

# THE TRUMPET SOUND

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## Master Gardener Neil Sperry

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### Quote

Integrity can be neither lost nor concealed nor faked nor quenched nor artificially come by nor outlived nor, I believe in the long run, denied.

- Eudora Welty



### FLAG FACT:

To dip a flag means to lower it slightly, then immediately raise it again as a salute. The US flag is not dipped to any person or thing. At the 1908 Summer Olympics in London, where countries were asked to dip their flag to King Edward VII, the American flag bearer did not. Team captain, Martin Sheridan, is famously quoted as saying, "This flag dips to no earthly king."

However, a US Navy ship will return a salute when it recognizes a salute from another countries vessel. When regimental colors, state flags, and organizational or institutional flags are dipped, it is a mark of honor.



### Wisdom Corner

A man or woman's diligence in work makes for a great reward

## THE MANY TALENTS OF NEIL SPERRY

Who hasn't had a problem with their yard or flower beds that needed consultation with an expert. This would be the time to speak with, Neil Sperry, a real "Know it all" on Texas gardening, and I do not mean that sarcastically! Mr. Sperry, who attended Texas AM, and graduated from Ohio State University, with a B.S., M.S. degree in horticulture, is truly a wealth of knowledge and information where trees, plants, shrubs, pruning, and landscaping are concerned and will answer all your questions on his radio talk show. He began broadcasting at WBAP in the summer of 2010 which was preceded by hosting a 30 year broadcast on KRLD Dallas/Fort Worth.

In addition, one can learn the art of good design and more at the annual *Home Landscape School* that Neil Sperry has presented for the past 17 winters in partnership with Dr.

Steve George of the AgriLIFE Research and Extension-Texas AM System and sponsored by the Scotts Miracle Gro Company. The class is approved for both the Texas Certified Master Gardener continuing education credit and Texas Nursery Landscape Association (TNLA) Nursery Professionals and continuing education units (CEU). Students leave with a working drawing for their landscaping project followed by a one-on-one consultation with a landscaping professional.

Other avenues to Neil Sperry's expertise include, *Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening*, that has sold over 700,000 copies and is the fourth best selling, gardening hardback in American History. You can treat yourself to a signed copy by purchasing his book through his [Online Store](#).



Neil Sperry

My favorite way to keep up with his up-to-date tips is the yearly *Texas Gardening Calendar* which contains detailed information advising when I should plant, prune, fertilize, and spray all my plants and trees. I also enjoy and utilize the bi-monthly *Neil Sperry's Gardens Magazine*, published since 1987.

## GARDENING AND FAMILY VALUES

Time spent with our children and grandchildren create everlasting memories, instill values that will reign supreme throughout their lives, and develop strong bonds that cannot be broken. One of Mr. Sperry's cherished memories is from his first garden

where at the age of ten, he made hand prints in a block of concrete with his father. He says, "It is the favorite thing in my whole landscape" as reported by Rosa Baca, [The View Finder](#), Dallas Morning News. Neil Sperry continued this memorable experience with his grandchildren on July 17, 2004,

fifty years to the hour when he had previously made the first set of hand prints with his father. You can watch the video of the whole story on Youtube or simply click this link: [Neil Sperry Shares His Passion for Plants—video link](#)

- Lesa Hukill

## Neil Sperry Gardens Magazine



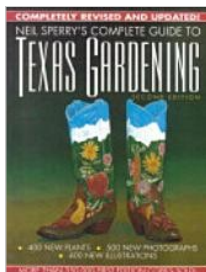
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### Quote

Success is....  
Knowing your purpose in life,  
growing to reach your  
maximum potential, and  
sowing seeds that  
benefit others.  
- John C. Maxwell

### Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening



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## MANY TALENTS OF NEIL SPERRY

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The magazine is sure to enhance my gardening capabilities, teaching me how to make my landscape appealing, healthy, and vibrant. Who knows- maybe my thumb will be as green as his when I persist in gleaning from Neil's landscape and gardening wisdom.



Neil Sperry Radio Show

WBAP 820 am/96.7 fm, Sundays, 8-11 AM. Just call 214-787-1820 or 1-800-288-9227. This broadcast reaches the Dallas Fort Worth area, but he also hosts a Saturday program, *The Texas Lawn and Garden Hour*, that goes to approximately 30 other stations across Texas airing from 11AM-noon; for information about this show call 1-888-256-1080.

### Neil Sperry's Television show Dig In DFW

on FOX 4 KDFW

Join Neil for his second season of *Dig In DFW* as he hosts the show along with Steven Chamblee and chef Chris Wilson. They tour different gardens around Texas while continuing to educate on various gardening techniques as well as present delicious recipes specially prepared by chef Chris Wilson of Market Street. For more information go to [www.digindfw.com](http://www.digindfw.com) or click here: [Dig In DFW](#)

### Neil Sperry's E-Gardens Newsletter

Sign up for a free monthly copy of Neil Sperry's e-garden newsletter from his computer to yours. Once again a variety of articles and authors increasing your knowledge of horticulture.

Link to sign up for [Neil Sperry's e-garden newsletter](#).

### Neil Sperry's Yearly Texas Gardening Calendar

Neil's durable calendar is a picturesque month by month information center instructing you on what to plant, when, and how. This award-winning publication also comes with a section on problems that may arise, answers included, and a special garden tip for each month.

[Link to the Gardening Calendar](#)

### Neil Sperry's Gardens Magazine

The Gardens Magazine has been published since 1987 and recognized nationally by The Garden Writers Association of America as being the best regional gardening magazine in America. A bi-monthly publication, reasonably priced with colorful and exquisite pictures - some pictures of Mr. Sperry's very own photography. Included is a questions and answer section where you, the reader, can send in your questions with a picture and get an answer straight from Mr. Sperry.

[Link to the Gardens Magazine](#)

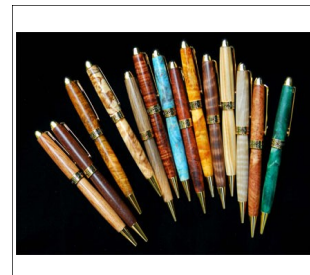
## NEIL SPERRY SUPPORTS TEEN RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE SALE OF HIS HANDCRAFTED PENS

In support of Serenity High School, McKinney, Texas, the oldest public recovery high school in America where teens regain their lives, Mr. Sperry donates all proceeds from his handmade pens to the McKinney Education Foundation. Serenity High School focuses on individualized counseling of each student by staff to oversee the academic, personal, and social development of that student—staff serves as life - skill mentors to help build

character in each student.

The pens are crafted out of historic, rare, and beautiful woods from around the world and the ball point mechanisms are of the highest quality. Each pen takes Mr. Sperry at

least two hours to prepare, turn, and assemble. You may join Neil



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handcrafted wood pens

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