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## Half Way Point

How time flies and the older I get the quicker it moves. As we approach mid-year, our organization and the board are moving forward in evaluating our mission as to how we can be more effective in presenting our horticulture message to the community. From our initial meeting on March 7, the majority agreed to focus on the following two issues: HORTICULTURE EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC AND DEVELOPMENT OF MORE CERTIFIED SPECIALISTS. On June 7, the board is having the second informal work session at the County Extension Building from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and we strongly encourage the membership to attend and provide your input in constructively developing these two issues.

On the subject of specialists, the following is the most current list I have for specialist training: FireWise, Greenhouse Management, Compost, Oak Wilt, Rainwater Harvesting, Vegetables, Entomology, Junior Master Gardener, Citrus Greening, Irrigation Efficiency, Drip Irrigation, Plant Propagation and Earth-Kind Landscaping (no GCMG member certified in Earth-Kind). Here is an eye opening statistic for you; only ELEVEN PERCENT of our current membership are certified specialists and GCMG has only ONE certified specialist in four of the areas mentioned. More on that at the June 7 meeting. I understand no one is going to pursue specialist training where they have no interest, but if one of the specialist areas motivates you, make a commitment and help foster the education of our community.

All background checks have been completed and a revised membership roster will be forthcoming shortly.

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**June SOCIAL**  
**June 21st, 2012**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
See page 3

Don't forget your name tag!

## Editor's Note

Want to learn about vegetables - when to plant, when to harvest, which kinds do best, what diseases to look for, how to discourage the rabbit? All this and more can be found in Ann Odvody's Community Garden Updates on page 6.

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## MAY MEETING PROGRAM

### Mary Dunford Using Herbs in Your Garden



Mary Dunford from Natures Own Garden in San Antonio spoke to the Guadalupe County Master Gardener's May meeting. Mary has 30 years of experience in herb growing and spoke on Using Herbs in Your Garden. Her business is mainly wholesale, providing herbs to HEB and area nurseries.



She provided 2 handouts, one a Fresh Herb Guide To Everyday Cooking which listed herbs to use with everyday foods; the second, a guide to Year Around Herbal Gardening. A website is under development and has a picture guide of all her herbs and plants for identification. Her farm has over 300 varieties of plants. To check it out go to

[www.naturesherbfarm.com](http://www.naturesherbfarm.com)

Natures Own is not organic but does not use any systemic chemicals and they try to do "everything natural". She gave many helpful tips. For a soil mixture she uses rock phosphate to stimulate root growth, green sand for iron and for plants needing a quick boost blood meal. For a fertilizer she uses Hasta Gro. She uses lots of compost and mulches the herbs well, especially through the summer. She stressed herbs need sunshine.

Mary suggests you harvest your herbs in the morning or in the evening when it is cooler. You can store herbs in the refrigerator in a plastic bag up to several weeks.

When cooking with fresh herbs if your recipe calls for a teaspoon of a dried herb, you use 3 times the amount or a tablespoon of the fresh herb.

Herbs such as basil, she cuts at a node. Basil can be kept in a glass of water for several days.

Grassy herbs, like parsley, chives, dill, fennel and chervil, can be cut right at the base at the soil and the herb will quickly grow back.

Mary passed the herbs through the membership explaining culinary uses and which varieties do best in Texas heat and soil. She brought a large variety of her herbs for demonstration and for sale and many went home with a tray of herbs.

Submitted & photo by Sandy Foss

**The Guadalupe County Master Gardener Association**

Is a

**VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**

# Association News

***Please join us***  
***for***  
***Good Food, Fun and Friends!***  
***at the GCMG's ICE CREAM SOCIAL***

on June 21, 2012 - 6:30 pm  
at  
The First Presbyterian Church  
305 N. King Street, Seguin

Anyone wishing to donate something for Decorations and Prizes (it could be something from your garden or garden shed, cut flowers, a plant, or vegetables from your gardens) contact: Betty Hughes at [ehughes5@satx.rr.com](mailto:ehughes5@satx.rr.com) or call 830-401-4066.  
Anyone interested in helping with the decorating contact: Helen Griffith at 210-598-9406.



**Directions to the First Presbyterian Church**  
**305 N King Street, Seguin**

(Parking is behind the church on E. Mountain)

From 123 Bypass in Seguin: Turn west onto E. Court Street, turn right onto N. Moss (across from Guadalupe Regional Medical center) and go one block to E. Mountain, the parking area behind the church. You can also take E. Walnut from 123 Bypass and turn left onto N. Moss.

From Hwy 46: Take Court Street (West and then East Court) through town. After the Red light at King Street (CVS will be on your right, on the corner) take the next left onto N. Moss and left onto E. Mountain, the parking area behind the church.

## GCMG Junior Master Gardener Program

Exciting times for GCMG. The Junior Master Gardener Program has kicked off with a touchdown. Highlighted in this month's column is one of several ongoing projects assisted by the GCMG JMG program..

### Navarro Intermediate School, Shelia Buchanan, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher

Ms Buchanan has started an after-school gardening club that incorporates grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> and currently has approximately 21 kids meeting every Thursday. She has targeted kids struggling with scholastics and is using this program to develop hands-on skills. She has built 2 raised beds and started a beautification project for the school entrance. She has written grants for additional funding for dirt, mulch, and additional beds. She has also integrated activities with the support of the Navarro ISD nutritionist.

The GCMG Junior Master Gardener Program members met with Ms Buchanan on March 22<sup>nd</sup> presenting her with an overview of the JMG program. She would like her students to register as a JMG club. Their JMG club will be conducting an Earth Day activity on April 26<sup>th</sup> through the GCMG Junior Master Gardener Program. Ms Buchanan has requested a set of teacher's books and one student journal (estimated cost \$225.00).



## REFRESHMENTS

I want to thank Suzanne Brown, Jeri Doyle, Peggy Jones and Betty Hughes for furnishing the great food we had at the May Meeting.

The June 21 Master Gardeners Summer Social will be hosted by Treva Hicks, Betty Hughes, Helen Griffith and Jennifer Wilson.

Treva Hicks, Refreshments Coordinator

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Please continue to report your hours in a consistent and timely manner.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: LIFE IS AN ESCALATOR: YOU CAN MOVE FORWARD OR BACKWARD; YOU CANNOT REMAIN STILL. Patricia Russell-McCloud – Motivational speaker

Bob Davis, President

## AgriLife Building Workday May 19th

Liz Romero leads the hard working master gardeners weeding and pruning at the AgriLife Building beds. They are left to right: Sandy Black, Betty Hughes, Liz Romero and Penny Wallace. Photos are by Clara Mae Marcotte.

We really need someone who can commit to mow the grass, even for a month at a time. Lawnmower not provided! Email Liz at [lromero16@satx.rr.com](mailto:lromero16@satx.rr.com) to volunteer or if you have questions



## BLUEBONNET FESTIVAL in La Vernia



Guadalupe County Master Gardeners worked with SAWS to give away xeriscape plants and gardening information at the 31st Annual Bluebonnet Festival in Lavernia on Sat., May 19th. Pictured left to right are Jerry Kotzur (SAWS), Penny Glawe (GCMG), Peggy Jones (GCMG), Carol Calentine (GCMG) and Calvin Finch (SAWS). Photo by Peggy Jones.

### **TEXAS GARDENER FUNDRAISER**

Our Treasury keeps 25% of your subscription when it is sent through GCMG. Email [jbruno@qvec.net](mailto:jbruno@qvec.net) for further information.

### **Attract Pollinators to your Garden**

Here's an interesting website that might be useful if you want to attract pollinators to your garden. <http://www.pollinator.org/guides.htm> Put in your zip code and follow the prompts to a specific guide for your ecoregion. There is a page of habitat and nesting requirements that makes for interesting reading and may lead you to more research. Sweat bees? Yellow faced bees? Digger bees with velvety fur? Let's just say I spent too much time looking for pictures after reading those names.  
Submitted by Linda Bruno

## Guadalupe County Community Garden - Updates from Ann

4/29 - First of all, we would like to thank the volunteers from the Schertz United Methodist Church who spent the morning working with us. They harvested, weeded, spread mulch, built and filled a new 16 foot bed and helped install a drip irrigation system, amended the soil in two existing beds and then planted them in green beans and Armenian cucumbers. They also got a small gazebo moved in and set up. The clouds and breeze kept things pleasant and all the extra hands made the work fly. Thank you all (our Master Gardeners, too)!! Last Thursday we harvested 23 pounds 12 ounces of produce and another 12 pounds 11 ounces today. The total for the year is 347 pounds 5 ounces. **Since we got so much done today and all the harvesting is done, we will take a break Monday and Thursday (State Conference).** Dale and I will pop in Wednesday to do a quick harvest. Please feel free to stop by any time to putter around and pull a few weeds (combination is 1980). Hope to see you Monday, 7 May 2012, when things will be back on schedule.

5/7 - There were 2.8 inches of rain in the gauge this morning and you could tell it had rained hard as the mulch had been washed out from between the raised beds. Red okra, green bush beans, and Armenian cucumbers are coming up and we added white eggplant and some more jalapenos this morning. We still have broccoli to pull out but will wait until the beds dry out some. Last Wednesday we harvested 24 pounds 4 ounces. Today's weight was 38 pounds. Total for the year is 409 pounds 9 ounces. We are currently bringing in eggplant, peppers (jalapeno, bell and banana), squash, green beans and peaches. Plans for Thursday will depend on the weather!

5/14 - Nice out this morning and we got quite a bit done. Harvested the last of the cabbage. La Verne cleaned up the herb bed and planted some dill. Planted more bush beans and zucchini. We have six baby cantaloupes so far. Last Thursday we harvested 23 pounds 2 ounces. Today it was 32 pounds 2 ounces. So far this year we have donated 464 pounds 13 ounces. We also had a visitor asking about the garden today and we enjoyed chatting with him for a while.

5/17 - It was a beautiful morning in the garden. We had a visit from a Florida Master Gardener as we were wrapping up. She is new to the area and wanted to see what we were doing. She was looking for something local she could volunteer for and I told her we would be glad to have her join us. The ground was too wet to work in the beds, but we did get the harvesting done. Mary and Dale harvested 16 pounds of onions and they still haven't made a dent in them. We took radishes from the Mom's Club bed and they were HUGE. They will also have zucchini very soon. We donated 29 pounds of produce, bringing us to 493 pounds 13 ounces for the year.

5/24 - Cooler this morning, due to the clouds, than it was Monday. We got some weeding done and a lot of harvesting. Our production for this week was 66 pounds 10 ounces. Our total donation so far this year has been 560 pounds 7 ounces. We had visitors both days. The lady Monday was a customer of RACAP's food bank and she just wanted to see the garden and say thank you for our efforts. It was nice to meet someone who eats what we harvest.

5/28 - We harvested until about 10:30 a.m. and by then it was getting really warm. We picked our first tomatillos and dug some very nice Yukon Gold and Red Lasota potatoes. We added two more tomato plants and a bed of Clemson spineless okra. The BHN 602 (Rodeo) tomatoes yielded several tomatoes, two of which weighed in at 1 pound 5 ounces each. We have picked the last of the snow peas 'til next year. The rabbit is dining on the new leaves of the summer peas (black-eyed), so I will plant more in one of the beds with netting protection. Blue Lake green beans are developing rust; the Kentucky Wonder are not - lesson learned. Total harvested today was 52 pounds 12 ounces. So far this year we have donated 613 pounds 3 ounces.

## MEET YOUR BOARD



Our next interview is with Peggy Jones, President-Elect of the organization. Thank you, Peggy for allowing us to chat with you for our series "Meet the Board".

*Which master gardener class, year, and location were you enrolled?* I was in Class 18 back in 2006. The class was in Cibolo at Niemietz Park.

*What motivated you to take the master gardener class?* My friends Pat Schultze and Polly Ruppert told me all about the MG program in Guadalupe County and convinced me I should take the class and join.

*What excites you about being a master gardener?* I love being a part of this organization. I truly believe GCMG is made of nice people that really want to pitch in. Plus it is so rewarding to pass along gardening information to newbies.

*What is the favorite topic that you learned in your master gardening class or in a seminar?* At that time I was interested in learning more about vegetable gardening and trees. With Bob Grafe we got experience on planting raised beds out at the Guadalupe County Jail facility. I also remember having an AHA moment when Nancy Masterson took the class on a walk through Niemietz Park to look at and discuss the trees in the park. Learned mostly what I had been doing wrong with trees but also how to do it right.

*What is your favorite task to do at home because of your experience with Master Gardeners?* I love working in my flower beds whether I am pulling weeds, deadheading roses or trying new plants. Learning what works and what doesn't in our sandy soil is always an experience. Gardening is a pleasure to me. I especially love going out each day to see what new rose or daylily is blooming.

*What would you like to share with the members about yourself?* I really am very shy, but try to push myself to try new things. Like taking on this job.

*What would you like to see our organization doing in the next few years?* That's a tough question but I would really like to see the communities of Guadalupe County recognize how much GCMG is doing or will be doing for Guadalupe County. Our Junior Master Gardener program has really kicked off with the help of Lo-ra Dick and Gina Mullens. I would like to see us continue to develop this program by training teachers and spreading the word to the school districts, and other organizations like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts that we want to help them teach children about gardening. Also I would like to see more member involvement in the GC Community Garden in Schertz.

*How long have you been a MG?* Going on 6 years.

*What do you consider to be your primary responsibility in your office?* As President Elect I consider myself in training. Trying to keep my eyes and ears open to what our members are interested in. Watching how our organization continues to prosper and change for the better.

*Who would you have lunch with if you could be with any gardening guru.* If I could have lunch with any gardening guru, it would be: Greg Grant.

*What other organizations have you belonged to?* Currently I belong to the San Antonio Garden Center Gardeners at Large, Gardening Volunteers of S. Texas and the San Antonio Rose Society.

*How has your membership in these organizations helped you in your current position in GCMG?* It's amazing how cooperative GCMG members are. Not all organizations excite you about being a master gardener?

*Thank you Peggy.*

## AG Festival

The Third Annual Ag Festival hosted by the Texas Agricultural Education and Heritage Center was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The one-evening event incorporates educational booths, agriculturally-related commercial booths and food booths.

“The concept of the agriculture trade show is to show the diversity of the agriculture industry in Guadalupe County and to inform the community of the impact that agriculture has on the economy of this area” (as stated on their web-site).

The Big Red Barn welcomed visitors from 6:00 to 9:00 pm to browse booths filled with information, give-aways and lots of food! Our Master Gardeners organization got in on the fun by providing free seeds! While it was hard to compete with cherry cobbler and ice cream we also had lots of visitors at our table! Doug Biggs along with Kathy Pape and Debbie Lowe provided information on the upcoming Class 24 and tried to twist a few arms. We also answered questions to the best of our ability on plants, diseases, pests and remedies. We were glad when Clara Mae Marcotte stopped by so we could confirm just what the Mexican Buckeye seed would produce!

We provided a rubber garden tub filled with garden gloves, pruners, a kneeling pad, a small rake and bandana for an attendance prize. One of Doug’s neighbors won the prize and came by the booth to thank us.

Records indicated that there were 255 tickets purchased, 50 students and children under twelve, 130 workers and volunteers. I don’t think that we will ever know how many people we reached, but I do know that we planted many seeds of interest!

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Lowe



Photos by  
Darryl Styblo

### REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact Gail Johnson, Secretary, 830-491-1996 or e-mail [gailpjohnson@earthlink.net](mailto:gailpjohnson@earthlink.net).

### March Meeting

The raffle of \$24 was won by Clara Mae Marcotte. Penny Wallace won the door prize.



## Members in Service

### Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors

Two Year Term - George Ammermann; Linda Bruno, Alternate

One Year Term - Gail Johnson; Jim Johnson, Alternate

### Project Evaluation Committee

Gillian Siemens, Barbara Gettig, Janice Knobles

Membership Outreach Committee - Virginia Biggs

Speakers Bureau - Clara Mae Marcotte

### Guadalupe Co. Community Garden Operating Committee

Linda Bruno, Holly Christian

JMG Program Coordinator - Lo-Ra Dick

Master Gardener Office/Library - Betty Hughes

AgriLife Building Workdays - Liz Romero

New Member Support - Bob Teweles

Hours Reporting - Dale & Ann Odvody

Notification - Dale Odvody & Beth Zies

Refreshment Coordinator - Treva Hicks

Guadalupe County Fair - Helen Griffith

Historian - Gloria Saenz

WebSite Photo Album - Jerilyn Preston

Class 23 & 24 Coordinator - Jose Antonio Contreras

Newsletter Editor - Elaine McIntyre

Web Master - Randee Malmsten

## Speakers Bureau

On April 21st Peggy Jones talked about Roses at the San Antonio Rose Show. On May 10th Clara Mae Marcotte spoke at Friedens Church in Geronimo on Container Gardening. On May 15th Gina Mullen gave the Nogales Garden Club an overview of the Junior MG program with examples of projects.

Speakers, please let me know how many listeners are in each group, your subject, and when and where the talk is given. Membership: if you belong to a club that needs speakers, please contact me, Clara Mae Marcotte, at [rcm.marcotte@gmail.com](mailto:rcm.marcotte@gmail.com). We have speakers on FireWise, Plant Propagation, Oak Wilt, Rainwater Harvesting, Greenhouse Management, Composting, Citrus Greening, Entomology, Vegetables, Wildflowers, and Floral Arranging.

Report by Clara Mae Marcotte

## Congratulations

to Helen Griffith who is our new Guadalupe County Fair Chairman for 2012. Dates are October 10 - 14. If you want to help her with planning, email [1yankeecowgirl@att.net](mailto:1yankeecowgirl@att.net) and let her know. It is a lot of fun putting it all together and you get to work with the most interesting people.

## GUADALUPE COUNTY FINANCE BUILDING FLOWER BEDS

The drip irrigation is in place. Martha Grimes brought plants which Treva Hicks and Carol Calentine planted. They were also ecstatic that the plants they transplanted to the back bed all lived! On May 22nd there were two different work times to plant roses. If you want to help in this ongoing project contact Carol Mycue 830-557-6387 or Carol Calentine 830-303-3889

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 19 - Keeping Your Trees Alive, Jim Johnson, Texas Forest Service.

Aug 16 - Ten Bugs Every Gardener Should Know, Molly Keck, Integrated Pest Management Program Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension of Bexar County. MS in Entomology.

Sep 20 - Peaches, Cliff Cassidy

Oct 18 - Soil Menders, Bill Brobanski

## EARTH DAY IN SEGUIN - April 28th

A belated but very sincere **THANK YOU** for your efforts to make the MG Earth Day booth such a success! My computer's been down due to remodeling, so we're late thanking you for your involvement, enthusiasm, being there on time and pitching in with whatever needed to be done. More than 25 of you helped make the Master Gardener booth one of the most (if not THE most) visited, interactive booths at Earth Day in Seguin April 28. Here are some results of who we reached with gardening and water conservation information:

- More than 150 persons (kids AND adults) planted and took home seeds in recycled water bottle terrariums filled with recycled newsprint planters (difficult to determine exactly how many, but more than 1/2 of the pots we made were used, and we have more for other upcoming activities).
- The water conservation/drip irrigation/rainwater harvesting area was very popular -- many people (more than usual) asked questions and took information according to Jim Johnson and Liz Romero who oversaw this area of the booth.
- The information area and free seed giveaway attracted well over 120 people -- we know this because 117 signed up for the free tree drawing in the information area. A gentleman from Houston, who is in Seguin on weekends, and a local woman won the trees which were donated by Carol Calentine.
- Ten or more persons signed up to get more information or attend an upcoming information session on MG Class 24. Jose Contreras and Romelia Escamilla were there to personally talk to many people specifically about the MG program, share informational handouts and applications, and are following up with them. The booth served as a great recruiting tool for the Master Gardener program.

***Again, thank you for making the day successful and sharing your expertise about gardening. We also enjoyed getting to know you better!***

Sincerely, Ellen Laubhan and Randy Rye, Co-Chairs, Guadalupe County Master Gardener Earth Day

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Volunteers Needed

Contact Carol Calentine at [ccalentine@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ccalentine@ag.tamu.edu) or 830-303-3889.

\* \* \* Report your hours monthly! \* \* \*

### Green Team



We're pulling weeds and fighting fire ants (both thanks to our otherwise wonderful rains). Our starting time has changed from 9 a.m. to **8:00 a.m.** - we're trying to work before it gets too hot. Thanks. Hughlene Micheli

# GARDENING EVENTS

## Alamo Area Texas Nature Challenge

June 2 through August 3

Local parks and natural areas have developed “challenges” to complete designed for family fun and nature exploration. For more information go to <http://naturechallenge.tamu.edu/alamoarea/>

# EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

## Go Native!

Jun 16 (Saturday) 10 am – noon

at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place

The course will cover the importance of native plants in sustaining local wildlife such as birds, butterflies, hummingbirds, etc. It will also discuss some bullet-proof native plants for sun and shade for the home landscape. With these plants you can have a colorful landscape, support wildlife, and save time and money. What a deal! Fee: \$20. To register, visit <http://www.sabot.org/?nd=adults>.

## What is Citrus Greening Disease

Jun 19-20 (Tuesday & Wednesday) from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

at the Bexar County Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208

Registration fee is \$12 payable in advance by mail to Angel Torres, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230 [\(210\) 467-6575](tel:2104676575).

## Canning and Preserving the Harvest

**Saturday, June 2, 10 am at the Antique Rose Emporium**

Now that you are harvesting, Martha Joyce of the Comal Agrilife Extension, will show you how to keep the fresh taste of your gardening bounty with this *can-do* program. FREE.

## Earth-Kind Citrus Seminar

Jun 9 (Saturday) 10:30 am – 12 noon

at Fanick's Garden Center, 1025 Holmgreen Road, San Antonio

Come visit with Horticulturist David Rodriguez with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service to learn the basics of selecting and growing citrus trees on your patio or in the landscape. Cost: Free, but donations to the Children Vegetable Garden Program are welcomed. For more information, contact Angel Torres at [210 467-6575](tel:2104676575). MG's will be awarded 1.5 CEU's for attending

**Agriculture Workshop for Military Veterans**

**June 16th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center,  
390 Cordova Road, Seguin (Hwy 123 and Cordova Rd.)**

COST: \$10.00 (LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

For registration the website is at <http://txagrability.tamu.edu/>

**Native Plant Society of Texas**

**Guadalupe County (Schertz-Seguin) Chapter**

On Tuesday June 12, 2012, Jackie Poole of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and one of the authors of "RARE PLANTS OF TEXAS" will present "Native and Rare Plants of Central Texas".

The Guadalupe County Chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at The Marion Library Meeting Room, 500 Bulldog Lane, Marion. There will be a plant/seed exchange and a welcome time at 6:30 pm followed by the program by Jackie Poole at 7:00 pm. It is open to the public and visitors are welcome .

For more information, directions to The Marion Library or membership applications contact our website at [www.npsot.org.guadalupecounty](http://www.npsot.org.guadalupecounty).

**Basil Fest at the Farmers Market @ Pearl**

Jun 2 (Saturday) 9 AM to 1 PM - 200 East Grayson Street San Antonio

Sponsored by Herb Market Association - Class on Growing Basil, Cooking Demo "Beyond Pesto", and the "Thirst Quencher Challenge with Basil." JMG will be there helping kids plant a basil. For more information, go to [www.sanantonioherbmarket.org](http://www.sanantonioherbmarket.org) or call Laura Rogers, [210-317-5117](tel:210-317-5117).

**Master Gardener Specialist Composter Training**

**June 13 - 14 (8 am - 5 pm) - June 15 (9 am - 12 noon)**

San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, San Antonio

This Master Gardener Specialist Composter Training was created as an intensive multi-day training that would empower Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas AgriLife Extension Service efforts in Earth-Kind environmental educational programs in their counties.

Registration Fee: \$225 payable to Bexar County Master Gardeners, Attn: Angel Torres, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio, Tx 78230-4818. This includes 2 lunches, 1 dinner, snacks and other goodies. Payment and application must be in our office by Friday, May 18th. Cancellation must be made by Friday, May 25, as there will be a \$100 surcharge.

## **Master Gardener Rainwater Specialist Training**

July 19th and 20th, 2012 - in Brenham

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service is offering a Master Gardener Rainwater Specialist Training on July 19th and 20th in Washington County at the W. J. "Bill" Rankin Agricultural Complex at Blinn College, 1409 Old Mill Creek Road, Brenham.

Every trainee will make a rain barrel to take home for their own use, or to use as a demonstration. Each trainee will receive a shirt, PowerPoint Presentations, and other materials to help them install rainwater harvesting system demonstrations in their counties and teach others about rainwater harvesting. Be sure to dress appropriately for outdoor activities.

Only 30 participant spots are available for this training, so please submit your registration forms as soon as possible. Payment of \$225 and registration forms must arrive at the Colorado County Extension Office by June 15, 2012. Registrants will be notified of their acceptance via email by June 20, 2012. The last day to cancel registration without forfeiting registration money will be July 2, 2012; any cancellation notice must be received via email: [bmgavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:bmgavolunteer@gmail.com). Please contact Kara Matheney at (979) 732-2082 or by email [kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu) for further information.

Once the course is complete, Master Gardener Rainwater Harvesting Specialists will be able to set up a rainwater harvesting demonstration and training in their counties for other Master Gardeners and for the public. Please remember you have to get Travis Franke's approval to take the course.

## **Master Gardener FireWise Landscape Specialist Training**

Jun 29 & 30 (Friday & Saturday) in LaGrange, TX.

The fire danger remains high. Bluebonnet Master Gardener Association, in association with Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service of Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington Counties and the Texas Forest Service, is offering a Master Gardener FireWise Landscape Specialist Training in Fayette County on June 29th and 30th, 2012. The training will take place at the Fayette County Agriculture Building, 255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange.

Only 50 participant spots are available for this training, so please submit your registration forms as soon as possible. Payment of \$180 and registration forms must arrive at the Fayette County Extension Office by June 11, 2012. Please contact Carol Daniels at (979) 247 4260 or by email at [bmgavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:bmgavolunteer@gmail.com) for further information. Please remember you have to get Travis Franke's approval to take the course.

## **MG FIREWISE LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST TRAINING - IN KERRVILLE**

Jun 22-23 (Friday & Saturday) 8:30am-5:30pm

The registration cost is \$180. For more details and the registration form contact The Kerr County Agrilife office 830-257-6568 . Registration Deadline is June 11, 2012.

## **Native Texas Orchid - Jun 1 (Friday)**

The San Antonio Orchid Society will meet at Lions Field Center, 2809 Broadway, San Antonio. at 6:30pm social, 7:00 meeting. The program will be a talk on the [Native Texas Orchid](#) by Dotty Woodson. Master Gardeners are invited.

## **New vineyard establishment workshops to be held in Hill Country**

Two new vineyard establishment workshop programs will be presented in the Texas Hill Country -- one May 31 and one June 21 -- by Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The first will be held at the Fovel Family Vineyard in Fredericksburg. The second will be held at Bending Branch Estate Vineyard in Comfort.

The program will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to dress in accordance with the weather and to be prepared to walk through various parts of the vineyard during the workshop. You are also encouraged to bring a sack lunch. The training will provide in-depth information and demonstrations to help start-up growers avoid costly mistakes.

The May 31 workshop is the first of a two-part series to be conducted at two different vineyards in the Hill Country. It will give participants an up-close look at the newly planted Fovel Family Vineyard and will include vineyard layout and design, site and soil preparation, variety and rootstock selection, trellis construction and planting grapevines.

The next workshop will be June 21 at the unique Bending Branch Estate Vineyard, 142 Linder Branch Trail, Comfort. This workshop will address vine training, nutrition and irrigation, as well as weed management and disease control.

The cost for each workshop is \$75 and separate registration is required for each. To register, go to <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and enter "vineyard" as the keyword, or call 979-845-2604.

For more information on the workshops, contact Ms Adams at 830-997-7047 or [psadams@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:psadams@ag.tamu.edu).

## **Landscape Design Study Series XXIII, Course 1 - September 10-11, 2012**

Christ United Methodist Church, 4201 State Highway 6, College Station, Texas 77845.  
(979) 690-4623

The first in the latest Landscape Design Study Course series is offered in four separate schools, approximately six months apart, each with 10 hours of instruction, in the Bryan-College Station area. These courses offer an opportunity to learn from professional landscape architects and horticulturists about how successful landscapes are designed. Specifics include color, scale, history, practicality, plant selection and hardscape choices. Participants may take the four courses in any sequence. **Master Gardeners** who complete a course may apply 12 hours of credit to their requirements for continuing education. Registration materials may be requested from Cynthia Mueller, Department of Extension Horticulture, 225 HFSB TAMU MS 2134, College Station, TX 77843-2134, by telephone (979) 845-7344 or by e-mail at [c-mueller@tamu.edu](mailto:c-mueller@tamu.edu). Registration for the course will be \$125 (including two lunches). Make check payable to **LANDSCAPE DESIGN**. The text, good for all four courses, is *Stewards of the Land*. It may be purchased for an additional \$40. The book will be reserved for participants to pick up the first morning of the course.

## **Care of Agaves, Yuccas and Succulents**

Jun 9 (Saturday) 10 am – noon

at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place.

Are you considering adding the drama of agaves, yuccas, or other succulents to your garden, but feel lost about their care? Use this workshop to find the best choices for our area. Learn how to care for these plants, and find out how many outstanding choices there are for San Antonio gardens. Fee: \$35. To register, visit <http://www.sabot.org/?nd=adults>.

# JUNE 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.
3	4 Master Gardener Office/Library 8:30-NOON  GCCG Workday  GREEN TEAM 8am  O FULL MOON	5	6	7  GCCG Workday 8am  <b>GCMG Planning Meeting 6 PM</b>	8	9 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.
10	11 Master Gardener Office/Library  GCCG Workday	12	13	14 GCMG Board Meeting  GCCG Workday	15	16 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.
17  HAPPY FATHERS DAY!	18 Master Gardener Office/ Library  GCCG Workday  GREEN TEAM 8am	19  ● New Moon	20	21 GCMG Social 6:30 PM  GCCG Workday	22	23 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.
24	25 Master Gardener Office/ Library  GCCG Workday	26  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	27	28  GCCG Workday	29	30 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.



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### **June Social**

**Thurs, June 21st, 2012, 6:30 P.M.**

*First Presbyterian Church  
305 N. King St., Seguin, Tx*

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