

# GUADALUPE GARDENER MARCH 2022

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

## President's Message

March 2022 message from the GCMG president:

March is here and it's time to visit the GCMG Plant Sales, plant our gardens, prepare to do battle with insects, and dream of spring flowers. After a roller-coaster winter, let's hope that we have a nice long, gentle spring.

Educating the public is the main function of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners and I must say that our members are doing an outstanding job. Recently, gardening has become a very sought-after hobby. Giving advice and seeing the response is fulfilling and fun! Please continue to help new gardeners and lend a helping hand when asked. Your efforts are much appreciated.

At The February Monthly Membership Meeting, I was once again humbled by the dedication of our GCMG members. The numerous 100 Hour Club volunteers for 2021 and the Years of Service recipients serve as a reminder of how much your volunteer time is appreciated. Remember, your knowledge and willingness to share it is what our organization is all about, keep up the good work!

Here's hoping that you are able to enjoy the upcoming warmer days and that all of you, as well as your plants, stay healthy and happy.

"A weed is but an unloved flower." — Ella Wheeler Wilcox

At your service  
 April Rippel  
 2022 GCMG President



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# Membership News

Membership cards will be available to pick up at the March meeting if you did not get yours at the January or February 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.

Congratulations to Rodney Burton winner of the Volunteer Recognition Drawing.

The following Volunteers were eligible for the drawing

February 2022 Volunteer Recognition Drawing			
Hours Reported 1-31 January 2022			
1	Burris, Welta	14	Mott, Keith
2	Burton, Rodney	15	Mullen, Carol
3	Carter, Marty	16	Nodine, William H
4	Carter, Paul	17	Odvody, Ann
5	Collier, Colleen	18	Odvody, Dale
6	Cover, Kay	19	Richardson, Thomas J
7	Glasgow, Millie H	20	Rohlf, Christy
8	Henry, Beth	21	Schultze, Pat
9	Knobles, Janice	22	Sims, Judy A
10	Leverich, Denise	23	Steele, Tim
11	Lucas, Melinda J	24	Sykes, Ernestine J
12	Ludington, Allyson L	25	Tremaine Black, Sandy
13	McElveen, Kay		

The following completed over 25 hours in the month of January

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Mott, Keith
Burton, Rodney	Nodine, William H
Carter, Paul	Odvody, Dale
Darrough, Kim	Rippel, April D
Lucas, Melinda J	Steele, Tim
McElveen, Kay	Younger, Pam

The following completed 100 hours for 2022.

Nodine, William

# Membership News

The following individuals were awarded their 100 hour club pins at the February meeting for hours completed in 2021.

MG Name	VOL Hours	MG Name	VOL Hours
Bartonek, Valerie	145.00	Lucas, Melinda J	159.50
Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	247.00	McElveen, Kay	309.00
Burton, Rodney	240.00	Muschalek, Keith E	163.75
Carter, Paul	114.00	Nodine, William H	257.00
Cavazos, Rachel O	126.75	Odvody, Ann	354.00
Cover, Kay	169.00	Odvody, Dale	453.00
Darrough, Kim	287.75	Richardson, Thomas J	110.00
Friesenhahn, Joyce K	139.75	Rippel, April D	451.75
Henry, Beth	230.00	Smith, Kathleen	152.50
Jackson, Barry A	132.50	Sykes, Ernestine J	117.00
Knobles, Janice	242.00	Younger, Pam	218.75



## Membership News

The following were recognized for years of service and will be awarded their pins when received.

3-Years	5-Years	10-Years
Armstrong Rachel	Mullen, Mark	Friesenhahn, Joyce
Collier, Colleen	Flores, Richard	Haecker, Gladys
Hurd, Richard	Rohlf, Christy	Stanley, Judy
Johnson, Kathy	Skorupa, Sylvia	Styblo, Mary
McNulty, Amy	Slomka, Gaye	
Mullen, Carol	Ulrich, Karen	
Powada, Caye		
Smith, Kathleen		
	15-Years	20-Years
	Jones, Peggy	Anderson, Marlyn



## Membership News

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 hours, it sure makes my job easier.



# February Membership Meeting



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## 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! We will also be making planters out of them that the children will be able to plant seeds in.

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



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# Monthly Membership Meeting

**I'm Being Invaded!**

**What Can I Do?**

Presented by Deedy Wright

Invasive Plants Expert

**Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022**  
**Social: 5:45 with food provided**  
**Business Meeting: 6:30-7:00**  
**Lecture: 7:00-8:00**

# 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/](http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/)

For more information email

GCMGTX@gmail.com

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Trainees commit to continuous education and volunteer service

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# Monthly Newsletter Article

By: Nicole Ellis, Class 35

Greetings from the 35th Master Gardener class! Class kicked off on January 18th , and at the one-month mark, we have been gleefully overwhelmed with so much new and wonderful knowledge! Each instructor has been informative and passionate. From landscape design to soil chemistry, to plant development and integrated pest management, we have covered so much information that we look forward to putting into practice and sharing with the community in the near future.

One of the most interesting topics we have covered thus far, in this writer's humble opinion, has been soil chemistry and nutrient management. Before Dr. Mowrer's lecture on January 25th, I always considered the real miracle occurring in my landscape or gardens to be what was happening above ground – my seedlings becoming mature plants, flowering, and putting on fruit, either for my family to eat or for wild-life to eat. I now have a completely different perspective – as miraculous as plant growth and development is, the true miracle is what is happening below ground in the soil and root structure of my plants– what I can't see firsthand, but matters so much in terms of their health and productivity. Soil is the storehouse for plant nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium and a host of micronutrients) and the plants ability to access and metabolize those nutrients is a delicate balance. I have never dug holes so enthusiastically in my life – I couldn't wait to send in my soil samples and get the results!

Friendly reminder – get your soil samples sent in for testing ASAP if you haven't already–  
[soiltesting.tamu.edu](http://soiltesting.tamu.edu).

Based on German chemist Justus von Liebig's Law of the Minimum, growth is controlled not by the total nutrients available, but by the scarcest single nutrient. Therefore, soil testing is of great importance to determine nutrient deficiencies and proper fertilization methods and levels. Liebig was the first to develop and use mineral fertilizers when the standard practice was manuring fields and gardens, and mineral fertilizers have been considered part of standard practice since. And aren't we all grateful for that!

There has been so much we have learned, and we know there is much more to come. Thank you all for your knowledge and support and this great organization which we are eagerly working towards gaining membership.

## References:

University of Wisconsin. (2000, March 6). Law of the Minimum. In Essential Elements for Plant Growth. Retrieved from <https://soils.wisc.edu/facstaff/barak/soilscience326/lawofmin.htm>





**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcm.marcotte@gmail.com) or Liz Romero, [fleurromero@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com) or Joyce Friesenhahn at 210-452-2404 or email her at [omaannie2@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com) or 210-544-0756, or Carol Mullen [Camullen66@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jmknobles@yahoo.com)

## Saturday Opportunity

- **Cibolo**— Schlather Park Pollinator Park, 174 Wiedner Road. The date available is March 20th at 9:00 a.m. 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](mailto: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 Final meeting will be on March 3rd at 6:00 on the second floor of the Agrilife Building. Please bring a list of the plants that you have for sale.**

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).

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. There are still more plant sales coming up and there will be more in the fall. 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](mailto:mepcarter11@gmail.com))  
**SHOW WHAT WE GROW! AND SHARE WHAT WE KNOW!**

A decorative border with a repeating floral and vine pattern in shades of green and brown, framing the central text.

## **2022 Plant Sales**

**The GCMGs have plants for sale!**

Order On-line now at: [www.gcmgtx.org](http://www.gcmgtx.org)

There are plenty of plants available. Please go to the website listed above to see what is available.

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!

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## 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**

## The Following Plant Sales are sponsored by the Native Plant Society

- **March 26:** Morning (exact time TBD), at University of Houston Clear Lake, EIH building (2700 Bay Area Blvd). Hosted by Clear Lake Chapter (**Houston**). [Read More Details.](#)
- **March 26:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Berry Springs Park & Preserve (1801 CR 152). Hosted by Williamson County Chapter (**Georgetown**). Other info: Plant list will be posted in early March. [Read More Details.](#)
- **March 26:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Burnet County Agrilife Extension Office (607 North Vandev-  
eer). Hosted by Highland Lakes Chapter (**Burnet**). Other info: Plant sale is part of the Hill Coun-  
try Lawn and Garden Show. [Read More Details.](#)
- **March 26:** 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Museum of Texas Hill Country (4831 FM 2673).  
Hosted by Lindheimer Chapter (**Canyon Lake**). Other info: There is a fee to enter the museum  
property. [Read More Details.](#)
- **April 9:** 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Flower Mound High School (3441 Peters Colony Rd.). Hosted  
by Trinity Forks Chapter (**Denton**). Other info: Arrive early for best selection! [Read More De-  
tails.](#)
- **April 9 – 10:** 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture (1370 Church Hill  
Drive). Hosted by Lindheimer Chapter (**Canyon Lake**). Other info: There is a fee to enter the  
museum property. [Read More Details.](#)
- **April 16:** 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Barrow Brewing (108 Royal St.). Hosted by Tonkawa Chapter  
(**Salado**). Other info: Sale is a celebration of Earth Day! [Read More Details.](#)
- **April 23:** 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at New World Botanical (2701 Lone Star Parkway). Hosted by  
Pines and Prairies Chapter (**Conroe**). [Read More Details.](#)
- **April 23:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Headwaters at the Comal (333 Klingemann St.). Hosted by  
New Braunfels Chapter (**New Braunfels**). Reservations required. Other info: Contact Headwa-  
ters at the Comal for reservation. [Read More Details.](#)

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## The Following Plant Sales are sponsored by the Native Plant Society

- **April 23:** Time TBD at Tarrytown Methodist Church (2601 Exposition Blvd). Hosted by Austin Chapter (**Austin**). More details to come.
- **April 30:** 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at River Legacy Park Elm Grove Pavilion (701 NW Green Oaks Blvd). Hosted by North Central Chapter (**Arlington**). Reservations required. Other info: Please wear a mask; social distancing required. Accepting cash, check, and credit cards. [Read More Details.](#)
- **April 30 – May 1:** See Heard Museum website for hours. Collin County Chapter will have a booth and plant seeds for sale at Heard Museum Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary (**McKinney**). [Read More Details.](#)

Check us out on

**facebook**

### GCMG Facebook Community

We added 74 new members to our GCMG Facebook Community. Welcome, we are glad you joined us.

Our top contributors were Peggy Jones, April Rippel, and Robin Broughton Muschalek. Thank you all for your wonderful contributions.

Usually, our new members have questions on a variety of topics but this month almost all have been wanting to know about soil and growing vegetables and herbs.

### Soil Mixes

- Raised Vegetable Beds-60% Topsoil, 30% Compost,  
10% Potting Soil
- Compost For Raised Beds-Well mixed combination of  
organic matter, sharp sand,  
topsoil. Ratio-3:2:7
- Container-1Part Garden Soil, 1 Part Peat Moss,  
1 Part Perlite or Coarse Sand
- Citrus-pH between 5.5 & 7.0  
2 Parts Peat Moss, 2 Parts Perlite,  
1 Part Aged Compost
- Cactus & Succulents-2 Parts Cypress Mulch,  
1 Part Crushed Granite,  
1 Part Perlite,  
1 Part Potting Soil
- Basic Soiless Mix-3 Parts Sphagnum, 2 Parts Vermiculite,  
1 Part Perlite, 2 TBS Ground Eggshells
- Houseplant Potting Mix-1 Part Finely Sifted Top Soil,  
2 Part Finely Sifted Compost,  
1 Part Coarse Builders Sand

Check us out on

**facebook**

This will get you started with your gardens.

We learn from each other. Keep posting your ideas and gardening hacks.

Monthly Garden Funny- A thief just stole some of my soil and I'm going after him. I'm losing ground.

Enjoy Your Gardens.

Take care.

Kathy Adams



# *Wandering Gardener*

*Marilyn Moltz*

*In My Yard*

As I am sitting here writing this, I have the air conditioner on since it got quite warm today, but in a few days it will be freezing again. The last two winters have not been kind to my plants and having been gone more than I have been home since mid-September, there is a lot to do now that I am back home for an extended period. The items on the top of my list are prune, water, and fertilize. Looking through my pictures for this article I see how much my yard has changed over the 23 years I have lived here. Projects and plants have come and gone and now a lot has been added by the birds and deer who roam my property. I sit here and wonder where I will find new plants this year and what will they be.

I am looking forward to spring and hopefully many wildflowers. I haven't found many bluebonnet plants in the yard and hope with water more will sprout. I have Indian Blankets which have been up for many months just patiently waiting for the right time to finish growing and begin to flower. I have a variety of sage, salvia and lantana in many colors and they seem to be ready to really come alive but only time will tell.

I, like you, am tired of the brown brittle plants in my yard and am ready for the pink of rock rose, yellow of Esperanza, red, yellow and pink lantana, red yucca blooms, pink primrose and much more. I miss butterflies and hummingbirds and I hope Mother Nature reads this and brings life and color back to my yard. I hope she brings it to yours also and to the roadsides I love to drive in March and April!





# 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](http://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org). The Master Gardener research library is open Wednesdays from 1 to 4, at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin.

## **Q: How do I know when spring is really here?**

**A:** I was always told that it was when the mesquite trees leafed out. Doug Welsh, in his Texas Garden Almanac, has a list of spring bloomers that includes many of my favorites. The Texas mountain laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) is a wonderful Texas native that has a lot going for it. It is evergreen, large (although slow growing), and grows well around here. My neighbors on both sides of me have these large shrubs but neither has buds. In the spring, the odor as I walk out my front door is marvelous.

The ornamental pear is another early bloomer, as well as many of our fruit trees. I have a Bradford pear at the back of my property, and two fruit pears down one side.

The redbuds are very showy in the spring. I have an Eastern redbud (*Cercis Canadensis*) that Welsh says is adapted to east Texas. It grows along my ephemeral creek bed and is at least 20 feet tall. My Mexican redbud (*Cercis Canadensis* var. *mexicana*) is much smaller and has beautiful glossy leaves. The Texas redbud according to Welsh is more treelike. Both the Mexican and the Texas redbud grow really well here and are beautiful in the spring.

You might be interested in two other small trees, the Mexican buckeye (*Ungnadia speciosa*) and the Mexican plum (*Prunus Mexicana*). I have both and am pleased with their ease of care and their spring flowers. Last year was the first year for my plum to bloom. I use it as a freestanding accent tree near my front walkway. Several of the wild Mexican plums and redbuds in our community are no more because of our rapid growth. There was a plum near the corner of 46 and 725; there was also a redbud on 123 bypass close to King Street. Both bloomed every year in spite of no care. I really recommend these small trees for every yard.

## **Q: When do I apply lawn fertilizer?**

**A:** This is a question I get every year. You should fertilize when the lawn is actively growing (and I am not considering those winter weeds and grasses as a lawn). This means you can apply fertilizer after you have mowed the lawn grass twice. As usual, I recommend that you go by our local Texas AgriLife Extension office here in Seguin (210 E. Live Oak Street) and pick up a soil test bag, because there is no sense fertilizing if your lawn doesn't need it. The test will tell you exactly what element is missing (or is overabundant) in your lawn.

## **Q: Can I plant tomatoes now?**

**A:** You can buy them now and do what I did. Pot them up in a one gallon pot and keep an eye out for freeze forecasts so that you can protect them. This way the plants are already a good size by the time you put them in the ground. I already have a bloom or two.

**FYI:** Be sure to put out water for our wildlife. And remember to put in butterfly and bird attractive plants.

## 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](http://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 March 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 March Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2022-03/>
- 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/>
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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](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\\_JRrQ](https://youtu.be/6fKN9_JRrQ)

# 2022

## Lunch and Learns

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

- 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 March 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/2022-03/>

### 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 March 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](#)

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### **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. Vegetables Advanced Training**

**REMINDER**

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