



February 2023 Guadalupe Gardener

A monthly publication of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLIFE

Welcome our New GCMG Officers for 2023

President: Mark “Bo” Bollinger

President Elect for 2024: Sarah Puckett

Vice President: Pam Younger

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TMGA: Valerie Bartonak & Barry Jackson

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Volunteer Coordinator: Diana Hard

Class Coordinators: Paul Carter

Tim Steele

Tracy Royston

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President's Message

Greetings!

February is here! I can't believe it's been a month already as President and I'm loving the support from each of you. How amazing was our first membership meeting, WOW! Hope we continue to have the same crowd and enthusiasm every month. Class 37 kicks off this month, plant grow teams are hard at work, and plant sales will be here soon.

February in Texas is the perfect time to break out your gardening gloves and get your green thumb (we don't use the dirty word, br*wn) ready for spring! While you're prepping your garden beds and shopping for seeds, don't forget to bring some humor to the process. After all, laughter is the best fertilizer.

In February, you'll want to start preparing the soil for planting by giving it a good mix of compost and other organic matter to improve its structure and fertility. It's also a good time to sow cool-season crops like lettuce, spinach, and broccoli. But be warned, if you're planting indoors, like most of us do, your home may start to look like a vegetable nursery - it's a great way to get ahead of the growing season, but not necessarily the best way to impress your guests. Don't forget to prune shrubs and trees to promote healthy new growth. If you're feeling adventurous, try singing to your plants to give them a little extra love, just don't be surprised if your neighbors start calling you the "Gardening Crooner."

I appreciate everyone's effort and look forward to making our Master Gardener program one of the best in the area.

Happy gardening!

Mark 'Bo' Bollinger



Join Us For Our
February 16, 2023
Membership Meeting
Regenerative Gardening
& Hugelkultur
By Two Hoes Gardening



5:45 Social Time



6:30 Business Meeting



7:00 Presentation

210 Live Oak St. Seguin, TX



March 16th

Speaker: Gary K (or Michael)

Topic: Aquaponics Basics

April 20th

Speaker: Judit Green

Topic: Bats in the Belfry

May 18th

Speaker: Kathleen Scott

Topic: Small-Space Habitat Gardening

June 15th - Summer Celebration

July 19th

Speaker: Mark Fannick

January Meeting



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January Meeting



January Meeting



10 Year award



Volunteer Awards

Membership Corner

January Meeting



Membership Corner

Congratulations to the door prize drawing winner: Mag Holm Roesler!

Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours:

Mott, Keith	Odyssey, Ann	Flores, Richard
Henry, Beth	Odyssey, Dale	Gil-Juarez, Maria
Knobles, Janice	Dylla, Laura	Mead, Connie
Burton, Rodney	Sedlacek, Liz	Carhart, Carol
Roysdon, Tracy	Prince, Paul	Adams, Kathy
Carter, Paul	Lucas, Melinda	Steele, Tim
Moltz, Marilyn	McElveen, Kay	Moody, Caroline
Cover, Kay		

Congratulations to the volunteer drawing winner: Ann Odyssey!

- To be eligible for the volunteer drawing in January, you must be certified and have at least 5 volunteer hours during the month in VMS. This does NOT include membership meetings. Board members are not eligible.

Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month:

Odyssey, Dale	Rippel, April	Lucas, Melinda
Odyssey, Ann	Leverich, Denise	Mullen, Mark

600 Hour Club for 2022

Odyssey, Dale

500 Hour Club for 2022

Rippel April

Membership Corner

400 Hour Club for 2022

Lucas, Melinda	Carter, Paul	Younger, Pam
Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Steele, Tim	McElveen, Kay

300 Hour Club for 2022

Odvody, Ann	Nodine, Bill	Mullen, Mark
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200 Hour Club for 2022

Burton, Rodney	Knobles, Jancie
Leverich, Denise	Cover, Kay

100 Hour Club/Pin for 2022

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Montero, Alejandro	Henry, Beth
Burton, Rodney	Mullen, Mark	Mott, Keith
Carter, Marty	Muschalek, Keith	Muschalek, Robin
Carter, Paul	Nodine, William	Richardson, Thomas
Cover, Kay	Odvody, Ann	Sykes, Ernestine
Darrough, Kim	Odvody, Dale	Smith, Kathleen
Knobles, Janice	Rippel April D	Friesenhahn, Joyce
Leverich, Denise	Steele, Tim	McElveen, Kay
Lucas, Melinda J	Younger, Pam	Bartonek, Valerie
Sims, Judy		



Join
The Master
Gardeners For A
Lunch N' Learn

*Getting Roses Ready
For Spring*

PRESENTED BY PEGGY JONES

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8TH.
NOON - 1:00 PM
210 LIVE OAK ST.
SEGUIN, TEXAS

*Bring your lunch and eat
while you learn about Roses*



Membership Corner



Native Plant Society of Texas Guadalupe Chapter

Native Plants & Selected Wildlife of Riparian Areas

Craig Hensley will share the variety of native and herbaceous plants of riparian areas, as well as a selection of critters that use them, from turtles and snakes to birds and butterflies.

Craig is a lifelong naturalist and educator, having shared his love of the natural world with people from Minnesota and Nebraska to Texas and beyond. He has a master's degree in zoology and animal biology and is currently a Texas Nature Trackers Biologist.

February 14, 2023 at 7.00 PM

St John Lutheran Church, FM 465 Marion, Texas

Meetings are open to the public, visitors are always welcome.



For more information, directions to St John Lutheran Church, or membership applications see our website and Facebook page at: <https://npsot.org/wp/guadalupe/>

In Memory of Beth Zies

Beth Zies was a Guadalupe County Master Gardener since 2005. She was a proofreader for the monthly news, She will be truly missed.

Beth Zies

(January 22, 1947 - January 07, 2023)

Beth Zies, age 75 of Seguin, Texas, passed away on January 7, 2023. She was born in Houston, Texas on January 22, 1947 to Lucille (Suess) and John Calvin Stanley, Jr.



At a young age Beth worked on her parent's egg farm, known as J&L Farm in Cedar Valley, Tx. She graduated from Travis High School in Austin in 1965 and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1969 with a degree in Communications. She taught English and Journalism for 30 plus years in the Seguin ISD, La Vernia ISD, Floresville ISD and Bandera ISD. Once retired from teaching she taught Money Matters at Gary Job Corps in San Marcos, Texas and enjoyed traveling.

Beth was an active member of Emanuel's Lutheran Church, Elks Lodge, Lions Club, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion HU Wood Post #245 Auxiliary, Guadalupe County Republican Women, Seguin Conservation Society, Silver Center and other organizations in Seguin.

Beth lived a life that saw her witness amazing events. She was on campus during the famous tower shooting at the University of Texas in 1966. She watched on television as the first man walked on the moon. Her greatest pride and joy, though, was watching the birth and growth of her only child, Lena. A woman of great voice and a great appetite for life, Beth leaves behind a gauntlet of friends and family who loved her gregarious nature and joie de vivre. A woman of faith, Beth is undoubtedly dancing as David with joy in the presence of her Lord. Her personal motto was very Lutheran- live boldly in the knowledge of the grace of Jesus.

Beth is preceded in death by her parents; former husbands Fred Zies and Ronald Kennedy; brother, John Calvin Stanley, III; and brother-in-law, Bill Zies.

Sandra Florhaug of Austin, and Tommie Jean Yanik and husband Ron of Ocean Springs, MS; sisters-in-law, Kaeti Stanley of Stockdale, Mary Zies Ruby of Seguin and Darlene Zies of Seguin; brothers-in-law, Ray Zies of Buffalo, Texas and Leland and wife Haydee Zies of Seguin, many nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday, January 13, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Tres Hewell Mortuary. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Emanuel's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Marcus Bigott and the Rev. John Van Deusen officiating. Beth's wishes for interment will be honored at the Emanuel's Lutheran Church columbarium.

Membership Corner

Master Gardener T-Shirts

The Official 100% Cotton, royal blue GCMG T-shirts are still available . Sizes small through XL are \$10, 2XL – 3XL are \$12.00. To get your t-shirt(s) contact April Rippel at (830) 433-2218) or email: adrippel@gmail.com T-shirts are available at all Lunch & Learns, and at all monthly Membership Meetings. You may also shop at 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, open most days from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or order your t-shirt(s) at: www.GCMGTX.org Shipping is available if you need them mailed.



Protecting plants during the freeze

Written by Monte Nesbitt (Extension Fruit Specialist) and Robert “Skip” Richter (Extension Agent – Horticulture), this article details how you can protect your landscapes and plants against frosts and freezes. The download link can be found by following this link: <https://agriflifeextension.tamu.edu/asset-external/protecting-landscapes-and-horticultural-crops-from-frosts-and-freezes/>

Remember, don't lose hope during the freezing temps. Most stuff will return and sometimes even better. Our gardens are always changing and morphing.

Ask the Master Gardeners

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 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and is located at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin.

Q: When should I fertilize my lawn? I want it to look nice this year.

A: Do not fertilize your lawn until you have mown twice. This advice comes from Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac. By waiting, you know that the grass is actively growing and is ready to use the applied fertilizer.

Q: Is it safe to start my spring vegetable and flower plants? I would like early blooms and fruit.

A: Remember that the last freeze in Seguin in 2021 was February 22, and the last freeze in 2022 was March 13. If you really want to begin now, plant in containers that can be moved indoors if needed. In fact, I always buy my tomato transplants as soon as they are available and plant each one in a gallon container of good soil. Since I don't need many plants, I put the six pots in my little red wagon so that it can be easily moved. Speaking of spring flowers, there are many types that are perfect for Texas. We've been enjoying our cool season annuals which included dianthus, ornamental cabbage (look at the ones at the entrance to the library), pansies, snapdragons, stock and violets. It will soon be time to replace them with warm season annuals. And, of course, my favorite (because it is so easy to grow and is so colorful) is the periwinkle or annual vinca. Now is a good time to plan your color scheme and perhaps try different annuals than usual, such as Amaranthus with its colorful foliage, or a bed of cosmos which can be seeded or transplanted. Purslane and portulaca both have excellent heat tolerance. Or you might try a bed of tall zinnias, or a bed of even taller sunflowers.

Q: We've had a recent rain, but I am afraid of a dry summer. When can I do to help my plants?

A: Mulching is one of the most important things you can do for your garden. Research by Welsh showed that un-mulched shrubs could lose two-thirds of the water applied on the soil through evaporation and only one-third through transpiration. Mulching has other benefits. Personally I think that nothing looks nicer than cedar mulch around the plants by my front door. And the smell is a wonderful reminder of Christmas year round. As the mulch decomposes, it provides organic matter to the soil which is another benefit.

Q: When do I prune my roses?

A: That depends on whether you have spring-blooming climbing roses or other types of roses. I have heritage roses and a few hybrids so I prune mine in late winter. Traditionally this is done on Valentine's Day. Don't ask me why, but it does make it easy to remember. Summer blooming shrubs such as these roses generally bloom on shoots that grow from this spring's growth. When I prune, I also strip off the old leaves, most of which are already dead and gone, and clean out dead leaves and twigs from under the bush.

FYI: Don't forget to keep your birdbaths full. The birds and animals empty mine every evening.

Check us out on

facebook

GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 36 new people. Welcome to the community. They want to learn about herbs, vegetables, and companion planting.

Our major contributors were Peggy Jones, April Rippel, and Chris Adams. Thank you to all who contributed. You are greatly appreciated.

Early to mid February is vegetable planting time for cool season crops.

Onions, Potatoes, Radishes, Greens, Lettuce, Spinach, Sugar Snaps Peas, Carrots, Broccoli Transplants, Beets, Swiss Chard, Turnips, and Crawfish.....no, not really, do not plant crawfish.....that's just a little Mardi Gras humor.

Companion Planting Guide-

Some plants, such as herbs, act as repellents, confusing insects with strong odor that mask the scent of the host plant.

- Dill and Basil planted among tomatoes protects from hornworms.
- Bush beans tolerate dappled shade from corn.
- Carrots, Dill, Parsley attract praying mantis, ladybugs, and spiders that eat insect pests.
- Leafy Greens, Spinach, and Swiss Chard grow in shadow of corn.
- Sage planted among the cabbage reduces injury from cabbage moths.
- Marigolds planted with almost any plant repels nematodes, beetles, and animal pests.
- Nasturtiums: Aphids will go to Nasturtiums instead of other plants.

Incomparable Plantings-

- White Garlic and Onions repel many pests for most garden plants but Garlic and Onions stunt the growth of beans and peas.
- Cabbage and Cauliflower do not like to be planted together.
- Potatoes and Beans grow poorly with Sunflowers.

Monthly Funny

Plants are the best companions and friends to have. They always end up rooting for each other.

Please continue to post. We all learn from each other.

Have fun and ENJOY YOUR GARDENS.

Take care,

Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

The Month of February

The month of February is, for me, a transition month. I have been celebrating the holidays and visiting with family and friends since November and possibly traveled all of January, but February is a month of relaxing. And since the weather is usually cold and dreary, I don't feel guilty about not going outside and working. That can definitely wait until next month or possibly the end of February if I get energetic. But for now I simply want to take my time and slowly page thru the gardening catalogs I have gotten in the mail.

I don't know about you but my name seems to be on many garden catalog mailing lists that I have never ordered from. These catalogs offer tools, equipment, plants, seeds, bulbs, planting containers, drip irrigation supplies and birding supplies. They are filled with many items one "must have" in order to succeed in having a beautiful, bountiful garden and yard. I usually don't buy from these catalogs but they offer ideas that could be useful to me. And no, I don't stay in my recliner all day. There are many other things I enjoy doing in February: watching my grandchildren play in basketball games, participating in bird counts, hearing the sandhill cranes as they begin to fly North and return home, possibly catch a glimpse of an oriole at my bird bath or some other migrating bird.

By the end of February, I am usually, like you, really ready for fields of wildflowers, vegetables ready for harvesting from my garden, warm nights to sit outside and look at the stars, watch the hummingbirds who have returned to my feeders and flowers and yes all the butterflies, dragonflies, bees and other insects fly around my yard and garden. Remember, it's February stay warm, relax and plan for the spring planting time because it will be here before you know it!



The Wandering Gardener



Continuing Education

Remember you need 6 Continuing Education hours by November or December to recertify as a Master Gardener. That is only one every 2 months, but why stop there. The more we learn, the better gardeners we are. Here are many continuing education opportunities. Most of them you can do without even leaving your house.

2023 Lunch and Learns

February 8th - Getting Roses Ready for Spring - Peggy Jones

March 9th (THURSDAY) - Spring Vegetable Gardening - Bill Nodine

April 12th - Integrated Pest Management & Control - Wizzie Brown

May 10th - Catching Rain Water and Using it Sparingly - Steven Grainger of [RainBees.com](https://rainbees.com)



Continuing Education

Horticulture Bexar County Extension Agent David Rodriguez and Certified Bexar County Master Gardeners will be conducting the Earth-Kind Brown Thumb Series starting February 8th until May 10th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

These sessions are designed to help you become more proficient in gardening and landscaping the Earth-Kind way.

\$75 for all 6 sessions (SAVINGS of \$45) or \$20 for individual sessions.

After taking this training, your thumb will turn green!



Link to register:

<https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/earthkind-brown-thumb-series-80624>

Attending One or Two Sessions Only:

If you are attending only one session, please be sure to mark that you **WILL BE ATTENDING** that particular session on that tab for \$20

Please be sure to mark on all other sessions (including all sessions) **Not Attending** - \$0

Attending All Sessions:

If you are attending **ALL** the sessions click that you won't be attending the other session by selecting **Not Attending** - \$0

Make sure to select attending all sessions - \$75 at the very last drop down menu

Andres Villagran (*he/him/his*) | Youth Gardens Coordinator

Horticulture | Texas A&M AgriLife

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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE

The flyer features the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension logo at the top left. The main title is "EARTH-KIND BROWN THUMB SERIES" with a thumbs-down icon on the left and a thumbs-up icon on the right. Below the title, it says "PRESENTED BY HORTICULTURIST, DAVID RODRIGUEZ AND CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENERS". Contact information for David Rodriguez is provided: "CONTACT: DAVID RODRIGUEZ, EMAIL: DRDRODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU". A list of six sessions is shown, including topics like "Soils, Mulch, Compost", "Lawn and Landscape Water Conservation", and "Growing Tomatoes and More". The cost is listed as "\$20 per session or \$75 for all 6 sessions". The address is "3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Ste. 208 San Antonio, TX 78230". A note mentions that the series is for those not proficient in gardening or landscaping. At the bottom, there is a photo of a red watering can and a QR code.

Continuing Education

David Rodriguez will be beginning his FREE presentations at Milberger's Landscape Nursery at the start of the new year! This month's presentation is "Spring Cleanup and To Dos for the Lawn and Landscape,". Be sure to mark your calendars for February 18th and all future talks in 2023!



2023 SPRING MILBERGER'S LANDSCAPE NURSERY PRESENTATIONS

- January 7th - House Plants
- January 28th - Growing a Home Fruit Orchard
- February 18th - Spring Cleanup and To Do's for the Lawn and Landscape
- March 11th - Spring Vegetable Garden
- April 1st - Lawn Basics 101
- May 13th - Growing Texas Superstar Plants:
For Summer Color, Butterflies,
Pollinators, and More

Contact: David Rodriguez
dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu

Times: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Address: 3920 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78247

Bring a pen and paper for these **FREE** presentations

[HTTP://WWW.BEXAR-TX.TAMU.EDU](http://www.bexar-tx.tamu.edu)



Continuing Education

Plant Party

The recording of the December Plant Party event (1 hr 18 min) can be accessed at https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY. You can click on this link and watch or listen to the recording to earn 1.5 hours of Continuing Education.

Find ALL Plant Party recordings and future events posted at <https://southtexasrangelands.tamu.edu/plant-party/>. The next Plant Party (#10) will be “Everything Pollinators” on March 29, 2023.

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2023-02/>
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/february-free-classes/>
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.sabot.org/calendar/>
- Rainbow Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.rainbowgardens.biz/events/>
- 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/2023-02/>

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
- “Trees and Tree Care” by Mary Beth Parsons <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2UJWi5Cr84>

Continuing Education

Tarrant County Master Gardener Association is again offering an advanced training course on Trees and Tree Care open to Master Gardeners across the state. This year it will be IN PERSON, limited to 30 participants, two from one county.

The date is March 30-April 1, 2023, and will be held at our 1801 Building at the Resource Connection in south Fort Worth, next to our demonstration garden.

The classes will be taught by professional arborists and extension service and state tree specialists. There will be trips to Fort Worth Botanic Garden for tree ID and the City of Fort Worth tree farm.

After the course, participants will be expected to do 20 hours of education-related activities, make presentations, conduct youth and community education programs, be a resource for interns and Master Gardener classes and events. Upon completion, you will receive certification as an Advanced Master Gardener in Trees and Tree Care.

Registration deadline is March 1, 2023, and registration form and fee must be received together. The application packet is available on the Texas Master Gardener web site <https://txmg.org/master-gardener-training/training10/training5/specialist>. The registration form can be found at <https://txmg.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/1/files/TreeCare-2023.pdf>.

Contact me if you have questions.

Patsy Miller

course coordinator

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Continuing Education



Registration for our 2023 Spring Youth Gardens Educator Training is NOW OPEN! Link to register is here: <https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/2023-spring-youth-gardens-educator-training-80945>

Earth-Kind On-Line Master Gardener Training

If you need hours, or want to learn more about growing plants, please check out the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training, by clicking <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/> and then choosing the topics that you are interested in.

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 recertification 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.



Spring 2023 Gardening Seminar



GARDEN FIESTA

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 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.

Presentations:

Water Optimization for Landscaping

Dr. Becky Bowling, PhD, Assist Professor & Extension Urban Water Specialist, TAMU

Ethnobotany of Native Plants

Maeve Bassett, Conservation Programs Specialist, San Antonio Botanical Garden

Landscaping Fiesta with Herbs

Grace Emery, Bexar County Master Gardener, 2021 Master Gardener of the Year

Some Like it Hot: Plants for Blazing Summer Color

Skip Richter, Brazos County Horticulture Agent, TAMU

Registration is online on the Comal Master Gardener Website

REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED OCTOBER 15, 2022 through FEBRUARY 23, 2023

<https://comalmg.org/seminar>

6 CE's for Texas Master Gardeners

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in all programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation to take an examination or learning are encouraged to contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office at 855-632-2242 ten 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).

Volunteer Opportunities



GROW TEAM
2023



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

I still need volunteers for the Grow Team for the upcoming year. It is time, or very near time, to start seeds for the plants we sell at markets during the year.

-Sarah Puckett

We Need Help For:

- Help grow plants from seeds
- Help by propagating plants
- Help by transporting plants
- Help by selling plants online
- Help by selling plants at markets

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact me. I will get back with you as soon as possible about how you can help. We have many of the supplies you need for starting seeds at your home. Every little bit counts, big or small.

CONTACT ME

sparrowpuckett@gmail.com
or text @ 972-768-6558



**Guadalupe County
Master Gardeners**

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities in Floresville

Home & Garden Market Day
Saturday, March 11, 2023
9:00AM - 2:00PM

Opportunities available:

The Floresville Community Market would like to have a GCMG Information Booth and Kids' flower planting table providing information about the importance of bees. (Supplies will be provided.)

Presenters needed to speak on:

Butterfly Gardens
Container Gardening
Growing & Harvesting Herbs

The Floresville Lions Club would like to sponsor these presentations at the Home & Garden Market Day. An open air tent, table, & fifteen chairs will be provided. (And possibly a microphone.)

POC: Lauren Gaudlitz, Floresville Community Garden Coordinator

830-581-8990

Lgaudlitz92@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Don't let time sneak up on you. 12 Hours of volunteer time is needed to qualify for recertification in November or December. That is literally 1 hour per month during the calendar year to get the bare minimum. We are here to educate and keep our parks beautiful. Mark your calendar now to do at least one hour a month to make it easier on yourself.

Please check with the listed point of contact before showing up. Times and days may change at any time due to a number of reason.

Special Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer opportunity at the Master Gardener Plant Sale at the South Texas Home and Garden Show. Set up will be from 8:00am-5:00 pm on Friday, March 24th and then day of show on Saturday, March 25th from 8:00am-5:00pm. Please contact Cynthia Lyssy for more information or to sign up at cmlyssy@prodigy.net or text 210.275.3970.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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 at 100 W Huebinger St. in Marion.

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. Contact Ernestine Sykes at 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.
- Seguin** - St Andrew's Community Garden, located at the corner of Nolte and Crocket Street. Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. to weed, plant and edge. Please contact Ernestine Sykes at ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or 210-544-0756.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Special Help Needed Tuesdays and Thursdays

- **Schertz**—Gutierrez Park 1231 Borgfeld Rd, Schertz, TX. Times vary. Help needed with watering in the a.m. and p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information or details, contact Judy Stanley at jstanley20F@satx.rr.com or call her at (830) 765-4613.

Saturday Opportunity

- **Cibolo**— Schlather Pollinator Park, 174 Weidner Road. If you are interested in weeding, the park is open and you are able to weed and clean up anytime that you are available. Kathy will be back at the park at 9:00 a.m., on the fourth Saturday of every month starting in September. Please bring gloves and your weeder of choice. Please contact Kathy Carroll at kathleen_carroll@icloud.com or 210-793-1616 if you have any questions.

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