



cherie's talks

CHILDREN / TEENS

(Cherie always wants to reinforce your students' curriculum, so please do not hesitate to let her know existing core knowledge goals so she can filter information through that lens!)

- **Everybody's an Author!** Children sometimes feel they have no voice. This interactive program uses Cherie's book BLOOMIN' TALES to encourage students to tell their own unique story in their own unique way, creating a tall tale as a group.
- **How a Dream Becomes a Book** Takes students through the process of how OUR SHADOW GARDEN was made, from a dream to a published book, including the incredible illustrations by The Children's Art Project - www.ChildrensArt.org.
- **Which Hat Fits?** For older students, this talk motivates and gives tools to teens as they determine life goals and how to achieve them.
- **Wild About Wildflowers** There's a world of stories at our feet, untamed beauty with bizarre names and even more bizarre stories. Let Cherie spin the yarns of some of her favorites.

ADULTS

- **Recipe for a 24-7 Landscape** Would you spend time and money renovating a room and then refuse to use it after dark? Let Cherie show you how to add a few simple ingredients and remove a few more – like mosquitoes – to get the full benefit from your home’s LARGEST room, the outside one.
- **Keeping It Local: Integrating Native Plants Into Your Landscape**
What’s all the hype about native plants? Through photos and stories, native Texan Cherie demonstrates her gardening mantra of “first, do no harm” by showing how attention to where, why, and what’s in our gardens can make us better stewards of our world.
- **7 Simple Steps: Garden Design Made Easy** Learn the tricks of the trade from an award-winning garden book author and landscape designer to start new, update, fill-in or fill-out your home’s landscape the way the pros do it.
- **Landscape Rescue 101** With low spots, shady areas, pests, rising tree roots, pets, privacy, black-thumb syndrome, and other challenges in the landscape, it sometimes seems impossible to win. Cherie Foster Colburn - landscape designer and author - will help you triumph over the tough spots in your yard using low maintenance methods she’s implemented in her professional practice over the last thirty years.
- **Typcasting: How to Use Roses in EVERY Type Garden for EVERY Type Gardener** Roses have a less than ROSY reputation. Cherie will introduce you to ways to use some of her favorite, easy-going roses that defy the diva stereotype.
- **MAKING CANCER HISTORY** Cherie tells how her book OUR SHADOW GARDEN came to be and intersects with children from MD Anderson Cancer Center.

ADULTS (WRITING)

- **The Writing Life: Hand to the Plow, Eyes Ahead** Some writers say they live to write, while others write to live. No matter what kind of writer you are or what level - from beginner to pro - we all need motivation to get to the next level. This interactive program spurs writers with strategies to gear up their skills.
- **Platforms Aren't Just for Discos Anymore** Agents and publishers often require authors to have "platforms," not just excellent books. Cherie helps you understand how to translate your reader base into a stable stage.

CHURCH GROUPS

- **SUPERseeds in Your Child** Do you know your child's spiritual gifts? Let Cherie introduce you to God's beautiful seed planted from birth - motivational gifts - and how nurturing that seed encourages your child in God's plan for them and His kingdom.
- **Revealing God's Seed in You** What is your primary motivational gift, the one that your Creator planted from birth? Follow Cherie's path of discovery of spiritual gifts and how God desires you to use your spiritual DNA to build His kingdom.
- **Growing Where You're Planted When the Hole Seems Too Deep** Are you in a place where you can't see God's hand in your life, wondering who planted you there? Cherie tells how God gave her perspective - using difficult circumstances - to bring glory to Himself and joy to her, which is the story of all the redeemed.

Every talk Cherie has can be tailored for church groups (women's conferences, mom groups, etc.)