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Gardening Conundrums

By Bob Grafe, President

First, thank you to everyone who played a part in making this year's Guadalupe County Fair and Rodeo a tremendous success. Even during a record-setting drought year, horticulture continues to flourish at the Fair.

And, just look at what a little (often prayed for) rain will do for our landscapes and countrysides! After only a couple of weeks of well-needed moisture, we've become just a "wee bit of the Irish" ... or, we've gone beyond PC "Green!"

Wow! What a beautiful part of the world we live in!

Now, for those of you who (I know) are a little on the wild side, let's talk "Guerrilla Gardening."

What is Guerrilla Gardening you ask?

It is "The illicit cultivation of someone else's land." according to Richard Reynolds, author of the book *On Guerrilla Gardening – A Handbook For Gardening Without Boundaries*.

Reynolds describes where many of us can help make our planet more beautiful by adopting spaces of unused land, i.e., along a roadside, part of a vacant lot, near a bus stop, adjacent abandoned downtown properties, not being maintained "common" areas in subdivisions, where an individual or individuals can quietly, no fanfare, no media publicity, clean up an area, maybe plant a few seeds or transplants, and be determined to keeping that designated area beautiful for others to enjoy.

Try it.

You'll probably get hooked on Guerrilla Gardening.

November Meeting

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Microorganisms in the Soil

Andrew Franke of Medina Agricultural Plants will discuss the importance of microorganisms in the soil; how they benefit plants through improving soil conditions and help plants develop healthier, stronger root systems.

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Association News

Gardening for Hummingbirds and Butterflies

by Judit Green

Judit Green who is an urban wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stationed in San Antonio presented "Gardening for Hummingbirds and Butterflies" at the October membership meeting.

Eighteen species of hummingbirds have been identified in the State of Texas utilizing bird watchers participating in a hummingbird roundup each year starting in 1995. Five major species of hummingbirds include ruby-throated (summering in the eastern half of Texas), black-chinned (summering in the western and central parts of Texas), rufous (summering in the West Texas and Panhandle areas), broad-tail (summering in the Trans-Pecos area of Texas) and buff-tailed (summering in the Rio Grande delta area).

Male hummingbirds are identified by their jewel-like (iridescent) throat feathers, while females, being mostly greenish above and whitish below, present identification problems as to what species they belong.

Hummingbirds migrate south in the winter, generally to Mexico. Some winter over in the lower Rio Grande area while a few may stay in the South Texas area.

Hummingbirds have needle-like bills for sipping nectar from flowers. They feed on flowers of some trees, vines and shrubs and many different wild and garden flowers. Judit provided a list of plants for attracting hummingbirds to your South Central Texas garden compiled by Patty Leslie Pasztor. Sugar water (about one cup sugar dissolved in four cups water) placed in a purchased hummingbird feeder will help sustain them and provide a way of observing them. Feeders should be kept clean and the contents changed every three days. Hummingbirds need some protein (about 20% of their diet). They will feed on spiders, aphids and mites. Also a shallow birdbath will provide a drinking and bathing area. Hummingbirds build tiny nests in trees and shrubs. They build a cup-shaped nest out of fine grasses, spider silk, plant down and camouflaged with lichen.

Judit spoke of the diversity of butterflies. There about 17,500 North American species of which 161 types are found in Bexar County. Two of the largest and most colorful butterflies are the swallowtail and the monarch. The swallowtail butterfly (bright yellow and black) has projections from the tails of the wings. The monarch butterfly (bright orange and black) feeds on milkweed plants such as the butterfly weed. The milkweed they feed on makes them very distasteful to birds. They are famous for migrating in large groups to winter over in Mexico and Central America. The red admiral butterfly likes rotting fruit. They enjoy the alcohol content. Some of the other butterflies also enjoy rotting fruit.

There are a number of classifications of butterflies including: Nymphalidae (brush-footed due to reduced forelegs), the family Lycaenidae (gossamer winged which include the blues, coppers and hairstreaks), the family Pieridae (large group referred to as sulphurs and whites), the family Apaturidae (hackberry butterflies), the family Lybitheidae (includes the snout nose butterfly), and the family Hesperiidae (includes the skipper butterfly).

The morphology of a butterfly includes four wings (two fore and two hind), six legs, thorax, abdomen, antennae, and a head containing a proboscis used to sip nectar. The proboscis remains curled up when not in use but can extend out several inches for sipping nectar.

The butterfly's life cycle is generally well known. They start as an egg, hatch out into a caterpillar, dine on their favorite plant until mature, form a chrysalis (cocoon) and finally emerge as a butterfly. This transformation is known as metamorphosis. The butterfly flits about sipping on flowers helping pollination. They mate and the female lays her eggs on appropriate plants and then she dies.

Butterflies are often selective on what they feed. A butterfly garden should provide blooming plants throughout the seasons and also plants for the caterpillars to munch on. Avoid the use of pesticides and watering on the tops of plants (dilutes the nectar). Provide a puddling area and some hibernating sites. Create an area of low-growing flowers at the edge of the lawn. Plant taller flowers at the edges of shrubs and trees or along a fence.

Judit provided a butterfly gardening plant list which included spring blooming plants, summer blooming plants, and fall blooming plants. Included was a list of some plants that provided food for caterpillars. This list was compiled by Janis Merritt of the San Antonio Botanical Gardens.

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Christmas Social

Gardeners dust off your party clothes. Join fellow stem huggers for a night of conversation and great eats. December 10th as the frost covers the ground and the chill gathers us inside, we will socialize from 6 until 10 PM. Under the stars we will stroll the labyrinth at Moasic. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share. Also, if you have a care, help the Blue Santa spread Holiday cheer with a gift or a can of grub.

Questions? Call or e-mail Anna Schodowski at 830-303-3895 or alschodows@aol.com



New Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Clifford Smith (pictured) receives his Master Gardener certificate from Linda Bruno at the October 2009 meeting.

Irma Rodriguez, member in associate status, requested and was approved by the Board to be reinstated as certified.

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Always delicious October meeting refreshments were provided by Bonnie DeCamp, Pat Schultze, Irma Rodriguez, Liz Romero, and Rita Trevino. Don Hilbert won the \$21.50 raffle. Joe Bruno won the \$10 Schulz Nursery gift certificate. The speaker, Judit Green, donated a Texas Parks & Wildlife CD, "Texas Wildscapes, Gardening for Wildlife", which was won by Gillian Siemens.

GROW LOCAL FESTIVAL

The second Grow Local Festival is set for February 27th at the Schertz Civic Center. We've added some new vendors and picked up another sponsor. The website – www.growlocalfestival.com - should be up and running in the next couple of weeks. We'll send out an e-mail to all of you when it is ready for viewing.

Do you know anyone who had a Victory Garden and has pictures or memories they would be willing to share? Or do you know anyone who participated in the Community Garden project on Randolph AFB? If we can get enough pictures, we'd like to have a special wall set up for people to look at during the Grow Local Festival.

If you have questions or suggestions, please e-mail me at jlbruno@gvec.net

Mosaic Meditation Garden by Liz Romero

If you have been on Court Street in the vicinity of the TLU campus during the past couple of months, you have probably noticed that big things are happening at Mosaic Community Church. To quote Pastor Jim Taylor:

"The dream we've discussed from time-to-time over the past couple of years of having a community garden on our campus has finally been realized! We are happy to announce that Mosaic is installing a community garden of our own in an effort to further the following values:

Sustainability

Creation stewardship

Community partnership

Providing fresh, organic vegetables and fruits for local food banks

Sacred space for contemplation and prayer

Ecumenical friendship

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We are delighted that this effort has been collaborative from the beginning. Contributors to date include: Tim Barr - Director of Texas Lutheran University's Center for Servant Leadership; Paul Martin & Marvel Maddox - Siempre Sustainable Network; Pedro Schambon - owner and manager of My Father's Farm; Irma Rodroguez, Fred & Liz Romero - Master Gardeners and Mosaic leadership team. We anticipate for this community partnership to continue to grow as we move forward.

We have also been assisted by Girl Scouts and Adult Probationers, as well as donations of plants from more wonderful Master Gardeners. What an amazing blending of elements of our community!

This winter we will be completing our six "Monastic Garden" herb and edibles beds, adding more vegetable beds, designing our rainwater harvesting system and putting the finishing touches on our Labyrinth. Spring will bring fencing and ornamental plantings....with a lot more help from our friends!"



Mosaic Church in Seguin requests herbs for their new Meditation Garden. Contact Liz Romero at 830-372-3106 if you have any to donate. Next planting date is November 15th.

Girl Scouts planting the first vegetable and herb beds



TLU Students building herb beds



CHAIRMAN FOR THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEEDED FOR 2010

What does the Chairman do? Plans and coordinates educational opportunities for both members and the public on established gardening topics and also on current issues related to organics and the environment. Put another way, if you have ideas about classes and workshops that you would like to see us doing for both the public and our membership and you are interested in putting those ideas into action, we want to talk with you. Being organized and able to meet schedules is an important part of this but there is a whole team of people already in place who are ready to work with you. Want to know more? Call Linda Bruno at 210-363-8380

GCMG Guadalupe County Fair Winners

Special congratulations to our Master Gardeners who won those difficult to get tricolor ribbons:

Doug Biggs, Orchard Crops for his pecans
Hughlene Micheli, Ornamental Horticulture
Gillian Siemens, Cut Flowers
Clara Mae Marcotte, Handwork Competition

And thanks to all of you who took the time to enter produce in Field Crops and entries in the other competitions. That's what the County Fair is all about.

Nominating Committee

George Ammermann has agreed to run for Secretary.

No one has volunteered to be President Elect.

We need a volunteer!

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GUADALUPE COUNTY FAIR 2009



Judges: Shannon DeForrest, Lavaca County and Anthony Netardus from Dewitt County

A great big Thanks to all our Master Gardeners, Interns and Students who logged in over 210 hours working at the Guadalupe County Fair. That's a lot of hours.

The entries to the Field Crop Division were down to 128, but with the drought and heat that was still a good level of participation. This year's entries also included three watermelon which we normally don't see. There were a lot of okra and peppers, good crops to make it through the heat of the summer.

Appreciation goes to all our Master Gardeners who entered their produce and also their baked goods, flowers and handwork. The County Fair is an important part of our community and every effort made to support it with all of our entries keeps an important family tradition alive.

See you next year at the County Fair.

Joe Bruno





SCHERTZ COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

What's going on at the Schertz Community Garden? Rain, mud and bermuda grass.

Work on the fence continues and trenching for the water lines has been difficult to do in-between the rains. With a few clear days we will be able to get the trenches clear and

ready for the sand and PVC. We continue to spray for grass and weeds and some areas are actually brown instead of green. We've gotten mulch from Etter Tree Care and are looking forward to more as we get ready to start laying out the pathways for the beds.

Community workdays are set for November 7th and November 21st, starting at 8 AM. Small group workdays are scheduled during the week to take care of specific tasks. We are still confident that we will meet our grand opening deadline of February 20th, 2010.

If you would like to be included on e-mails for updates and work schedules, e-mail jlbruno@gvec.net. If you can help at either of the Community Workdays, we'd also like to hear from you. **We don't want to leave our volunteer out there all alone!**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- Nov 19 – Andrew Franke - Microorganisms in the Soil
- Dec 10 – 2009 Social
- Jan 21 – Dwight Sitta - Hydroponics Growing Systems
- Feb 18 – Sherri Anderson Kilman, Omni Farms, Herbs
- Mar 18 – Police Chief Steve Star - Poisonous Snakes
- Apr 15 – Mark Fanick - Fruit Trees for Home Landscapes
- May 20 – Liz Palfini, Texas Parks and Wildlife - Plants and Human Affairs
- Jun 17 – Summer Social

Earthkind Roses and the Earthkind Program



Four from the Guadalupe County Master Gardener Association, Nancy Cude, Barbara Redding, Donna Dickerson and Elaine McIntrye, traveled to Victoria for the October 17th Symposium presented by the Victoria County Master Gardeners. Speakers from the Texas A&M Earthkind Program were Dr. Steve George, Landscape Horticulture Specialist, Texas AgriLife, Dallas; Gaye Hammond, Past President, Houston Rose Society; Steve Chaney, Horticulture Agent, Texas AgriLife, Ft Worth; and Dr. Shari Koch, Horticulture Agent, Texas AgriLife, Rosenberg. We learned about the Earthkind program, what roses were Earthkind, how to prepare Earthkind beds including a hands-on demonstration, how to work with children

in the garden, as well as home landscaping, and companion plants for roses. At the end of the symposium, each participant was given an Earthkind experimental rose to take home and plant, with instructions to report back after three years.

Victoria AgriLife Agriculture Agent, Joe Janak, and the Victoria MGs who presented the program are friendly, knowledgeable and dedicated - typical of all MGs I've met. Their Victoria Educational Garden (VEG), which we toured, is huge with every imaginable plant for this area included - well cared for and well-signed. VEG was started in 2000 and they are working on their last phase now. How impressive!

Texas Watershed Steward Training

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Texas Watershed Steward training will take place in Guadalupe County, home to the Geronimo Creek Watershed. Due to the rapid urbanization of this area, there are growing concerns about the water quality for Geronimo Creek and its tributaries.

The training program will be in Seguin on Tuesday, **November 10**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the GBRA River Annex on 905 Nolan Street. Sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in coordination with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority GBRA, the program is designed to help watershed residents improve and protect their water resources by getting involved in local watershed protection and management activities.

All program participants will receive a free day of education and training, a free copy of the Texas Watershed Steward Curriculum Handbook, free prizes and gifts, and a certificate of completion. Pre-registration is now open and required for participation.

For more information and to get your name on the pre-registration list, please visit the Texas Watershed Steward website at <http://tws.tamu.edu> or call/email Jennifer Peterson at 979-862-8072/ jlpeterson@ag.tamu.edu.

How does this tie into what we do as Master Gardeners? Clara Mae Marcotte, Betty Hughes and I participated in a similar program in Hays County over a year ago. It was well worth the time spent and really gave us a different perspective on how each of us is responsible for our water quality and how what we do affects everyone else. As Master Gardeners, we need to be more aware of this especially when we talk to people about the importance of following directions when they use fertilizers and other chemicals. As homeowners and residents of the Geronimo Creek Watershed, we need to be more involved in protecting and enhancing our community water resources.

Please take a minute to check out the website and consider taking the training.

Linda Bruno



Just Workin' in the Rain - St Paul Landscape Project

October 3, 2009

Thirteen dedicated workers defied the rains to put in the first phase of the design from the GCMG Landscape Design Class at St Paul Evangelical Church in Cibolo. GCMGs and friends participating were Linda Bruno and grandson Daniel Jones, Bob Davis, Barbara Redding and Elaine McIntyre.

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Extension Landscape News



I hope you have all had a chance to enjoy our Fall flowers. The rain really brought out the best in our handiwork. Thanks to your excellent choice of plants, generous applications of mulch and faithful monthly maintenance, visitors to East Live Oak really have something lovely and interesting to look at!

September was still really hot, but thanks to Betty Hughes, Clara Mae Marcotte and Fred Romero, we managed to keep the beds and turfgrass looking great when we met on Sept. 26th.

We did our usual routine chores

of mowing, weeding and deadheading the roses. Personally, I think our Earth Kind Rose Garden is a stellar success. Thanks to George Ammermann for this wonderful idea.

Sadly, because of the drought, we have not been able to plant grasses in our two newest turfgrass areas. These two areas, located just across from the Log Cabin, have been the only "unfinished business" in our well designed demonstration garden. Rather than face another winter of weeds and mud, it was decided that we should plant wildflowers. The time of year is perfect, and we have seized another opportunity to demonstrate native and low maintenance landscaping to Seguin!

Seeds were ordered, and on October 24th, Master Gardeners Jeff McKee, Hughlene Micheli, Suzanne White, Irma Rodriguez, Olga & Ernest Munoz, Betty Hughes and Liz Romero, along with student Nancy Cude, met for soil preparation and planting. With such a great turnout, the work went very quickly. We now have Texas and Oklahoma wildflower mix in both the formerly designated turfgrass areas, under the Demonstration Garden sign and South of the Texas Red Oak tree. Betty Hughes has volunteered to water the seedbeds when she is there on Monday mornings, so our newest landscape feature is off to a great start.

Our next workday will be on Saturday, November 21st, at 10:30AM (immediately after I finish the radio show). We can prune, weed, look for wildflower seedlings and all be done in time for lunch! This will be our last workday for 2009, so please join me. Liz Romero. Master Gardener

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EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Class 21

This class started August 12th and is on Wednesday evenings in Schertz from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. (plus two Saturday mornings). Graduation is December 9th.

The remaining speakers are:

*November 4 – Diagnosing & Managing Plant Problems (Ch. 4) **Dr. Mark Black**, Professor, AgriLife Extension Plant Pathologist, District 10

*November 11 – NO CLASS – VETERANS DAY

*November 14 – Sat Class 8:00 – 12:00 noon Rain Water Harvesting – **Fred & Liz Romero, George J. Ammermann** Guadalupe Co. RWH Specialist (Class to be held at Extension Office, 210 E Live Oak, Seguin)

*November 18 – (Ch 7) Landscape Design - TBA

*November 25 – NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING EVE

*December 2 – Why Organics? **John Dromgoole**, has the oldest continuous organic radio show on KLBJ, Owner of The Natural Gardener Inc., Manufacturer of Lady Bug products.

*December 9 (Ch 3) Graduation – Environmental Landscaping – **Dr. Doug Welsh**, author of “Texas Gardener Almanac” Professor at A & M. The first coordinator of The Master Gardener Program in Texas

Next class will be in Seguin August 2010 at night.

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Guadalupe County (Schertz/Seguin) Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

At the Native Plant Society meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, Ann Black will discuss “A Different Approach to Gardening: Using Xerophytes in Containers and Landscapes”. She is particularly interested in using xerophytes as an expression of creativity and living art.

The Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Library, 798 Schertz Parkway, Schertz. There is a plant exchange and “getting to know you” at 6.30 pm followed by a program at 7pm. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information or an application to join NPSOT contact: www.npsot.org/GuadalupeCounty/

Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is nearing completion of another home in the Seguin area close to the Police Station on Guadalupe Street. Help is needed to design and help with planting of the yard. For more information, contact Dean Webb, at webbo97@aol.com

Weinert Elementary

Denise Jeffers needs help with some school activities. Contact her at bjdj2135@aol.com

Ag Fair in Cibolo

at the Toby Connor Barn

Buddy Nagel, Mary Bowe, Rita Trevino and Bob Davis will be talking about gardening on November 5th and 6th.

Master Gardener Phone Line & Library

Monday from 9 to noon at the AgriLIFE Extension Building. Volunteers needed to run copies for our various events, package seeds & answer phones. Contact **Betty Hughes** at ehughes5@satx.rr.com or at 830-401-4066 to find out what days she needs people.

SEEDS NEEDED – We still need seeds for our events. Just drop them by the Extension Office, labeled with the name (common name & Latin if you know it) & the year they were harvested. If there is a specific color, mention that too. No Mountain Laurel, please. If it is rare or an heirloom, add that to the description.

The Master Gardener Association

is a volunteer organization

We need **YOU**

to help with our projects.

Members in Service

Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors

Doug Biggs – One Year Term
Kay Wolverton – Two Year Term
Sandy Foss – Alternate, Two Year Term
Deedy Wright – Alternate, One Year Term

Marcia Richardson – Speakers Bureau
Cecilia & Merv Cook – Summer Social
Anna Schodowski – Christmas Party Chair
Gloria Saenz -Silver Center Chair
Sandy Foss – Member Support Chair



Report your volunteer hours!

Yes, it's that time of year again - time to start pestering our members about turning in their hours.

But now we have new state-wide master gardener guidelines that we have to meet by the end of the year, and so reporting your hours and paying your dues is extremely **CRITICAL**. If you have hours, please report them as soon as possible. If you have projects you are working on through December, Dale will be happy to add those hours to whatever you report now.

Awards Chairman Position Still Open

The Awards Chairman would be responsible for gathering all the information/pictures, etc. on a GCMG project, and submitting it to the Texas Master Gardeners for competition. Attention to detail is critical in this position. There are eight different categories that the GCMG's could enter, such as newsletters, radio shows, etc. This position needs to be filled **SOON!**

GARDENING EVENTS

David Rogers' Big Bugs at the San Antonio Botanical Garden

9/05/2009 - 12/06/2009

The Garden is buzzing with the local opening of David Rogers' Big Bugs exhibit! Displayed at gardens throughout the country, David Rogers' Big Bugs is a nationally-prominent exhibit, featuring a friendly swarm of larger-than-life insects. Constructed entirely of natural materials, these tree-sized insects turn the tables on humans, providing a "bugs-eye-view" of the important role crawly critters play in both the plant and human worlds.

2009 Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Conference

The 2009 conference will be a professional level meeting including keynotes, concurrent sessions, posters, and symposia. This conference is designed to serve scientists, land managers, state and federal agencies, local governments, and other professionals interested in invasive species issues in Texas.

Location - Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas

Dates - November 13-15, 2009.

San Antonio Herb Society

The San Antonio Herb Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels (corner of Funtson & N. New Braunfels).

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Wurst Orchid Show & Sale

New Braunfels: Hill Country Orchid Society's "Wurst Orchid Show & Sale" will take place Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the New Braunfels Elks Lodge, 353 S. Seguin, New Braunfels. Admission is free. For more information, call

Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard™

Join our tastings **every Saturday** to sample our olive oil, olive leaf jelly, and all the other delicious food products we handle! **Tours will also be held at 11AM and 2PM no charge.** You'll find us just 20 minutes south of downtown San Antonio, off I-37. Our gift shop and nursery are open to the public Tuesday-Saturday from 9AM-4PM, and Monday for scheduled pickup and deliveries only. We are closed on Sunday. Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard™ is a working ranch and we want to make sure we'll be able to spend time with you. For tours during the week please call (210) 621-0044 for more information and available days.

SPEAKERS BUREAU UPDATE

By Marcia Richardson

This fall has been a busy time for the GCMG Speakers Bureau. In September Clara Mae Marcott lectured on Fall Vegetable Gardening to the Frieden Church of Christ Ladies Guild. There was a good attendance (to include the Pastor) and the ladies asked many pertinent questions. The ladies now consider Clara Mae their *Veggie Guru* and whatever she says is IT!

On October 8th Peggy Jones lectured on Fall Rose Bush Grooming to the same group of ladies. This was the first time Peggy had ever lectured in public and she confessed to being a bit nervous. However, you would not have known it because she handled herself with great grace and confidence. She did a demo on how to prune a rose in the fall, discussed feeding for the fall bloom and touched on how to propagate roses. She delighted the ladies with a display of fresh picked roses from her garden. Also, she had plenty of good handouts and brought several potted roses to give away in a drawing (which the gals just loved).

Both our Master Gardeners spoke to the Ladies Guild under stressful circumstances. The Church is in the process of doing some major remodeling to their Activities Hall. Clara Mae had to show her power point program under awful lighting conditions and Peggy spoke in a room with no air conditioning, (all the while there was the sound of banging hammers and buzzing saws)!! Clara Mae and Peggy are to be commended for their commitments to excellence. They were enthusiastic, knew their subjects thoroughly and were prepared for their lectures. The President of the Ladies Guild told me that whenever one of our Master Gardeners speaks to them its like they are getting *The Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval*.

Also in August Deedy Wright and Clara Mae Marcott held seminars on raising Vegetables, once for our own Master Gardeners and once for the public. They reported about 100 interested folks in attendance at these meetings. The Master Gardeners are proud to have Deedy and Clara Mae as our Certified Vegetable Specialists. Deedy, our Native Plants expert, has also been lecturing on Native Plants in the Continuing Educations Department of the Northeast School District.

I urge all Master Gardeners to keep their eyes and ears open for new opportunities for the Speakers Bureau. We need to get the word out that we have a fine group of Master Gardeners who are eager and willing to share their knowledge and expertise with our local communities. Be mindful of any church or civic groups, also any school groups that could use a good speaker. (Remember, you can count your presentation, your preparation time, and travel time as volunteer hours.) If you know of any requests give Marcia Richardson a call at (210) 566-1448 or e-mail dirtduchess@hotmail.com

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November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fridqy	Saturday
1	2 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON ● Full Moon	3  Election Day	4 Master Gardener Class 21 Plant Problems Dr. Mark Black	5	6	7 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
8	9 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON	10	11  VETERANS DAY Remember Our VETERANS	12 Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.	13	14 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M. Master Gardener Class 21 Rainwater Harvest F & L Romero & G Ammermann.
15	16 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON ● New Moon	17	18 Master Gardener Class 21 Landscape Design	19 Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M.	20	21 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
22	23 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON	24	25	26  Happy Thankgiv-	27	28 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
29	30 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON			REPORT YOUR HOURS NOW		

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November Meeting Thursday, November 19, 2009

Meeting Time – 7:00 PM

AgriLIFE Extension Building

210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX

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