GUADALUPE GARDENER JUNE 2021

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Hello, my fellow gardeners - Welcome to June. June! Where does the time go?

There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments.
- Janet K. Phillips

I trust all of you are doing well and you are "experimenting" while enjoying the progress of Spring in your gardens while Summer fast approaches.

I was pleased to see those of you that have made the time to venture out to attend our monthly meetings at the Red Barn and the AgriLife Building. I can sense that COVID is still having a dramatic impact on our group (as well it should) and I suspect that as everything continues to slow down as the pandemic ends, we will be back together again as a group.

With the pandemic slowing, my role as a healthcare provider has allowed me a little more time to appreciate what we do as a group. The plant sales were a success (possibly nudged by the deep freeze and everyone needed to replace their gardens) so we were blessed with an opportunity. Kudos to those that participated and keep an eye out as the year continues to get back to having growing teams for our fundraisers.

I used some of my free time to venture across Guadalupe County to appreciate/explore some of the impacts we as Master Gardeners do for our community. I appreciated the Guadalupe County Community Garden, the Gutierrez Xeriscape Park, Marion Veterans Park, and the garden at the Red Barn. We do a lot! These gardens, along with our other gardens, can always use assistance. You do not have to go only during the scheduled workdays. If that were the case, I would never be able to help. GO when you can, do what you can (contact the garden coordinator to be sure what you do will be helpful), GO, and submit your hours.

I am sure all the garden coordinators will appreciate anytime you can provide. Because of COVID, we do not have students struggling to make hours for certification, so OUR gardens need OUR help. A few hours are better than no hours. Let's show the community how great we are.

For those of you that may have missed our recent meetings:

♦Review the meeting minutes to be posted in VMS so we can officially review them at the next membership meeting (17 June).

♦There was a request for empty/clean soda cans for an upcoming youth project; they can be delivered to our next meeting.

♦Please help with our monthly meeting refreshments by contacting Kathleen Smith to see what you can do to help us out.

Because of the pandemic, we did not have a Christmas/Holiday gathering for 2020, and it looks like interest in a Summer Social may be waning. Nearly 50% of our attendees at the April meeting showed interest but only 25% showed interest at the May meeting. Your Board of Directors will be discussing the options and deciding what we will do. As much as I want us to gather, I understand and respect the hesitancy.

I wish you well and look forward to seeing your garden pictures blasted across social media.

Happy Gardening!

Representing your Board of Directors,
Barry A. Jackson
2021 GCMG President

Note!

The following volunteer opportunities may be available with *"social distancing"* on an individual basis.

Please contact the coordinator of the activity to volunteer.

Texas Yellow Star

Courtesy of Randy Heisch

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Cen-

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. (Need lots of help right now.)

•**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.

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Scheduled Workday on Tuesday:

•**Marion** — Marion Veterans Community Garden. Contact Joyce Friesenhahn at 210-452-2404 or email her at omaannie2@gmail.com The park is located next to the old Schulz Nursery parking lot, 100 W Huebinger St.

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. (Need lots of help right now.)

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

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New YouTube Channel

Getting volunteer hours and continuing education hours has been challenging for many of our GCMG members.

Happily, we have great news if you need continuing education hours. Jerry McNulty and my husband, Frank Rippel, worked hard to create a YouTube Channel for the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners! You may now view recorded lectures and lunch & learns presented by our organization at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGCMq480CKbLSKER9_zz9vg/videos

View for free at any time that is convenient for you. The GCMG channel is kid-friendly certified. Enjoy!

April Rippel

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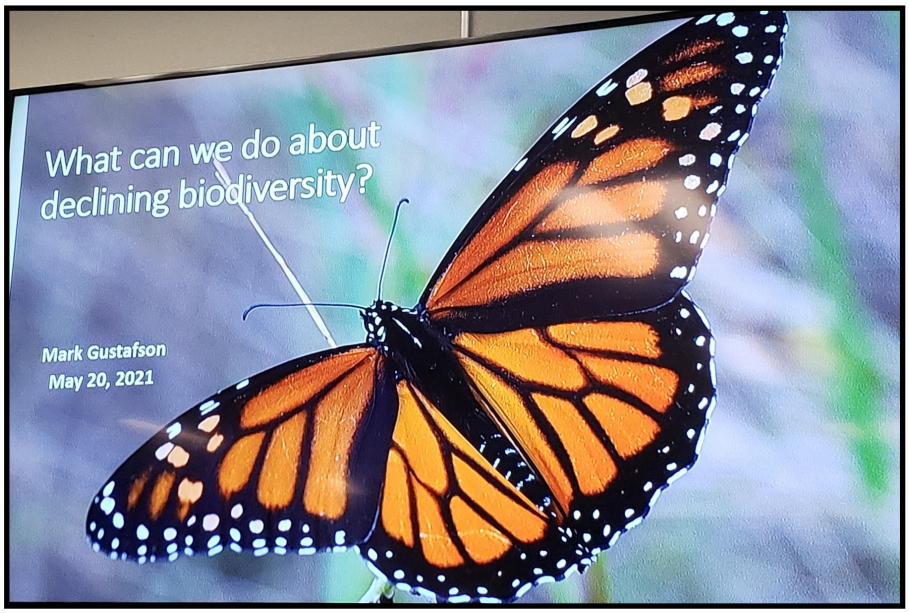
May Meeting Photos



May Meeting Photos

Check us out on

facebook

Welcoming new members to the GCMG's Facebook page has been keeping Mary Miller and me very busy At 1016 Facebook members, our thoughts are drifting towards how to get these eager gardeners more involved with our organization. As we are cautiously optimistic at starting up "in person" lectures and meetings, we hope to soon be seeing these future master gardeners at our gatherings, and I know that all of you will greet them warmly and help them to feel welcome at the meetings.

Texas is so much fun! We've gone from full drought to flash floods practically overnight. There have been a lot of questions on how to rescue over watered gardens from their plight. Here's a big "thank you" to all our master gardeners that answered questions and provided helpful information.

The top 5 contributors for the GCMG Facebook page in May 2021 were:

- **Peggy Jones**
- **William Nodine**
- **Tom Richardson**
- **Janice Knobles**
- **Kathleen Avant Smit**h

Good job to all of you!

Thanks, everyone for sharing. If you need help with joining The Guadalupe County Facebook Page, please feel free to contact me at (830) 379-7203 or e-mail me at adrippel@gmail.com and I'd be happy to walk you through the procedure. Thank you all for sharing! Stay active! Stay positive! Stay safe!

April Rippel

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Vegetable Planting Guide

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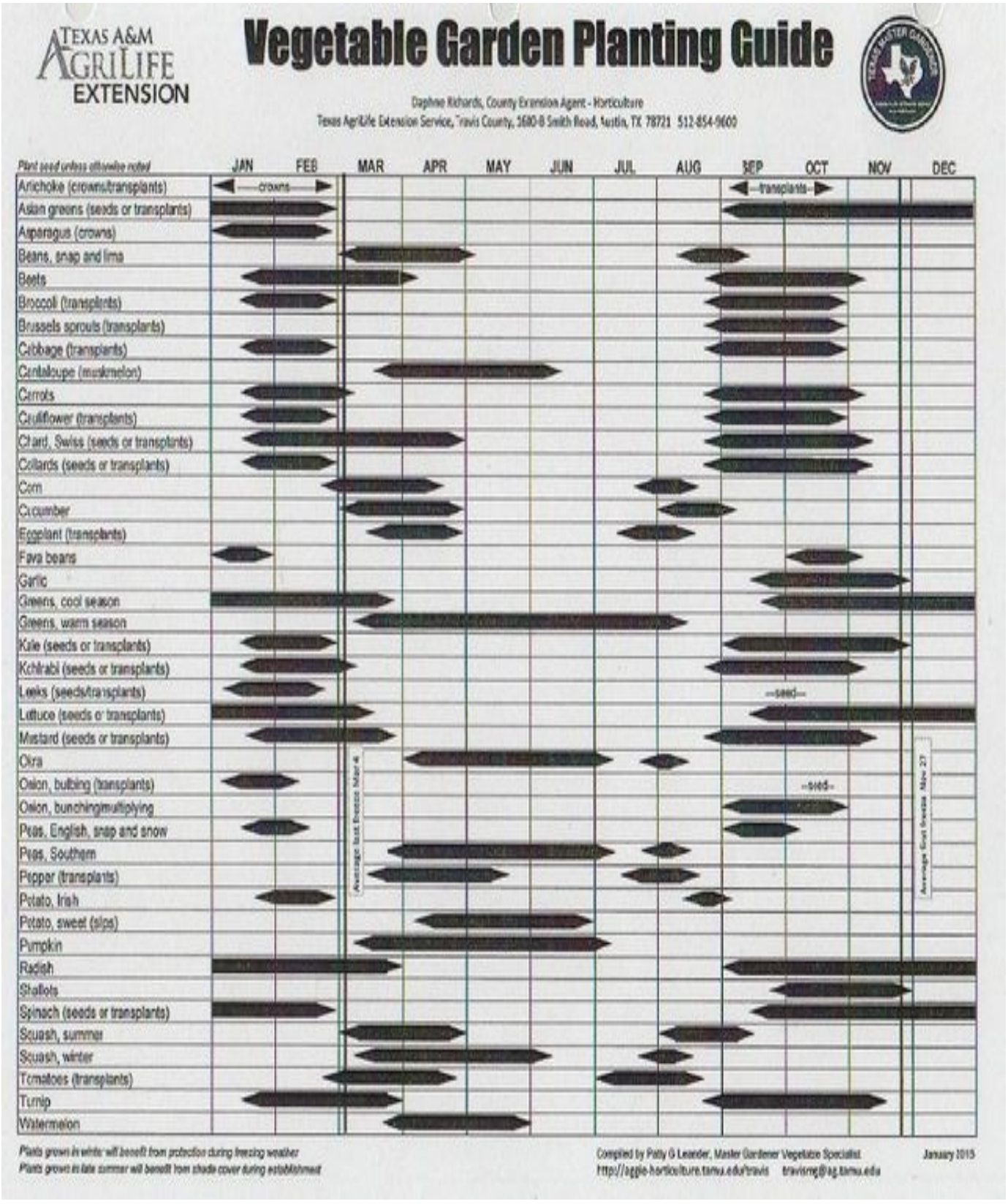


Wandering Gardener

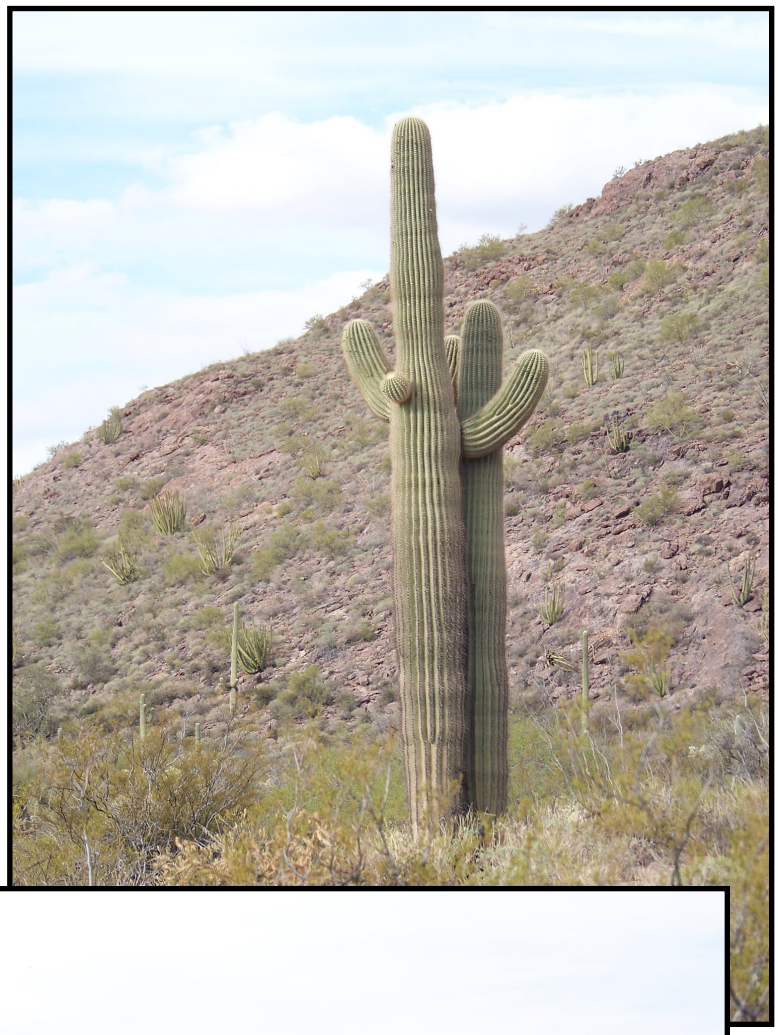
Marilyn Moltz

Southwestern Arizona

It is sometime green, sometime brown and brittle. It always has fabulous mountain colorations which change with the clouds and sun moving across the sky during the day. Grand vistas to view and try to photograph. If you are lucky, you can find blooming plants and wildlife moving around. It is a favorite area for me. I am talking about the part of Arizona which begins in Quartzite (17 miles east of Blythe, CA), east to Phoenix, south to Tombstone, and west to Yuma. Since I retired in 2007, I have spent many spring, fall and winter months in this area. I do not recommend the summer unless you really like it hot.

Each part of this area offers much to see and do. There are gardens—large and small, historical sites, scenic drives, shopping and gaming venues, off roading drives, festivals, a date farm, the gunfight at the OK Corral, deserted mines, birding sites and too many other places and events to mention here.

I know we are too wet and humid here for cactus to be happy, but I do love them and have a few in pots which are surviving and even bloom once in a while. But I even love them when they are not blooming. So, the open spaces, mountains and prickly plants will keep me going back to this area again and again. Perhaps you would like the area too if you ever visited.



Continuing Education Events June 2021

Please be aware that due to the current COVID-19 situation all training from other organizations being offered is online. Notices from Bexar and Travis counties will be sent out to members as they are received, including reminders and updates. At the time of this writing, we have no information on scheduled June training from those organizations, but it will be sent to members as soon as it arrives.

Saturday, June 5: "Native Fruit Trees" Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 9:30-11:30. Virtual via Zoom. The fee is $30. Register at https://www.wildflower.org/events/2021-06/.

Saturday, June 12: "Summer Care for Native Plants" Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 9:30-11:30. Virtual via Zoom. The fee is $30. Register at https://www.wildflower.org/events/2021-06/.

Saturday, June 21: "Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies" Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 9:00-12:00. Virtual via Zoom. The fee is $55. Register at https://www.wildflower.org/events/2021-06/.

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Wednesday, June 16, 2021: "A Landscape You Can Eat" by Guadalupe County Master Gardener April Rippel at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Wednesday, August 11, 2021: "Hibiscus & the Mallow Family" by Guadalupe County Master Gardener Jerry McNulty at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Wednesday, September 15, 2021: "Butterfly Gardening" by Guadalupe County Master Gardener Keith Muschalek at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Wednesday, October 20, 2021: "Winterizing Irrigation Systems" by Guadalupe County Master Gardener Marvin Borth at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Mealy Blue Sage

Courtesy Sally and Andy Wasowski

VMS Update

Kim Darrough

- The new VMS address is : https://vms.Texasmg.org/

- See this video demonstration on what to expect when first time login. https://www.loom.com/share/4e4d85473d2a49faaae70bf92641990a7.

- Your username for first time access is the first part of the email address you had in the old VMS. So anything before the '@' symbol. All have the same one use password. Garden4Life$ you should be prompted to change your password. (Username too, if you want)

- Once you have changed your password you should be prompted to sign in again using new password. Once signed in, go to the Get Help tab on the menu across the top of page. Scroll to the Tutorial Videos. View first video for basic user information. This will show how to enter hours. It compares the new and old system.

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