GUADALUPE GARDENER JANUARY 2020

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

President's Message

Greetings everyone,

Let me just start by telling you that I am beyond excited for this upcoming year. I am both anxious and nervous to serve as this year's president. It is my hope that I have a lot more successes than failures although, I'm sure there will be plenty of each.

The new year provides us the opportunity to look back and celebrate our accomplishments as well as a look to the future and how to better ourselves. For me, this usually starts with the goal of eating healthier.

For the club and our new board, I think it's important to start with a vision of what success looks like. Once this vision is established, we each will be able to establish goals to reach that vision. Lucky for us that vision is well documented and is contained in the organization bylaw as the mission statement.

Mission statement.

Assist the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in providing unbiased, high quality, relevant horticultural education and service to the people of Guadalupe County and the state of Texas through outreach, teaching and demonstration projects. Protect and conserve the natural resources of the state by teaching safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that promote the development of healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Develop a strong Master Gardener organization in Guadalupe County through education and volunteer commitments.

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It is this statement that should and will be the guideline for all my goals and all decisions I aide in. I am grateful to the mentors I have had up to this point. I will continue to look for them for advice and historical content. I am also grateful and excited by those who have chosen to serve on the board this year. We have some very talented people and I look forward to seeing them in action. Please let me know if there is anything, I can assist you with or any concerns you may have. I can't promise that everything that I do will please everyone, but I will make my best effort.

Yours in Gardening,

Jerry

Ps…I love Gardening!!!!!

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners
Lunch and Learn

Seed Saving Basics for Home Gardeners

How to select parent plants, process & store seeds…

Presented by Bill Nodine

Guadalupe County Master Gardener

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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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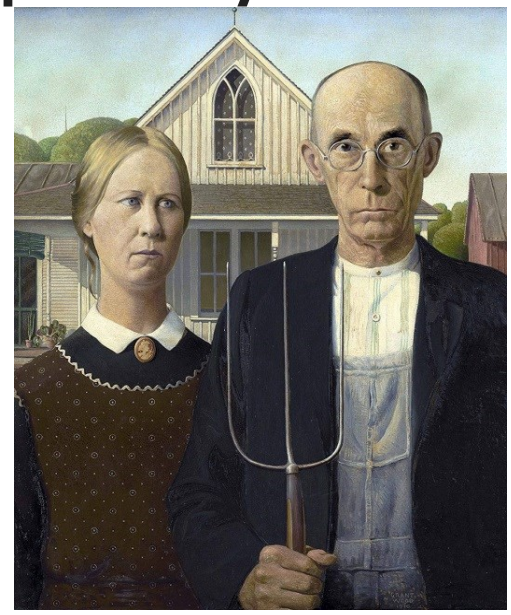

The health benefits of gardening and gardening safely as we age.

Presented by Joe Urbach

Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Free. Everyone is welcome.

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Guadalupe County Master Gardeners
Lunch and Learn

Herbs: Inside & Out

Presented by April Rippel
Guadalupe County Master Gardener

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Phenology

Presented by Jon Zeitler

Thursday, February 20, 2020

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Free. Everyone is welcome.

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Small-Space Habitat Gardening

Presented by Kathleen Scott

Thursday, March 19, 2020

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Free. Everyone is welcome.

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Guadalupe County Master Gardeners
Lunch and Learn

Take Care of Texas: Mulch & Compost

Presented by Peter Hernandez
Guadalupe County Master Gardener

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free. Everyone is welcome.

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Bexar County Rodeo Time!

The Guadalupe County Master Gardeners assist the Bexar County Master Gardeners at the San Antonio Rodeo. For this assistance the Bexar County Master Gardeners make a generous donation to the GCMG.

This is a wonderful opportunity to accumulate volunteer hours and to contribute to the financial well being of our organization.

Construction Volunteers are needed from January 22nd through February 5th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Greeters, Children's Activities and Plant Sale Volunteers are needed from January 23rd to February 6th.

Tear Down Volunteers are needed from February 24th and 25th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

You may sign up for available time slots on the Bexar County MG website, **www.bexarmg.org**. Go to the "members" tab and then click on "2020 Rodeo".

Release forms are need to volunteer at the Rodeo. The forms **do not** need to be notarized for volunteers over the age of 18.

Dale Odvody will discuss the Rodeo in more detail at the January 16th membership meeting. Release forms will be available at the meeting.

For questions or more information , please contact me by email or call at 512-705-6305.

Thank you.

Regards and a Happy New Year,

Mark Mullen

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

At Your Convenience:

•**Kingsbury** - Kingsbury Habitable Spaces Garden, 3050 FM 1104, Monday – Friday 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 Judy Stanley at 830-765-4613 or jstanley20@satx.rr.com for further information.

•**Seguin** – Christian Cupboard Community Garden, 516 N Camp St. Contact Michael Bednarski at mieczyslaw@satx.rr.com or 830-556-4268 for further information.

•**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 on Mondays:

•**Marion** — Veterans' Memorial Park from 9:00 a.m.to 12:00 a.m. (winter hours). 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

Scheduled Workdays on Tuesdays & Fridays:

•**Schertz** — Guadalupe County Community Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, behind the County Annex Building. Start time is 8:00 a.m. Check with Ann Odvody at odvodyd@swbell.net or 210-994-9664.

Scheduled Workdays on Wednesdays:

•**Seguin** — MG Office/Library, 210 E Live Oak, is open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or 210-544-0756. The office number is 830-379-2153

•**Seguin** — (Only 1st and 3rd Wednesdays) Park West Pollinator Garden, 600 Block of North Vaughn Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Maintenance of the pollinator garden and care of new plants. Bring gardening tools, water, hat, sunscreen, insect spray and wear appropriate gardening shoes. Contact Clara Mae Marcotte, rcm.marcotte@gmail.com or Liz Romero, fleurromero@gmail.com.

Scheduled Workdays on 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

Congratulations

To all who helped

Create this

Award winning tree!

Christmas Social

Photos by Marvin "T" Taylor

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Check us out on

facebook

Our GCMG Facebook Group has really grown over the last 3 years and as we move into a new year, and over 400 members, I'm extremely proud of our Master Gardeners that have contributed their knowledge, ideas, garden jokes, and their findings of exciting upcoming horticultural events. All of your contributions are extremely helpful and appreciated!

Did you know that William Nodine has three FB Groups connected to the GCMG FB Group? Please visit his pages titled "Advanced Plant Propagation," "Budding and Grafting – Basic Biology related to Budding and Grafting," and/or the page called "Compost – Impacts on Soil Moisture and Plant Health." If you have any questions regarding these subjects you can get your answers from William's FB posts. You just have to request to join these groups in FB and you'll be added right away.

Included on our page this last month was our "winning" GCMG Christmas Tree – 1st Place! Congratulations to all the Master Gardeners that worked so hard on our tree! Also posted were photos from our MG Christmas Social, I'm sure Marvin Taylor will have more, but included on our FB Page were photos of Marvin taking photos!

You too can share your photos, ideas, comments, questions, events, and articles - all through our Facebook Group. It's 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, and 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

Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Blooms and Color
In My December Garden

I was very lucky not to have a hard freeze in my yard until late December. I went out several days to try out a new camera and lens I purchased for myself for Christmas earlier in December. These pictures are several of the better ones showing that I do (or did) have a few bright spots in my yard. The other newcomers that I have are migratory birds. A flock of red-winged blackbirds comes twice every day to see if I have anything for them to eat and/or drink. There are also small birds that I need to identify. Yes, I have bird books I use in addition to flower books. I also have butterfly books. I guess you can say my house has turned into a research library or so it sometimes seems.

I found leaves of various colors, lantana, salvia varieties in red, scarlet and purple, roses, copper canyon daisies, pigeon berry bush, blue plumbago, Carolina jasmine, and shrimp plant. I also found many baby bluebonnets which I hope the deer don't step on too much. I hope you had color in your yard for a while too.

The poinsettia that I had saved from last year is beginning to have red leaves, but I doubt it will be as red as the plant was last year. Happy New Year!

Basham Party Pink Crepe Myrtle leaves

Carolina Jasmine

Pigeon Berry

Pyracantha

Continuing Education Events January 2020

Friday, January 10: "Planting Spring Vegetables" 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208, San Antonio. Free, no registration required. Bring your lunch. For more information go to https://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/calendar/category/general/ or contact Denise at dsperez@ag.tamu.edu or 210-631-0400

Saturday, January 11: "Drip Irrigation Workshop" 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Freedom Home Baptist Church, 3405 Oak Springs, Austin. This is a hands-on workshop to gain practical experience with system design and component assembly. You will also learn tips on types of layouts, plant placement, and system maintenance. No prior irrigation experience or tools needed to attend. The event is rain or shine. Attendees are to bring work gloves, safety glasses, appropriate weather gear, and water. Reserve your spot now at Workshop Registration

Saturday, January 18: ***"Fruit Tree Basics Seminar"*** presented by Dr. Larry Stein from the Texas AgriLife Extension service. Dr. Stein will demonstrate how to properly select & prune fruit, nut, citrus and grapes for maximum production. You will learn about the overall maintenance & care for your trees before, during and after harvest, Free seminar, no registration required. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Fanick nursery 1025 Holmgreen Rd, San Antonio. For more information go to https://www.fanicknursery.com/upcomingevents.html

Friday, January 24: ***"Bokashi Composting: Good for Your Landscape and the Planet"*** at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Fee: $10 required, returned upon attendance. Bokashi composting is a method of turning food waste, including meat and dairy, into a nutritious soil amendment in an anaerobic, rather than an aerobic, process. It is a process that can be used in an apartment or other living space without benefit of a compost pile. Register at: https://www.sabot.org/education/adult-classes/gardening-waterwise/

Friday, January 24: ***"Earth-Kind Fruit Tree Seminar"*** at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place, Fee: $50 (includes light breakfast, lunch & snacks), 8:35 a.m.-5:10 p.m. (check-in at 7:45 a.m.). Registration required. Register at https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetail/2990

Master Gardener 2020 Advanced Training

February 19 to February 21, 2020 "Vegetables" hosted by Dallas County Master Gardeners. Class begins on February 19 at 9:00 a.m. and ends on February 21 at 3:00 p.m. For more information go to https://txmg.org/master-gardener-training/training10/training-information

April 17 to April 18, 2020: "Plant Propagation Advanced Training" hosted by Tarrant County Master Gardeners – Fort Worth, Texas. For more information go to https://txmg.org/master-gardener-training/training10/training-information

May 5 to May 7, 2020: "Vegetables" hosted by Bexar County Master Gardeners - San Antonio, TX. For more information go to https://txmg.org/master-gardener-training/training10/training-information

May 26 – 28, 2020: "Texas Superstars" hosted by Bexar County Master Gardeners – San Antonio, TX. For more information go to https://txmg.org/master-gardener-training/training10/training-information

September 24 – 26, 2020: "Rainwater Harvesting" hosted by Tarrant County Master Gardeners in Fort Worth, TX. For more information go to https://txmg.org/master-gardener-training/training10/training-information

October 15 – 17, 2020: "Greenhouse Managements" hosted by Tarrant County Master Gardeners Master Gardeners in Fort Worth, TX. For more information go to https://txmg.org/master-gardener-training/training10/training-information

(** no information is available as yet for most seminars about costs/times/etc. As information becomes available it will be added)

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New Name Badges for GCMG

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension recently adopted a new Texas Master Gardener Association Logo for all Texas County Associations to begin using as soon as possible. Your Board has been busy at work designing a new name badge for GCMG using the new logo. Mark Mullen presented a sample badge at the September monthly meeting and the members present voted to purchase new name badges for the membership at a cost of around $900.

New name badges will be available at the January membership meeting along with membership cards for all Master Gardeners who certify by the end of 2019 and pay their 2020 dues. Name badges will be printed with your name as currently listed in VMS as of December 31, 2019.

Should you not be able to attend the January membership meeting, you can pick up your name badge and membership card at any monthly Membership Meeting or, after January membership meeting, by visiting the Master Gardener Office at 210 East Live Oak, Seguin TX 78155 on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. You can also send a self-addressed postage paid envelope to Kim Darrough, 421 Seminole Drive, Cibolo TX 78108 and request your membership card and name badge be mailed to you. Postage for mailing the name badge is $3.75 due to the bulk & weight of the name badge.

2019 100 Hour Club

as of November 2019

Welcomes	*Joins*	*And*
• Welta Burris	• Carol Calentine	• Karen Patterson
• Joyce Fox	• Kay Cover	• Thomas Richardson
• Kathy Johnson	• Bob Cox	• Carol Suchan
• Amy McNulty	• Joyce Friesenhahn	• Ernestine Sykes
• Connie Meade	• Gregory Haag	• George Ulrich
• Caye Powada	• Peggy Jones	• Karen Ulrich
	• Cynthia Lyssy	• Cindy Waechter
	• Ruth Morrison	• Judy Walker
	• Carol Mullen	• Pam Younger

2019 200 Hour Club

as of November 2019

Welcomes	*Joins*
• Mike Chandler	• Michael Bednarski
• Jerry McNulty	• Mary Bowe
	• Rodney Burton
	• Beth Henry
	• Janice Knobles
	• Ann Odvody
	• Iris Seale

2019 300 Hour Club

as of November 2019

- Kay McElveen
- April Rippel

2019 500 Hour Club

as of November 2019

Welcomes

- Kim Darrough
- Dale Odvody

2019 600 Hour Club

as of November 2019

- Mark Mullen

2019 700 Hour Club

as of November 2019

- William Nodine

REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact: Welta Burris, Secretary, 210-273-5025 or e-mail weltaburris@gmail.com

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