



March 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

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Membership Director: Denise Leverich

Volunteer Coordinator: Diana Hard

Class Coordinators: Paul Carter

Tim Steele

Tracy Royston

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President's Message

March is an exciting time for gardening in Guadalupe County, Texas, as the weather starts to warm up, new growth begins to emerge, and master gardeners are preparing for plant sales.

March is a great time to start preparing your garden beds for planting if you haven't started yet. Highly recommend to test your soil, check ph. level, add compost or organic matter. Plant cool-season vegetables like lettuce and spinach, so by early or mid spring you can enjoy a beautiful harvest. You can continue with warm-season seed planting indoors, such as tomatoes and peppers, to be transplanted into your garden in April. Watch out for pests and diseases. As the weather warms up, pests and diseases become more active, so keep an eye out for aphids, slugs, and snails, and be ready to take action if you see any signs of disease.

Remember, as a member of the GCMG, it is encouraged for all of us to educate our Guadalupe County communities. I appreciate the volunteer hours and dedication I've seen thus far, and look forward to receiving new ideas, suggestions, or recommendations to make our GCMG the best in the area.

Hope all of you have a successful and bountiful growing season.

Happy gardening!

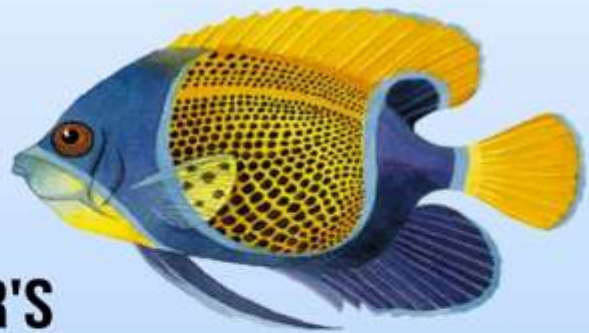
Mark 'Bo' Bollinger



Aquaponics:

The Basics

With Gary Kosceilski of Water Garden Gems!



**JOIN THE MASTER GARDENER'S
MARCH 16TH, 2023**

7:00-8:00 PM

**210 LIVE OAK STREET
SEGUIN, TX**



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5:45 Social Time

6:30 Business Meeting

7:00 Presentation



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

If you would like to earn Continuing Education hours by sitting in on any of the Class 37 topics, please let one of the Class Coordinators know in advance. Please note, the Propagation class, on April 25th, is **not** available for attending.

For the list of topics and speakers, in VMS, go to "General Information" and click on the DOCS/Newsletters. From there, choose educational materials, then search for Class 37 Schedule of topics/speakers.

Even if you just want a review of a subject, you must let either Paul Carter, Tim Steele, or Tracy Roysdon know that you would like to attend.

The class schedule is listed on the next page.

April Rippel
GCMG Past President



Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Master Gardener Class 37 Spring Schedule Location: AgriLife Building, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, unless stated otherwise Tuesdays 9:00 am thru 1:00 pm, unless stated otherwise			
Date	Topic	Presenter	Relevant
7-Feb-23	Welcome Extension Agent Welcome Orientation/ Cert Req/ Class Landscape Design	Class Coordinators Travis Franke Class Coordinators Dennis Hale-Landscape Designer	
14-Feb-23	Class Announcements GCMG President Welcome Vol & CE Hrs & VMS Overview Earth-Kind	Class Coordinators Mark "Bo" Bollinger Denise Leverich Peter Hernandez-GCMG	Ch 1 Test Ch 2 Test
21-Feb-23	Class Announcements Volunteer Projects Insects & IPM	Class Coordinators Diana Hard-Volunteer Dir. Wizzie Brown-Ext. Entomologist	Ch 15 Test
28-Feb-23	Class Announcements Plant Growth & Development Water	Class Coordinators Dr Mark Gustafson Dr Steven Grainger- Rain Bees Dr Larry Sunn- Rain Bees Richard Vonder Embse	Ch 3 Test Ch 7 Test
7-Mar-23	Class Announcements Plant Diseases	Class Coordinators Dr. Kim Cochran-TAMU Asst Prof- Plant Pathologist	Ch 14 Test
14-Mar-23	Class Announcements Vegetables	Class Coordinators Bill Nodine-GCMG	Ch 10 Test
21-Mar-23	Class Announcements Soil Characteristics & Soil Improvement	Class Coordinators Tony Provin- TAMU	Ch 5 Test Ch 6 Test
28-Mar-23	Class Announcements Lawn Care/Top Performers Soil Test Review	Class Coordinators Dennis Hale Dennis Hale *Bring soil test results.	Ch 9 Test Ch 12 Test

Date	Topic	Presenter	Relevant Material
4-Apr-23 10:00	Class Announcements Native Plants Pollinators Texas Superstars	Class Coordinators TBD Kathy Carroll-GCMG Marybeth Parsons-Bexar Co MG "wear walking shoes"	Schertz 1231 W Borgfeld Rd
11-Apr-23	Class Announcements Texas Fruit & Nut Trees Herbs	Class Coordinators Mark Fanick- Fanick's Nursery April Rippel-GCMG	Ch 11 Test

Membership Corner

Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours:

Diotte, Leslie	Odvody, Ann	Watkins, John
Henry, Beth	Odvody, Dale	Watkins, Patricia
Knobles, Janice	Geinzer, Becky	Mead, Connie
Burton, Rodney	Sedlacek, Liz	Carhart, Carol
Roysdon, Tracy	Prince, Paul	Sykes, Ernestine
Carter, Paul	Lucas, Melinda	Steele, Tim
Moltz, Marilyn	McElveen, Kay	Moody, Caroline
Cover, Kay	Nodine, Bill	Ottenad, Anne
Sims, Judy	Taylor, Deneese	Burris, Welta
Jones, Peggy	Richardson, Thomas	

Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month:

- 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.

Odvody, Dale	Rippel, April	Lucas, Melinda
Odvody, Ann	Leverich, Denise	Steele, Tim

Congratulations to the volunteer drawing winner: Marilyn Moltz!

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.



Upcoming Meetings



**Native Plant Society of Texas
Guadalupe Chapter**

Bees Make The World Go Round

Want to learn more about our most important insect? The one that pollinates our food crops, and without which we would go very hungry? We will also learn about the medicinal uses of bee products. Mark de Kiewiet, local Master Beekeeper, will introduce us to the cycle and seasonal interaction between climate, plants and bees.

Mark, a native of South Africa, is a professional engineer, a Master Naturalist, involved with the Guadalupe 4-H and established the Bees-in-the-East Club in Marion. To sweeten the evening, Mark will bring some of his local natural honey.

March 14, 2023 at 7.00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, 1121 E, Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas

Parking in rear, enter from N. Moss Street

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



For more information, or membership applications
see our website and Facebook page at:

<https://npsot.org/wp/guadalupe/>

Upcoming Meetings

GUADALUPE CO. MASTER GARDENERS
PRESENTS A LUNCH AND LEARN

SPRING VEGETABLE GARDENING

With Bill Nodine

FREE & OPEN TO ALL

THURS
MARCH
9

NOON
TO 1:00

TOMATOES, PEPPERS, CUCUMBERS,
BEANS, CORN, SQUASH, OKRA

Bring Lunch to eat
while you learn

210 Live Oak St. In Seguin, TX

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: The Texas mountain laurels are blooming and smell just wonderful. What other spring blooming shrubs will grow in this area?

A: There are quite a few spring bloomers that we have around Seguin. Both the Japanese wisteria and the Texas wisteria will grow here even though both like acid soils the best. There is one on Meadowlake Drive near me that blooms every year. Pyracantha, although not a native, grows here. Ornamental pears can be found all over Seguin. Doug Welsh, extension horticulturist, considers Aristocrat to be a variety that is superior to the Bradford. The Eastern redbud, the Mexican redbud, and the Texas redbud grow well here. I am particularly fond of the Mexican redbud because of its glossy foliage. Another native, the Mexican buckeye, is also one of my favorites with its lovely pink flowers and interesting seed capsules.

The showiest little tree around Seguin is the Mexican plum, *Prunus Mexicana*, a Texas native with fragrant white flowers. Wildflower.org says that the mature trunk of the tree becomes satiny blue-gray with darker, horizontal striations. My tree is fairly young so I have yet to see this. It was covered in blooms last year, and one or two are starting to show now. This native is a low water user, likes sun or part shade, is cold tolerant, and likes dry to moist well-drained soils that can be sandy loam, clay loam, clay or limestone-based. The fruit is edible, and the tree is the larval host of the Tiger Swallowtail and the Cecropia moth. It is not deer resistant and is of special value to native bees.

Q: When do I apply my spring lawn fertilizer?

A: Apply lawn fertilizer after you have mowed the lawn grass twice, says Welsh. You want to make sure that the grass is ready to use the fertilizer so it must be actively growing. (In the fall, you apply it after the grass has stopped growth.) Remember that you need to apply one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Hopefully you have already tested your soil so you know what else your particular yard needs.

Q: My Rodeo tomato, which you told me to place in a bigger pot so that it could be taken inside in case of a freeze, is growing by leaps and bounds. When is it time to put it in the ground and to plant warm-season vegetables?

A: The short answer is that you can plant when the cool temperatures are above 50 degrees. This includes cantaloupe, cucumber, eggplant, green beans, okra, onions, peppers, potato, pumpkin, summer squash, southern pea, sweet corn, sweet potato, tomato, and watermelon. To be safe, most vegetable planting is recommended to be two to six weeks after the last freeze (and, of course, how do we know that it is going to be the last freeze!) Last year's last freeze was March 13 when it was 28 degrees at my house.

Check us out on
facebook

GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 27 new members. Welcome all. They want to learn how to grow herbs, tomatoes, beans, corn and squash.

Our top posters were William Nodine, Sarah Berlanga, and Bella Stone. Thank you all who posted.

What To Plant In March

Early March-Beets, Celery, Kale, Cauliflower, Parsnips, Spinach, Radishes, Lettuce.

Late March-Watermelon, Peas, Beans, Okra, Snap Beans, Cucumbers, Sweet Corn, Lima Beans, Mustard Greens, and Squash.

Three Sisters Garden

This inter planting method introduces biodiversity which attracts pollinators and makes the land richer instead of stripping it of its nutrients.

- Choose sunny location with at least 6 hours of full sun.
- This planting method is not based on rows but small field each about 4 feet wide and 4 feet apart, with 4-6 corn plants per hill.
- In spring, prepare soil with organic manure and compost.
- Make a mound of soil that is about 1 foot high at its center and 3 feet to 4 feet wide.
- Plant corn first after danger of frost and ground temperature is 55 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Sow 6 kernels of corn 1 inch deep in flat part of mound.
- When corn is 6 inches to 1 foot then plant beans and squash.
- Plant 4 pole bean seeds evenly spaced at each stalk.
- 1 week later plant 6 squash seeds evenly spaced around perimeter of mound. Put 2 seeds in each hole to ensure one germinates.
- You can add a fourth sister such as Sunflowers or Amaranth which attracts pollinators and lure birds away from the seeds.
- Sunflowers can be planted at the cross section of the spaces between corn hills and harvested for seeds.

Monthly Funny

What do you call an edible gourd with a cheeky disposition?

SASS-SQUASH

Please continue to post as we all learn from each other.

Enjoy Your Gardens.

Take care,

Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

States Borders

United States

In my 60 years of traveling across the United States I have entered and left states many times. These points of entry/departure are sometimes marked and sometimes you never realize you have entered another state. Usually on the Interstate Highway system it is clearly marked and if you need a rest or travel information there is usually a welcome center that will have a variety of maps and brochures to offer. There you may also find wonderful volunteers who offer tips and possible “off the beaten path” places you might find interesting.

On a trip last September we were travelling on US Hwy 60 leaving New Mexico and entering Arizona. This was just a pull off area with a great view and lots of native plants. It was large enough for us to safely pull our truck and travel trailer off the road so we could have a nice 30 minute rest. I could not resist taking pictures of the native flowers growing along the roadside. Such a nice mixture of grasses, mallows, coreopsis, thistles, asters and many more plants. The bees were loving the variety of nectar they could find and I thoroughly enjoyed the unexpected beauty of our stop. We have driven this road many times but I did not remember this stop and probably believe the timing on this trip was just right for rain and temperature to make it the picturesque stop it was. I have learned that you just never know what is just around the next corner (or road curve in this case). Happy traveling!



The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz



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

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



TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM MARCH 24

Comal County Extension
Office 325 Resource Dr,
New Braunfels, TX 78132



This half day course will provide education on turfgrass management, irrigation, pesticide label interpretation, and fertilizer and pesticide application practices.

4 Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) continuing education credits (CEUs), including laws and regulations

Coffee, light snacks, and beverages are included, as well as lunch sponsored by:



PRE REGISTRATION: REQUIRED: \$40
Call or visit the Comal County
Extension Office to register or for more
information at (830) 620-3440

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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

3355 Cherry Ridge Dr, Ste. 212 | San Antonio, TX 78230

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The poster features the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension logo at the top left. The main title is 'EARTH-KIND BROWN THUMB SERIES' in large, bold letters, 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' and 'EMAIL: DRDRODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU'. A list of six sessions follows, each with a date and topic: 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-Kind Roses), April 26th (Growing Fruits & Citrus), and May 10th (Utilizing Texas Superstar Annuals and Perennials). The cost is listed as '\$20 per session or \$75 for all 6 sessions'. Times are '6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.' and the address is '3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Ste. 208 San Antonio, TX 78230'. A note at the bottom right states: 'FOR SOMEONE 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 small image 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 March 11th and all future talks in 2023!

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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/2023-03/>
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/202303>
- 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/2023-03/>

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>
- “Getting your Roses Ready for Spring” by Peggy Jones : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdHVg-1848M>

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR
MARION MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
5:30-7:00

Needed: One or two people to manage a MG information table at the fair. A table and two chairs will be provided in the gym. And a pull cart with GCMG handouts for the event is available in the MG office. Set-up time is 4:30-5:30.

POC: Jill LeSage
830-660-5481
jill_lesage@yahoo.com

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 Opportunity
South Texas Home & Garden Show
Floresville Event Center
March 25, 2023
PLANT SALE

Needed: Volunteers to setup

Friday, March 24, 2023

8:00-5:00 come & go as you can

**Needed: Volunteers before, during &
after the plant sale**

Saturday, March 25, 2023

8:00-5:30 Schedule your work time w/Cynthia

Contact: Cynthia Lyssy

cmlyssy@prodigy.net

210-275-3970

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.

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.

Fundraisers

Online Plant Sale

100% of profits go directly to GCMG educational purposes. Please visit : <https://www.gcmgtx.org/plantsale/index.html> to see the selection of plants available, and the locations and times of plant sales.

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 Look down the left menu until you see: GCMG and “Proud to Support” T-Shirts Purchase Here, click on it and shop, shipping available.





Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc.

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