

Wise Water Words

Hello Fellow Master Gardeners.

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying 2019 so far.

This month I would like to focus on the SAWS Conservation Department website - Garden Style San Antonio, www.gardenstylesanantonio.com, often referred to as "GardenStyleSA." This site is chock full of all types of gardening information, wonderful landscape pictures and helpful advice. This month, the feature article explains some important details to understand about drip irrigation, and there is also a fun article about the importance of soil and the creatures that call it home, plus much more.

The website's "Find A Plant" section is a useful tool. It groups plants in categories including, "Plants for Shade", "Plants for Hummingbirds", and "Evergreen Plants" and allows you to search for different types of plants. Specific plants can be located by various ways, including color of flower, water requirements, and sun requirements. Beautiful pictures accompany the plant information as well as the description, dimensions, and maintenance required. It's great for planning your spring garden beds.

There is also a section titled, "Garden Galleries" with numerous pictures of exceptional landscapes in San Antonio, past WaterSaver Landscape Tour houses, and ideas to incorporate yard art. They have some fun and inexpensive recycling art ideas, and beautiful pictures of various landscapes in the different seasons.

SAWS also posts all the details about their Rewards, Coupon, and Rebate Programs. You can find all the information that you need here in one place. If you are a SAWS customer but haven't yet signed up for their free Rewards Program, you can follow the link located in the WaterSaver Rewards under WaterSaver Programs. In this program, you earn points by attending specific educational events, including our very own Cultivate! on Saturday, March 23 at the University of the Incarnate Word. In fact, our signature educational seminar has been designated as a SAWS Super Saturday event, which means anyone who attends this event has the potential to earn all 7 points in one day of education. They are allowing some of our workshops to earn 2 points each, in all three time sessions, and to earn the 7th point, you just have to visit the SAWS Program table in our Expo Hall and sign in on the SAWS Rewards Sign-In Sheet. Once you earn your 7th point, you will be eligible to receive a \$70 coupon good at participating retailers. This coupon can be used to purchase plants, compost, and other landscaping supplies. **Just a reminder, you must sign up for the SAWS "WaterSaver Rewards" program before the date of the event.** If you aren't a SAWS Rewards Member, I encourage you to sign up today so you can start earning your rewards. And don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about this great website and the WaterSaver Rewards Program.

Conservationally yours,

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