



### **What A Wonderful Spring!**

We are now 18 years as Schumacher's Hill Country Gardens in our 1863 location. Nursery people are nothing more than glorified farmers. As a farmer, I never thought that such a beautiful Spring would come in my lifetime that there would be nothing left for an honest farmer to complain about. We had a real Winter. We had perfect rain to end a terrible drought and fill up aquifers and lakes. We had cool days and nights to enjoy before the beginning of Summer. And best of all we've had excellent planting conditions to put the fantastic color of the Texas Hill Country back into our landscapes. If you've any desire to plant, do it now! The days are getting warmer. Don't let this perfect Spring weather slip by you.

### **May 2010 Newsletter**

This is a special invitation from me, Chip Schumacher, to visit our nursery and see the great selection of quality plants we continue to offer. Our nursery is a special place for a lot of people. We appreciate your continued support.

### **Propagation Classes At Schumacher's**

Due to the fun and success of our introductory propagation classes in the past, we are offering them again. The class is given by Chip Schumacher. Please read the following information on what to bring and what to expect. Then, if your ready to participate, call us or sign up in person at The Nursery during business hours on a "first come first serve" basis. We like to limit classes to 10 persons per date.

**CLASS LOCATION?** Our Propagation Greenhouses. They are the center 2 greenhouses in the middle of our 10 connected greenhouses. On arrival, go directly to the propagation greenhouses.

**WHAT TO WEAR?** Work clothes. This is a hands on class. We get dirty.

**\$10.00 MATERIALS FEE** A very nominal material fee of \$10 will be collected at the class in our Propagating Greenhouses when class starts. Exact cash or a check payable to Schumacher's is desirable as we cannot make change in the greenhouse.

**YOUR OWN SNIPS** Scissors or small snips are better than big pruning shears.

**WHAT TO EXPECT** Expect about an hour of interactive verbal instruction with examples and samples related to successful Plant Propagation with emphasis directed to "Softwood Cuttings Under Mist" as practiced at The Nursery. Note taking is not needed. Recordings and photography are not desirable. All participants will receive their own cutting flat complete with rooting media, ready for cuttings. This is a hands on class and you will be rooting your own cuttings. The 72 cell cutting flat with whatever cuttings you have taken is yours. Your flat with cuttings will be placed on our rooting tables under mist along side The Nurseries crops and will receive the same care; Not better, Not worse. From experience, participants have excellent success. You are welcome to bring some cuttings or seeds from home you want try to grow. You are free to take your cuttings home once they are rooted. Two weeks should be close to the time needed for rooting this time of year. Cuttings not claimed after 30 days will become Nursery property. Let's see what we can grow!

### **Propagation Class Schedule**

**Saturday May 22nd 9AM and Saturday May 29th 9AM**

For additional Propagation information please visit <http://www.hillcountrygardens.com/propagation.html>

**Our nursery hours:** of operation are as follow: Tuesday through Saturday. 10 to 4 and Sunday 1 pm till 5 pm.

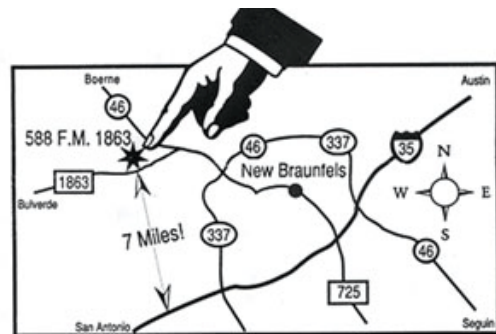
Come see us!

We are getting in more vegetables and annuals every week. I am sure you will find something to make you smile!

**Chip Schumacher**

### **SHCG Location**

We are located one mile off State Highway 46 one mile, on 1863.



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