

GUADALUPE GARDENER FEBRUARY 2022

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

President's Message

February 2022 message from the GCMG president.

Good day fellow gardeners! Have you had your soil tested lately? This is the perfect time of year for cleaning & sharpening your garden tools, planting those bare-root-deciduous & evergreen trees, and getting your soil tested. Warm weather will soon be here, if you plan now, you'll be ready to put in your perfect spring garden.

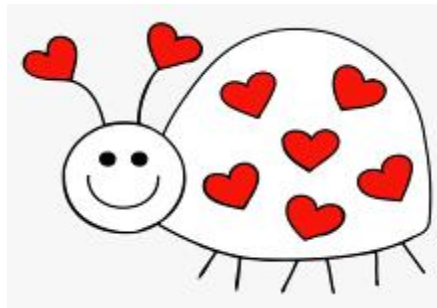
Planning now is exactly what the GCMG leaders are doing. Many of the events that fund and keep our community based organization running smoothly have already been implemented for 2022. Simultaneously, several educational programs have either already started or are being planned for you and our horticultural based followers.

Class 35 is off and running, the plant sales will soon be starting, scholarships are in the works, and our many exciting garden projects are progressing nicely due to the dedicated Point of Contact Master Gardeners. You are an awesome, hardworking bunch, thank you for your perseverance.

Every time you give gardening advice, put transplants in a community garden, or work to bring a pollinator garden back to life this spring you are fulfilling your obligation to be an outstanding Guadalupe County Master Gardener. I thank you for volunteering and for your support. Happy Gardening!

"The master of the garden is the one who waters it, trims the branches, plants the seeds, and pulls the weeds. If you merely stroll through the garden, you are but an acolyte." –Vera Nazarian

At your service
April Rippel
2022 GCMG President



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Membership News

Congratulations to the following winners of the Volunteer Appreciation Drawings: November Drawing was Maria Montalvo, December Drawing was Kay Cover, and the annual drawing was Karen Ulrich.

Membership cards will be available to pick up at the February meeting if you did not get yours at the January meeting. If you would like yours mailed to you please send a self addressed stamped envelope to: AgriLife Extension, ATTN: Membership, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX 78155.

November 2021 Volunteer Recognition Drawing			
Hours Reported 1-31 October 2021			
1	Anderson, Marilyn D	20	Miller, Mary C
2	Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	21	Mullen, Carol
3	Bravo-Gonzalez, Diana	22	Mullen, Robert M
4	Burris, Welta	23	Muschalek, Keith E
5	Burton, Rodney	24	Muschalek, Robin D
6	Carter, Marty	25	Odvody, Ann
7	Cover, Kay	26	Odvody, Dale
8	Edwards, Melva	27	Powada, Caye
9	Foss, Lisa	28	Real, Debbie
10	Foss, Sandra	29	Richardson, Thomas J
11	Friesenhahn, Joyce K	30	Rohlf, Christy
12	Guiles, Toni	31	Schultze, Pat
13	Henry, Beth	32	Sims, Judy A
14	Hurd, George R	33	Skorupa, Sylvia
15	Johnson, Kathy	34	Smith, Kathleen
16	Jones, Peggy	35	Styblo, Mary F
17	Knobles, Janice	36	Wallace, Crystal
18	Lucas, Melinda J	37	Watkins, John
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19	Medlin, Cathy	38	Younger, Pam

To qualify for the Monthly Volunteer Recognition Program drawing, Certified Guadalupe County Master Gardeners must report a minimum of five (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 five (5), except those earned for meeting setup. Board members do not participate in the Volunteer Recognition Program. Each month of qualification will be an entry in the annual drawing for a \$150 gift card. If you qualify all 12 months you have 12 chances at the annual drawing.

Please keep up with posting your monthly hour, it sure makes my job easier.

Membership News

Congratulations to our newest certified Master Gardeners!

There were two MGs that certified in January. They are Marty Watson and Keith Mott. Marty wasn't able to attend the January membership.



Membership News

February Membership Meeting:

Thursday February 17, 2022

Social 5:45 p.m.

Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Lecture 7:00 p.m.

Topic: "Water Conservation & Rainwater Harvesting"
Presented by: Steven Granger

Please feel free to bring a food item to share

AgriLife Building
210 E. Live Oak St
Seguin, TX

Please Note

Hi Master Gardeners! It's early in the year, but we need to start preparing for the Guadalupe County Fair that will take place in October. Each year we collect items that can be used at our children's craft table. This year, the theme is Butterflies and Caterpillars, and the kids will be making crafts related to these insects. I'm looking for donations of clean metal cans (such as vegetable cans), clean coffee filters, small craft pom poms, and green construction paper. I'd also like to start collecting toilet paper tubes. The kids love making binoculars out of these!

Thank you for your help! I'll have a box set up in the entry hall of the AgriLife building to collect items.

Kathleen Smith, County Fair coordinator



Become a Master Gardener

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners
Class 36 is now taking applications

Schedule

Tuesdays, August 9 thru
November 15, 2022
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location

AgriLife Building
210 E. Live Oak
Seguin, TX

Application Deadline:

July 25, 2022

Class Size is Limited

Cost is \$235

Includes Texas Master
Gardeners Handbook

For Application see GCMG Website

www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/

For more information email

GCMGTX@gmail.com

Master Gardeners is an education sharing horticultural program.
Trainees commit to continuous education and volunteer service



Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Master Gardeners provide equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



Note!

**The following volunteer
opportunities
may be available
on an individual basis.**

**Please contact the
coordinator of the activity
to volunteer.**

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

At Your Convenience:

•**Schertz** – Gutierrez Garden Park, 1231 Borgfeld Rd. Contact Judy Stanley at 830-765-4613 or jstanley20@satx.rr.com for further information. (Always needs work)

•**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.

•**Seguin** — Park West Pollinator Garden, 600 Block of North Vaughn Ave. 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 Workday on Monday:

•**Marion** — Marion Veterans Community Garden. Contact Carol Suchan at 210-870-4880 or email her at ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com or Joyce Friesenhahn at 210-452-2404 or email her at omaannie2@gmail.com . 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. The park is located next to the Guadalupe Nursery) (Formally Shultz 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, or Carol Mullen Camullen66@gmail.com or 512-825-4218. The office number is 830-379-2153.

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

Saturday Opportunity

- **Cibolo**— Schlather Park Pollinator Park, 174 Wiedner Road. Some dates available are **February 12th** and **March 20th** at 9:00 a.m. **Please note the date change.** Please bring gloves and your weeder of choice. There are some of each available if needed. Please contact Kathy Carroll at kathleen_carroll@icloud.com 210-793-1616 or if you have any questions. She is also happy to meet with anyone who would like to work there anytime outside the above times.



2022 Plant Grow Teams

Hello all active Master Gardeners, it is that time of year again when we all get a chance to **SHOW WHAT WE GROW! AND SHARE WHAT WE KNOW!**

This is an open invitation to all Master Gardeners that want to volunteer for the Spring & Fall 2022 plant sale grow teams.

The next meeting will be on February 3rd at 6:00 on the second floor of the Agrilife Building. It's not too late for you to participate. We still need volunteers for the second and third plant sale, as well as the Fall plant sale. You are welcome to come to the meeting to see if this is something you may be interested in doing. Everything will be given to you and you only have to commit to growing 2 flats to help out.

These are the guidelines:

1. The member would be responsible for transporting their own flats to and from the plant sales, plant sitting to keep the plants alive between the sales.
2. The GCMG would make sure each grow team member would have the flats/4" pots/media/seeds and instructions if needed. (These plants will need warmth and light).

To see the tentative 2022 plant sale dates you can go to the GCMG Texas A&M website and the GCMG's Plant Sale website.

Those of you that have already volunteered or want to volunteer please contact me so I can put your name and phone number on the confirmed list. This is a great opportunity for those that want to practice what you have learned through Master Gardeners and get your 2022 volunteer hours in.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Marty Carter, 2022 Plant Chairperson (mepcarter11@gmail.com)
SHOW WHAT WE GROW! AND SHARE WHAT WE KNOW!

2022 Plant Sales

The GCMGs have plants for sale!

Order On-line now at: www.gcmgtx.org

This week:

Tycoon Tomatoes

Kale, Toscano (Edible)

Cilantro/Coriander

Also a beautiful variety of succulents in decorative containers

All the plants look spectacular and are ready for you to take home!

Please browse the Plant Sale Website and do some shopping. Orders may be picked up the next day after ordering at: 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX. Call (830) 379-7203 for directions if needed. Come to the side door under the carport for plant(s) pick-up.

Monday-Sunday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Please note, you may also order your GCMG t-shirt at the same time, on the same order.

Thank you for supporting the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners!

2022 Plant Sales

March 5 - Seguin Silver Center, 510 East Court Street, Seguin

March 12 - Guadalupe County Fair Association Bldg, 859 Nelda Street, Seguin

March 19 - Seguin Silver Center, 510 East Court Street, Seguin

March 19 - South Texas Home and Garden Show, 600 Hwy 87 W., Floresville

March 26 - Big Red Barn Spring Tractor Pull Event, 390 Cordova Rd, Seguin

April 9 - Schertz Community Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, Schertz (Behind County Annex)

April 23 - Polly Mansion (Historic Whitehall), 11432 FM 359, LaVernia

April 30 - The Seguin Trade Days/Earth Day, Downtown Seguin across from Court House)

Oct 6-9 - The Guadalupe County Fair, 930 South Austin Street, Seguin (Coliseum)

Oct 15 - Big Red Barn Fall Tractor Pull Event, 390 Cordova Road, Seguin

Check us out on

facebook

GCMG Facebook Community

We added 56 new members to our GCMG Facebook Community. We are so glad you are here.

Most of the questions from our new members were how to grow roses, how to grow vegetables, and how to grow herbs.

Our top contributors were Peggy Jones, Melinda J. Bruce Lucas, and Suky Lozano. Thank you all who contributed as you make our GCMG Facebook Community possible.

We had questions about roses and since it is February then let's talk about roses.

February 14 is the perfect time to prune roses in your garden. You can also add new roses to your garden.

You do need light (at least 8-10 hours of direct sun each day). They need morning sun, but in central Texas, light afternoon shade is beneficial.

Roses need air circulation to discourage disease and be careful of wind; use a windbreak if necessary.

Roses must have good drainage and they like soils amended with organic matter, compost, or rose soil blends.

Roses are heavy feeders. As the ground warms up in late February, apply organic fertilizer and water well. Apply organic fertilizer March through May. Apply organic rose fertilizer monthly or use a water-soluble rose fertilizer every two weeks. Keep your roses healthy and avoid stressors as this will reduce pests. Water at the roots and avoid watering overhead. Clean all fallen leaves promptly. Inspect your roses for problems and treat quickly.

These tips can help your roses become stronger and prettier.

Suggestions for rose varieties for Central Texas:

- Low Maintenance- Cinco De Mayo Rose, Living Easy Rose
- Compact- Coral Drift
- Climbing- Peggy Martin, Blaze, Lady Banks

What did one rose friend say to the other? You are my best bud.

Please continue to post your hints, tips, and photos as they are all appreciated and we learn from each other.

Take care and enjoy planning your garden.

Kathy Adams

Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Geronimo Trail NSB

New Mexico

Geronimo Trail National Scenic Byway is a 154 mile, fully paved drive which takes at least one day to travel. It is not a "loop" drive so there is a northern and southern route you can choose from. We began in Elephant Butte and drove along the Rio Grande River, Elephant Butte Lake, Elephant Butte State Park (which offers full services and has great views), and through the town of Truth or Consequences.

Continuing on we arrived at Caballo Lake. In the picture you can see the golden sheen of the leaves on the cottonwood trees along the lake. The mountains in the background are the Caballo Mountains which are in Mexico. From here the 50 mile drive slowly ascends to an elevation of 8178 feet at Emory Pass in the Black Range. Part of the forest was burned by a fire in 2015 and is still recovering.

The only stops we made on the drive after Caballo Lake were Emory Pass and at the historic Warren deck truss bridge which spans Percha Creek. This bridge was built in 1927 on Black Range Hwy, which is now NM 152. There are other stops on the drive at Hillsboro, Kingston and San Lorenzo. Our trip was about four hours, but we did spend about an hour at Emory Pass. At the pass there are many information signs, views in all directions, hiking trails, and a large variety of trees and plants. Yes, I took pictures and perhaps they will be a future article, but only after several hours of research!







ASK THE MASTER GARDENER

Clara Mae Marcotte

Clara Mae Marcotte is a Texas Master Gardener with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. If you have a question to be answered, call the Master Gardeners at 830-379-1972 or leave a message to be answered. The website is guadalupecountymastergardeners.org. The Master Gardener research library is open Wednesdays from 1 to 4, at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin.

Q: All of my neighbors are cutting back their plants. Isn't it awfully early to do that?

A: Both Doug Welsh in his Texas Garden Almanac and Calvin Finch in his newspaper garden columns remind us not to prune till late February or March because the freeze damaged plant material provides some insulation for healthy plant tissue. Another good reason for holding off on pruning is because the frozen tops provide cover and foraging opportunities for ground feeding birds. If you feel that you must be doing something, then you could catch up on your weeding, and you could mulch everything. There is still a possibility that we will get more freezing weather. My last freeze here in Seguin in 2021 was February 22.

That being said, remember that some plants can be pruned. Peaches and plums can be pruned in February. And all of us remember that February 14 is the day we all run out and prune our rose bushes (although I have missed that date by a week or two the older I get).

Q: Why should I mulch? I hate to spend the money.

A: One of the main reasons we mulch is for water conservation. Mulching traps the water in the soil and slows the evaporation. If you are on a slope or in a windy area, mulching protects your soil. Mulch will keep your soil warmer in winter as well as cooler in the summer. As far as I am concerned, one of the best reasons for mulching is that it keeps weed growth down. Mulches can be many materials: wood bark, compost, recycled paper, pine straw, chipped granite, lava rock, limestone, woven plastic, and river rock. My favorite is cedar mulch, particularly by the front door, because it reminds me of Christmas every time I walk by and smell that lovely odor.

The advantage of an organic mulch, according to Doug Welsh, is that it decomposes and adds organic matter to the soil. (That is also a disadvantage because then you have to replace it periodically.) Another advantage of organic mulch over a rock mulch is that organic mulches reflect less sunlight, thus reducing heat loads on plants and buildings. Welsh cites research done at Washington State University showing as far as aesthetic ratings go, a newly mulched bed with no plants has nearly the same rating as a bed filled with plants. (Weedy beds, however, were not acceptable.)

So, how do we know how much mulch to buy? In Central Texas where we want mulch to be two inches deep, multiply the area by the desired depth of mulch in feet; then divide by the number of cubic feet in the bag. So for 1000 square feet at a two inch (or 2/12 foot) depth we would multiply 1000 times 2/12 and get 167 cubic feet. Then if the bag holds 2 cubic feet, we divide 167 by 2 cubic feet and get 83.5 or 84 bags of mulch. (If you are buying mulch by the yard, there are 27 cubic feet in a yard).

Master Gardener T-Shirts

The GCMG T-Shirts will be available soon! If you would like to pre-order your shirt(s) to ensure getting your size, please go to: www.gcmgtx.org website to place your order. Click on the T-shirt option on the left menu of the website.

T-shirts are \$10 for sizes small – Xlarge, and \$12 for 2XL – 3XL (price includes tax)

Shipping is also available for \$8.00, this is a one-time fee no matter how many shirts you order, or pick up your order at one of our regular GCMG lectures.

T-shirts will be available for purchase at the Lunch & Learns (second Wednesday of each month) and at the monthly membership meetings (third Thursday of each month).

The t-shirts are royal blue with the new Guadalupe County Master Logo in white on the front, and they are 100% cotton. These shirts are great for leisure wear, wearing at plant sales as well as other GCMG sanctioned events as patrons can easily identify you as a GCMG volunteer.

Thank you for supporting the GCMGs!



Men's



Women's

Continuing Education Events February 2022

Please be aware that due to current COVID-19 situation some 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.

Please check out the following websites for February Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2022-02/>
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/events>
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.sabot.org/calendar/>
- Rainbow Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.rainbowgardens.biz/events-classes/>

There are many wonderful and informative Youtube videos by Wizzie Brown and others that are available. Each count as one hour of Continuing Education. Check out some of the following:

- “Entomophagy” by Wizzie Brown <https://youtu.be/Nd9lZnAYKdk>
- “Kissing Bugs” by Wizzie Brown https://youtu.be/u1vW_BgoxZY
- “Managing Mosquitos” by Wizzie Brown <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95H0aMKQTOU>
- “Controlling Drain Flies, house flies and Fungus Gnats” by Wizzie Brown https://youtu.be/6fKN9_JRXrQ

2022

Lunch and Learns

Lunch and Learn will move to the second WEDNESDAY of the Month (Jan-Nov 2022)

- February 9 “Spring Vegetable Garden Preparation” Bill Nodine
- March 9 “Planting for Summer Colors: Plants for Sun” Liz Romero
- April 13: “Ants—The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” Wizzie Brown
- May 11: “Texas Superstar Plants” MaryBeth Parsons (Bexar County Master Gardeners)

Continuing Education Events February 2022

- Bexar County Master Gardeners, San Antonio, TX has quite a few upcoming continuing education opportunities. Please check out the list below and sign up at: <https://bexarmg.org/events/2022-02/>

Growing and Maintaining Roses with BCMGs at SABOT

February 9 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lunch & Learn With a Bexar County Master Gardener – Rodeo Tomato

February 11 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

BCMG February Monthly Meeting – Finding Research-Based Information Online

February 17 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Spring Clean Up and To-Do's

February 19 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Earth-Kind Garden and Landscape Series: Introduction to Soils, Mulch, and Compost

February 23 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Spring Clean Up and To-Do's

February 26 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Spring Vegetable Gardening

March 5 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Earth-Kind Garden and Landscape Series: Making Every Drop of Water Count in Lawn and Landscape

March 9 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Lunch & Learn With a Bexar County Master Gardener – Turfgrass

March 11 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Growing a Spring Vegetable Garden

March 19 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Earth-Kind Garden and Landscape Series: Spring Vegetable Garden

March 23 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Continuing Education Events February 2022

Master Gardener On-Line Training

Welcome to the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training. This program is designed to provide information on a variety of environmentally friendly (Earth-Kind®) practices for use in the home landscape and garden. As your interest and knowledge in this area grows you will have an increased awareness of the many programs, practices and activities that are Earth-Kind®.

Texas Master Gardeners can select from any of these on-line modules to obtain up to 3 hours of re-certification education credits in a calendar year. Each module is worth 1 hour of credit. Master Gardeners are not encouraged to seek re-certification credit for training modules they have completed in previous years.

Progress through the training program is tracked “on-line” and the results for each completed module are automatically forwarded to your county Master Gardener Coordinator.

Participation in the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training will assist Texas AgriLife Extension Service to promote principles and practices that help conserve and protect our state’s valuable natural resources. Working together we can create a healthy and sustainable environment.

To complete a module follow these steps:

1. Click any link below to view the online educational presentation for the associated topic.
2. Click on the quiz link under each associated video and CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.

Looking for the Earth-Kind® Challenge instead? <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/challenge/>

NOTE: Participants must complete the quiz and evaluation to receive re-certification credit.

1. [Landscape Water Conservation Training](#)
2. [Low-Volume Irrigation Training](#)
3. [Irrigation System Auditing Training](#)
4. [Safe Use and Handling of Pesticides in the Landscape Training](#)
5. [Safe Use and Handling of Fertilizers in the Landscape Training](#)
6. [Reducing Landscape Waste – Composting Training](#)
7. [Designing an Earth-Kind® Landscape Training](#)
8. [Landscaping for Energy Conservation Training](#)
9. [Creating Native Habitat Training](#)
10. [Earth-Kind® Roses Training](#)
11. [Integrated Pest Management Training](#)
12. [Pest Management for Crape Myrtles Training](#)
13. [Rainwater Harvesting Training](#)

Continuing Education Events February 2022

Master Gardener Advanced Training

Purpose: To provide advanced training whereby a corps of Master Gardeners can obtain advanced training which supports or expands specific county educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Guidelines: The primary purpose of the Advanced Training program is not to designate “experts” in a field of study or topic; rather, it is designed to identify Master Gardeners who have received additional training to support specific county educational programs or projects.

Advanced Training should be designed to empower the Master Gardener with the knowledge and skills required to effectively support designate programs or projects. This may include administration of projects, training of Master Gardeners, clientele presentations, and/or applied research and demonstrations.

Basic Requirement: To be eligible for an Advanced Training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification.

Training and Volunteer Requirements: Advanced Training should be a minimum of 16 hours in length. Hours of training will depend on subject matter and level of expertise to be obtained. Training might include: formal classroom training, field trips and tours, mentoring by experts, and/or self-directed study. Following completion of the training requirement, an individual should complete a minimum 20 hours of volunteer service in a designated program or project to obtain their Master Garden Advanced Training certification.

These are the 14 different advance training certificates. We will publish training dates when they become available from Agrilife..

1. **Compost Advanced Training**
2. **Earth-Kind Advanced Training**
3. **Entomology Advanced Training**
4. **First Detector Advanced Training**
5. **Fruit Tree and Nut Advanced Training (South Texas)**
6. **Greenhouse Management Advanced Training**
7. **Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Advanced Training**
8. **Irrigation Efficiency Advanced Training**
9. **Plant Propagation Advanced Training**
10. **Rainwater Harvesting Advanced Training**
11. **Texas Superstar Advanced Training**
12. **Tree Care Advanced Training**
13. **Turfgrass Advanced Training**
14. **Vegetable Advanced Training**



Spring 2022 Gardening Seminar *Along the Garden Path*

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center

375 S. Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX 78130

ALL GARDENERS WELCOME!

Presented by Comal Master Gardeners and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



Cost: \$65 includes Lunch, Snacks & Door Prizes. Vendors on Site.

Speakers:

Bringing Birds to Your Garden – Kathleen Scott, travel and lifestyle writer. Her articles have been published in the *San Antonio Express-News*. She is a 12-year Master Gardener.

Benefit of Herbs in the Landscape – Cindy Meredith, owner of the Herb Cottage nursery and online newsletter.

Organic Gardening Tips That Work – Robert "Skip" Richter, horticulturist, gardening educator, writer and photographer. Skip serves as contributing editor for *Texas Gardener* magazine and has appeared frequently on the *Central Texas Gardener* television program.

Wildflowers in Your Garden? - Florence Oxley. Flo, adjunct professor at Austin Community College, previously at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center .

Registration is online at the Comal Master Gardener Website

REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED NOVEMBER 15, 2021 through FEBRUARY 23, 2022

<https://comalmg.org/seminar>

6 CEs for Texas Master Gardeners

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in meetings are encouraged to contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office at 830-620-3440 five days prior to the event so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or a loss of a family member, send an email to: GCMGTX@gmail.com.

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One Year Term (2022) April Rippel, Alternate – Jerry McNulty

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