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President's Message

Thanks for the Rain

While I was walking the dog to the kennel last week, her foot fell in a crack in the parched earth and I thought to myself, "Self…you should think about supplemental watering before your grass dies and you have to explain to the wife why, as a master gardener and a landscaper, you have to replace dead grass. Isn't it funny how the mind works?

It is amazing that the water we got in the spring kept everything alive so long. It just goes to show you that the rains of the Spring saturated the soil so much that there was enough to last a couple of months, but I am sure glad for these summer rains that we just got. Deep, infrequent watering does work. Nature is funny that way.

I hope everyone has been doing all that they care to do in this heat and that your summer plans are falling into place. Take frequent breaks and stay hydrated.

Remember, I'm here to help if I can. Thanks for what ya'll do,

marvin.1968@yahoo.com

August Meeting

August 18th - 7 PM
Agrilife Building

Social & Refreshments 6:30 PM

Program at 7 PM
Flowering Trees by Deedy Wright

Followed by Business Meeting

Don't forget your name tags and plants for plant exchange.

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Association News

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

It was seven years this past April that I raised my hand when Bob Grafe, then President, asked for a volunteer to do the GCMG newsletter, The Guadalupe Gardener. What a great way to meet all my fellow master gardeners! My first issue was 10 pages. It has grown to average 22 pages - all thanks to our members who volunteer and then report what they've been doing, who volunteer and send pictures, who volunteer with educational and entertaining articles, who've kept me straight with their proofreading and suggestions, who put each issue up on the GCMG website and VMS site as well as the Agrilife website and who pick up and distribute the hard copies - who have labored over their Presidents' messages each month no matter how busy they otherwise have been.

But now I have given my resignation as editor of The Guadalupe Gardener. This is my last issue. Thank you all for your kind words and unbelievable participation. I am so proud to be a member of this great organization. **Elaine McIntyre**, Class 20

Class 28

We have extended the deadline to enroll in Class 28 to August 15 and we still need people to signup to make the class. Please consider doing two things. One, if you know anyone who is considering taking the class, encourage them. Two, think about posting the following on your neighborhood, Nextdoor Neighbor or church bulletin boards.

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners is now enrolling for the fall 2016 class. The class will be held Aug. 17 - Dec. 14, Wednesdays, 12:45 - 4:45 at the AgriLife Extension building, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. Cost is $190, which includes an extensive manual and other learning materials. Applications available at guadalupecountymastergardeners.org or contact Kay McElveen at hkaymcelveen.com

Keurig K-cups for County Fair

GCMG needs 1000 empty Keurig K-cups for children's activities at the Guadalupe County Fair. (For those of you who do not know what a K-cup is; Keurig is a beverage brewing system which uses the K-Cup pods to make single-serve coffee, tea, cocoa and other hot beverages). Carol Suchan has requested you bring the K-cups to the Summer Social on July 30th at Nolte Island Park and give them to her. It would be nice if you could wash them first, but Carol has indicated she will wash them if you don't have time. For those of you not attending the Summer Social, you can drop K-cups off at the Master Gardener Office. Thanks for your assistance.

Please address questions to Carol Suchan (ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com 210-870-4880).

July Volunteer Recognition Drawing

23 Certified Master Gardeners qualified for the July Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing. Since there is no membership meeting in July, we will draw the winner during the August monthly meeting.

Members Reporting 5 or More Volunteer Hours in June 2016

July Volunteer Recognition Program						
	LAST-NAME	FIRSTNAME			LAST-NAME	FIRSTNAME
1	Bowe	Mary		13	Martin	Cindy
2	Burton	Rodney		14	McIntyre	Elaine
3	Chandler	Mike		15	Micheli	Hughlene
4	Cover	Kay		16	Odvody	Ann
5	Cox	Robert (Bob)		17	Odvody	Dale
6	Darrough	Kim		18	Rosas	Carmen
7	Friesenhahn	Joyce		19	Schultze	Pat
8	Heuerman	Barbara		20	Seale	Iris
9	Kjolhede	KJ		21	Suchan	Carol
10	Knobles	Janice		22	Taylor	Katheryn (Kat)
11	Lewicki	John		23	Turner	Pam
12	Magee	Janet				

All **23** qualify for one entry into the $150 Annual Recognition Drawing.

To qualify for the Monthly Volunteer Recognition Program drawing, Certified Guadalupe County Master Gardeners must report a minimum of 5 volunteer hours earned during the month in VMS 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 August 2016** to be eligible for the September Membership Drawing.

Submitted by **Cindy Waechter**

June 2016 Volunteer Recognition Corner

GCMG volunteers reported **516.55** volunteer hours.

Mary Bowe, **Bob Cox, KJ Kjolhede**, **John Lewicki**, **Ann Odvody**, **Dale Odvody** reported 25 or more volunteer hours.

40 Master Gardeners have met the volunteer and continuing education hours requirement for 2016 (Sorry there was an error in the May statistics).

Mary Bowe, Peggy Jones, KJ Kjolhede, John Lewicki, Kay McElveen, Ann Odvody, Dale Odvody, Iris Seale and Carol Suchan have reported 100 or more volunteer hours in 2016.

Submitted by **Cindy Waechter**

3rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair and Garden Demonstrations

*Mary Bowe points to the Fair sign as John Lewicki posts the time. Photo by **Bob Cox**.*

The 3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday, September 24, at the Guadalupe County Community Garden located at 1101 Elbel Rd in Schertz. The Fair will have vendors/crafters, raffle prizes, garden demonstrations, garden tours, and education workshops. The Fair starts at 9:30 AM and goes to 2:30 PM. There will be free hot dogs, admission and parking.

Vendor/Crafter spaces are available at $25. For more information or to reserve a space, please call Mary Bowe at 210-317-6202 or Terri Virost at 210-659-3315.

There will be presentations on Cooking With Vegetables, Plants for Shade, Drip Irrigation & Rainwater Harvesting, Keyhole Gardens, Native Plants/Butterfly Gardens and Texas Superstars.

Community Garden Grant Check from GVEC

We submitted a grant request for several projects to GVEC hoping to get one approved. And not remembering the old proverb, "be careful what you wish for, you might get it," we got it. GVEC approved a $20K grant for four projects (see check below): New work/tool shed, American Disability Act compatible access to and in pavilion and improved walking surface in greenhouse, enhanced rain watering harvesting and distribution systems, and solar energy system. So far the work/tool shed has been built and electricity installed (see next page). Also pictured below is ground breaking ceremony with Mary Bowe, Terri Virost, Kim Darrough, Bob Davis and yours truly, Dale Odvody.

Article by **Dale Odvody**, Photos by **Bob Cox**

Construction of the New Shed in Community Garden
Made Possible thru GVEC Grant Money

Photos provided by
Mary Bowe
and
Bob Cox

Report from the Big Red Barn

Big news from the Big Red Barn – we have a new drip irrigation system! This is a big deal for us as we have been hauling hoses from basically one faucet all over the garden. The new system includes multiple faucets throughout the garden as well as the drip irrigation lines, timers, etc. Life just got much easier!

BIG thanks go to everyone who helped with the installation, especially given how pleasantly warm it's been for outdoor work (a mild understatement.) The pictures included speak for themselves. Very special thanks go to **Marvin Borth** and **Jim Johnson**. They provided the expertise and guidance, as well as a lot of hard work needed to make this project possible. Those of us who regularly volunteer at the BRB want everyone to know how very much we appreciate their help.

We just finished the project but are already in planning mode for the fall garden. We finished pulling out the last of the spring plants and are deciding what to plant where for the fall. In fact we have planted pumpkins in part of our new Plot 5. This is an area that was previously used by 4-H. This gives us more space and we are tentatively planning a youth garden in that area for spring 2017 but for this fall we will have more area for things like pumpkins, squash, etc.

Speaking of the fall garden leads to planning for the fall school tours. We have the dates for the Agri Days school tours – Sept. 26,27, & 28 and Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 & 13. Signup sheets will be available at the August and September membership meetings but you might want to be looking at your calendar and planning ahead. Happy Fall Gardening!! Article by **Kay McElveen**, Photos by **Bob Cox**

Photos continued on following page.

Big Red Barn Irrigation (continued)

Future Programs

September 15 - Aquaponics by Steve Sumrow
October 20 - Bats by Judit Green
November 17 - Guadalupe County Soils by John Watkins
December 15 - Christmas Social
January 19th - Shade Plants by Liz Romero

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Our Treasury gets to keep 25% of your subscription or renewal when it is sent through GCMG

REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact: Janice Jadwin, Secretary, 210-416-2477, or e-mail jmjadwin@yahoo.com

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GCMG Outreach

Virginia Biggs is GCMG's Outreach Chairman. If anyone knows of a GCMG who needs a meal, please let her know 830-560-1976.

Bon Jour from France!

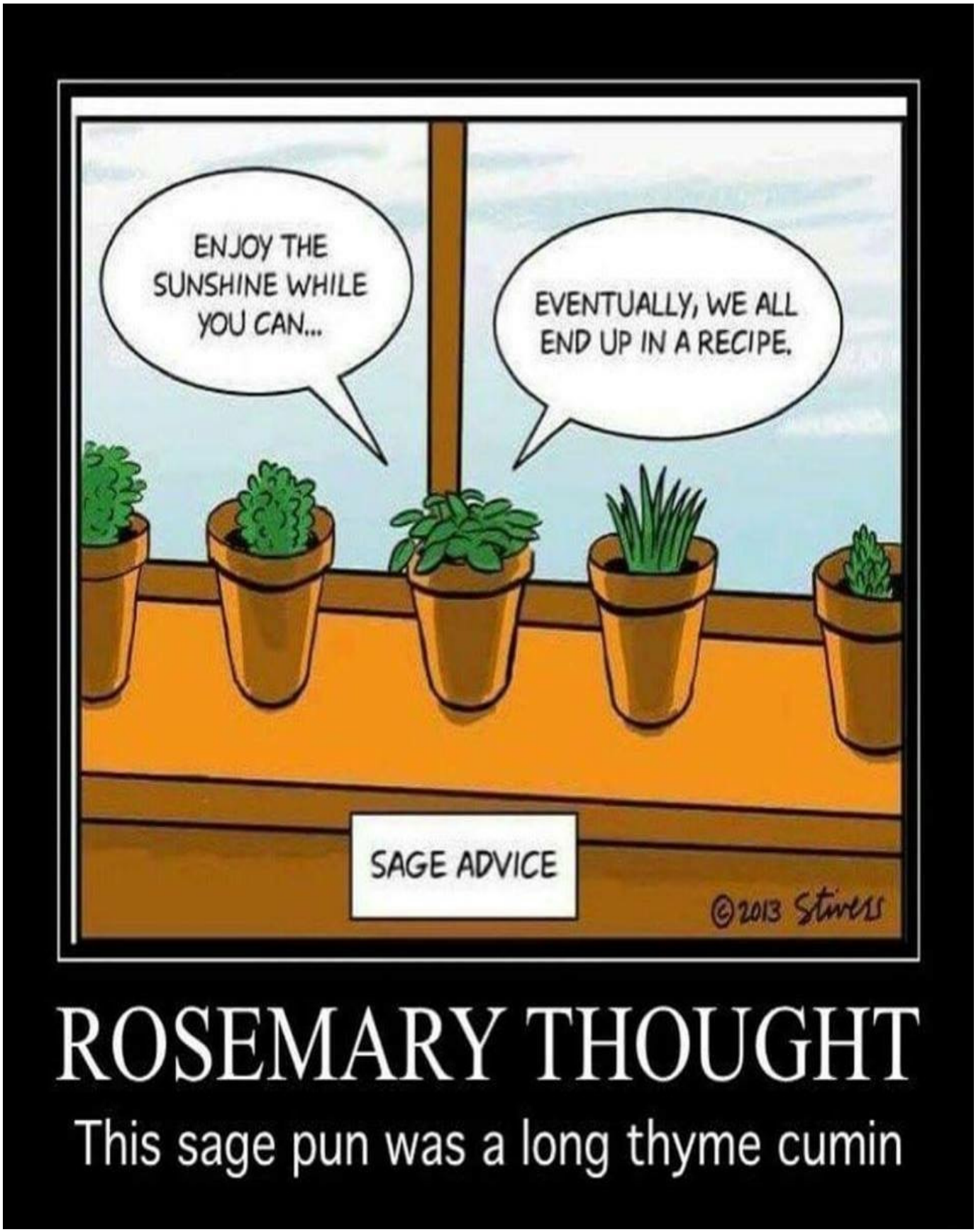
Since all our gardens in Texas are mostly fried by now, I thought you might enjoy seeing some of the gardens that are just getting started here. The French have some really good gardening ideas but the one thing that puzzled me was that they don't use mulch. Even in Southern France, where it can get quite hot, no mulch. They all seem to use drip irrigation systems and they do have some intriguing ways for rain harvesting. The locals here also have interesting tomato stakes, sort of metal spiral things. I wanted to bring some of the tomato stakes back but they were too long for my check-in bags and I figured they'd think they were a weapon if I tried to hand carry them on the plane, oh well...

Of course the flowers are spectacular here and blooming everywhere. The aroma in one of our campgrounds was almost overwhelming. It smelled sort of like honeysuckle but I never could find the source. The only flowers I could find were tiny yellow things that my camera couldn't even focus on, but every morning the lush floral smell enveloped us as soon as we stepped outside.

In Paris, at a nearby park, some Parisian Master Gardeners took part of the park over with several clever ways to incorporate vegetables and herbs into small areas on lawns and even on a cement surface. For one example, using pallets, they stood them upright and grew all sorts of edible plants including squash, lettuce, herbs, and all sorts of things. The gardeners also planted many landscape variations showing how to mix flowers and vegetables for a very nice arrangement, pleasant to the eye, and practical for harvesting food for your table.

Here are a few pictures to tease you, but to see all of the garden and flower photos in France you're welcome to go to: www.renshirts.com/rippeltours/2016_TDF/Gardens2016/gardens2016.html.

See you all back in Texas. Au revoir! **April Rippel**, Class 27



ROSEMARY THOUGHT

This sage pun was a long thyme cumin

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners
Volunteer Opportunities

Every Monday the **MG office/library** is open from 8:30am-noon except for holidays. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Betty Hughes. 830-401-4066 or e-mail ehughes5@satx.rr.com.

Every Tuesday and Friday are work days at the **Guadalupe County Community Garden**. Check with Ann Odvody (odvodyd@swbell.net 210-994-9664) for start hour and access at other times.

Every Friday 9am is a workday in the gardens at the **Big Red Barn**. Check with Janice Knobles, 830-379-6193 or e-mail jmknobles@yahoo.com for details.

KWED Master Gardener Lawn and Garden Show is always looking for volunteers. Contact Janet Grafe at 830-639-4199 or e-mail to janetgrafe@hotmail.com.

For our meetings, we could use help with setting out chairs since we usually put out 80 chairs. That way we are not putting out chairs during the program. If a few people came 30 minutes early, that would help a lot. **Treva Hicks**.

GARDENING EVENTS

2016 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference

Texas has been given a wonderful opportunity to host the 2016 Southern Region Master Gardener Conference and our friends in Tarrant County have stepped up to take this on! This is a unique opportunity to visit with and learn from other Master Gardeners in 13 other states. This is even more special because it may be 26 YEARS before we have this opportunity again, so DON'T MISS OUT! This year you will not have to travel out of state to broaden your garden horizons and learn about and see different plants, techniques, and gardens from a greater area. But don't worry, there will be plenty to learn about our specific area here in Texas.

Is there any reason you can't come to the Southern Region Master Gardener Conference? To register please visit https://2016southernregionmg.com/ and like our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/southernmgconference2016/.

Come Sail Away!
2017 Texas Master Gardener Conference

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2018 State Master Gardeners Conference

2018 Master Gardener State Conference will be held in College Station.

EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

August 3 **Wednesday, 6:30pm – 9:00pm**. **SVO Boutique Nursery**. Lion's Field Adult & Senior Citizen Center, 2809 Broadway St, San Antonio. 1 CEU. The Alamo Orchid Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The social starts at 6:30; the meeting starts at 7:00. For more information contact Carole Gage at carolegage503@gmail.com or visit the website at http://www.alamoorchidsociety.org. SVO is a "boutique" style of nursery that breeds superior orchid hybrids. Efforts are focused in the development of new and interesting lines in Cattleya, Catasetinae, Paphiopedilum, Australian Native Dendrobium, and a few others in limited numbers like Sarcochilus, Zygopetalum and Stanhopea. All of the plant offerings are produced in the laboratory and grown from seed at the nursery. The lab processes over 200 new hybrids annually, resulting in 2000 re-plate flasks. Orchids from SVO have received hundreds of AOS awards, including eight that have received the highest honor, the First Class Certificate. Speaker: **Fred Clarke**, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids, Vista, CA. Fred is a popular speaker on many orchid subjects and travels extensively around the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Latin and South America. He is also an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region.

August 4 **Thursday, 6:30pm – 9:00pm**. **Kokedama**. Men's Garden Club Meeting. & Presentation, Oblate Mission & Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, 5712 Blanco Rd., San Antonio. 1 CEU. Monthly Meeting of Men's Garden Club of San Antonio is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Paul Huegel, pdh45@sbcgloba.net or visit: http://mensgardenclubsa.com. Kokedama means "moss ball" in Japanese. It is made by transferring a succulent, small fern or other plant into a ball of soil held together with moss and colorful string or twine, which is also used to hang the plants. These string gardens look great hanging in homes to bring the outdoors in. Speaker **Betty Riggs**, President, Windcrest Garden Club, was looking for a new and different way out of the box when she came across "Kokedama," the Japanese Moss Ball String Garden. The outside growing area in Japan is small to non-existent for most Japanese homes, so hanging plants with string in the homes and windows is a perfect solution. Many apartment/ condominium homes here have the same space restrictions. Also, Kokedama hanging gardens work well on decks and patios. Follow along with Betty Riggs as she walks us through how to make a cool hanging-plant string garden.

August 5 **Friday, 9am – 12pm. Tomato Improvement Workshop.** Texas A&M Horticultural Teaching, Research & Extension Center, 3199 County Road 269 (south of U.S. Hwy. 60 and west of U.S. Hwy 50 near College Station), Somerville, TX. 3 CEUs. Free. Anyone interested in growing tomatoes, either privately or commercially, should attend this free workshop. Topics include tomato breeding and cultivar selection, pest and disease management, fertility to improve quality, health benefits of tomatoes, protected culture (tunnels and greenhouse) and organic practices. There will be a hands-on grafting lesson, tomato samples and free tomato plants for the fall garden, including the new TAM Hot-Ty hybrid cultivar. For more information or to register, email Dr. Kevin Crosby, Texas A&M AgriLife Research Horticulturist: k-crosby@tamu.edu.

August 6 **Saturday, 9am-11am. Composting**. Sponsored by Green Spaces Alliance at Pittman-Sullivan Food Forest, 1100 Dakota, San Antonio. Did you miss the last composting workshop? Wish you had another learning opportunity? Well, here's your chance! Master Composter in-the-making and

Mission Library Community Garden Steward, **Jerry Hess**, will lead this informative, active workshop. In this hands-on workshop you will learn the farming trends that lead to soil depletion and how composting methods are helping to restore soil structure and fertility, why and how composting works in a sustainable garden, composting basics, composting types, how compost and organic matter are necessary components in increasing a garden's drought tolerance, compost ingredients, bin construction options, and compost pile maintenance. Participants will have an opportunity to assist in bin construction that will streamline garden and kitchen waste products into soil amendments at the Pittman-Sullivan Community Garden - San Antonio's first food forest. Don't miss this opportunity to learn AND be a part of enhancing the sustainable gardening practices that Green Spaces Alliance Community Garden's Program has encouraged for 10 years!

August 6 **Saturday, 10am – 11am**. **Bats 101.** San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio. 1 CEU. Fee: $15 ($13.50, members). For more information, contact education@sabot.org or call 210.536.1413. To register, go to http://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/ Join Master Naturalist and San Antonio Botanical Garden staff, **Tim Roan**, to uncover the intricacies of bats. This class will explore the natural history and ecology involving these winged wonders.

August 8 **Monday, 7pm – 9pm**. **Using Fortuniana Rootstock for Growing Roses.** SA Rose Society Meeting & Presentation, San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 North New Braunfels Avenue, San Antonio. 1 CEU. Free. San Antonio Rose Society Meeting is open to non-members. For more information, contact Dana Huerta at giftwrapqueen@gmail.com or go to: http://www.sarosesociety.org Speaker: **Don Adlong**, Central Arkansas Rose Society. South Central District Director. Don will bring us up-to-date on plans and ongoing activities in the District. Since he and his wife Paula are well known as expert rose growers and exhibitors, Don will also present a special program on the history and significance of using Fortuniana rootstock for growing roses. Don and Paula always win numerous awards at local and District Rose Shows; they have won the prestigious Horace J. McFarland Trophy (District) for 6 consecutive years – an extremely significant accomplishment!

August 8-9 **Monday, 5:30pm – 8:00pm** Blue Star Brewery, 1414 S Alamo St, San Antonio. **Tuesday, 8 am - 8** pm Meet at La Quinta Inn & Suites Downtown San Antonio,100 W. Cesar E Chavez Blvd. **Experiences with Olives**. If you are interested in olive oil production, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and TX Dept of Agriculture have partnered to host a driving bus tour of four olive orchards in the San Antonio/Wintergarden area on Tuesday which will be preceded by an educational program on Monday evening. Registration is $35/person online: http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/horticulture/. 10 CEUs. AgriLife Today has an excellent article in this Bus Tour. For more information email Monte Nesbitt MLNesbitt@tamu.edu Texas A&M AgriLife Ext Horticulture in College Station.

August 10 **Wednesday, 9:00am – 10:30am**. **Cool Your Home With Landscaping**. San Antonio College, 1300 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio. 1.5 CEUs. Free. Class will be held in the Service Trade & Industry Center, Room 115. For more information visit http://www.alamo.edu/sac/events/EcoCentro-summer-workshops/ Proper placement of appropriate trees and shrubs can go a long way towards keeping a building cooler. From planting a few trees and bushes over the driveway, to building a vine-covered terrace to completely shielding the west side of your home from that blazing afternoon sun - this presentation will tell you how.

August 11 **Thursday, 9am – 4pm**. **Flying Wild Teacher Training Workshop** (Classroom Teachers/Environmental Educators). San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio. Fee: $40 (includes Educator's Guide). Please bring a lunch. Classroom teachers/Environmental Educators: Formal educators receive 6 CEU credits. For more information call 210-536-1400 or visit http://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/ To register visit https://22076.blackbaudhosting.com/22076/

Flying-Wild-Teacher-Training and follow online instructions. Even though school is out and summer is here, it's never too early for some fun Professional Development. Anyone who works with children (teachers, homeschoolers, informal educators, extension agents, after school programs, and scout leaders) is encouraged to attend the upcoming Workshop at the San Antonio Botanical Garden! Flying WILD offers a whole-school approach to environmental education using birds as the focus. ·Educators learn how to conduct WILD lessons and participate in hands-on activities from the Educator's Guide included in the workshop price - activities that teach language arts, social science, math, and basic science as well as offering community outreach and service learning applications. ·Flying WILD is targeted for the middle school audience, but it is widely adaptable for elementary through adult education. The curriculum meets national educational standards.

August 11 **Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**. **Garden First Aid**. San Antonio Herb Society Meeting. & Presentation. San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio. 1 CEU. Free and open to the public. Monthly Meeting of the San Antonio Herb Society begins at 6:30 pm with presentation from 7 to 8 pm followed by the meeting. For more information contact Mike Belisle at 210-826-6860 or mbelisle@satx.rr.com or visit www.sanantonioherbs.org. Speaker: **Grace Emery**.

August 11 **Thursday, 7:00pm – 8:30pm**. **San Antonio Bonsai Society Meeting & Presentation**. Lion's Field Adult & Senior Citizen Center, 2809 Broadway at Mulberry, San Antonio. 1 CEU. Free. Monthly Meeting of the San Antonio Bonsai Society is open to non-members. Meeting & Speaker from 7 to 8:30 pm. For more information go to www.sanantoniobonsai.org/

August 13 **Saturday, 9:30am – 11:00am**. **Texas Tough Roundtable Discussion Series: Pruning, Pests, and Proper Care**. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio. 1.5 CEUs. Fee: $15 ($13.50,members). For more information, contact education@sabot.org or call 210.536.1413. To register, go to http://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/. Meet with gardening experts in these roundtable forums to discuss basic design principles and implementation techniques for drought-tolerant landscapes. Meet with gardening experts to discuss seasonal checklists, proper pruning, watering, pesticides, soil treatment, and overall care of your Texas Tough Landscape.

August 15 **Monday, 12pm – 3pm**. **Commercial Seed Production -- GVST Essentials of Gardening Classes**. San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 North New Braunfels Avenue, San Antonio. 2.5 CEUs. Gardening Volunteers of South Texas (GVST) classes are Free and Open to the Public. $5 donation appreciated to help cover expenses. The first session usually starts around 12:15, the second session around 1:30pm. No advance reservations are necessary. For more information: info@gardeningvolunteers.org or (210) 251-8101, or visit the GVST website: www.gardeningvolunteers.org. Speaker: **David Schultze**, owner of David's Garden Seeds, a locally owned business that produces and sells organic, GMO-free seeds, including wildflowers and vegetables.

August 16 **Tuesday, 6:30pm – 7:30pm**. **Hill Country Geology**. NPSOT Lindheimer Chapter (Comal County). GVTC Auditorium, 36101 FM 3159, New Braunfels. 1 CEU. The Lindheimer Chapter of NPSOT (Comal County) meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public and new members are welcome. For more information, contact Martha Guethle at 830-438-5996 or visit http://npsot.org/wp/lindheimer/. Speaker: **Jim McCullough**, Geologist and Master Natualist, New Braunfels.

August 18 **Thursday, 1:00pm – 3:30pm**. **The Colorization of "Blue" Bonnets** -- BCMG Educational Seminar. 3355 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio. 2 CEUs. Free. Bexar County Master Gardner (BCMG) Educational Seminars/General Meetings are held on the afternoon of the third Thursday every other month at the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Office, Suite 208. For more information contact BCMG

President: President@bexarmg.org, or call 210-699-0663. Speaker: **Dr. Jerry Parsons**

August 18 **Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**. **Flowering Trees**. Guadalupe Master Gardeners Mtg & Presentation, AgriLife Extension Services Building, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 1 CEU. The Guadalupe Master Gardeners Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the speaker at 7 pm. Free and open to the public; see website: www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org or call: 830-303-3889 Speaker: **Deedy Wright**.

August 20 **Saturday, 9:30am – 12:30pm**. **Beyond Feeders: How to Attract Hummingbirds**. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio. 3 CEUs. Fee: $30 ($27, members). For more information contact education@sabot.org or call 210.536.1413. To register go to http://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/. Beyond filling multiple feeders with nectar, learn the simple guidelines to creating a beautiful, low-maintenance garden for hummingbirds using the nectar and beauty of native plants. This class will provide a step-by-step instruction of the components needed for a successful hummingbird garden. Speaker: **Rachel Cywinski**

August 24 **Wednesday, 9:00am – 10:30am**. **Landscaping for Water Management**. San Antonio College, 1300 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio. 1.5 CEUs. Free. Class will be held in the Service Trade & Industry Center, Room 115. For more information visit http://www.alamo.edu/sac/events/EcoCentro-summer-workshops/. Ever watched the river of water run down your asphalt or concrete driveway in a big thunderstorm? What about a flooded basement because your home sits in the lowest part of your property? In the current drought there are better uses for all that water than running to storm drains or seeping into your basement. Your property can be landscaped to make efficient use of that water for your lawn, garden, or just to keep it away from your house. Come hear an expert on the subject tell you how.

August 27 **Saturday, 9am – 12pm**. **How to Start a Community Garden**. Green Spaces Alliance, 4901 Broadway Street, Suite 211, San Antonio. 3 CEUs. Fee: $75. Seminar presented by Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas. For more information and to register for this workshop visit https://www.greensatx.org/events/how-to-start-a-community-garden-2/ This workshop is new in 2016! It is designed for groups wanting to start a gardening project in their neighborhoods and needing basic information about start-up. Topics to be covered will include: •Organizing your community •Site selection and design •Overview of garden components like raised beds, pergolas, and rainwater collection •Resources for locally appropriate gardening techniques •Fundraising •Garden maintenance.

August 27 **Saturday, 9:30am – 11:30am**. **Wildscaping: Landscaping for Wildlife & Conserving Water**. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio. 2 CEUs. Fee: $20 ($18, members). Members please remember to click on the black Sign In button in the top right-hand corner of the class registration page in order to receive your discount. The member discount will not appear until the Checkout Screen. For more information, contact education@sabot.org or call 210.536.1413. To register, go to https://22076.blackbaudhosting.com/22076/ED---Wildscaping-Landscaping-for-Wildlife--Conserving-Water As of 2016, San Antonio is the first Monarch Champion City in the nation! Join us today to help fulfill this pledge by turning your garden into a space that encourages a variety of wildlife to visit - especially birds, butterflies and pollinators! Fall gardening is a great time to get started! By adding drought hardy native plants that provide food and refuge to your flying visitors, you will also help our declining Monarch populations during their migration through the area. You will be enjoying singing birds and fluttering butterflies in no time while using less water and no chemicals! Speaker: **Judit Green**

August 27 **Saturday, 10:30am – 12:00pm**. **Start Growing Your Fall Tomatoes Now!** Milberger's Landscape Nursery, 3920 N Loop 1604 E., San Antonio. This free Earth-Kind® Seminar will be presented by **David Rodriguez**, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Horticulturist. South Texas offers vegetable

gardeners two great growing seasons every year. Fall has milder temperatures which bring out the best flavors in home vegetable gardens. Insects and disease are less bothersome. And you can grow warm- and cool-season crops. Bring your questions and a notebook. For more information: http://www.milbergernursery.com/event/start-growing-your-fall-tomatoes-now/. Earth-Kind® combines organic and traditional principles that help homeowners create lush yet environmentally safe gardens and landscapes. These research-proven techniques are successful, and preserve and protect the environment.

September 3 **Saturday, 10:30am – 12:00pm**. **Fall Vegetable Seminar**. Fanick's Garden Center Inc., 1025 Holmgreen Road, San Antonio. 1.5 CEUs. Free, but donations to the Children's Vegetable Garden Program would be appreciated. For more information, visit http://www.fanicknursery.com/ or call (210) 648-1303. Speaker: **David Rodriguez** from the Texas A&M Agri-life Extension Service will show you how to properly plant, grow, and harvest your vegetables. David has a ton of experience in gardening and would love to share his knowledge and passion for vegetables with you.

September 12 **Monday, 12pm – 1pm**. **Gardening Tips for Newcomers to Central Texas - Lunch & Learn**. Guadalupe County Annex Building, 1101 Elbel Road, Schertz. 1 CEU. Free. Presented by the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners. Attendees are welcome to bring lunch and free handouts will be available. For further information, go to www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org or call the Guadalupe County Service Office at 830-303-3889. This class is designed to help newcomers to this part of Texas appreciate the impact of our climate and soils on vegetable and landscape gardening. Speaker: Master Gardner **Bob Teweles**. Bob will try to share what he has learned in his ten years as a resident and seven years as a Master Gardener. Master Gardeners should be familiar with this subject but are welcome to attend to share their experiences and help Bob answer questions!

September 13 **Tuesday, 6:30pm – 8:00pm**. **From Wildscapes to Formal Landscapes, Natives Can Do Them All!** Guadalupe County Native Plant Society, St John's Lutheran Church, FM 465, Marion. 1 CEU. Free. Native Plant Society of Texas Guadalupe County Chapter Meetings are open to the public. Visitors are welcome. There is a plant/seed exchange and greeting at 6:30 PM followed by the program at 7:00 PM. For more information, directions to St John's Lutheran Church or membership applications, see the website at: http://npsot.org/wp/guadalupe/. **Deedy Wright**, Lindheimer Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.

September 15 **Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**. **Aquaponics**. Guadalupe Master Gardeners Meeting & Presentation, AgriLife Extension Services Building, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, .1 CEU. The Guadalupe Master Gardeners Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the speaker at 7 pm. Free and open to the public; see website: www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org or call: 830-303-3889. Speaker: **Steve Sumrow**

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