



# April 2023

## Guadalupe Gardener

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

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# President's Message

Can you all believe it's April!! I'm a quarter of the way through my yearly commitment as President. I know, you're all thinking, this guy hasn't delivered on any of his promises. It's been awesome so far and the support I've received from everyone has been outstanding. Kudos to everyone who contributed to our plant sales, huge success!!

April is a great time for gardening in Texas, as the weather becomes warmer. If you haven't done so yet, now is the ideal time to get your tomatoes, peppers, and squash planted. It's also a perfect time to plant herbs such as basil, parsley, and cilantro. Gardeners need to ensure they plant in well-draining soil and provide adequate water and sunlight.

I know for most of you, getting those vegetables in your garden is a priority, but remember, it is also an excellent time to plant annual flowers such as petunias, zinnias, and marigolds. These flowers look amazing, add vibrant colors, and attract beneficial insects like bees and butterflies. Always consider planting natives as they are well adapted to the climate and require very little maintenance.

It's a good time to remove weeds (seems to be a losing battle for most of us) and remove dead plants. Remember to prune any shrubs or trees. An important tip, don't forget to fertilize to promote healthy growth. By taking care of your garden in April, gardeners should have a great foundation for a successful season.

If you can, get out and volunteer at any of our GCMG projects. Remember to log your continuing education and volunteer hours. I appreciate each of you for your dedication and commitment to GCMG and making our membership one of the best in Texas.

Happy Gardening,

Mark "Bo" Bollinger  
President 2023



# Membership Corner

*Congratulations to the March door prize drawing winner: Kathy Adams!*

## **Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours:**

Collier, Colleen	Odvody, Ann	Jackson, Barry
Henry, Beth	Odvody, Dale	Mott, Keith
Knobles, Janice	Geinzer, Becky	Meade, Connie
Burton, Rodney	Glasgow, Millie	Ludington, Allyson
Mullen, Carol	Prince, Paul	Sykes, Ernestine
Carter, Paul	Lucas, Melinda	Steele, Tim
Lance, Kim	McElveen, Kay	Schultze, Pat
Cover, Kay	Carter, Marty	Ottenad, Anne
Bartonek, Valerie	Taylor, Deneese	Woodlee, Mike
Jones, Peggy	Richardson, Thomas	

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

Odvody, Dale	Rippel, April	Lucas, Melinda
Sykes, Ernestine	Leverich, Denise	Steele, Tim
Nodine, Bill	Younger, Pam	Carter, Paul

*Congratulations to the volunteer drawing winner: Ann Odvody!*

\* To be eligible for the volunteer drawing, 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.

**VMS Tip:** Log in often to see important News on the home page. Don't forget to check the calendar for important dates, too!

# 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

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



# Membership Corner

## What's Happening in Class 37

By Beth Smith

Interns participating in class 37 of the Master Gardener program have settled into our Tuesday morning routine after completing six weeks of class. To say this has been an incredibly informative period is understating what many of you have already experienced. So far, this class has been beyond expectation. We are under the tutelage of Paul Carter and Tim Steele, in their new positions as class coordinators. We begin each class with announcements, and updates of events going on in the GCMG community. It has been enlightening to see how many events and organizations are supported by the Master Gardener program. This program truly makes a difference in the communities they service, and that pride in doing service has been expressed in each class. Another benefit to class participation has been the incredible amount and variety of snacks provided at each session. A big thank you to all of those who have volunteered in feeding us each week.

Week 1 of class 37 was dedicated to Landscaping. We began with a welcome from Extension Agent Travis Frank who briefly discussed the extension office and their mission. Tim and Paul followed with a thorough orientation of scheduling and certification requirements. Many interns committed to completing all 50 volunteer hours before the end of class. We are an enthusiastic bunch! Our speaker was Dennis Hale, and he conducted a fascinating presentation on landscape design. Seeing the varieties of native and adaptive plants was impressive, and discussions of converting landscapes into more sustainable ones was most informative. Soil testing was discussed, we were given testing kits and a demonstration was given on how to collect the soil. We will all be anxiously awaiting the results and discussing them when Dennis returns later in the term.

Week 2 class was on the topic of Earth-Kind. Our day started with the introduction of our GCMG President Mike "Bo" Bollinger. He spent time talking with many of us before class began, and then spoke to the whole group and discussed his goals for the organization. We were also introduced to Denise Leverich, who discussed the Volunteer Management System. We will all be busy collecting or 50 hours of volunteer work needed to complete the program. Our speaker was Peter Hernandez who discussed the AgriLife Extension program Earth-Kind. Effective watering techniques such as hydro-zoning, and proper fertilizing techniques were discussed, and many questions were answered. Peter provided us with several excellent handouts that will be useful resources as we build our own resource libraries.

Week 3 class was a day devoted to Volunteering and Insects. Diane Hard began the meeting with a presentation on the many volunteer opportunities available to interns for the completion of their 50 hours. Pictures of the various gardens were beautiful, and many of us will be frequent volunteers at gardens near our homes. Speaker Wizzie Brown then gave a fascinating presentation on insects and IPM. Her enthusiasm for bugs was contagious. Beginning with insect biology, we progressed to chemical to biological vs. chemical insect control and concluded with examples of insect damage to plants common in our gardens.

Week 4 presentations were focused on two topics. First, Dr. Mark Gustafson discussed Plant Growth and Development. His presentation focused on what plant development means and how their biology is affected by external forces. Next was Dr. Larry Sunn on the topic of Water. His presentation included information on the aquifers and understanding effective watering techniques that included water collection. Both presentations were very informative and thought provoking.

Week 5, Dr. Kim Cochran took us on a journey through Plant Diseases. Disease symptoms and signs, plant pathogens, disease diagnostics, and disease management were emphasized. It was a day full of some of the most vital information a gardener can obtain. The pictures of the effects of various plant diseases were most enlightening.

Week 6 was dedicated to a favored topic, Vegetables, and we were informed of more volunteer opportunities for interns. Kay McElveen began class with an introduction to the Red Barn school tours. She discussed what volunteering entails and gave interns an opportunity to sign up for days when tours would be conducted. Our presenter was William Nodine on the topic of Vegetables. He provided us with information on everything you need to have a successful garden. The number of tools he provided each of us will help us all be more accomplished gardeners and resources to the community. After his presentation, we were given the task of constructing either a garden bed or irrigation system. Once completed, Bill demonstrated how to connect the two systems for a successful gardening plot.

While it has only been six weeks since we began this journey, it seems much longer. We have met new people, gained new friendships, and gathered so much information it has truly been a wonderful experience thus far. Thanks to all who have shared their knowledge with us. We are all better prepared to run the race and win in our gardening efforts...and we have only just begun.





# Membership Corner

## Plant Sales

Two Great Plant Sales this Month! Thank you to everyone who participated and a special thanks to our plant sale leader, Sarah Puckett and our photographer Sharon Cooper,



# Membership Corner

## 2023 CMG Spring Seminar

By Melinda Lucas

This was the first time I attended the Comal Master Gardener Spring Seminar in New Braunfels, and I couldn't believe what I had been missing out on. If you haven't gone, you need to make plans. I was just expecting to sit in a classroom and listen to some speakers, but I was blown away when I arrived. We had four wonderful speakers that covered a lot of gardening information in a short time period, fun give aways, beautiful table decorations that ended up being prizes at the end (I won't mention that I won our table centerpiece), a delicious lunch, and a lot of fun. One section was dedicated to vendors from the surrounding areas. I went to a seminar and came home with a trunk of new plants. I just couldn't help myself. The information will come out in September for registration and the seminar will be held in March 6th of 2024, and I will be there. Hope you are too.







## Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Training Class 38

Become a Certified  
Master Gardener



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

### Schedule

Every Thursday  
August 3 – November 16, 2023

### Registration Deadline

July 14, 2023

### Time

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

### Cost \$250

Includes Texas Master  
Gardener Handbook

### Location

AgriLife Building  
210 E. Live Oak  
Seguin, TX 78155

Class Size  
Limited

### For more information contact:

Class Coordinators

Paul Carter: [mcpastor11@gmail.com](mailto:mcpastor11@gmail.com), 830-481-0817

Tim Secker: [tseckerboys@hotmail.com](mailto:tseckerboys@hotmail.com), 210-385-2219

Leave Message If No Answer

### GCMG Website:

[www.gcmgtx.org/class\\_38/index.html](http://www.gcmgtx.org/class_38/index.html)



# Membership Meeting

April 21, 2023

Social time: 5:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Business meeting 6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Lecture: 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

210 East Live Oak

Seguin, TX

## Lunch and Learns:

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



**Native Plant Society of Texas  
Guadalupe Chapter**

***The Advantages of Native Plants***

***A "Train the Trainer" Workshop***

NPSOT members are advocates for Native Plants. Earth Day, April 29th, will be our single greatest opportunity this year to explain the advantages of native plants to the public. In preparation for Earth Day, Bob Teweles will lead an interactive workshop during which members will share their ideas on the advantages of native plants and the best ways these ideas can be presented to the public.

Bob will present some facts on our local climate and soils as background information for our conversations with the public.

**April 11, 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/>





Green Jay Gardens  
& Native Plant Society of Texas

# Spring Fest

Saturday & Sunday  
April 22nd & 23rd



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

100 Elm Grove Rd Seguin Texas 78155

[830-433-4040](tel:830-433-4040)



# Park of the Month

## Gutierrez Garden Park

Submitted by Doris Greenstreet

Gutierrez Garden Park is a hidden gem maintained by Guadalupe County Master Gardeners. The park is home to many varieties of native plants and Texas Superstars. It's a popular location for bluebonnet photos in the spring while the lovely gazebo area is often used for prom photos. Visitors to the park enjoy picnics and strolling along the Superstar Trail. A digital map allows visitors to learn about integrating native plants and Texas Superstars into their own garden. If you're interested in volunteering at the park contact: Judy Stanley 830-765-4613 or Caroline Moody 210-710-3829.

This month, volunteers will be rewarded with a Rock Rose to plant in their own garden. These Texas natives are small drought tolerant shrubs that thrive in shallow rocky soil, and in woodland areas. The flowers are pink and appear from spring to fall. They require almost no work and look beautiful with a wide variety of other plants.

Gutierrez Garden Park is located at 1231 Borgfeld, Schertz 78154

Texas Superstar Rock Rose (photo from Creative Common)



Halie Kulow and baby Koda enjoy a beautiful spring day at Gutierrez Garden Park.



Steele High School Key Club members enjoy a picnic after volunteering at Gutierrez Garden



Seven-month-old Elliot Greenstreet smiles for his very first bluebonnet picture.



# 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](mailto: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](http://www.GCMGTX.org) Shipping is available if you need them mailed.

## 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.GCMGTX.org](http://www.GCMGTX.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.





# 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: What is the plant that is all over my yard? When I walk past it, the leaves stick to the legs of my pants. Should I use weed killer on it?**

**A:** This is a question that comes up every year. Galium aparine, an annual in the Madder family, has many nicknames, including Sticky Weed, Sticky Willy, Velcro Plant, Cleavers, Goosegrass, and Catchweed Bedstraw. It is native throughout North America. Do try to pull it all up because you don't want the seeds to form. Luckily the plant can be pulled out of the ground quite easily by hand. I already have gathered two large piles of plants. Weed killer does not need to be used.

Another question that comes up this time of year is whether or not to use a weed and feed product on your lawn. Doug Welsh, Extension Horticulturist, assures us that we should not do this because the timing for fertilizers is not the same as the timing for herbicides. He says that pre-emergent herbicides for summer weeds should be applied in late winter (February), and spring lawn fertilizers should be applied in mid-spring after you have mowed the lawn twice and it is actively growing.

**Q: When can I move my plumeria and other plants back outside?**

**A:** I have not moved mine yet, but will probably do so quite soon. I normally let my Phalaenopsis orchids spend the summer on the back porch (mainly to save having to use my grow light), but I want to enjoy their blooms in my house a little longer. I notice that my neighbors already have their potted plants back outside. Make sure that the foliage on your plants doesn't sunscald. Now is a good time to fertilize your potted outdoor plants.

**Q: What vegetable gardening chores should I be doing now?**

**A:** Fertilize your vegetable plants. Check your garden daily for pests and other problems. If your fruit trees have too much fruit, it is best to thin the young fruit to allow the remaining ones to grow bigger. Otherwise, as happened to me last year, all the heavy pears can cause the limb to bend or break.

**Q: I've been told to buy produce in the store when it is in season in Texas. What produce is harvested in April and is available in local markets?**

**A:** Many local vegetables and fruits are available in April: green beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, onions, peaches and strawberries. Grapefruit and oranges are also probably still available. Look forward to May when much more produce comes into season.

**FYI:** Don't forget to keep your bird baths full. And remember, don't mow down your bluebonnets and other wildflowers when they finish blooming. Let them go to seed. Your lawn may look a little ragged but you will have many more plants next year.

Check us out on

**facebook**

#### GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 54 new members. YAY!!!! Welcome all. New members want to learn how to grow vegetables and herbs. They also want to learn about beneficial insects.

Our top posters were Nikki Baker Martin, Peggy Jones, and Steven Bullen. Thank you to all who contribute.

During April, plant Tomatoes, Snap Beans, Radishes, Cucumbers, Corn, Lima Beans, Mustard, Peppers, and Squash. Late April, plant Watermelon, Southern Peas, Okra, Cantaloupe, Sweet Potatoes, Eggplant, and Pumpkin.

#### **Ladybugs-Beneficial Insect**

Ladybugs eat destructive pests like aphids, mites, and scale. They also like nectar and pollen. Provide water in a small dish with pebbles so they can have a drink. Many plants attract Ladybugs such as Dandelions, Dill, Garlic, Geraniums, Mint, and Parsley.

If you purchase Ladybugs then it is best to release them in the evening just after the sun has gone down and after you have watered your garden. Usually Ladybugs are dehydrated when they are released and can't go far so finding enough water will motivate them to stay and help you in your garden by eating garden pests.

Release Ladybugs in small batches in different areas of your garden so they won't fight each other for territories.

Monthly Funny:

***Why are Ladybugs so confident?***

***They just WING it.***

Please continue to post pictures of your gardens, garden hacks, and plants. We all learn from each other.

Take care and ENJOY YOUR GARDENS.

Kathy Adams

# The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Snake River

Idaho/Oregon Border

One of the items on my bucket list was white water rafting and since retiring I have rafted four rivers. The river that always intrigued me was the Snake River. I am not sure why, but I felt it was a “must do” river. In the summer of 2022, we decided to take one last month-long trip to the Montana area and I decided it was time I did my research to see if I could explore the Snake River. I am so glad I did because this was the best water adventure I have ever been on.

The Snake River is over 100 miles long and part of it is the border between Idaho and Oregon. We rode the river in a large, motorized boat for 32 miles to the dam, had lunch and then returned back to Pittsburg Landing where we had boarded the boat. This was an eight hour tour full of white water riding, historical information on the surrounding land and original ranches (one of which we stopped to tour) and sightings of several bears, river otters, mule deer, big horn sheep, goats and many birds. The captain and crew of the boat were very friendly, helpful and informative. So much information was given about the Snake River including its uses and water levels during the year.

This part of the river is called Hells Canyon but I found it quite Heavenly. Yes there were rapids and yes we got very wet (no rafting experience is good unless you are totally wet at some point), but it was also quiet, with much wildlife and amazing views to keep your head turning in all directions. Please go if you get the chance.





# 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

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

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





# Conference Registration is NOW OPEN!



We are thrilled to offer 28 hours of Continuing Education during this Conference! We have a fantastic line up of KEYNOTE SPEAKERS and 24 incredible BREAKOUTS!

Feedback proved that our Extension Master Gardeners prefer the virtual option with the ability to see all sessions at their leisure at a later date. No need to choose!

Being virtual also allows us to bring you more great speakers for an affordable price without any travel or lodging costs!

LEADERSHIP will be held on May 1 and we welcome ALL to attend. This very unique offering will benefit all volunteers!

**Conference: \$85.00 per person**  
**Leadership: \$30.00 per person**

<https://txmg.org/2022-conference-information>



# Continuing Education

Horticulture Bexar County Extension Agent David Rodriguez and Certified Bexar County Master Gardeners will be conducting the Earth-Kind Brown Thumb 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.

\$20 for each session.

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

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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE



The flyer is titled "EARTH-KIND BROWN THUMB SERIES" and is presented by Horticulturist David Rodriguez and Certified Master Gardeners. It lists six sessions: February 8th (Soils, Mulch, Compost), 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 \$20 per session or \$75 for all 6 sessions. The time is 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and the address is 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Ste. 208, San Antonio, TX 78230. A QR code is provided for registration. The flyer also includes the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension logo and a note for those not proficient in gardening or landscaping.

# 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 Do's for the Lawn and Landscape," . Be sure to mark your calendars for March 11th and all future talks in 2023!

TEXAS A&M  
**AGRILIFE**  
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

## Green Jay Gardens

**Is now offering classes. Please check out their website to see what is available and the cost. It's not just gardening classes, but also classes like Terrarium making, wreath making, etc.**

100 Elm Grove Rd, Seguin, TX

<https://www.greenjaygardens.com/basic-01>

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2023-04/>
- December Plant Party video worthy 1.5 hrs [https://youtu.be/DFi7\\_JZUzoY](https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY)
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/202304>
- 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/2023-04/>

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



# Continuing Education

Here are a few more CE opportunities from Bexar County.

David Rodriguez and The Bexar County Master Gardeners have lots of programming in the month of April.

## **Annual Grafting Seminar**

**Cost:** Free

**Date:** Saturday, April 1st, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Address:** 1025 Holmgreen Rd., San Antonio, TX 78220

**BCMG Code:** 001: AgriLife Extension/BCMG Presentations

<https://www.fanicknursery.com/upcomingevents.html>

## **Lawn Basics 101**

**Cost:** Free

**Date:** Saturday, April 1st, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Address:** 3920 N Loop 1604 E, SA, TX 78247

**BCMG Code:** 001: AgriLife Extension/BCMG Presentations

<https://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/calendar/2023-spring-milbergers-landscape-nursery-presentations-april-1st-lawn-basics-101/>

## **Articles about Invasive Plants**

Horticulture Agent Greg Grant in Smith County shares his expertise on invasive plants. Click on the links below to read these informative articles.

<https://arborgate.com/blog/gregs-ramblings/running-wild/>

## **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.



GROW TEAM  
2023



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The first three sales are completed, but it's not over yet! Thank you for everything you guys have already done. I couldn't have done it without you all! Let's keep going!- Sarah Puckett

### We Still Need Your Help:

- Help by propagating plants
- Help by transporting plants
- 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. Every little bit counts, big or small.

For those of you still growing and/or babysitting plants, thank you and keep going. We'll need them at Polley Mansion (April 22nd) and Earth Day (April 29th) next month.

**CONTACT ME**

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



**Guadalupe County  
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# Volunteer Opportunities

## The Big Red Barn

This is a follow up to my previous email concerning volunteers for this spring's Big Red Barn school tours. Class 37 has been fantastic about agreeing to help but we really need at least 2 certified MGs each day to work with them. On Tuesdays we need 4 certified Master Gardeners as that is class day and they cannot help.

Several of you signed up at the membership meeting last week but I thought I'd give the rest of you another chance to help out with this great project. Here are the dates and number of volunteers needed for each date:

Monday, April 17 - 2  
Tuesday, April 18 - 3  
Wednesday, April 19 - 1  
Thursday, April 20 - 1  
Tuesday, April 25 - 3  
Wednesday, April 26 - 1  
Thursday, April 27 - 1  
Friday, April 28 - 1  
Tuesday, May 2 - 3  
Thursday, May 4 - 1

Please contact me by email at [hkaymcelveen@gmail.com](mailto:hkaymcelveen@gmail.com) or call 479-790-2933 if you can help out.

Thanks,  
Kay McElveen





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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](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. Spring hours are Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Contact Clara Mae Marcotte, [rcm.marcotte@gmail.com](mailto:rcm.marcotte@gmail.com) or Liz Romero, [fleurromero@gmail.com](mailto:fleurromero@gmail.com)

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## **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.





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