

# AUGUST 2025

## GUADALUPE GARDENER

A monthly publication of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Guadalupe County

### What's the Buzzzz?



- **Immediate need for a Lead or Video Lead Technologist to take over filming Lunch and Learns and meetings. This is a pretty easy way to earn volunteer hours and training will be provided. No experience needed.**
- **The GCMG on-line plant sales are starting a little early with some beautiful pumpkin plants. These plants have been hardened off and are ready to put in the ground NOW. Shop on-line to reserve yours today: <https://gcmgtx.org/plantsale/index.html> Or shop in person at 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX 78155. Hours are Wed-Sat, 9am - 5pm. (Closing at 3:30 on 8/1/25).**
- **Volunteer opportunities for GC Fair!**
- **Want to be a Wandering Gardener? If you have visited any beautiful garden areas and have a few photos, we'd love to hear about your adventure. You get volunteer hours and we get to learn about somewhere new. See the Wandering Gardeners page for more information.**
- **Seed Exchange! Come and check it out and leave with volunteer hours and or seeds!**
- **Fall grow team. There are many roles to fill. If you don't want to "grow" you can do crafts, donate plants (in nice pots) or help with sales and other needs.**

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# Letter from the President

**Fellow Master Gardeners**

**If you haven't heard – we're WINNERS!! I know I sent out an email announcing it and our July membership meeting had a big celebration with a cake, etc. But just in case you missed all of that, I'm officially announcing that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Float Team won first place. It was a truly beautiful float and we owe a really big THANK YOU to Class 40 and the rest of the team for all of their hard work.**

**I hope your summer is going well. I know the gardens are in the summer doldrums and most of our projects are in cleanup and prep for the fall. Not the most exciting time and the heat and humidity can really inhibit enthusiasm. Please know that your hanging in there is really valuable and appreciated.**

**We are through the first month of the third quarter of the year. Hard to believe but fall is just around the corner. We have a lot of stuff (that's valuable activities) coming up this fall. Plant sales will get started again in September and the Grow Team is already at work. The first major event is the Guadalupe County Fair in October. It always provides an opportunity to make our organization visible to the public and possibly even recruit for Class 41. After that there will be Pecan Fest, Yule Fest, etc. Those of you who have not yet gotten your volunteer hours will have plenty of opportunities to do so. Links to Sign Up Genius will start appearing August 1, so keep an eye out.**

**I really look forward to seeing you at many of these events. We are all winners – because we have members like YOU!**

**Kay McElveen**

**President, GCMG**



# Membership Corner

## Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Membership Director Report Month Ending June 30, 2025 Prepared by David Koepf, Membership Director

### Executive Summary

- Name tags for certifying Interns have been reordered and we expect them in soon.
- Congratulations to our newly graduated students of class 40 and newly certified members of Class 39 & 40!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, with VMS or EVS, please contact David Koepf [dhkoepf.GCMG@gmail.com](mailto:dhkoepf.GCMG@gmail.com) or GV: 210-263-3624 voice/text friendly

**Members with Background Checks Expiring in August / September\*** who have not yet completed EVS

Roblyn Mabry Sarah Puckett Rene Scull\* Julie Taylor

### 2025 Recertification Requirements are 20 hours Volunteer & 10 hours Continuing Education

We recommend entering your hours into VMS if not the same day as the task, then at least weekly! **But worst case, Please log all of your hours by or before the last day of the month in order for them to be counted properly.**

Monthly reporting by volunteers is paramount as it serves as the fundamental tool for collection of volunteer service. Agents report monthly to the state and quarterly to the federal government. Hours that go unreported in the timeline they were served hold significant implications, particularly in the context of funding. Accurate reporting of hours served is essential for the program to demonstrate its activities and contributions, which directly correlate to the allocation of funds. Any hours that are not properly accounted for in the correct period may lead to the loss of financial support, as they cannot be included in reports. Accurate and timely reporting ensures a comprehensive overview of the efforts of volunteers, safeguarding its ability to continue serving the people of Texas.

### Roster Totals for June

	Intern (20)	Certified (163)	Leave of Absence (5)	Inactive (2)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (1)
<b>Month</b>	<b># Members Reporting</b>	<b>Mbrs w/ 5+ Hours</b>	<b>Vol Hours</b>	<b>CE Hours</b>	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Pounds Produce</b>	
January	88	38	1083.00	135.75	178	223	
February	106	62	1484.85	169.00	107	261	
March	114	74	1870.38	264.50	210	108	
April	110	84	2072.35	144.25	622	220	
May	96	59	1152.80	582.50	101	1525	
<b>June</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>941.25</b>	<b>47.75</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1969</b>	
<b>2025 (So Far)</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>8604.63</b>	<b>1343.75</b>	<b>1259</b>	<b>4306</b>	
2024	158	n/a	14959.25	1712.00	2539	9362	
2023	165	n/a	14790.50	1738.15	1664	5593	
2022	146	n/a	11786.80	1646.25	3261	0	

<b>Volunteer Hours (Certified Status) JUNE 2025</b>	<b>Vol</b>	<b>CE</b>
Members with 0 hours reported	101	135

# Membership Corner

## Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Membership Director Report

Volunteer Hours (Certified Status) YTD	Vol	CE
Members with 0 hours reported	40	46
Members with >0 & <5 hours	12	23
Members with => 5 & <25 hours	36	89
Members with => 25 & <100 hours	50	5
Members with => 100 & <200 hours	15	0
Members with => 200 & <300 hours	6	0
Members with => 300 & <400 hours	3	0
Members with => 400 & <500 hours	0	0
Members with => 500 hours	1	0

### June 2025 Volunteer Recognition Drawing Certified\* Master Gardeners 5+ Volunteer Hours for 1 - 30 June 2025 (Board Members Not Included/Eligible)

ALTHAUSER, DOROTHEA	KOEPP, DAVID
ALTHAUSER, MARCEL	KOEPP, KAREN
ANCELET, LISA	LEVINE, CAROLYN
BRKICH, KAREN	LUCAS, MELINDA
BURTON, RODNEY	MALONE, PAM
CARTER, PAUL	MARTIN, TAMMY
CHASON, ANGELA	MICKWEE, LINDA
COCKERELL, ALAN	ODVODY, ANN
COLLIER, COLLEEN	ODVODY, DALE
COVER, KAY	OTTENAD, ANNE
DE JESUS, SANDRA	PADGETT, ANNETTE
DYKES, MARIA	PATTON, BARBARA
GEINZER, REBECCA	PHELPS, CLAYTON
GRIFFIS, JUDY	PRINCE, PAUL
HENRY, BETH	SIMS, JUDY
HOLBROOK, JULY	STEELE, TIM
KNEUPPER, RUTHIE	SYKES, ERNESTINE
KNOBLES, JANICE	

Recognition Drawing: May-Sharon Cooper      June-Beth Henry      June Door prize-Welta Burris

100+ Hour Club	200+ Hour Club
ALTHAUSER, MARCEL	KOEPP, DAVID
BURTON, RODNEY	LUCAS, MELINDA
CARTER, PAUL	MCELVEEN, KAY
DYKES, MARIA	SMITH, BETH
HENRY, BETH	SMITH, BRENDA
JOHNSON, BJORN	YOUNGER, PAM
KNEUPPER, RUTHIE	
KNOBLES, JANICE	300+ Hour Club
ODVODY, ANN	MALONE, PAM
OTTENAD, ANNE	ODVODY, DALE
PRINCE, PAUL	STEELE, TIM
PUCKETT, SARAH	
RIPPEL, FRANK	500+ Hour Club
SMITH, KATHLEEN	RIPPEL, APRIL
SYKES, ERNESTINE	

# Membership Corner

## Gutierrez Garden Park

If you haven't been out to Gutierrez Garden Park recently, please make it a point to stop by and appreciate all the work that has taken place. Maria Dykes and her team are doing a top notch job of keeping this park up and making it a beautiful park and road side attraction.

3. To create a Marigold Path



Volunteer days are Tues/Thur/Sat from 9am-11am. If you can't make it to the park, but would like to earn some volunteer hours, there are needs for volunteers to grow flowers from home. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Maria at 210-792-1603 or [mariaq75@gmail.com](mailto:mariaq75@gmail.com).



We started a Wistflower bed. Success!!



Projects for the Fall:



1. We need these signs!

2. In add purple Aster plants

3. More purple Aster plants

### Mid-Year Projects Accomplished:

The Moy Grande plant was replanted and bloomed! Success!!



The park has been zoned, and we put up courtesy signs in the beds.



# Membership Corner

## St Andrew's Garden



Some of the volunteers that keep St Andrew's Garden looking good.  
Thank you Ernestine Sykes, Pam Malone, Claire Huebinger, Clayton Phelps, Germaine Miller, and Mary Nielson.



Thank you Pam Malone for the pictures

# Membership Corner

## Needs for Guadalupe County Fair

It is that time of the year again! Here is a great opportunity to clean out your craft closet and help children enjoy the Master Gardener booth at the County Fair. Please collect and donate the following items between now and the end of September:



- Colored construction or copy paper
- Small 2 to 3 inch (clean) clay pots
- Assorted acrylic paints
- Colored Markers
- Oui Yogurt jars
- Colored ribbon
- Craft Sticks
- Decorative Rocks or Glass pebbles
- Small stickers for decorating



Please bring to the AgriLife building and place under the table inside the front door. If you have any questions please contact Pam Malone at 830-534-2111 or [ptmalone@live.com](mailto:ptmalone@live.com)



# Monthly Meeting

YOU ARE INVITED TO

## GCMG's Monthly Meeting Bees & Blooms!

Thursday, August 21st

5:45 Social & Food

6:15 Business

7:00 Presentation

8:00 Door Prizes

210 E. Liveoak St. Seguin, TX

### Free & Open to the Public

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# In Memory Of

## HELGA JOHANNA ROTH LANGE

July 21, 1937 – July 5, 2025



One of our former GCMGs, Helga Johanna Roth Lange, affectionately known as Johanna, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2025, at the age of 87. Johanna was born on July 21, 1937, in Winters, TX.

Johanna graduated from Seguin High School in 1956 and later earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Lutheran College. She went on to enjoy a fulfilling 22-year career at Seguin High School, where she taught physical science, biology, typing, and bookkeeping, touching the lives of countless students along the way.

A charter member of Faith Lutheran Church, Johanna faithfully stood by her husband's side in ministry for 45 years as a dedicated pastor's wife. She was especially beloved for her "Sand

Box Stories" during Vacation Bible School and Sunday School—an interactive storytelling method she learned from her mother, Elner. Many children, long into adulthood, fondly remembered how Johanna brought Bible stories to life using a simple sandbox. She joyfully passed this tradition on to others, ensuring it would be shared with future generations.

Among her proudest accomplishments was the restoration of one of her grandfather's old country churches, which had been converted into a sheep shed. With the stained-glass windows still intact, Johanna purchased the structure and had it relocated to the Texas Agricultural Education and Heritage Center (behind the Big Red Barn). Now known as Zion Church, it continues to serve as a sacred space for weddings, baptisms, and worship services

Johanna was known for many passions, including her famous homemade dill pickles, which she often taught others how to make. She found joy in gardening and in restoring antique trunks, often turning heirloom pieces into beautiful keepsakes. She had a deep love for history and often said she believed she had lived on the Oregon Trail in a past life—so much so that she once displayed an old wagon in her front yard before donating it to The Big Red Barn.

\* Information taken from Johanna's online obituary

# Ask the Master Gardeners

Clara Mae Marcotte and Ernestine Sykes are the Ask A Master Gardener GCMGs with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. If you have a Gardening question, please feel free to text or email the Master Gardeners: Text: 210-544-0756 or email: [GCMGTX@gmail.com](mailto:GCMGTX@gmail.com)

**Q: I planted a crape myrtle near my front door and am now afraid it is going to be too much work to keep it off of my house and roof. What do I do now?**

**A:** You will either have to move it, or resign yourself to the fact that it will need to be trimmed. Crape myrtles come in different sizes: miniature (2 to 3 feet); dwarf (3 to 6 feet); semi-dwarf (5 to 12 feet); small tree (10 to 20 feet); and tree (over 20 feet). I made this same mistake twenty years ago when I moved into my present house. I planted a crape myrtle according to its color (a Red Rocket) without looking at how high it was supposed to get. I did move it successfully and it is still alive in the back yard, about 30 feet high, and blooming.

If you want more crape myrtles, they can be easily propagated from dormant cuttings, according to Doug Welsh in his Texas Garden Almanac. Take your cuttings in the winter from the top branches. These should be brownish in color, not new growth, and be the diameter and length of a pencil. Cut the bottom of the cutting at an angle, dip it in rooting compound, and place in good potting soil.

**Q: Should I be doing something to my rose bushes?**

**A:** Later on in August trim your bushes back by about 25 percent. Remove all the old blooms and any diseased rose leaves. Welsh then suggests fertilizing with a straight-nitrogen product. Be sure to water. This should generate new growth and your roses should bloom until the first heavy freeze.

**Q: My tomato plants look awful. What now?**

**A:** It is probably a good idea to just plant new ones. However, I asked at my local nursery and they said plants wouldn't be available until mid to late August. My Ruby Crush still has fruit but no blooms. As soon as the fruit ripens, I will cut back the plant. Then with water and fertilizer, we will see what happens.

You might want to try growing pumpkins. Several of my friends did so this past year. Other fall vegetables can also be planted. Warm season vegetables should be limited to those you buy as transplants, such as eggplant, pepper, squash and tomato. One of our local nurseries has containers of seeds labeled as cold or warm season to make it easier on you. Remember that planting this time of year requires water and perhaps shade when the sun is the hottest.

Your pears and apples will probably be ready to harvest in a few weeks. My Kieffer pear is loaded this year. Aggie-horticulture says this old standard is poor to fair for dessert use but good for canning and baking. (Some years, however, the fruit is sweet enough to eat like apples). The tree is highly resistant to fire blight.

Check us out on

**facebook**

## **GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY**

by Kathy Adams

We added 56 new members to our community. They are wanting to learn about how to grow food, how to hand pollinate plants and how to water plants correctly.

Our top posters are April Rippel, Lisa Ancelet, and Angela Chason. Thank you to all who contributed and posted.

### **What To Plant In August**

Bush Beans, Pole Beans, Cucumber, Eggplant, Okra, Irish Potato, Summer Squash, Green Beans, and Onions.

### **How To Hand Pollinate Plants**

Signs hand pollination is good for your plants:

- ` No bees or other insects hovering around your plants.
- ` Growing plants indoors, inside a greenhouse or inside a screened porch.
- ` Fruit on your plants shrivel and die before maturing.
- ` Using row covers on plants during their blossoming time.
- ` Prevent cross pollination between similar plants, when you plant to save seeds from your garden.
- ` Increase successful pollination and increase your harvest.

Self pollinating plants such as tomatoes or peppers pollinates by itself. It has all the sexual parts it needs to make more fruit. Each blossom is equipped to become a fruit once it is self-pollinated by wind or a visit from a pollinator.

Cross pollinated plants need to be pollinated from another plant or variety.

Apple trees need a second apple tree to pollinate from.

Other plants have both male and female flowers on one plant. Many vining crops like zucchini and melons have both male and female flowers. Pollen located on the male flower's stamen needs to be transferred to the female flower, it will have a bulb shape at the bottom of the blossom rather than just a lone stem.

Plants that might need hand pollination such as eggplant, tomato, pepper, cucumber, beans, peas, strawberries, melons, zucchini, all winter squash varieties and pumpkins.

Supplies needed for hand pollination are a small paintbrush or cotton tip swabs and rubbing alcohol. Rubbing alcohol is only needed if you pollinate different varieties of plants. Example: After pollinating a zucchini plant with a paintbrush, thoroughly clean your brush before moving to another squash variety.

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**Self Pollinating Plants:**

Make sure pollen gets down to the middle part of the flower. Gently use your brush and place it inside each flower on the plant.

**Cross Pollination Plants:**

Hand pollinate in the morning as blooms are more open at this time. Find the male flower, they have long stem at the base of the blossoms rather than bulbs. Put your brush inside the flower, remove some pollen from the stamen which is in the middle of the blossom. Take the pollen on your brush and transfer it to the pistil in the middle of the female flower.

Thank you to all who contribute to our Facebook Community. Please continue to post photos of your gardens, garden hacks and questions.

We all learn from each other.

Enjoy your gardens.



# The Wandering Gardeners

## **The National Butterfly Center**

**<https://www.nationalbutterflycenter.org/>**

**Mission, Texas**

**By: Melinda J Lucas**



**The National Butterfly Center is a beautiful gem hidden in Mission TX , in the outlying area of McAllen. Located down a long desolate road that looks as if it goes nowhere, a GPS is definitely a must to find this area, but it is worth the time to find it.**

**The journey begins inside of the educational area that provides more information about butterflies and birds, as well as other animals that live in that area. There is information about their habitat and purpose, as well as their current struggles due to climate changes and land development. This area also contains a gift shop and restrooms.**

**Unfortunately, my visit there was not planned, I just happened to be in the area with extra time on my hands. It was not butterfly “season” yet and the plants were just starting to recuperate from their winter slumber. However, the birds were magnificent.**

**Once you get through the educational building and past the butterfly garden area, there is a long path of trees and wooded area that is home to some of the most interesting and beautiful birds that I have ever seen in their natural habitat. Due to the Avian Flu that was a big issue at that time, the park was not able to put out birdfeeders, however, the birds were still out and about, making themselves known as they called from tree to tree.**

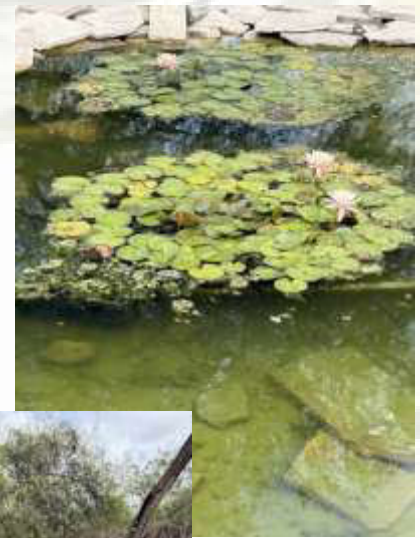
**The park is private and charges \$10 for adults. All of the funds are used to keep the research and protection of these fabulous creatures going. The yearly membership is only \$35 and I would have one if I lived closer to this area.**



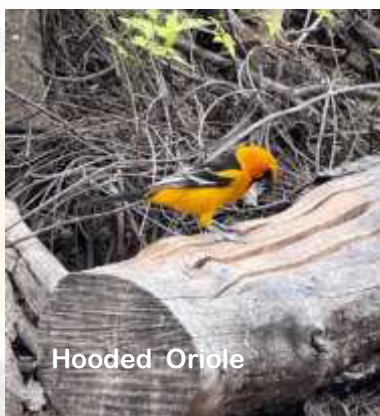
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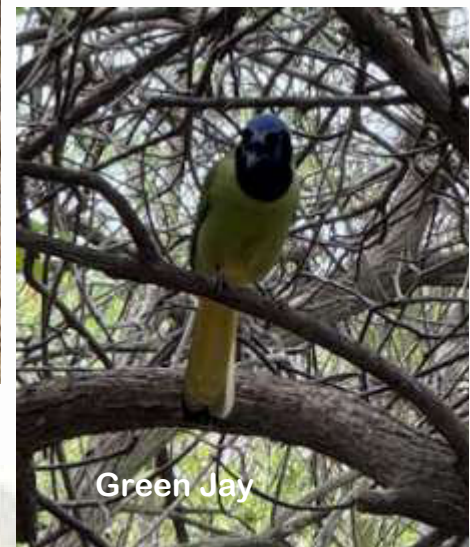
Chachalaca



Olive Sparrow



Hooded Oriole



Green Jay

If you would like to have your wandering gardener experience published, please email your favorite 7 pictures and 3 short paragraphs to Melinda Lucas at [MelLucas78218@Gmail.com](mailto:MelLucas78218@Gmail.com)

# NPSOT

The Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society  
monthly meeting:

There is no meeting scheduled for August.



JOIN US FOR A NATIVE  
PLANT SOCIETY MEETING

*Wildflowers  
Texas Style*

By Karen Brkich, Advanced Master Gardener

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9th  
6:30 SOCIAL TIME  
7:00 PRESENTATION

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1121 EAST WALNUT  
SEGUIN, TX 78155

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For more information, directions to First Presbyterian Church, or Membership application see our website & link to our Facebook page at:  
<https://npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>

# Continuing Education

## Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

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## Education Director Report July 8, 2025

Brenda Smith  
2025 GCMG, Education Director

### Education Hours Snapshot of July 8 - 165 Certified Members

**29% have "0" hours – 48 Members** 📊

8% have "0.25-2.25" hours – 13 Members

12% have "2.5-5.75" hours – 20 Members

19% have "6-9.75" hours – 32 Members

**32% have "10+" hours – 52 Members** 😊

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**Lunch & Learn – Tower Gardening/Aeroponics presented by Karen Schobel**  
August 13 @ 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**This month's Lunch & Learn is Tower Gardening/Aeroponics**  
presented by **Karen Schobel**

Come join Karen to learn or enhance your knowledge of Tower Gardening and Aeroponics. Both tower gardening and aeroponics represent the future of agriculture, offering sustainable solutions to food production challenges.

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## GCMG Lunch & Learn 2025

Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 12:00 to 1:00pm

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**Wed Aug. 13, 2025**  
12:00/1:00pm



AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155

Program: **Tower Gardening/Aeroponics** Admin: **Jamie Neilson**

**Guest Speaker: Karen Schobel/Tower Gardening & Aeroponics** - Come join Karen to learn or enhance your knowledge of Tower Gardening and Aeroponics. Both tower gardening and aeroponics represent the future of agriculture, offering sustainable solutions to food production challenges. Snacks and water will be available. Free seminar and open to the public.

**Wed Sep. 10, 2025**  
12:00/1:00pm



AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155

Program: **Hobby Greenhouses** Admin: **Jamie Nielson**

**Guest Speaker: Kay McElveen, Advanced Master Gardener & GCMG President** – Come join Kay for a wonderful presentation on Hobby Greenhouses and receive knowledge on the different types of greenhouses, site selection and design, and climate control and maintenance. Snacks and water will be available. Free seminar and open to the public.

**Wed Oct. 8, 2025**  
12:00/1:00pm



AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155

Program: **Fall Yard Preparation** Admin: **Jamie Nielson**

**Guest Speaker: Kathy Carroll** – Join Kathy and learn about the Essential Steps for a Beautiful and Healthy Yard. As the crisp autumn air begins to settle in, it's time to prepare your yard for the coming winter. Fall yard prep is crucial for maintaining a vibrant and healthy outdoor space. Come join us to find out the necessary steps to get your yard ready for fall. Free seminar and open to the public.

**Wed Nov 12, 2025**  
12:00/1:00pm



AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155

Program: **Gardening Hacks & Things your Grandma Never Taught You** Admin: **Jamie Nielson**

**Guest Speaker: April Rippel, Advanced Master Gardener** – Have you ever wondered about garden hacks your parents or grandparents talked about? How about things you've read on the internet or folklore? At this Lunch and Learn, you'll learn what really works and what is a waste of your time and money. You'll also receive ideas for inexpensive ways to protect your garden, how to recycle everyday items found in your home for use in your garden, and practical tips on how to get the most out of your cultivated space. Whether you want to grow flowers or veggies, Texas natives or herbs, come join us for a fun filled hour of frivolity and facts about your gardens.

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## Schertz Public Library Schedule 2025

Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 11:30am to 1:00pm

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**Sat Aug. 9, 2025**  
11:30/ 1:00pm



Schertz Public Library - 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, Texas 7815

Program: **Wildflowers**

Guest Speaker: **Karen Brkich, Advanced Master Gardener** - Join Karen and discover the joy of cultivating wildflowers and transform your garden into a vibrant haven for pollinators and wildlife. Learn how to preserve the wildflowers and native plants that define the regions of our land-to encourage and promote their use in appropriate areas. Learn how to plant wildflowers, their varieties, site selection and preparation, planting seeds, and their maintenance and watering. Let's grow wild for wildflowers together! Let's get those green thumbs ready! Free seminar and open to the public.

**Sat Sept. 13, 2025**  
11:30/1:00pm



Schertz Public Library - 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, Texas 78154

Program: **Fall Yard Preparation**

Guest Speaker: **Kathy Carroll** – Join Kathy and learn about the Essential Steps for a Beautiful and Healthy Yard. As the crisp autumn air begins to settle in, it's time to prepare your yard for the coming winter. Fall yard prep is crucial for maintaining a vibrant and healthy outdoor space. Come join us to find out the necessary steps to get your yard ready for fall. Free seminar and open to the public.

**Sat Oct. 11, 2025**  
11:30/1:00pm



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**Sat Nov. 8, 2025**  
11:30/1:00pm



Schertz Public Library - 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, Texas 78154

Program: **Indoor/House Plants 101**

Guest Speaker: **Karen Brkich, Advanced Master Gardener** - Whether you're a complete novice or someone looking to expand your plant collection, this class offers everything you need to become a successful houseplant parent. Discover the secrets to thriving indoor plants, from selecting the right species to mastering essential care techniques. Register today and discover the joy of nurturing houseplants. Let's make your home greener together!! Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this opportunity to cultivate your green thumb and bring nature indoors. A small brown bag lunch (fruits, nuts, snacks, and water) will be provided. Free seminar and open to the public.

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## Seguin Public Library 2025

Monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 12:00 to 1:30pm

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**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**



**Sat Aug. 09, 2025**  
12:00/1:30pm



Seguin Public Library - 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin Texas 78155  
Program: **Home Water Collection & Water Resources** Admin: **Linda Truax**  
Guest Speaker: **Beth Smith, Advanced Master Gardener** – *Come join Beth to learn about home water collection, often referred to as rainwater harvesting, which is the practice of capturing rainwater from rooftops or other surfaces and storing it for later use. This water, typically collected in rain barrels or larger storage tanks, can be used for irrigation, garden maintenance, or even indoor purposes after proper treatment, thereby reducing reliance on municipal water supplies. It's an eco-friendly, cost-effective way to conserve water as well as manage stormwater runoff.*

**Sat Sep. 13, 2025**  
12:00/1:30pm



Seguin Public Library - 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin Texas 78155  
Program: **Tower Gardening/Aeroponics** Admin: **Linda Truax**  
Guest Speaker: **Karen Schobel** – *Come join Karen to learn or enhance your knowledge of Tower Gardening and Aeroponics. Both tower gardening and aeroponics represent the future of agriculture, offering sustainable solutions to food production challenges.*

**Sat Oct. 11, 2025**  
12:00/1:30pm



Seguin Public Library - 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin Texas 78155  
Program: **Beyond Bluebonnets** Admin: **Linda Truax**  
Guest Speaker: **Andy Blair, Conservation Biologist** – *Come join Andy to receive an introduction to local wildflower diversity. This presentation will provide context on the vast diversity of flowering plants that are native to our local area, discuss ecoregional differences in plants, and explore the roles of early, mid, and late successional species in our ecosystems.*

**Sat Nov. 8, 2025**  
12:00/1:30pm



Seguin Public Library - 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin Texas 78155  
Program: **Vermicomposting** Admin: **Linda Truax**  
Guest Speaker: **Peter Hernandez, Advanced Master Gardener** – *Come join Peter for a very informative presentation on Vermicomposting. Vermicomposting is the process of using worms—typically red wigglers—to break down organic waste into nutrient-rich compost. The worms consume food scraps, paper, and other biodegradable materials, producing castings that enhance soil fertility. This method accelerates decomposition, reduces landfill waste, and creates an eco-friendly way to recycle kitchen leftovers. It's a natural, efficient way to improve soil health while minimizing waste.*

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# Continuing Education

## Dig Into Gardening This Fall!

**BEGINNING GARDENING CLASS**  
Grow Your Own Fall & Winter Veggies

### What You'll Learn:

- ✓ Plan, plant & maintain a fall/winter vegetable garden
- ✓ Soil prep, composting, seasonal crops & more
- ✓ Guidance in a hands-on, supportive setting

**SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 20-NOVEMBER 1**  
8:30 AM-12:30 PM | SEGUIN, TX

**ONLY \$80!** Supplies Included

Perfect for beginners!

Message us or sign up at  
[https://gcmgbx.org/2025\\_BGS/](https://gcmgbx.org/2025_BGS/)

Perfect for beginners!



## GUADALUPE MASTER GARDENERS PRESENT: **BEGINNING GARDENING CLASS**

**Grow Your Own Fall & Winter Veggies!**

Ready to get your hands dirty and your garden growing?  
Join us for a fun and informative 6-week course taught  
by local Master Gardeners!

-  Planning and planting a fall/winter vegetable garden
-  Soil prep, composting, seasonal crops & more
-  Hands-on guidance in a friendly, supportive setting
-  Saturdays, September 20 - November 1
-  8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
-  Seguin, TX
-  Perfect for beginners – sign up today!

Message us or register at: [https://gcmgbx.org/2025\\_BGS/](https://gcmgbx.org/2025_BGS/)

Contact Karen Brkich directly with questions/inquiries:  
[karenbrkich@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbrkich@yahoo.com) • 210/663-4840 call or text



**Let's grow something great together!**



# Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Garden Style San Antonio, TX <https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/events-calendar/>
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/>
- Plant Party 9: Planting a Seed worth 1.5 hrs [https://youtu.be/DFi7\\_JZUzoY](https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY)
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/>
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.sabot.org/calendar/>
- Rainbow Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.rainbowgardens.biz/events/>
- Green Jays Garden Center, 100 Elm Grove Rd, Seguin, TX <https://www.greenjaygardens.com/basic-01> (please check website for classes and details).
- Bexar County Master Gardeners, San Antonio, TX <https://bexarmg.org/events/>
- Plant Party #18 recording of the “Spring Green Up” Plant Party Webinar (~1 hr 18 min) can be accessed at [https://youtu.be/ziSx-LJjaqo?si=qD\\_OLTJs-8yx\\_VP-](https://youtu.be/ziSx-LJjaqo?si=qD_OLTJs-8yx_VP-)  
Find ALL Plant Party recordings and future events posted at:  
<https://southtexasrangelands.tamu.edu/plant-party/>

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Home Garden Series: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S5BK\\_6TGI\\_LYle3\\_XUiPjzz](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S5BK_6TGI_LYle3_XUiPjzz)

Horticulture & Gardening Webinar Series with David Rodriguez:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S4J6Urb7-JiyXOCT7Mhtats>

Entomology Webinar Series with Molly Keck:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S50uWVbqYzV3k2nfmxeA\\_9g](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S50uWVbqYzV3k2nfmxeA_9g)

# Special Volunteer Opportunities



## Seed Exchange update for August 2025

By now you should have your seed trays ready or be in the process of getting them ready for your fall garden.

It's a great time to start fall squash, okra, tomatoes, peas, and carrots, as well as other vegetables with a 3-4 month growth cycle. With the current weather patterns, there is a good chance that we will get a decent amount of rain this fall, making for a good gardening season.

Take a look at the list on the following page to see a list of seeds that are available at the seed exchange in the Master Gardeners Office. Please come up and take advantage of the free seeds that are available on Wednesdays from 2-4 PM. If those hours don't work for you due to work or other commitments please reach out to one of the POC's. They will be glad to help if you have questions or need access at other days and times.

The year is half over and if you are short on volunteer hours we can help with that too. There is something available for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

POCs: David & Karen Koepp – [dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com](mailto:dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com),  
[kkoepbnb@gmail.com](mailto:kkoepbnb@gmail.com) , or call/text 210-263-3624,

Ernestine Sykes – [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com) or text 210-544-0756

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Vegetables

Asparagus  
Beets - Many varieties  
Bok Choy  
Broccoli  
Broccoli Raab  
Brussel Sprouts  
Cabbage  
Cauliflower  
Carrot - Many Varieties  
Celery  
Collard  
Cucumber - Many Varieties  
Eggplant - White, Green, Purple, & Black  
Green Beans - Many varieties Bush & Pole  
Hot Pepper - Many varieties  
Hot Pepper - Ghost  
Hot Pepper - Habanero  
Hot Pepper - Lemon  
Mild Pepper - Many varieties  
Mild Pepper - Yellow Banana  
Mild & Hot versions Jalapeno  
Kale  
Lettuce - Many Varieties  
Lima Bean  
Mesclun Salad Mix  
Mustard Greens  
Okra  
Onion - Yellow Bulb  
Onion - Bunching  
Parsnip  
Peas - Many Varieties  
Pumpkin - Many Varieties  
Radish - Many Varieties  
Spinach - Many Varieties  
Squash - Many Varieties Summer & Winter  
Squash - Butternut  
Squash - Gold Winter  
Squash - Scallop  
Squash - Yellow Summer - Many varieties  
Squash - Zucchini - Many varieties  
Sweet Corn - Many varieties  
Sweet Pepper - Many varieties  
Tomato - Many varieties small & large / color  
Tomato - Golden  
Tomato - Roma  
Turnip  
Veggie Packs - Large Starter Kit

## Fruit

Cantaloupe  
Watermelon - Many Varieties

## Herbs

Basil - Many varieties  
Chamomile  
Chives  
Cilantro  
Dill  
Lavender  
Lemon Balm  
Oregano  
Parsley  
Peppermint  
Rosemary  
Sage  
Spearmint  
Thyme

## Flowers

African Daisy  
Agave  
Alyssum  
American Elm  
Bachelor Button  
Bee Balm  
Blackeyed Susan  
Blanket Flower  
Blue Aethea  
Bluebonnet  
Butterfly Flower  
Butterfly Weed  
Calendula  
Canterbury Bells  
Cape Coral Vine  
Candlestick Bush  
Carnation  
Chinese Forget-Me-Not  
Chrysanthemum  
Columbine  
Cosmos  
Dahlia  
Delphinium  
Desert Rose  
Esperanza  
Foxglove  
Gaillardia  
Gazania  
Hibiscus  
Holly Hock  
Johnny Jumpups  
Larkspur  
Lupine  
Marigold - Several varieties  
Monarch Sanctuary Wildflower Mix  
Moonflower  
Morning Glory - Several varieties  
Nasturtium - Several varieties  
Painted Daisy  
Pansy  
Petunia  
Poppy  
Shasta Daisy  
Snow in Summer  
Strawflower  
Sunflower - Several varieties  
Sweet Pea  
Sweet William  
Thunbergia  
White Heath Aster  
Wildflower Mix - Several varieties  
Yucca - Red & White  
Zinnia - Several varieties

Please note we have many varieties of seeds available that are not listed above, so please come see us on Wednesday's from 2-4 PM or feel free to contact one of us via text/email if you have any questions.

**Seed Exchange POCs:** David & Karen Koepf – dhkoepf.gcmg@gmail.com , kkoepf@gmail.com , or call/text 210-263-3624, Ernestine Sykes – ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or text 210-544-0756  
<https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/volunteer-outreach-service-opportunities/seed-exchange/>

Also for some seeds we have large bulk 1/2lb pack quantities available as well (Corn, Green Beans, Okra, & Peas)

We still would like your seed donations if you have a surplus of something you have grown successfully!

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Craft Days for Fall and Winter Plant Sales

Beginning in August, we will be starting Craft Days once again. To make sure I'm prepared for the number of people participating, I will be using SignUp Genius for each day of scheduled craft days. These activities are planned so those of you who are having difficulty working outside during the heat can still earn volunteer hours. And if you are recovering from an injury or illness, these days are scheduled for you as well. We will be making a variety of things. We will paint pots once again. The painted pots were a sell out during our spring plant sales. We will also be making refrigerator magnets that have a garden theme. Lots of rocks will get painted as we make pieces for the wooden tic-tac-toe boards with the help of Pam Malone. Our President, Kay McElveen brought me a great idea for wooden stem holders that could also be used for sprouting. Wooden plant tags will be a new activity for the fall. Even though it is not an actual craft, we will be packing seed packets for the Schertz and Seguin libraries as well.

You need no prior experience to participate in Craft Days. I will have all the materials needed to accomplish each craft activity. You just need to sign up and come have some fun. We will have snacks, music and good people to help you try something new. I will be offering some evening and weekend opportunities for those who work during the week but would enjoy participating. Be on the lookout for the SignUp Genius links.





# Volunteer Opportunities

GCMG APPROVED GARDENS, PARKS AND PROJECTS FOR 2025

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## Gardens and Parks

### **1. Big Red Barn Garden**

[250 Cordova Rd., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Janice Knobles, [jmknobles@yahoo.com](mailto:jmknobles@yahoo.com)

Text: 210-275-4402

Volunteer Day: Fridays 7:30 a.m. Summer 8:15 a.m. Winter

### **2. Christian Cupboard Garden**

[516 N. Camp, Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Kay McElveen [hkaymcelveen@gmail.com](mailto:hkaymcelveen@gmail.com)

Phone: (479)790-2933

Volunteers work on their own schedule.

### **3. Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden**

[1101 Elbel St., Schertz, TX](#)

POC: Ann Odvody [odvodyd@swbell.net](mailto:odvodyd@swbell.net)

Phone (210) 665-3866

Volunteer Day: Tues / Fri 8 a.m.-1100 a.m.

### **4. Gutierrez Garden Park**

[1231 Borgfeld Rd., Schertz, TX](#)

POC: Maria Dykes [mariaq75@gmail.com](mailto:mariaq75@gmail.com)

Phone: (210) 792-1603

Volunteer days: Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### **5. Irma Lewis Outdoor Learning Center**

[1865 East Hwy 90, Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Wendy Salazar [fredandwendy@yahoo.com](mailto:fredandwendy@yahoo.com)

Phone: (210) 483-3717

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **6. La Vernia Primary School Gardens**

[249 FM 1346 S., La Vernia TX](#)

POCs: Kay Cover [doncover6969@yahoo.com](mailto:doncover6969@yahoo.com)

Phone: (830) 779-2149

Colleen Collier [colleen1631@gmail.com](mailto:colleen1631@gmail.com)

Phone: (210) 413-4818

Volunteer Days: Contact the POCs

### **7. LULAC Community Garden**

[1502 Eighth St., Seguin, TX 78155](#)

POC: Juan Moncada

[jmarcus78702@gmail.com](mailto:jmarcus78702@gmail.com)

Phone: (512) 701-1696

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **8. Marion Veteran's Memorial Park**

[100 W. Huebinger St., Marion, TX](#)

POCs: Carol Suchan [ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com](mailto:ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com)

Text: 210-870-4880

Anne Ottenad [ron.anne.ottenad@gmail.com](mailto:ron.anne.ottenad@gmail.com)

Volunteer Day: Mondays 8-10 a.m.

### **9. Mill Street Community Garden**

[1447 West Mill St., New Braunfels, TX](#)

POCs: Benna Hunter [bennahunter@gmail.com](mailto:bennahunter@gmail.com);

Text: 270-860-2246

Kathleen Smith [kathleensmith1214@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmith1214@gmail.com)

Volunteer Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

### **10. Polley Mansion Heritage Garden**

[11432 FM 539, La Vernia, TX](#)

POC: Robin Muschalek [forcexxi@yahoo.com](mailto:forcexxi@yahoo.com)

Keith Muschalek [keith.muschalek@gmail.com](mailto:keith.muschalek@gmail.com)

Phone: (571) 606-4234

Volunteer Days: Contact POCs

### **11. Ron Pedde Memorial Community Garden**

[1017 Town Creek Rd., Cibolo, TX 78108](#)

POC: Rachel Eiland

[rachel.eiland@outlook.com](mailto:rachel.eiland@outlook.com)

Phone: (757) 513-2842

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **12. St. Andrew's Park**

[Corner of S. Crockett & Nolte St., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Ernestine Sykes [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com)

Text: (210) 544-0756

Volunteer Days: Wednesday's 9-11 a.m.

## Other Projects

### **1. Big Red Barn Kiosk**

[390 Cordova Rd., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Ernestine Sykes [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com)

Text: (210) 544-0756

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **2. Christmas Tree Project (Nov./Dec.)-SEASONAL**

[210 E. Live Oak St.](#), (Tree will be on Downtown Square)

POC: Kayla Murray [misskaylamurray@gmail.com](mailto:misskaylamurray@gmail.com)

Text: (830) 386-9664

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **3. GC Fair MG Booth (2<sup>nd</sup> week/weekend Oct.)-SEASONAL**

[950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX](#) (Fairgrounds Coliseum)

POC: Beth Smith [basmith5518@gmail.com](mailto:basmith5518@gmail.com)

Text: (210)727-9890

Volunteer Days: Tuesday-Sunday during Fair Week

### **4. GCMG Communication Team**

POC: Communications Director: Ingrid Wilgen

[essentiallyingrid@gmail.com](mailto:essentiallyingrid@gmail.com) Text: 210-214-0787

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## Other Projects (continued)

### **5. GCMG Independence Day Parade Float-SEASONAL**

POC: Angela Chason [angelachason@hotmail.com](mailto:angelachason@hotmail.com)

Text: (210) 803-6736

Setup Location / Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **6. GCMG MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange**

[210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin](#)

POCs: Ernestine Sykes [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com)

David Koepp [dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com](mailto:dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com) & Karen Koepp

[kkoepbnb@gmail.com](mailto:kkoepbnb@gmail.com)

Text: (210) 263-3624

Volunteer Days: Wed.2-4 p.m.

### **7. GCMG Monthly Meeting-Refreshments**

[210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin](#)

POC: Karen Carrell [carrell1708@msn.com](mailto:carrell1708@msn.com)

Volunteer Days: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month except June &

December – Sign up during monthly meeting or contact POC for current needs and/or make a donation

### **8. GCMG Social Events**

Summer POC: April Rippel [adripping@gmail.com](mailto:adripping@gmail.com)

Text: (830) 433-2218

Winter POC: Beth Smith [basmith5518@gmail.com](mailto:basmith5518@gmail.com)

Text: (210)727-9890

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **9. GC Pumpkin Decorating Contest Booth**

(2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Oct.) – Fairgrounds Coliseum

[950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Pam Younger [pamyounger54@gmail.com](mailto:pamyounger54@gmail.com)

Text: (830) 491-4170

### **10. GCMG Video Team**

POC: Paul Prince [phrogtoo@yahoo.com](mailto:phrogtoo@yahoo.com)

Text: 559-259-4317

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

## Plant Sales & Related Projects

### **1. GCMG GROW Team**

Location details will be provided by POC

POC: Pam Malone [ptmalone@live.com](mailto:ptmalone@live.com)

Text (830) 534-2111

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **2. GCMG MG Information Booth**

Location details will be provided by POC

POC: Mac Mullins [macadac242@gmail.com](mailto:macadac242@gmail.com)

Text (210) 722-3881

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **3. Kingsbury Fall Festival**

[644 Railway St. Kingsbury, TX 78638](#)

POC: Paul Carter & Sharon Cooper

[greenthumbcarter@gmail.com](mailto:greenthumbcarter@gmail.com)

Text: (830) 481-0817

[Rscooper3707@gmail.com](mailto:Rscooper3707@gmail.com)

Text: (281) 684-4632

Volunteer Day: Contact POC – Event is typically on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November

### **4. Online Sales & Storefront-Spring/Fall**

[4037 Stockdale Hwy, Seguin TX 78155](#) Regular hours are

Wednesday-Saturday\* 8am – 5pm.

POC: April Rippel [adripping@gmail.com](mailto:adripping@gmail.com)

Text: (830) 433-2218

### **5. Pecan Festival – October 25<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Garden Tour & more @ the Big Red Barn

Plant Sale Downtown Seguin on the Square

Big Red Barn POC: Kay McElveen

[hkaymcelveen@gmail.com](mailto:hkaymcelveen@gmail.com) Phone: (479)790-2933

Plant Sales POCs: Paul Carter (830) 481-0817

[greenthumbcarter@gmail.com](mailto:greenthumbcarter@gmail.com)

Tim Steele (210) 385-2219 [tlscowboys@hotmail.com](mailto:tlscowboys@hotmail.com)

### **6. Plant Sales Team**

Sales will be at various GC locations in Spring & Fall

POCs: Paul Carter (830) 481-0817

[greenthumbcarter@gmail.com](mailto:greenthumbcarter@gmail.com)

Tim Steele (210) 385-2219 [tlscowboys@hotmail.com](mailto:tlscowboys@hotmail.com)

Volunteer Days: Will be posted on website and/or emailed

### **7. Seeds for Libraries & Craft Opportunities for Plant Sales**

[210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin](#)

POC: Beth Smith [basmith5518@gmail.com](mailto:basmith5518@gmail.com)

Text: (210)727-9890

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

### **8. Yulefest (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December)**

[950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: April Rippel [adripping@gmail.com](mailto:adripping@gmail.com)

Text: (830) 433-2218

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

# Volunteer Opportunities

Please check with the listed point of contact before showing up. Times and days may change at any time due to a number of reasons.

## Mondays

### Marion Veterans Community Garden

100 W Huebinger St. in Marion

8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

This is an open park and always needs weeds pulled. Once you know what needs to be done, you would be able to work any time or day that is convenient for your schedule

Contact Carol Suchan  
210-870-4880 or email

[ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com](mailto:ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com)

or Anne Ottenad

210-860-3636 or email

[Ron.anne.ottenad@Gmail.com](mailto:Ron.anne.ottenad@Gmail.com).

## ***Beware of Snakes***

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/online-course/preparation-and-survival/snakes>

## Mondays

### Park West Pollinator Garden

600 Block of North Vaughn Ave,  
Seguin.

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Need help with maintenance of the pollinator garden and care of new plants. Bring gardening tools, and dress for the weather

Contact Liz Romero

[fleurromero@gmail.com](mailto:fleurromero@gmail.com)

## Wednesdays

### MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange

210 E. Live Oak, AgriLife Bldg, Seguin

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed

Contact Ernestine Sykes

210-544-0756 or email

[ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com)

The office number is 830-379-1972.

## Wednesday

### St Andrew's Community Garden

The corner of Nolte & Crocket St.

9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Weeding, planting and edging and whatever else needs to be done

Contact Ernestine Sykes

210-544-0756 or email

[ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com) or



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Tuesdays & Thursdays & possibly other days

Gutierrez Park 1231 Borgfeld Rd,  
Schertz, TX

**Help needed with watering. For more  
information or details**

Contact Maria Dykes

210-792-1603 or email  
[Mariaq75@gmail.com](mailto:Mariaq75@gmail.com).



## Fridays

### Big Red Barn Gardens

390 Cordova Road, Seguin

7:30 a.m. for the summer hours

8:15 a.m. for the winter hours.

Contact Janice Knobles

210-275-4402 or email  
[jmknobles@yahoo.com](mailto:jmknobles@yahoo.com)

## Tuesdays & Fridays

### Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden

1101 Elbel Road, Schertz  
(behind the County Annex Building)

8:00 a.m.-11.00. a.m.

Contact Ann Odvody

210-994-9664 or Email

[odvodyd@swbell.net](mailto:odvodyd@swbell.net)

(Always in need of help.)



**Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc.**

**210 East Live Oak St.**

**Seguin, TX 78155**

**Guadalupe County Master Gardeners <http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org>, or <https://gcmgtx.org/> 830-379-1972 Ext 210**

**Guadalupe County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension <http://guadalupe.agrilife.org/> 830-379-1972**

**Texas Master Gardeners <http://txmg.org>**

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