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President's Corner Your Help is Needed!

In July our membership will be making an important decision on our meeting format and preparing to implement the Texas Master Gardener on-line hours reporting system. You will want to be involved in both.

As a result of your responses to our January Membership survey, your Board recommended we experiment with changes to our meeting format. Major changes of our two-month trial were the "Consent Agenda", a shorter business meeting, and holding the business meeting before the speaker. During our business meeting on July 17th we will discuss and adopt a format for future meetings. Your ideas and preferences will be important in making this key decision.

We will be implementing the "Volunteer Management System" (see page 5) for on-line hours reporting, our membership roster and e-mail distribution on August 1st. This is a very user-friendly program! Dave Elder is scheduling several training sessions during July to explain the program and we will have a demonstration during our July membership meeting. Volunteer hours should be reported to Dale Odvody during July. After August 1st, hours should be reported on-line.

Bottom Line – Our July Membership Meeting will be important for everyone!! I hope you will be there.

I would like to commend Laurie Brunell and her team for organizing our great Summer Social. Thanks to those who attended and brought original dishes of tasty food of all types. The energy level was high, I feel sorry for the few who didn't leave with a door prize - and all within budget! Thanks again to everyone who helped out.

Bob Teweles

JULY MEETING

Thursday, July 17th, 2014 - 6:30 PM

Guadalupe County Justice Center
211 W. Court St., Seguin

Rain Gardens and Storm Water Treatments by Matt Welch, Madrone Landscape Architects, Austin

Refreshments - 6:30

Program - - 7pm

Followed by the Business Meeting

Followed by Volunteer Recognition & Drawings

Don't forget your name tag

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Association News

Summer Social 2014!

By: Laurie Brunell, Chairperson, (Class 25)!!



Friday evening, July 20th, GCMG and guests (102 people) gathered in Marion at the Immaculate Conception Church Hall for the annual Summer Social. I began my work early in March and recruited several willing volunteers for my team to help me plan this special event including: Carol Calentine, Joyce Friesenhahn, Treva Hicks, Cynthia Lyssy, Maria Montalvo, Mary Styblo, and Peggy Jones. Carol, Joyce and Treva were especially helpful as they provided background information on previous Summer Socials, invitations, publicity, etc. Carol Calentine created the colorful invitations and save the date emails. Carol also provided

all of the party sign-in supplies and willingly picked up the brisket from Johnny's BBQ and delivered it to the party, and helped serve. Joyce arranged for the delicious chicken from Walmart and Mary Styblo picked it up and delivered it to the party. Joyce also helped with table decorations and served food. Cynthia Lyssy provided all of the table decorations, the candy bar, and donated several door prizes. Maria Montalvo gathered up and prepared all of the serving items including plates, assembled utensils for each place setting, arranged serving tables, and managed party sign-in and door prize tickets. Treva Hicks prepared all of the party beverages and made sure they were fresh and cold throughout the evening. This group accomplished party set up with added help from volunteers and friends.

Members began arriving around 6 p.m. and quickly filled up buffet tables with wonderful side dishes and desserts including a full soda fountain and ice cream sundae table. The Church Hall was full of savory aromas and happy people. Bob Teweles welcomed everyone and started the evening with his plant identification game (see page 3). Cynthia Lyssy sprinkled door prizes throughout the evening and many people went home winners. Clean-up was accomplished with the help of many members and guests!!

When I volunteered as event chairperson my goal was to complete a few final certification hours, which I did, but I also had a lot of fun meeting more members. THANKS TO ALL who helped make this party possible including everyone who attended and created the festive party attitude.

So for those members who might be interested in chairing future events I would advise you to DO IT!



Photos by Marvin "T" Taylor,.



Summer Social Plant ID Challenge

Fifteen Master Gardeners participated in the Plant Identification learning experience conducted during our Summer Social. Twenty-five plants were represented, all of which can be found in the Austin booklet; "Native and Adapted Landscape Plants". Common landscape plants like Lantana and Salvia were represented as well as less common Frog Fruit and Goldenball Leadtree. Liz Romero, Betty Hughes and Sandy Black identified all the plants correctly and won nice prizes. Thanks to Cynthia Lyssy for providing the prizes.

Summer Social 2014



Photos by
Marvin "T"
Taylor



Gardening Survey from the Summer Social

A gardening survey was passed out at the Summer Social. 44 surveys were returned, 7 from guests, the rest from MGs or interns. Some gave more than one answer

Not too many gardening books were being read recently, but here are the ones mentioned:

Landscaping with Succulents	Cooking with Fresh Garden Foods
Remarkable Plants of Texas	Gardening Book of Texas by Doug Welch
In Greg's Garden	The Ringing Cedars of Siberia Series
God's Word for Gardeners Bible	Healing Foods
Lasagna Gardening	Growing Air
Roses Love Garlic	Texas Bug Book

Favorite Flower

Roses won going away with 14 mentions. Tied next were Bluebonnets and Daylilies with 4 each. Daisies had three mentions. Gladiolas and Irises were each mentioned twice. Other flowers mentioned were petunia, crinum lily, plumbago, carnation, mealy blue sage, hollyhock, salvia, prickly pear, angel trumpet, winecup, poinsettia and gardenia

Favorite Volunteer Job

Guadalupe County Community Garden was mentioned 8 times. Guadalupe County Fair was mentioned 5 times. Refreshments and Set Up and Earth Day came in with 3 votes each. Rodeo, Red Barn, and Extension Office were each mentioned 2 times. Others mentioned were teaching classes, writing, treasurer, working with LaVernia children, caring for flowers, photography, and the newsletter

Edible Plant

Overwhelming favorite here was the tomato with 21 mentions. Surprising second was rosemary with 4 votes. basil, squash, mint and broccoli each were mentioned twice. Others mentioned were spinach, dandelion, peas, carrots, nasturtiums, peppers, collards/kale, beans, artichoke and onion

Favorite Perennial overlapped a lot with favorite flowers and edible plants

Rose again came in first with 6 mentions. Those with two votes were fig, vinca, esperanza, salvia, plumbago, and honeysuckle. Others mentioned were pride of Barbados, daylily, shrimp plant, rosemary, moss rose, succulents, Barbados cherry, iris, Mexican feather grass, coneflower, bottle brush, gardenia, Mexican petunia, delphinium, ajuga, batface cuphea, and lantana.

Favorite Gardening Magazine

Another runaway! Texas Gardener had 24 mentions. Home and Garden, and our GCMG Newsletter were each mentioned 3 times. Mother Earth News and Organic Gardening had 2 mentions. Each. Others mentioned: Acres, Birds & Blooms, Green Gate and Horticulture.

Worst Weed

Various named - stickers, burrs, nettle, velcro, thistle - 17 mentions. Nutgrass or nutsedge had 9 mentions. Bermuda grass had 4 votes. Dallas grass and crabgrass each had 2 mentions. Others mentioned were silverleaf nightshade, mother of thousands, ragweed, bastard cabbage, careless, mustard weed, ivy, and chickweed

Worst Pest

In first place was Bambi with five votes for deer. Tied for second with 4 mentions each were the squirrel and spider mites. With 3 mentions were squash borers, ants and grasshoppers/katydid. Stink bugs and the tomato hornworm had two votes each. Others listed were powdery mildew, snakes, opossum, leaf-footed bug, slugs, gnats, armadillo, potato beetle, squash bug, walnut worm, webworms, mosquitoes, moles, cucumber beetle and pill bugs. But where is The Rabbit?

New Certified Master Gardener



New Guadalupe County Master Gardeners were Laurie Brunell and Janette Barrow. Travis Franke presented the certificates. Photos by Marvin "T" Taylor



Volunteer Hours Management System

On August 1st, the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners will begin using the "Volunteer Hours Management System" to record each of your hours as a Master Gardener. This is an on-line computer system that allows each of you to enter, review, and correct the records of your work with GCMG. This system is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (it does not take vacations or have sick leave). It is available when you want to record your hours. It is automatically up-dated after you have entered your hours. You will always see your summary of hours each time you log on to the system.

We will be conducting training sessions in Seguin and Schertz for those of you who feel they may need training. Watch your email for locations, dates, and times. After July 31st Dale or Ann Odvody will not be able to enter your hours into this system. For the 6 members who do not have email, we will be providing assistance.

If you have problems with the system after August 1st, please feel free to contact Cindy Waechter or Dave Elder.

Speakers Bureau

On Jun 6 Cindy Martin gave a presentation about The Guadalupe Master Gardener Program at the Geronimo and Alligator Creek Partnership Meeting. There were 19 members present at the meeting. On June 9 - Peggy Jones gave a Power Point Presentation on "Companion Planting" to the San Antonio Rose Society with 29 listeners.

Thank you for sharing your Master Gardener knowledge with others.

Treva Hicks

July and August Meeting Refreshments

Contact Treva Hicks Refreshment Volunteer Coordinator at hicks1t@lycos.com to sign up for August

Class 26 – Getting out the Word

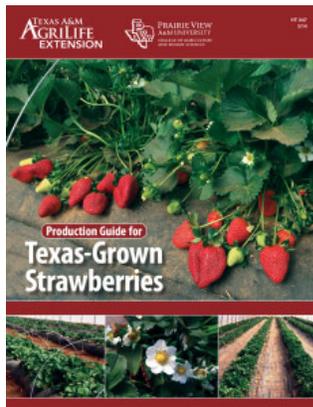
Class 26 is just a mere month and a half away! To date, we've had one student enroll. We need your help in getting the word out. We encourage you to talk to your friends, relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances and distribute class flyers to churches, organizations, and places where potential Master Gardeners might hang out. You can refer wannabes to our website or invite them to our July membership meeting. Flyers can be obtained via email from Cindy Waechter or hardcopy from Carol Calentine in the Master Gardener office.

Classes will be held from 13 August through 10 December at the First Presbyterian Church in Seguin, Texas on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The cost is \$190, which includes the Texas Master Gardener Handbook. The registration deadline is 31 July 2014. Students submitting completed applications by 15 July will receive a 10% discount.

Students will receive superior gardening instruction when they sign up for the Fall 2014 course. They will learn practical gardening techniques and values from faculty and staff of Texas A&M University and Texas AgriLife Extension, as well as from Certified Master Gardener Specialists.

For more information, contact Cindy Waechter, Assistant Class Coordinator, at 830-624-1114 or email cindy.waechter@gmail.com.

“Production Guide for Texas-Grown Strawberries”



This new complete guide for the beginner or old pro, is now available. The 41-page guide is the first official publication from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on strawberries since the 1970s. Dr. Russ Wallace, AgriLife Extension horticulturist at Lubbock and Dr. Juan Anciso, AgriLife Extension horticulturist at Weslaco, were co-editors on this publication, which at least 14 specialists and researchers from Texas A&M AgriLife and Prairie View A&M University collaborated in writing.

The guide is available through the AgriLife bookstore as both [free pdf](#) download or as hard copy for \$10 each. To access or order the guide identified as publication HT-047, go to: <http://www.agrilifebookstore.org/product-p/ht-047.htm>.

Subscribe or Renew and Add to the GCMG Treasury

To all of you **Texas Gardener** subscribers (or those of you thinking about subscribing), **Texas Gardener** has invited the GCMG to join their Fundraising Program. For each subscription that goes through us (and yes that includes renewals), the GCMG will be able to keep 25% in its treasury. Instead of sending your renewal notice and payment to **Texas Gardener**, make your check payable to GCMG and send it with your mailing address to 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155. Give us your phone number too in case we have any questions and mark the envelope **Texas Gardener** subscription. The GCMG will send the subscription on to the **Texas Gardener** for processing. Rates are as follows: 1 year - \$24.95; 2 year - \$42.95; 3 year - \$53.95. Add an extra \$8 on the one year renewal for the Annual Calendar. You don't have to be a Master Gardener to participate, so if you have friends that subscribe, tell them about the Fundraising Program.

KWED Radio 1580

The June presentations on the KWED Lawn & Garden Show were: June 7 - Jerry McNulty -Tropicals; June 14 - MG Ryla Cottingham and MG Carol Calentine; June 21 - MG Penny Glawe - Favorite Garden Recipes; and June 28 - MG Larry Taylor - July Gardening Checklist

Scheduled for July are: July 5 - Nematode Nick Vann - New Garden Shop in St. Hedwig, Thyme and Treasure - Popular Plants; July 12 - Vic Anderson - Texas Parks and Wildlife - Birds; July 19 - MG Ryla Cottingham - Topic TBA; July 26 - MG Larry Taylor - August Gardening Checklist



What's This Plant?

Any idea what plant this is? Grew wild (not planted) looks and feels like lambs ear but much larger and no spreading, drought tolerant but perks up with water. Will put out a long stem spiked flower. Appreciate any info! Thanks!
Penny Glawe

MG Christmas/Holiday Social - Big Red Barn Thursday December 18, 2014 Save the Date.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 21st - Master Gardener Specialists Roundtable Session.

Recycle

I had a good time working the water fairs, but I was disappointed that it didn't appear that these schools are re-cycling. I did edible aquifers at Krueger Elementary and took home empty plastic containers to put in my recycles. I do recycling faithfully. What I do is for the benefit of our younger generation, not us. Mary Real (a retired teacher) who worked with me said they don't have time. (?) I think it's important and we need to encourage everyone to recycle. Just my opinion.
Joyce Friesenhahn

I agree 100%.. I try at the MG meetings and NPSOT meetings to collect things before they land in the garbage, but sometimes I have to cull the trash to pick out the stuff. Keep trying!
Betty Hughes

**It's always helpful to see what's new
on the Aggie Horticulture Website**
<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/>

Community Garden - Updates from Ann & Dale Odvody



6/3 - Nice morning in the garden with lots of clouds to keep the temperature down. Almost looked like we could have gotten rain. We pulled out the last of the cabbages and beets today. There were lots of green beans and tomatoes ready to be picked. We also still have a lot of onions. There was enough produce harvested today to make deliveries to both food banks. The weight for today was 70 pounds one ounce, giving us 1,317 pounds one ounce for the year. The sweet potato bed from last year has replanted itself amongst the onions we are harvesting. The cowpeas have a severe aphid infestation we are trying to control without pesticides, but I am not sure we are going to win. We also have nutsedge in two beds that we just cannot seem to get rid of. Tried Image and could swear it looks like we fertilized it! Any suggestions? May have some corn ready on Friday.

6/7 - It was a GREAT day in the garden! Many, many thanks to Peggy and Bill for their much needed assistance. Bill brought his tractor and demolished the second biggest eyesore in the garden, aka The Grassy Knoll. I doubt we would have ever gotten it done with shovels. We can now proceed with putting down cardboard and mulch all the way to the back gate. He also transported loads of mulch to various areas of the garden that we will spread in bare areas. We had four young ladies helping in the garden with harvesting and weeding. Debbie tackled the watermelon and cantaloupe rows, pulling grass and weeds. John cleaned the weeds out of the herb bed, did some trimming with the weed eater and spread the dirt as Bill dumped it. Dale set up the drip system in the blackberry beds. Mary, Terri, Joyce and Lorna harvested, weighed and helped with the weeding. We brought in the first batch of Mary's Silver Queen corn and they were some of the prettiest ears I have ever seen. Good job, Mary! We collected 53 pounds 4 ounces of produce, bringing us up to 1,370 pounds 5 ounces. Terri has also planted the beds around the pavilion so we also have a burst of color in the garden. Again, thanks, you all deserve a pat on the back.

6/14 - It was a busy week in the garden. Nice mornings when we had cloud cover, but once the clouds burn off it gets very warm very fast. We have beans, corn, onions and tomatoes in good supply and the periodic showers have really perked the plants up. The Armenian cucumbers should begin setting soon. We harvested 141 pounds 14 ounces this week giving us a total for the year of 1,512 pounds 3 ounces. The guys are getting ready to put legs on the elevated beds that are currently sitting on the blue rain barrels. This should be fun to watch. Weeding is, as always, ongoing. We also have lots of butterflies visiting the Greg's Blue Mist in the Butterfly Garden. They are so much fun to watch. We also have a Mockingbird nesting in the tomato plants.

6/17 & 20 - We had a good week in the garden...heat was tolerable. Dale and John finished putting wood legs on the elevated beds that had been sitting on rain barrels. They also lowered the height of the beds a little to make it easier to work in them. Looks real nice guys! We seem to have finally killed out the nut sedge in bed #1, so we will get it cleaned out next week and ready to plant. Finished harvesting a bed of onions and it is a good thing since we have a volunteer crop of sweet potatoes coming along nicely in the same bed. Brought in the first Sugar Baby watermelon on Friday. It weighed in at 11 pounds. We also harvested four artichokes. The produce weighed in at 155 pounds 8 ounces this week, bring us up to 1,667 pounds 11 ounces for the year. As always, weeding is on-going. Dale and John are also working to get the compost area back under control. It is the number one eyesore in the garden!

Photo by Marvin "T" Taylor

DOWN THE GARDEN PATH - Orchids (May 19th)

BY THE TEXAS MASTER GARDENER - Gwen Dewitt

The light show from the thunderstorm we had was impressive. Our neighbors probably could have done without it as a bolt of lightning hit their chimney. Poor Bell was a wreck; every clap of thunder had her shivering.

The rain was a godsend, bringing relief to the countryside. The benefit of the light show – nitrogen! Every bolt of lightning puts nitrogen in the air and the rain carries it down to the landscape giving plants a little boost. The orchids loved it.

An orchid purchased at our botanical sale is in bloom! The proud owner asked for more information about her orchid. As promised in my last article, I am providing basic tips to assist keeping your orchid happy and blooming.

When raising orchids in the home, turn plants occasionally to keep them from becoming lopsided. Move underexposed orchids into stronger light a step at a time over a period of several weeks. Remove plants from strong light once their flowers have opened to keep flowers from fading.

Night temperatures are cooler next to windows and near the floor. During the day, especially in fair weather, the air next to the glass is warmest. Don't let plants touch the windows in cold weather.

Orchids like air circulation, they don't like cold or hot drafts blowing on them. Moving air cools the leaves allowing the plant to tolerate higher light intensities without burning. It evaporates water on the surfaces of the leaves and in the cracks between them, reducing the risk of infection by fungi and bacteria.

Most orchids grow best in a relative daytime humidity of about 40 to 70 percent. We are blessed with enough humidity to satisfy the needs of orchids grown outside most of the year.

Modern day heating and cooling systems reduce moisture in the home which can be a problem for orchids. Evaporation trays are one way to increase the moisture in the air around your orchids.

Use pebbles in your evaporation tray to raise orchid up so that it doesn't sit in the water. Never leave an orchid standing in water. It is recommended that you use untreated rain water or well water – at room temperature. Every two or three months, remove the pebbles from your evaporation tray and wash them in a weak bleach solution to remove accumulated salts and algae. Do not add bleach or algicide to water in the trays when they are in use. After watering plants, use a turkey baster to remove to remove excess water in trays when in use.

Orchids thrive when spending time outdoors with fresh air, abundant light and some sun – but not enough to burn. Hose them down frequently but allow them to dry out a little in between – never to the point of shriveling leaves and roots.

Containers for orchids need to have good drainage and air circulation. Orchids grow in trees in the rain-forest making it important to recreate that environment. Clay pots designed for orchids will have holes on the side for faster drainage. *Dendrobium* and *Cattaleya* can suffer root problems if their mixes are overly moist for too long. Slatted baskets and wire baskets allow for good air circulation.

Repot orchid after it finishes blooming and when it gets too crowded and grows over the edges of the pot. Use a pot that is slightly larger than the old one – orchids like close quarters. Repot by dislodging any roots adhering to container. Cleanly cut away all broken, shriveled, and dead roots. Remove old growing medium. Use clean clippers or knife and disinfect with denatured alcohol between plants. Orchids

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with two or more new growths may be divided in much the same way as perennials. Use potting medium for orchids. Put fresh orchid medium about half way up in the pot. Position the orchid so the rhizome (thick horizontal stem) is ½ inch below the rim of the pot, holding it in place as you fill in - allows for new lateral growth. Position oldest end of the rhizome at one edge and fill in around the roots with medium – do not cover rhizome. Insert a stake into the pot and tie it to the orchid with string. Water cautiously until roots attach to medium and pot.

High temperatures, bright light, low humidity, and fast air movement will increase an orchid's need for water. Consider weather conditions and water accordingly. Water in the morning so excess water will evaporate rapidly. Orchids like humidity – not wet feet! As potting medium ages, air spaces in it shrink, making it retain more water. Newly repotted plants need to be watered more often than those that have been in the same growing medium for a while. Water thoroughly. Captured rainwater is best for the orchids. Never use water that has been chemically softened – sodium in this water will quickly kill plants.

In their natural state, orchids obtain nutrients from the decaying organic debris that collects around their roots. Orchids do not absorb nutrients directly from organic matter. Bacteria break down organic matter to a simple form the plants can readily absorb. Warm weather keeps the bacteria active so plants have a steady supply. To insure healthy plants with beautiful blooms you need to mimic this process. Wild orchids grow in a lean regime. Fertilize when plants are actively growing. Before fertilizing, water plant to protect roots. Too much fertilizer will stunt plants. Orchids planted in bark need a fertilizer with more nitrogen. Fish emulsion labeled 5-1-1 is a popular organic fertilizer – has strong odor. Dilute fertilizer from package directions for a continuous feed regime.

Orchids are tough, resistant to insects and disease, and capable of enduring a considerable amount of environmental stress. Adverse growing conditions weaken a plant's natural defenses leaving it open to opportunistic insects or disease. Most problems with orchids are related to water – either too much or too little. Stressed plants are an open invitation to scale, mealybugs, spidermites and other insects. Orchids can be attacked by rots, spots, blights, and viruses if they are crowded and lack air circulation or they are allowed to stand in water. Prevention is your best defense. If your orchid has one of these problems – toss it. There are chemicals that can be used to fight these diseases but life is too short to battle these problems.

Happy Gardening.

Gwen DeWitt – 361-358-9473 or 361-813-9936

PLEASE REPORT YOUR HOURS

Did You Know?



July 2014 is National Blueberry Month!

July 16, 2014 is Fresh Spinach Day



Big Red Barn

Things are slowing down at The Red Barn. It's a season of firsts and lasts:: Last plum on the tree....



June Volunteer Recognition Program



55 Master Gardeners, almost half of the membership, have participated in the 2014 Program. Of special note, 4 members have been eligible for the drawing all 6 months; Joyce Briscoe, Joyce Friesenhahn, John Lewicki, and Elaine McIntyre. Another 5 Master Gardeners have qualified 5 out of 6 months. Well done!

27 Master Gardeners, 6 who were 2014 first time participants, qualified in the June Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing. Congratulations to Bob Davis, our June Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing recipient. As our June Volunteer, Bob won a \$20 gift certificate to Schulz Nursery, and now has two chances for the annual drawing as his name was also drawn in March. In addition, four other names were drawn for entry into the year-end grand prize drawing for a \$150 gift certificate.

They were Jerilyn Preston, Janet Magee, Toni Guiles, and Hughlene Micheli. Thanks to all our volunteers for your hard work and effort.

To qualify for the Monthly Volunteer Recognition Program drawing, Certified Guadalupe County Master Gardeners must report a minimum of 5 volunteer and continuing education hours earned during the month to the Hours Coordinator by the last calendar day of the month. Hours earned for attendance at the monthly GCMG Membership Meeting are not included in the minimum 5 hours, except those earned for meeting setup. Board members do not participate in the Volunteer Recognition Program.

Don't forget to earn and report your hours by 31 July 2014 to be eligible for the August Membership Drawing.

Submitted by Cindy Waechter. Photo by Marvin "T" Taylor

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Volunteer Opportunities

Every Monday the MG office/library is open from 9am-noon except for holidays. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Betty Hughes. 830-401-4066 or e-mail ehughes5@satx.rr.com.

Every Tuesday, Friday and 2nd Saturday are work days at the **Guadalupe County Community Garden**. Check with Ann Odvody (odvodyd@swbell.net 830-914-3593) for start hour and access at other times.

Every Friday 9 am is a workday in the gardens at the **Big Red Barn**. Check with Gretchen Ricker (gricker@satxrr.com 830-379-3744) for details.

KWED Master Gardener Lawn and Garden Show always looking for volunteers - see page 7.

Volunteers are needed to set up the chairs before each monthly meeting. Contact Treva Hicks at hicks1t@lycos.com

Also contact Treva Hicks Refreshment Volunteer Coordinator at hicks1t@lycos.com to sign up for July and August.

Positions Available

Two positions remain open on your 2014 GCMG Board.

President Elect – No way around it, this is a serious commitment – but rewarding! This commitment starts with a year on the Board to “learn the ropes” of how we operate and current issues. During the “Presidential Year” the President is the “Face of the Board”, representing the Board to the membership and GCMG to the Texas MG community. The third year the President-Elect is the “elder statesman”, helping to provide continuity to our programs. The main point here is that the President needs the entire first year to prepare for the second year!

Volunteer Committee Chairperson - The Chairperson reports on GCMG projects to both the Board and the membership. The Committee helps select projects, project chairpersons and provides support. This important job is a coordinating position which has lots of support from the members. Two people could share this position or possibly the Chairperson could serve for just six months?

Please speak to any member of the Board if you will consider either or both of these positions!

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REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact

Pat Schultze Secretary
830-556-6751
or e-mail clydepat6@aol.com.

GCMG Outreach

Virginia Biggs is GCMG’s Outreach Chairman. If anyone knows of a GCMG who needs a meal, please let her know 830-560-

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Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors

Two Year Term - Peggy Jones - Bob Teweles Alternate

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GARDENING EVENTS

LOOKING AHEAD

Arts and Crafts in the Garden – Mary Bowe had come up with the idea of having an Arts and Crafts function at the Community Garden in Schertz on October 18. Anyone can sign up to have a booth for \$20 and will have to supply their own table. Also, there will be cooking demonstrations, a raffle, etc.



Inviting All Gardeners!!!

2014 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference

October 21 – 24, 2014

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

Sponsored by: East Baton Rouge Master Gardener Association, LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Master Gardener Program For information and registration, go to www.southernregionmgconf2014.com Early registration ends July 15

The San Antonio Herb Society Meeting

Jul 10 (Thu) 6:30-8:30pm San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels Ave

This will be a "Share" meeting where members and guests will take turns presenting and sharing their experiences of all things herbal.

The Wandering Gardener - Marilyn Moltz
Springs Preserve, Las Vegas, Nevada

Why would anyone settle in a dry arid place like Nevada? Las Vegas was settled as it was a good place to put a railroad stop and there are natural springs. Hard to believe that this now very bustling, busy, "night life" town was once a quiet ranching settlement. The springs no longer furnish the town its water, but the area is kept as a legacy to its beginnings. The Springs Preserve is a 180 acre site only a few miles from the famous Las Vegas Strip. On its grounds are the Nevada State Museum, an 1800 seat amphitheatre, and 110 acre botanical gardens. In the gardens is located the Desert Solar House. This house is 754 square feet of innovative, solely solar home, built of sustainable materials. It is not only an efficient one bedroom, one bath home; but also a very beautiful and comfortable place to live. The gardens mainly contain Mojave Desert cacti, succulent plants, 89 types of trees, palms, perennial plants, and ornamental grasses, but it also has many plants which we use as native plants. The gardens also have recycled metal art sculptures, patios, arbors and a wedding venue. It is handicap accessible and has many focal points, including an overlook of the Las Vegas skyline. There are resting areas where you can sit and enjoy the lizards and birds in a shaded area. We strolled, sat and enjoyed the gardens for about two hours and will go back if we return to that area. In addition to the Strip, shows and casinos, you also have the Mob Museum and nearby Hoover Dam to keep you entertained. Las Vegas has more than most people realize when they first plan a visit.



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EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

Lunch and Learn Program - FREE!

New GCMG Education Program! July 24, Noon to 1. Firewise by Jose Contreras. At the Seguin Library.

SMALL ACREAGE HORTICULTURAL CROPS PROGRAMS

Grafting Vegetable Crops: Principles and Practices - June 19, - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Practical Weed Control - August 21, - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Food Safety for the Small Acreage Producer - October 16, - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Business Planning - December 11 - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

The goal of the program is to assist in evaluating diversification strategies and income opportunities from the production of small acreage horticultural crops. To get the best benefit, participants are encouraged to attend all 4 webinars led by leading researcher and Extension Specialists at Texas A&M. A live question/answer session will also provide answers to your questions. Programs to be held at the Texas Agricultural Education and Heritage Center located at 390 Cordova Rd in Seguin. For additional information please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 830-379-1972. The cost of the program will be \$25 for all sessions or \$10 per session, whichever you prefer.

Master Gardener Greenhouse Management Specialist Training

October 9-11, 2014 (Thursday thru Saturday)

Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion, 283 Bachelor Dr. Victoria

Time: October 9 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

October 10 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.

October 11 8:00 am – Noon

Only two MG's per county until October 2nd. If the class is not filled, then we will obtain MG's from the waiting List. Registration Fee is \$225. This includes one (1) lunch, two (2) dinners, snacks and other goodies, and training materials. Transportation and lodging is at your own expense. Payment and application must be in our office by Wednesday, October 1, 2014. Cancellation must be made no later than Wednesday, October 1, 2014; thereafter a \$100 surcharge will be assessed. Make Check Payable to: **VCMGA** and mail application form and check to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Attn: Donna McCanlies, 528 Waco Circle, Victoria, Texas 77904

For more information, contact Donna McCanlies at (361) 676-3895 or email donnamccanlies@yahoo.com

The Basics of Permaculture - [Backyard Gardening Series](#)

Jul 15 (Tue) 6:30-8:30pm

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, 3355 Cherry Ridge Suite 208

What is permaculture? Learn about origins, ethics, and foundations; small-scale, urban permaculture for beginners; principles, patterns, and design process; and patio permaculture for use in small spaces.

Cost is \$10. RSVP to Angel Torres, at [210-467-6575](tel:210-467-6575) or matorres@ag.tamu.edu.

Propagation - September 13 - SAVE THE DATE

Educational class by the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners is planned at the Community Garden in Schertz on **September 13, 10 - 1**. Kathy Carroll will teach a class on **Propagation** including stem propagation, bulb division and wildflower seeds. Cost \$10.

2014 Junior Master Gardener Summer Adult Training

July 22, 2014 thru July 24, 2014

San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio

Come join us for the 2014 Junior Master Gardener Summer Adult training designed for teachers, educators, and volunteers in support of Youth Gardening.

Participants will become affiliated with the Texas Junior Master Gardener program which engages children in novel, "hands-on" group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

Participants will learn how to establish a garden, start a Junior Master Gardener group, and obtain the JMG curriculum. CPE hours are provided for this three day training. Cost of the training is \$100. No refunds, after the application is submitted, will be accepted. To access the application contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Bexar County office at 467-6575, or go on the web and download your application at: www.BexarYouthGardens.comAgriLife

Junior Master Gardener® -Teacher/Leader Training

Date: August 14th, 2014 Tuesday. Dress comfortably for garden tour.

Time: 8:30 am Check In. Program 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch & Refreshments provided.

Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Montgomery County, Thomas R. LeRoy Education Center (South gate entrance) 9020 Airport Road, Conroe, TX.

For: Teachers in public, private, and home school, 4-H Leaders, Scout Leaders, Master Gardeners and other youth serving groups/staff for grades 3rd – 5th (can be used with other grades also).

Questions? Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Montgomery County 4-H: **936-539-7823**.

Participants will earn SBEC/CEU hours and JMG Level I Leader Certification.

Green Spaces Alliance

[A Garden Social: Fun & Practical](#) - Tuesday July 1 - 6:30pm - 10:00pm
Gardening, seed swap, potluck, movie "Ingredients".

[Building Beds & Irrigation](#) - Monday July 7 - 10:00am - 11:00am
Hosted by Jacqueline Salame, San Antonio Food Bank.

Both at SA Time Dollar Community Connections, 2806 W. Salinas, San Antonio

San Antonio Botanical Garden

Summer Garden & Nature Classes and Workshops

San Antonio Botanical Garden at 555 Funston is offering a number classes and workshops. For further information contact programregistrar@sabot.org or Sasha Kodet at [210.207.3270](tel:210.207.3270) or sha.kodet@sanantonio.gov. To view the class information online, go to: <http://www.sabot.org/?nd=Classes>. To register online, go to: <http://www.sabot.org/?nd=registration>.

July 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 GCCG Workday 8 AM	2	3	4 	5 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9 a.m.
6	7 Master Gardener Office/Library 8:30 - Noon	8 GCCG Workday	9	10 Board Meeting 6 PM	11 GCCG Workday 8 AM Red Barn 9 AM	12 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show 9:a.m. O - FULL MOON
13	14 Master Gardener Office/Library	15 GCCG Workday	16	17 GCMG Meeting	18 GCCG Workday Red Barn	19 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show 9 a.m.
20	21 Master Gardener Office/Library	22 GCCG Workday	23	24	25 GCCG Workday Red Barn	26 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show 9:a.m. <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>
27 ● NEW MOON	28 Master Gardener Office/ Library	29 GCCG Workday	30	31	GCCG - Guadalupe County Community Garden	



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July Meeting

Thursday, July 17th, 2014 - 6:30 PM

Guadalupe County Justice Center
211 W. Court St., Seguin

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