

# January 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
- Treasurer: Mark Mullen
- Secretary: Sharon Cooper
- TMGA: Valerie Bartonak & Barry Jackson
- Education Director: Keith Muschalek (temp)
- Membership Director: Denise Leverich
- Volunteer Coordinator: Diane Hard
- Class Coordinators: Paul Carter
- Tim Steele
- Tracy Royston

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# President's Message

Happy New Year to you and your family. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, stayed warm, and didn't forget about gardening. I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. As President Elect, I was able to meet with some of you, visit some locations, discuss some topics, and hear a lot of great suggestions and ideas. Serving as your President, I look forward to working with all you to make our membership one of the best in the area. Our focus should be educating our community on all aspects of gardening, such as soil preparation, compost, growing, superstars, pollinators, as the list is endless. Each and everyone of you should be ready and eager to teach and volunteer and be a proud member of Guadalupe County Master Gardeners. I am here to represent you and the GCMG. Last year was a huge success, thanks to you all. Hopefully, this year I am able to make some improvements or changes to make 2023 even better. Again, thank you for selecting me as your President and I look forward to working with all of you.

Let's get gardening!

Mark 'Bo' Bollinger



# Membership Meetings

January 19th

5:45 Social Time

6:30 Business Meeting

7:00 Presentation

Speaker: TBD

Topic: Growing Plumeria  
(maybe)



210 Live Oak Street, Seguin

February 16th

Speaker: unconfirmed

Topic: Fungi?

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

Topic: TBD

# Membership Corner

Thank you to everyone who paid their 2023 membership dues!

## **Members with 5+ volunteer Hours (No drawing in December)**

Johnston, Eddie	Pucket, Sarah	Mott, Keith	Huebinger, Claire
Ottenad, Anne	Bonds, Denise	Geinzer, Becky	Odyssey Ann
Burnham, Teri	Fox, Joyce	Henry, Beth	Odyssey, Dale
Burton, Rodney	Johnson, Joyce	Knobles, Janice	Schultze, Pat
Roysdon, Tracy	Collier, Colleen	Prince, Paul	Sims, Judy A.
Carter, Paul	Glasgow, Millie	Lucas, Melinda J	Steele, Tim
Moltz, Marilyn	Burris, Welta	McElveen, Kay	Moody, Caroline
Cover, Kay			

- There is no drawing in December due to Holiday Social. To be eligible for the volunteer drawing in January, you must be certified and log in VMS at least 5 volunteer hours during the month. This does NOT include membership meetings. Board members are not eligible.

## **Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month**

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Rippel, April D	Huebinger, Claire
Carter, Paul	Leverich, Denise	Steele, Tim
Odyssey, Dale		

## **100 Hour Club for 2022 (27)**

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Darrough, Kim	Muschalek, Robin	Henry, Beth
Burton, Rodney	Knobles, Janice	Nodine, William	Mott, Keith
Carter, Marty	Montero, Alejandro	Odyssey, Ann	Richardson, Thomas
Carter, Paul	Mullen, Mark	Odyssey, Dale	Sykes, Ernestine
Cover, Kay	Muschalek, Keith	Rippel, April D	Smith, Kathleen
Friesenhan, Joyce			

# Membership Corner

As 2022 comes to an end, here is a special tribute to our GCMG members that have served our organization for the milestone of 15 years or more. This is a special “thank you” for your commitment. It’s members like you that make our group successful and a joy to be a part of.

## 15 years:

Randee Malmsten 2007 (On approved Leave of Absence)

## 16 years:

Peggy Jones 2006

## 17 years:

Beth Zies 2005

## 18 years:

Darren Dunn 2004 (Honorary)

## 19 years:

Polly Ruppert 2003

## 20 years:

Sandra Foss 2002

## 21 years:

Marilyn Anderson 2001

## 22 years:

Clara Mae Marcotte 2000

Marilyn Moltz 2000

Pat Schultze 2000

Penny Gonzalez 2000

## 26 years:

Iris Seale 1996 (Emeritus)

## 28 years:

Ann Odvody 1994

Dale Odvody 1994

And the member, in good standing, for an outstanding number of **33 Years:**

**Liz Romero 1989**

# Membership Corner

## Certifications

Let's all welcome our two new Certified Master Gardeners:, Kim Lance and Denise Taylor:



## 2023 Winter Social



# 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: [adriipel@gmail.com](mailto:adriipel@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](http://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.



**Native Plant Society of Texas  
Guadalupe Chapter**

***Transitioning to Native Turf Grass***

**Want a beautiful, hardy, drought tolerant, easy to care for lawn?  
Tired of paying enormous water bills? Learn about replacing  
thirsty lawns with pollinator and habitat friendly native turf grass,  
techniques of soil preparation, seed dispersal and maintenance.  
Come and get all the information you need in time for Spring.**

**Michelle Gorham works for Native American Seed and has  
degrees in Landscape Horticulture and Master of Agricultural  
Education. She has held positions in retail nursery management  
and ran her own design/build landscape company, focused on  
native plants.**

**January 10, 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/>



# 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](http://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: Can I trim away the dead and frozen leaves from my plants? I seem to remember reading that this is bad.**

**A:** If you can stand the looks of frozen plants, please leave the blackened and wilted plants alone. Below that frozen area new growth may still be possible. If you want to help, make sure your garden and plants remain moist because water gives off heat. Damp soil keeps the heat better than dry soil. Also, remember that “Snowmageddon” happened during the month of February, and we will probably have some more freezing weather before it is time to prune.

I was surprised which plants survived Christmas week. My Swiss chard bit the dust, but my broccoli and flowering cabbage plants look fine. Luckily, the ornamental cabbage is edible. And when we have more below freezing weather, they should also survive, even to as low as 5 degrees F. according to the Wisconsin Horticulture Extension site. The article suggests that the often bitter taste of the cabbage can be reduced by boiling the leaves, discarding the water, then boiling again or sautéing in olive oil.

Be sure to keep your birdbaths full of water and make sure the ice is broken so that birds can drink. That was brought home to me when I looked outside and saw a dove walking around on my frozen water lily pond looking for water. (I took a kettle of boiling water out and poured it on top of the ice.)

**Q: When are bare root roses and trees planted? Which roses have you had the best luck with?**

**A:** They are usually planted in January when plants are more dormant in order to increase their chances of survival. Remember our extremely hot summers. Usually we know when to plant because our local nurseries bring in the bare root stock.

My favorite roses over the years have been Carefree Beauty (Katy Road Pink) and Martha Gonzales. Martha Gonzales was a “rustled” rose from the home of a Navasota gardener. It has red single flowers and is great as a shrub, hedge, or border. It is also one of those roses you can trim with hedge trimmers and it still looks great. I have made a number of cuttings from my parent plant.

Carefree Beauty was introduced in 1977 to withstand the cold and long winters of the Midwest. Texas AgriLife Extension chose it as an Earth-Kind rose for our hot, dry summers. When I first bought my bush it was known as Katy Road Pink because it was “found” on Katy Road in Houston. Whatever you call it, this rose bush is a winner. Wonderful pink semi-double flowers, smells good, has rose hips, roots well, and appears (according to Texas AgriLife) to tolerate saline irrigation water when drip irrigated. It blooms in spring, summer and fall and the foliage stays healthy. (I keep the fallen leaves picked up to discourage problems.)

Either one of these roses (or both) will be rewarding.

Have a Happy New!

Check us out on

**facebook**

## GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

Happy New Year!

We added 12 new members to our GCMG Facebook Community. They are wanting to learn about houseplants, growing vegetables, and raised bed garden.

Our major contributors were: Peggy Jones, Frank Rippel, and Pat Cryer. Thank you to all who contributed.

### Websites For Seeds and Plants

They are in no particular order and I included a little something for everyone. Have your hot chocolate ready, snuggle in, get cozy and plan your garden.

<https://agrilife.org/texaslocalproduce-2/new-to-gardening/vegetable-seed-sources/>

<https://www.willhiteseed.com/>

<https://www.dixondalefarms.com>

<https://easttexasseedcompany.com>

<https://www.seedsource.com/>

<https://www.johnnyseeds.com>

<https://www.rareseeds.com>

<https://www.tomatoes.com>

<https://www.nativeseeds.org/>

<https://www.davidsgardenseeds.com>

<https://www.rohrerseeds.com>

<https://www.shop.bamertseed.com>

<https://www.seedsavers.org>

<https://www.sandiaseed.com>

<https://www.highmowingseeds.com>

<https://www.jungseed.com>

<https://www.neseed.com>

<https://www.parkseed.com>

<https://www.99heirlooms.com>

<https://www.burpee.com>

Check us out on

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<https://www.harrisseeds.com>

<https://www.growitalian.com>

<https://www.us.stokeseeds.com>

<https://www.totallytomato.com>

<https://www.tomatogrowers.com>

<https://www.southernexposure.com>

<https://www.fedcoseeds.com>

<https://www.seedway.com>

<https://www.seedsnsuch.com>

<https://www.tradewindsfruit.com>

Please continue posting and sharing your ideas and hacks for your gardens. All are appreciated. We learn from each other.

Enjoy your gardens,

Kathy Adams



# The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

## Great Basin National Park

### Baker, Nevada

Great Basin NP is located 50 miles east of Ely, NV. This park was formed October 1986 and covers 77,000 acres. It is a remote park but is known for its clear skies and on good days you can see 120 miles. It is also a great dark sky area. The park is home to many mammals and birds. It has over 600 species of flora and fauna.

The park is one of a few places you can find Bristlecone pines (*Pinus Longaeva*). Bristlecone pines are only found in California, Nevada and Utah. There are three groves of pines located at higher elevations in the park. I had visited a grove in California about 10 years ago and was glad to see there were more in this park. The pines are all very different and grow slowly. They are shaped by the wind and other weather events. I included a picture of one that seemed to have been struck by lightning but is still standing.

Great Basin NP is also home to 45 caves. Lehman Cave is the most visited and you can go on a tour of it if you wish. The drive through the park takes several hours but the view changes from dry sage brush land to high mountains and many types of pines and other trees. The views are worth the trip, and we were there in October and the flowers were still blooming. This park is great for hikers as it offers many short and longer walks to hidden gems in the park. I no longer hike so I missed them, but perhaps you can find them if you go.





# 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

Jan 11th - Soils & Mulches by New Earth - Mike Lininger

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

Mar 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 8<sup>th</sup> until May 10<sup>th</sup> 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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The flyer features the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension logo at the top left and the Texas A&M AgriLife logo at the top right. 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 includes "CONTACT: DAVID RODRIGUEZ" and "EMAIL: DRRODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU". A list of sessions follows: February 8th (Soils, Mulch, Compost; Benefits and Uses/Lawn Basics), March 8th (Lawn and Landscape Water Conservation/Shade Trees), March 29th (Growing Tomatoes and More), April 12th (Growing Herbs and Earth-Kinds Roses), April 26th (Growing Fruits & Citrus), and May 10th (Utilizing Texas Superstar Annuals and Perennials). Pricing is listed as "Cost: \$20 per session or \$75 for all 6 sessions" with times "6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m." and address "3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Ste. 208 San Antonio, TX 78230". A note for newbies states: "FOR NEWBIES GARDENING IN THIS AREA OR LOCALS THAT ARE NOT PROFICIENT IN GARDENING OR LANDSCAPING, THE TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE WILL HELP YOUR THUMB TURN GREEN." At the bottom, there is a photo of a red watering can, the Earth-Kind logo, 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! The first presentation takes place on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**, and he will be covering all things house plants. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 7<sup>th</sup> and all future talks in 2023!

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EXTENSION

## 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

Congratulations to April Rippel who won a prize during the ninth Plant Party webinar on Wednesday December 20th (Planting a Seed).

The recording of the event (1 hr 18 min) can be accessed at [https://youtu.be/DFi7\\_JZUzoY](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/2023-01/>
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/January-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/2023-01/>

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\\_JRXrQ](https://youtu.be/6fKN9_JRXrQ)
- “Trees and Tree Care” by Mary Beth Parsons <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2UJWi5Cr84>

# 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 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 800-420-5000 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 Her 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

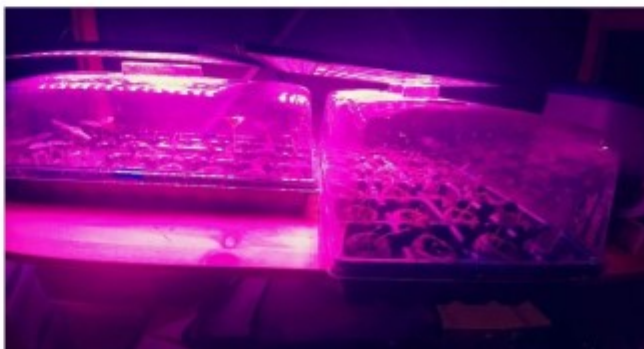
### We Need Help For:

- 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

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. One hour of enjoying the weather and pulling a few weeds or pruning a few plants. It really is addictive. We could make a huge difference if we did one hour a month, or even better, one hour a week. Here is a list of needs that will help you reach your goal.

**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.**

## **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)

# 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](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 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](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. Contact Ernestine Sykes at [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.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kathleen_carroll@icloud.com) or 210-793-1616 if you have any questions.

# Fundraisers

## Amazon Smile

By using this link and choosing **Texas Master Gardeners**, Amazon will donate a portion of your sale to our organization. This is at no extra cost to you!

To set this up, go to the charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2662991>

If you already have a charity set up, the above link will ask you if you'd like to change to **Texas Master Gardeners**. Even though it says Texas Master Gardeners it is going to the Guadalupe County Master Gardener's funds.

After letting Amazon know of your charity choice, always go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> for making your purchases. If you go to the regular Amazon.com, they will not automatically give us the donation.

Thank you for supporting the GCMGs and happy shopping!

Kathleen Smith

2023 County Fair Coordinator

## Fundraiser T-Shirts



The green GCMG fundraiser t-shirts have been restocked and all sizes are available. Sizes small – 3XL are all \$20 each and all profits go directly towards GCMG educational programs and projects.

These 100% cotton, green t-shirts can be worn by you or anyone you know that wants to support our non-profit organization. These make great gifts!

The fundraiser t-shirts are available at all Lunch & Learns and 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 shop on-line at: [www.GCMG.org](http://www.GCMG.org) Look down the left menu until you see: GCMG and “Proud to Support” T-Shirts Purchase Here, click on it and shop, shipping available.



**REMINDER**

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