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President's Message

Greetings from the President

Well, we made it through the Guadalupe County Fair with flying colors! The booth looked great and we had a lot of people come through looking at things, a lot of kids making things and made over $600 from the raffle fund raiser. We raised an additional $300 dollars from our experiment with a Fall plant sale. A big THANK YOU to all of those who worked the booth and children's activities, helped setup or tear down or raised plants for the sale. A very special THANKS to April Rippel for helping make it all happen.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the school tours at the Big Red Barn. We did nine days of tours. I had hoped to be able to report on the number of students our Master Gardeners talked to but I haven't received those from the Big Red Barn as yet. I would estimate around 1500 but I'll send a special message with that information when I receive it. If you haven't seen the gardens at the BRB recently take an opportunity to stop by. They are looking good this Fall and there are a couple of new heritage garden plots, one vegetable and one flower.

November starts the holiday season and is going to be busy for most people. We have a few events scheduled this month. Master Gardeners will have a booth at the Kingsbury Fall Festival on Saturday, November 3 and a Lunch & Learn on Greenhouse Management in Seguin on November 9. If you have a chance, drop by the Kingsbury Festival, it should be fun.

I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. Be sure to save the date for our Christmas Social on Saturday, December 8.

Kay McElveen

President

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Lunch 'n Learn

Greenhouse Management

Presented by Kay McElveen

Friday November 9, 2018

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Free. Everyone is welcome.

Where: AgriLife Extension Service, 210 East Live Oak St., Seguin, TX 78155

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Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Presented by Lisa Whittemore

Thursday Nov 15, 2018

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Free. Everyone is welcome.

Where: AgriLife Extension Service, 210 East Live Oak St., Seguin, TX 78155

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Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities At Your Convenience

♦**Kingsbury** - Kingsbury Habitable Spaces Garden, 3050 FM 1104, Mon – Fri from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Cathy Medlin at cathmed2003@yahoo.com or 830-221-8596 the first time you go so she can meet you at the gardens and discuss what needs to be done. Bring tools (hoes, trowels, etc.), gloves, hats.

♦**Schertz** – Gutierrez Xeriscape Park, 1231 Borgfeld Rd. Contact Kim Darrough at kimdarr70855@yahoo.com or 314-799-3295 or Judy Stanley at jstanley20@satx.rr.com if you need work recommendations. One of them may be able to meet you at the park (day and time dependent)

♦**Seguin –** Christian Cupboard Community Garden, 516 N Camp St. Contact Kay McElveen at hkaymcelveen@gmail.com or 479-790-2933.

♦Seguin – Rain Garden at the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E US Highway 90 (just past the Geronimo Creek bridge east of town on HW 90). Contact Mag Holm-Roesler at mrhr816@gmail.com or 512-656-2360 to discuss what needs to be done.

Scheduled Workdays

Mondays

•**Marion -** Veterans' Memorial Park from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. The park is located next to the Schulz Nursery parking lot, 100 W Huebinger St. Contact Joyce Friesenhahn at 210-452-2404 or email her at omaannie2@gmail.com

•**Seguin -** MG Office/Library, 210 E Live Oak, is open from 8:30 a.m. - noon except for holidays. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Betty Hughes at 830-401-4066.

Schertz - Guadalupe County Community Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, behind the County Annex Building. Start time is 9:00 a.m. Check with Ann Odvody at odvodyd@swbell.net or 210-994-9664.

Volunteer Opportunities Continued

Mondays & Fridays

- **Cupboard Community Garden -**We are having some scheduled work days to allow those who would like to volunteer but know nothing about the garden to get familiar with it. Normally this is a come and work when you can garden. The times are 7:30 a.m.to 9:00 a.m. at the Christian Cupboard, 516 N. Camp St., Seguin. You can park on the street or across the street in the lot with the chain link fence (if the gate is open) Contact Mike Bednarski, 830-556-4268

Tuesdays & Fridays

- **Schertz -** Guadalupe County Community Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, behind the County Annex Building. Start time is 9:00 a.m. Check with Ann Odvody at odvodyd@swbell.net or 210-994-9664.

Wednesdays

- **Seguin -** MG Office/Library, 210 E Live Oak, is open from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com C: 210-544-0756

Fridays

- **Seguin –** Big Red Barn Gardens, 390 Cordova Road. Start time is 7:30 a.m. for the summer hours and 8:15 a.m. for the winter hours. Check with Janice Knobles at 830-379-6193 or e-mail jmknobles@yahoo.com for details.

2018 Guadalupe County Fair

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked for, or towards the MG Booth this year. All your hard work really payed off and whether your part was small or large, every contribution helped to make things run smoothly and professionally. Many complements were given by the Guadalupe Fair Association, horticulture entrants, and the general public as to how nice the booth looked and how well it was run. Pat yourselves on the back! Job well done!

Below you will find a list of ribbon winners and I'm happy to say that I recognize many GCMGs in the mix. The entries looked great and the public enjoyed seeing all the things that can be grown and/or made in Guadalupe County. I believe we encouraged quite a few new gardeners! There were 92 Adult entries, and 46 Youth entries for a total of 138 horticulture entries.

A couple of new features in the booth this year added a whole new dimension. The greenhouse display relayed valuable information about obtaining and maintaining your greenhouse, and the plant sale not only brought in funds but encourage the public to grow eatable vegetables at home. Both displays added value to our MG Booth and gave us new ideas for next year.

The raffle was a huge success raising 21% more funds than last year. Individuals and businesses were extremely generous with the prize donations and winners were thrilled. The Grand Prize was won by Carol Suchan. Congratulations Carol, you look great on the bike! (Photos are on the next page.)

The County Fair maybe done but we're already in the planning stages for the 2019 MG Booth. If you'd like to be a part of next year's fair committee watch your e-mail around the month of June. We'll be recruiting committee members at that time and will have our first meeting in July just before the regular MG monthly lecture/meeting on the 3rd Thursday of that month.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the 2019 booth, I'd love to hear from you! Give me a call, text, e-mail, or talk to me in person. All comments or constructive criticisms are welcome.

Again, thank you all for participating. I hope to see ALL of you volunteer again in 2019.

April Rippel
GCMG 2018 County Fair Coordinator
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Daytime: (830) 379-7203
Cell: (830) 433-2218 - call or text

Grand Prize Winner
Carol Suchan
Riding Her Bike!

Photos by April Rippel

2018 Guadalupe County Fair Ribbon Winners
Youth Horticulture Entries

Name	Blue (1st) Ribbons	Red (2nd) Ribbons	White (3rd) Ribbons	Tri-Color Ribbon for Division Field Crops, Garden, Orchard, or Home Products	Grand Prize Overall & Reserve (2nd Overall)
William Anderson	1			Tri - for Home Products Pancake spread	
Jacob Braune	1	1			
Janae Braune	3				
Justin Braune	3			Tri - for Field Crops Pumpkin	Grand Champion Overall
Jude Herrell	1	1	1		
Josh Kotzur			1		
Paityn Lange	1	1			
Julia Reed	1				
Jasmin Sasser	2				
Grace Vogel	3	6	1	Tri - for Orchard Crops Persimmons	
Luke Vogel	5	5	2	Tri - for Garden Crops Black eyed peas	Grand Champion Overall Reserve
TOTAL Ribbons	21	14	5	4	1 Grand & 1 Reserve
Total Youth Entries for 2018 = 46					

2018 Guadalupe County Fair Ribbon Winners
Adult Horticulture Entries

Name	Blue (1st)	Red (2nd)	White (3rd)	Tri-Color Ribbon for Divisions	Grand Prize Overall & Reserve (2nd Overall)
Dorothy Altenhuf	2	1			
Eric Anderson	1				
Gayle Anderson	2		2	Tri-Rosette for Orchard Crops = Pears	
Kathy Anderson	2	2	1		
Katie Germann			1		
Shirley Germann	2				
Stephen Germann		1	1		
Guadalupe Community Garden	1	3		Tri-Rosette for Field Crops = Water-melon	
Darvin Hartmann			1		
Lindsey Herrera		1			
Logan Herrera	1				
Reagan Herrera	1				
Taylor Herrera	1				
Marijane Honeysett	1				
Myrtle Huebinger	4				
Jeff McKee			1		
Jerry McNulty	1	2			
Robin Parker		1			
April Rippel	2	1	1		
Bobby Rippel	1			Tri-Rosette for Home Products = Beer	Grand Champion Overall
Georgena Sasser	1	3			
Greg Schmidt		1			
Dora Schmoekel	4	2	2		
Rodney Schmoekel	2	3	2		
Greg Schwautz			1		
Kate Schwautz		1			

2018 Guadalupe County Fair Ribbon Winners
Adult Horticulture Entries

Name	Blue (1st)	Red (2nd)	White (3rd)	Tri-Color Ribbon for Divisions	Grand Prize Overall & Reserve (2nd Overall)
Francene Smith			1		
Andrew Stevens		1	3		
Joy Strey	1				
Melvin Strey	3				
Carol Suchan	1				
Stephen Suchan		1			
Ross Terry	2		1	Tri-Rosette for Garden = Serrano Pep-pers	Grand Champion Reserve
Jennifer Vogel	1	1	2		
Leandra Washington		1			
John Watkins		1			
Barbara Wright		1			
Grover Wright	1				
Total Ribbons	38 -1st	28 - 2nd	20 - 3rd	4 - Tri-Color Rosettes	1 Purple, 1 Pink Rosette

October Meeting Photos

Fall Gardening

Mark Fanick

Photos by Marvin "T" Taylor

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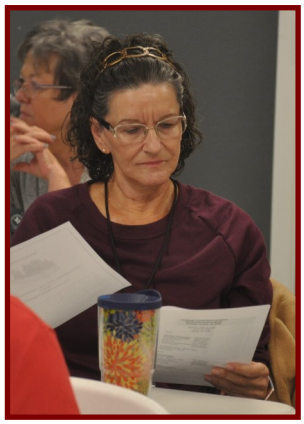

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The Guadalupe County Master Gardener's Facebook Page was very busy this month, group members were able to see all the happenings at the Guadalupe County Fair and view the horticulture entries and ribbon winners from the comfort of their home. Of course, many members attended the fair and added their posts of photos and experiences. More about the County Fair in a separate article, but let me say, it was a fantastic event.

Other news in FB this month includes our membership rising to 278, more questions about bugs, plant problems, and lots of posts about upcoming events. Thank you everyone for contributing.

Butterflies, hummingbirds, and flowers seem to be this month's theme on FB. With the cooler weather and rain, there are lots of things blooming and our pollinators are taking advantage. The fall colors are sure to make you smile and the antics of the hummingbird video posted by Peggy Jones had me laughing out loud!

There's also a poll going, on the FB Page, to choose a theme for the 2019 MG Booth at the County Fair. Contenders are fireflies, frogs, bees & trees, herbs & curbs, Monarch caterpillars, earthworms, or walking sticks. Right now, fireflies are in the lead, we need your vote to pick the best thing to concentrate on for next year.

You too can help answer gardening questions. You can share your photos, ideas, comments, questions, events, and articles - all through our Facebook Group. It's very easy to join. All you need to do is log into Facebook and in the search box type "Guadalupe County Master Gardeners," the Group will show up, click on it and request to join, you are guaranteed to be approved. Still need help joining? Give me a call at (830) 379-7203 or e-mail me at adrippel@gmail.com and I'd be happy to walk you through the procedure for joining the group or even how to create your new account for Facebook, all questions are welcome.

To all the FB Group members, keep those photos, questions, links, and advice coming. We all enjoy the posts. Thank you all for sharing!

April Rippel

Class 27

National Night Out

Donna Wise

Union Valley Area celebrated its seventh National Night Out event on October 2. Over 100 neighbors were in attendance. Information tables were set up for guest to browse. This year my table theme was Butterfly Garden. I focused table around the blooming flowers in my yard. With an emphasis on Native plants

Look who came to visit my garden!

Raised Bed Gardening oh, the Possibilities!

Cathy Kirk

The other day several of us were in the Master Gardener Library working on the Christmas tree project when the subject of raised bed gardening came up. There seemed to be a lot more pros than cons to this type of gardening, especially taking our clay soil into account. In a raised bed you can create your own soil mix.

When I lived in Wisconsin, my husband built a raised garden out of railroad ties. That required a lot of heavy lifting and filling in, but it made a great garden. You don't have to haul around railroad ties to build your raised bed. My mother had a raised bed she made from 2x4's. It was a very nice garden patch for herbs and tomatoes.

I did some research in our Library and online. There are as many types of raised bed gardens as there are gardeners. You can make your garden as simple or elaborate as you wish. It can be portable or stationary. It can be for flowers or vegetables. If you have mobility problems, you can build your garden to any height for easy accessibility. The possibilities are endless.

Follow the link below to read about fifteen ideas for creating raised bed gardens. Get those creative juices flowing! https://www.thespruce.com/raised-bed-garden-ideas-4172154

Butterflies and Plants

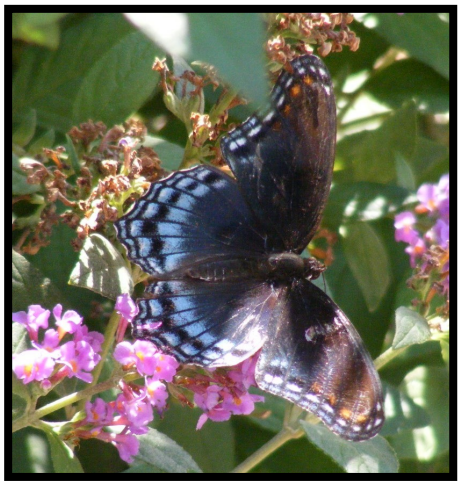
The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

It is the time of year when we see butterflies most everywhere we go. It always amazes me that it rains and rains and once it stops, especially if the sun comes out, here comes the butterflies! They come in many sizes and colors and are such a joy to watch.

We are very lucky to live in the climate that we do, because it gives us the option to plant a variety of flowers that they will like for various reasons. We usually think about providing nectar for them, but we also should think about host plants for their caterpillars.

Some plants will be both a food and host plant and some will attract hummingbirds as well. There are small mounding flowers, tall stately ones, bushes, vines and more. The color palate is endless allowing the gardener to pick and choose a color theme or just throw it all together to attract a large variety of creatures. I have a partial list for you: flame acanthus; butterfly milkweed; tropical milkweed; coral honeysuckle; blue mistflower; coneflowers; zinnias; buddleia; Mexican flame vine; bee balm; duranta; lantana; bronze fennel; passion flower vine; garlic chives; and the list goes on! Try to have a camera with you as often as you can. I cannot remember a trip I have taken, when I haven't photographed a butterfly, moth, or caterpillar.



Continuing Education Events November and December 2018

Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3: ***Beekeeping Basics*** at TAMU Agrilife, 3355 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio. November 2nd Classroom: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and November 3rd Field Day: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (weather dependent). The course covers the basics of bees and beekeeping. Cost is $65, includes lunch and the Bee Field Day (in Leon Springs). Registration online at https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu (be sure you register for Beekeeping BASICS).

Friday, November 2 to Sunday, November 4: ***2018 Fall Festival of Roses and Heritage Rose Foundation Conference*** at Antique Rose Emporium, 10,000 FM 50, Brenham, TX 77833. Begins November 2 @ 9:30 a.m. and ends November 4 @ 3:30 p.m. 1 continuing education credit for every educational training hour. Free for all. Additional information at www.bexarmg.org/event/2018-fall-festival-of-roses-and-heritage-rose-foundation-conference/

Saturday, November 3: ***Pond Building 101*** at Water Garden Gems, Marion, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 3: ***Landscape Management for Homeowners*** at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin, Texas. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Space is limited, and registration is required. $125 per person. More information and registration at wildflower.org.

Sunday, November 4: ***Native Milkweed Propagation for Monarch Habitat*** at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn about native milkweeds, their growing requirements and propagation techniques. Fee: $20 For more information www.sabot.org/ Registration required.

Friday, November 9: ***Greenhouse Management*** presented by Guadalupe County Master Gardener greenhouse management specialist, Kay McElveen, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Everyone is welcome. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Saturday, November 10: ***A Pioneer Thanksgiving - A Savory Taste of Texas*** at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Herbalist, Leslie Bingham and participants will tour the garden learning about the herbal and culinary properties of Texas native plants, receive a plant, enjoy a tasting and receive a recipe booklet. Fee: $25 Registration required. For more information www.sabot.org/

Tuesday, November 13: ***Caring for Trees of All Shapes and Sizes*** hosted by Burnet County Master Gardeners at AgriLife Building, 607 North Vanderveer Street, Burnet, Texas. 2:00 p.m.to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 17: ***Foraging for Native Edibles*** at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin, Texas. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Space is limited, and registration is required. $25 per person. More information and registration at wildflower.org.

Monday, November 19: ***"Bee Keeping"*** at the Comal County Master Gardeners General Meeting, GVTC Auditorium, 36101 Farm to Market 3159, New Braunfels, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free

Saturday, December 1: ***Protecting Our Most Endangered Plants*** at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Michael Eason will discuss the work of CPC, it's partnership with San Antonio Botanical Garden. Fee $15. For more information www.sabot.org/

2018-2019 Advanced Training

Wednesday, December 5 to Friday, December 7, 2018: ***Master Gardener Advanced Training – Composter,*** Texas A&M Agrilife Extension – Fort Bend County, Rosenberg, Texas. Fee $225. **Registration deadline November 14, 2018.**

4 Fridays starting February 1, 2019, and continuing February 8, February 15, and February 22.: ***Healthy Trees and Certified Arborist Preparation Class*** at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. This course was designed for the citizen who wants to stay safe while improving the health of trees and learn more about the value of trees and prepare professional arborists for an ISA Certified Arborist examination. Class time is 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fee: $300 includes all four classes as well as the Arborist Certification Study Guide. Registration required. For more information go to www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/

February 7 to 8, 2019: ***Advanced Home Fruit Training-- Southern Texas program*****,** Course will be held at 623 N. Fair Street in Gonzales, TX 78629, Instruction is 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Course Fee: $185. **Registration deadline January 18, 2019.** For additional information, call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Gonzales County Office.

Guadalupe County
Master Gardeners Training Class
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Become a Certified
Master Gardener

Master Gardeners is an **education sharing horticultural program**.

Students **commit** to **continuous learning** and **volunteer service**.

Schedule
Tuesdays,
January 15 to May 14, 2019

Registration Deadline
January 14, 2019
(10% discount if paid by Dec. 1)

Time
5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Cost $210
Includes Texas Master Gardener Handbook

Location
AgriLife Extension
210 E. Live Oak
Seguin, Texas

Class Size
Limited

For more information contact:
Kay McElveen
Class Coordinator
hkaymcelveen@gmail.com
479-790-2933

GCMG Website:
www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/

Volunteer Recognition Drawings

Kathy Bennett won the October Volunteer Recognition Drawing for hours reported in September 2018.

October 2018 Volunteer Recognition Drawing				
Hours Reported 1 - 30 Sep 2018				
	Name			Name
1	Bednarski, Michael		15	Knobles, Janice
2	Bennett, Kathy		16	McNulty, Jerry
3	Bowe, Mary		17	Miller, Mary
4	Burton, Rodney		18	Nodine, William
5	Calentine, Carol		19	Odvody, Ann
6	Chandler, Mike		20	Odvody, Dale
7	Cover, Kay		21	Patterson, Karen
8	Cox, Robert (Bob)		22	Rippel, April
9	Darrough, Kim		23	Rohlf, Christy
10	Foss, Sandra		24	Seale, Iris
11	Friesenhahn, Joyce		25	Sykes, Ernestine
12	Henry, Beth		26	Teweles, Robert
13	Heuerman, Barbara		27	Walker, Judy
14	Hughes, Betty		28	Warren, Bernard

Volunteer Recognition Continued

Congratulations to Kathy for winning a $20 gift card to Maldonado's Nursery!

All **28** Master Gardeners eligible for the monthly drawing also qualify for one entry in 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 30 November** to be eligible for the December Drawing.

September 2018 Volunteer Recognition Corner

♦GCMG volunteers reported 1,063 volunteer hours. As of 30 September, members have reported 376 more volunteer hours in 2018 than in 2017

♦Thanks to members for timely reporting hours. To date, 130 of 160 members (81%) have reported hours for 2018. 76 of 133 Master Gardeners (57%) have met 2018 certification requirements

♦Class 31 Trainees are also busy reporting hours. Trainees have reported 395 Volunteer Hours and 29 Continuing Education Hours so far this year. Two trainees, **Caye Powada** and **Gloria Spaulding** have met their 50 Volunteer Hour requirement for certification.

♦Our top volunteers for September reporting 25 or more volunteer hours are: Mary Bowe, Rodney Burton, Kim Darrough, Beth Henry, Janice Knobles, Kay McElveen, Jerry McNulty, Willian Nodine, Dale Odvody, **Caye Powada (Trainee),** April Ripple, Iris Seale, George Ulrich and Cindy Waechter. Way to go volunteers!

♦31 GCMG's in the 2018 100 Hour Club: Kathy Bennett, Bob Cox, Beth Henry, and Ernestine Sykes join Michael Bednarski, Mary Bowe, Welta Burris, Rodney Burton, Mike Chandler, Kay Cover, Kim Darrough, Joyce Friesenhahn, Betty Hughes, Peggy Jones, Janice Knobles, Cynthia Lyssy, Kay McElveen, Jerry McNulty, Connie Mead, Mark Mullen, William Nodine, Ann Odvody, Dale Odvody, Karen Patterson, Stephanie Perry, April Ripple, Iris Seale, Carol Suchan, George Ulrich, Judy Walker, and Cindy Waechter. Thank you volunteers!

It's Time to Recertify and Pay Your 2019 Dues

October is here and with it comes the opportunity to recertify as a Master Gardener for another year and pay your 2019 dues. Dues are currently $20 per year. Why do we pay dues? Dues pay for our administrative costs, the paper we use to print newsletters, postage, speaker costs and handouts at our membership meetings, etc. Dues also pay for the State mandated three-year background check for our membership to support the Child Protection Act. Dues and other moneymaking projects paid for our laptop computer for our monthly meeting, the mobile speaker system we use for off site programs and our projector.

Chapter 6 of the Policies and Procedures Manual, approved by the voting membership in May 2014, requires the following to recertify and pay your dues.

- Complete 12 hours of volunteer service
- Complete 6 hours of continuing education
- Report hours in the on-line Volunteer Management System (VMS)
- Complete and sign the annual Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement
- If your background check expires in 2019, complete and sign the Volunteer Consent for Criminal Background History Check.

Note: You can check to see when you background check expires in VMS by going to General Information, Member Roster and click on your name. Your background expiration date is listed under Start Year. Most likely if you were in Class 25 or Class 28, you background check expires in 2019

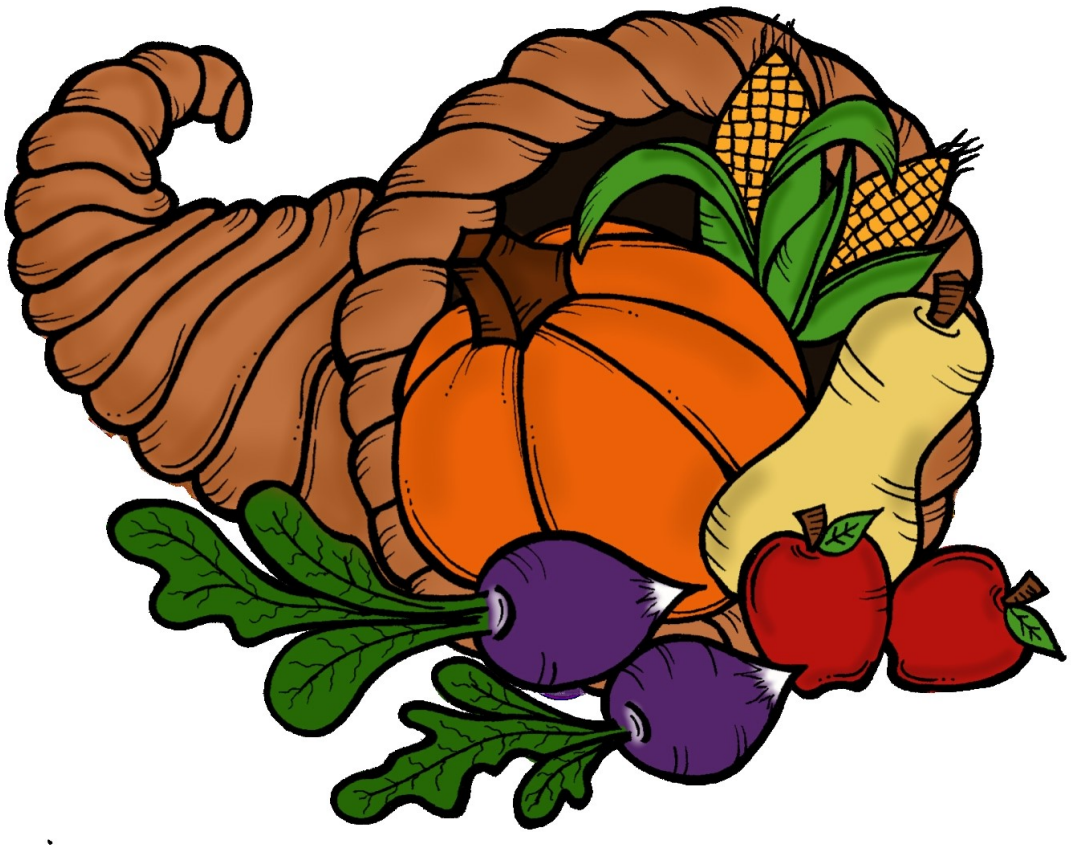
Guadalupe County Master Gardeners will be collecting 2019 dues at the November Membership Meeting for those Certified Master Gardeners who have met their recertification requirements. Please remember **the Membership Chair and/or Treasurer cannot accept your dues until you have** reported the minimum hours required for re-certification in VMS, completed and signed your Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement, and completed and signed your Volunteer Consent for Criminal Background History Check if it expires in 2019.

Forms are available in VMS under General Information, Newsletters/Documents, Membership I

For Class 29 and 30 Trainees:

If you certified in 2017, to recertify for 2018 and pay your 2019 dues, you must complete twelve (12) hours of volunteer service and six (6) hours of continuing education, report those hours in VMS not later than 31 Dec 2018, complete and sign the annual Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement and pay your $20 dues.

If you certified in 2018, you have met your volunteer and continuing hours certification requirements for the year. Once you complete and sign the annual Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement, you may pay your 2019 dues of $20 at the November meeting. Dues must be paid not later than 31 Dec 2018



Annual Review of GCMG Ongoing Projects

Our policy and procedures manual requires the Board to review in November of each year ongoing projects to determine if the project furthers our education mission and how, contributes to or erodes our focus on public education, is worth the use of volunteer time and exposure and if there is interest within the membership in doing the project properly. We invite members to provide input regarding ongoing projects or recommend new projects. You may email input to Cindy Waechter by 6 November 2018. If you would like to recommend new projects, download and complete the GCMG Approved Garden Application, found in VMS under Newsletter/Documents, Membership Information and forward it to Cindy Waechter prior by 6 November 2018. Following is the current list of approved ongoing projects as of Oct 2018.

Project Name	Description
(a) Membership Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting to Include Speaker Presentation **Continuing Education Hours:** Speaker Presentation **Volunteer Hours:** Travel Time & Business Meeting
(b) Continuing Education	Educational seminars/classes in the various facets of gardening Lunch N Learns Master Gardener Classes A&M AgriLife Master Gardener on-line training modules A&M AgriLife sponsored webinars
(c) MG Organizational Support	Committee Duties & Meetings Executive Board Duties and Meetings Facebook Master Gardener Office/Library Membership Outreach (Notifications, phone calls, cards, letters, etc.) Newsletter Publicity Seguin Christmas Tree Decorating Socials, hospitality, refreshments (planning, set up, clean up: NOT attendance or cooking) Volunteer Hours Program Volunteer Recognition
(d) Guadalupe County Community Garden	POC Dale & Ann Odvody
(e) Gutierrez Xeriscape Park	POC Kim Darrough
(f) Red Barn	POC Janice Knobles

(g) Approved Gardens	• Cibolo - Schlather Park Butterfly Garden - POC Kathy Carroll • Kingsbury - Habitable Space Gardens - POC Cathy Medlin • La Vernia - Polley Mansion - POC Iris Seale • Marion - Veteran's Memorial Park - POC Joyce Friesenhahn • Seguin - Christian Cupboard Community Garden - POC Kay McElveen • Seguin - Outdoor Learning Center Rain Garden - POC Mag Holm-Roesler • Seguin - Park West - POC Randee Malmsten
(gh) Learn, Grow, Eat & Go Program	Mentor and assist classroom teachers in teaching the Learn, Grow, Eat & Go program & in planning, establishing & maintaining school gardens at: • McQueeney - McQueeney Elementary • Schertz - Rose Garden Elementary • Seguin - Jefferson Elementary • Seguin - Koennecke Elementary • Seguin - Rodriguez Elementary • Seguin - Saint James Catholic School • Seguin - Sprouts Learning Academy Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! (LGEG) is the new research-based, evidence-based curriculum project of the International Junior Master Gardener Program. LGEG grows good kids through an interdisciplinary program combining academic achievement, gardening, nutrient-dense food experiences, physical activity, and school & family engagement. Visit http://jmgkids.us/lgeg/ for more information.
(h) Public Education/Outreach	Answering questions for the public Ask a Master Gardener Library Gardening Series (Lunch & Learn) (Researching, preparing, presenting) Public education programs/seminars (Researching, preparing, presenting) Speaker's Bureau Website
(hh) LaVernia Primary School	POC - Iris Seale

(i) Youth Education Gardening	Ag Days Schertz/Cibolo AgFest Big Red Barn Buckaroo Days at SASS&R School Gardens not otherwise listed Water Fairs
(ii) Fund Raisers (Plant Sales, Garage Sales, etc.)	
(iii) Earth Day	
(k) Master Gardener Class	All activities associated with the preparation for, delivery of, and the conclusion of the Class for Master Gardeners.
(l) San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo	POC - Dale Odvody
(m) Guadalupe County Fair	
(mm) Master Gardener Booth	Floresville South Texas Home, Garden & Environmental Show - March Schertz Volunteer Fair - April Seguin Red Barn Pecan Fest - October Kingsbury Fall Harvest Festival - November
(n) Texas State Master Gardeners Association	Conferences Directors meetings
(o) Other	

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

November

8	Board Meeting
9	Lunch & Learn/Seguin – Kay McElveen/ "Greenhouse Management"
15	November Membership Meeting, Election of Officers
TBD	City of Seguin Parks & Recreation, Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

December

13	Board Meeting
8	Christmas Social

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