch events across the community and gives the racing community great opportunities to invest in local nonprofit organizations."

Participants will run over Addison's landmark blue Arapaho Road Bridge, which spans Midway Road, and along the southern border of the Addison Airport before returning to Addison Circle Park.

A party for finishers will follow the race, including refreshments, prizes and family-friendly entertainment inside the Addison Conference Centre. Racers can have a pancake breakfast and hot chocolate from The Original Pancake House.

The top male and female finishers in the 5K and 10K can win one of several awards. All registered runners will get long-sleeve cotton race shirts.

The first 1,000 people to pick up race information packets at Dallas-area Run On stores will receive custom coffee mugs. Each child finishing the 1K will receive a finisher medal.

For more race information or for race registration, visit [runproject.org](http://runproject.org).

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## MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Tour campus, meet principal

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Mary Immaculate Catholic School will host an open house for prospective families at 9 a.m. Tuesday, beginning with a group presentation on the campus, 14032 Dennis Lane in Farmers Branch.

Families will have the opportunity to meet the principal, Matt Krause, and to tour the school while students are in class. Registration materials for 2012-13 school year will also be available.

Mary Immaculate is a kindergarten through eighth-grade elementary school that strives to provide academic excellence in a Catholic and Christ-centered environment.

Founded in 1959, the National Blue Ribbon School serves a diverse student population from northwest Dallas County and southern Denton County, and is

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known for its learning programs and nurturing environment that helps young people develop into capable, responsible and respectful young adults.

Families from all faith backgrounds are welcome at the school. The parish strives to make a quality Catholic education available, accessible and affordable to serve students of all economic backgrounds.

For more information, call 972-243-7105, ext. 151, or visit [mischool.org](http://mischool.org).

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