

June 2023

Guadalupe Gardener

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

Reminders for June

- Don't forget about Seed Exchange Mondays in the library!
- Save those toilet paper tubes for Kathleen. The GC Fair is just around the corner!
- We need a float team for the 4th of July parade!!
- Volunteer! There is something for everyone!

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President's Message

Can you believe it? June is here! The GCMG have done some awesome work up to this point. Plant sales have been a huge success. Gardens and parks are looking fantastic. Attendance at membership meetings have been great. And to top it off, Class 37 is done and will be graduating.

We all have a great opportunity to get together this month to relax, socialize, and to welcome our new members from Class 37 at our upcoming social. The social and graduation ceremony will be held June 15th at Seguin Brewing from 6-9, great food and atmosphere. I really hope each of you and your family or friends are able to make this event.

June is perfect weather for growing lush and bountiful harvests. Blooms are constant with vibrant colors. It's crucial to pay attention to watering and maintenance to keep your garden thriving. Luckily for most of us, the rain has helped significantly. One important reminder is to remember to mulch your garden beds, this helps conserve moisture, controls weeds, and regulates soil temperature. Use mulch, such as shredded bark or straw, around your plants.

It is also an ideal time to plant heat-loving vegetables and herbs. Okra, cucumbers, and peppers thrive in our hot Texas summers and will produce abundant harvests with adequate sunlight and regular watering. I recommend using a trellis or stake for your vine plants to help support growth and prevent plants from spreading on ground.

Lastly, don't forget your annuals, perennials, and natives. This is great time to collect seeds, such as cosmos and larkspur. I know it's a tedious task, but take the time to deadhead and prune your plants, this will encourage growth and you'll be able to enjoy continuous blooms. I love all the blooms this time of year, Greg's blue mist, coreopsis, and coneflowers are thriving, just to name a few. I hope your garden is full of vibrant colors and you're enjoying it every day.

It is truly a pleasure being able to work with each of you. As always, thanks for your time and I appreciate what you do. We all need to keep working on making GCMG the best in Texas.

Thank you all.

Happy Gardening!

Mark "Bo" Bollinger
President 2023

Membership Corner

Congratulations to the door prize drawing winner: Carol Rios!

48 members were eligible for the 5+ volunteer hours drawing:

Colleen Collier	Ann Odvody	Ann Landeros
Beth Henry	Dale Odvody	Valerie Bartonek
Janice Knobles	Becky Geinzer	Joyce Friesenhahn
Rodney Burton	John Watkins	Allyson Ludington
Carol Mullen	Paul Prince	Ernestine Sykes
Paul Carter	Melinda Lucas	Tim Steele
Carol Rios	Kay McElveen	Pat Schultze
Kay Cover	Marty Carter	Anne Ottenad
Penny Gonzalez	Laura Cunningham	Caroline Moody
Judith Hyatt	Thomas Richardson	Sylvia Skorupa
Sandra Foss	Melva Edwards	Steffinie Blankenship
Deb Alexander	Richard Cooper	Lisa Foss
Sandy Tremaine Black	Heather Allen	Janet Magee
Doris Greenstreet	Robin Muschalek	Keith Muschalek
Judy Sims	Nicole Ellis	Teri Burnham
Joyce Fox	Gregory Haag	Claire Huebinger

The winner for the member drawing was Tim Steele!

Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month:

Dale Odvody	Ann Odvody	Melinda Lucas
Beth Henry	Rodney Burton	Tim Steele
Bill Nodine	Kay McElveen	Paul Carter
Mark "Bo" Bollinger	Pam Younger	Denise Leverich

100 Hour Volunteer Club for 2023:

Dale Odvody	Mark Bollinger	Bill Nodine
Melinda Lucas	Tim Steele	Paul Carter
April Rippel	Denise Leverich	Mark Mullen

Membership Corner

THE KEY TO A BETTER WORLD

Gardens and Grandchildren

by Larry Fowler, class 37 intern

In this article I will: express my appreciation of the Master Gardener program, share a bit about my gardening journey and point to a means of making the world a better place.

Thank you, thank you very much: First, I want to give a huge thank you to Paul Carter, Tim Steele and Tracy Roysdon for coordinating the class. “Herding cats” may be the appropriate expression to describe their work; they have been superstars keeping the class moving forward. Second, high praise for all of our exceptional instructors. Each presenter has been top notch. They expanded our horizons and gave us a glimpse into new worlds of insects, microbes, diseases, landscape design, and so much more. They inspired us to try new approaches and, in the process, revealed some of our bad practices. I can’t say enough about this experience, it exceeded my expectations in every way. Finally, not forgotten by our class is the host of GCMGA volunteers who helped in a variety of ways throughout the course. Thanks!

My Gardening Journey: In the mid 90’s life got busy and I had to put my gardening habit on hiatus until I retired in the spring of ’21. My first action in rebooting my gardening practice was to decide on how I wanted to garden; that is conventional or organic, till or no till, raised bed frames or directly into native soil etc. Big decisions but I chose to grow directly in the native soil rather than in raised beds. I somehow felt that building raised beds and filling them with really good soil was somehow cheating; I know I’m a glutton for punishment. Additionally, I made the decision to be as organic and no-till as possible; yes, another means of self-torture. So, the first step was soil improvement and lots of it. This was done primarily by adding massive amounts of organic matter and adding amendments as per my soil test. Thus, huge quantities of finely mulched leaves found their way into my garden along with organic fertilizer and compost teas to slowly enliven the soil. A significant increase in the worm population indicated that my efforts were paying off. I also began to learn the alchemy of composting. Oh, the joy!! Who knew that rotting stuff could be so exciting?

With those practices in place, the next skill I had to hone was observation. To do that I had to slow down, look and learn. Most interesting to me was observing the sun’s path across the sky as it moved toward the south in June and back toward the north in December. While I could look at my weather app and learn when the sun would rise and set each day, it was somehow more meaningful and beneficial to observe the sun’s movement across my garden in real time.

Membership Corner

Lessons learned from class 37 have prompted me to try new ways to use my limited space effectively. This season I'm trying some new-to-me ideas in the area of growing vertically. Such as training tomatoes to grow on a string trellis, and using sunflowers as a makeshift trellis for cucumbers. The jury's still out on some of these efforts but it's fun to try new methods. Which leads to a solid principle, perhaps the first principle of backyard gardening, namely: "It's okay to fail." Not every idea will work out, and that's okay. We learn from our failures and continue to expand our skill-sets and knowledge-base to be happy and successful gardeners.

Making the world a better place: Finally, gardening gets even better when my grandchildren visit. "*Papa Larry, can we go into the garden?*" begins a great adventure. I find jobs for them to help me. Digging, planting, watering, and squishing bugs are high adventure items; but nothing compares to the capture and befriending of roly-polies. Give them a few minutes and they will collect a bucketful and start naming the curious crustaceans. I have to admit, my grands have a greater appreciation for roly-polies than I... I encourage them to take home as many as they want.

It's precious to have them with me from time to time. I value the time spent with them in the garden. It allows me to observe their personalities and reactions as they make discoveries in my little vegetable patch. They are learning a bit about horticulture and the environment, and perhaps becoming more thoughtful in the process. Learning the importance of patience, providing proper care for the plants, and being gentle with the tender plants are all lessons that can translate into other areas of their lives. I'm hopeful they will look back on these moments with fondness. I'm convinced that the world will be a better place because of their time in grandpa's garden...well at least I am better.

Well, back to the garden, to observe the sun, soil, plants, pests and pollinators; and best of all the adventurous children who enrich my life each time they ask "*Papa Larry, can we go into the garden?*"



Membership Corner

Please read over and consider the following positions. Feel free to ask questions regarding the position if you are interested in holding that position in the future. We really need volunteers to take over the positions marked “vacant”.

Elected positions with term limits:

2023 President - Mark “Bo” Bollinger

2024 President Elect - Sarah Puckett (3 year commitment as you will serve as President Elect, President, and Past President) . 2025 President elect—**Vacant**

2024 Vice President - **Vacant** (1 year term & eligible to run 2nd term)

2024 Secretary -The 2023 Secretary, Sharon Cooper, is eligible to run for 2nd term

2024 Treasurer - **Vacant** (1 year term & eligible to run 2nd term)

2023 Past President - April Rippel

Appointed Directors (unlimited terms):

Education Director - William Nodine

Membership Director - Denise Leverich

Publicity Director - Janice Jadwin

Volunteer Director - Diana Hard

Texas Master Gardener Association (TMGA) 2024 Directors (4 positions)

1 year TMGA term - **Vacant**

Alternate - **Vacant**

2 year TMGA term - **Vacant**

Alternate - **Vacant**

Special Committees (unlimited terms):

1. Audit Committee (consists of 3 member that meet in Dec or Jan to audit the GCMG financial records, one time annual meeting lasts approximately 2 hours), 3 positions - **Vacant**
2. Nominating Committee (recruited by Secretary to help identify & recruit candidates to serve on the BOD) - Position (s) - **Vacant**
3. MG Class Coordinators - Paul Carter, Tim Steele, & Tracy Roysdon
4. Newsletter Publisher - Melinda Lucas
5. Web Content Manager - Frank Rippel
6. Ask a Master Gardener - Ernestine Sykes - email questions & Clara Mae Marcotte - Newsletter article questions
7. Facebook Editor - Kathy Adams
8. Refreshments Coordinator - Kathleen Smith
9. Speakers' Bureau Coordinator - **Vacant**
10. Guadalupe County Fair Booth - Kathleen Smith, and County Fair Pumpkin Decorating Contest - Pam Younger
11. Plant Sales - Sarah Puckett?

Membership Corner

If you are growing tomatoes this year, here is your chance to show them off:



TOP TOMATO CONTEST

Saturday, June 10th, 2023
Fanick's Garden Center
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
1025 Holmgreen Rd., SA, TX 78220



Scan QR Code for
contest information



The Nectar Bar

Check out San Antonio's new nursery: The Nectar Bar which is located next to Sedum and Such. What a great place to relax and shop for plants. The Nectar Bar prides itself with native plants and Sedum and Such has just about every succulent and cactus that you can think of. There are also food trucks and other items in this area. You'll find both of these great places at 14372 Bulverde Road, San Antonio, TX. They are open Thursday—Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sedum and Such and 12:00 p.m. for The Nectar Bar. Check out Sedum and Such at <https://sedumandsuch.com/> and the Nectar Bar at <https://thenectarbar.wixsite.com/website>



LET'S
CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Master Gardeners'

SUMMER CELEBRATION & GRADUATION

JUNE 15, 2023 | 6PM-9PM

SEGUIN BREWING COMPANY * 111 W. GONZALES STREET * SEGUIN

PURCHASE DINNER FROM THEIR DELICIOUS MENU

BRICK OVEN PIZZA

SANDWICHES - WINGS

SALADS - BURGERS

APPETIZERS & MORE

SEE MENU AT SEGUINBREWINGCO.COM

Family & Friends Welcome



**Native Plant Society of Texas
Guadalupe Chapter**

Water Conservation,
Harvesting and More

Dr. Larry Sunn from RainBees will discuss the current status of available drinking water, the aquifers under Guadalupe County, the Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District, rain harvesting processes and components, and how *you* can help feed *your* aquifer. Learn what you can do to conserve water in and around your home, and of course, *save money on your water bills!*****

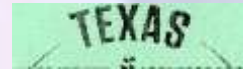
June 13, 2023 at 7.00 PM

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/>





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

Time

9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Location

AgriLife Building
210 E. Live Oak seguin, Tx 78155

Registration Deadline

July 14, 2023

Cost \$250

Includes Texas Master
Gardener Handbook

Class Size

Limited

For more information contact:

Class Coordinators

Paul Carter: mepcarter@gmail.com, 830-481-0817

Tim Steele: tlscowboys@hotmail.com, 210-385-2219

Leave Message If No Answer TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION GCMG Website:

www.gcmgtx.0fg/class_38/indexehtml

Park of the Month

Gutierrez Garden Park

By: Doris Greenstreet

Gutierrez Garden Park in Schertz is springing to life thanks to the efforts of Guadalupe County Master Gardeners and the community. The two-acre park features a butterfly garden, native plants, the Superstar Trail, a bird habitat and, coming soon, a bird prairie. The Lion's Club maintains the hummingbird garden and the nearby martial arts school works to maintain the birdhouses.

It's a special treat to stroll along the lighted walking trail that encircles the park and watch the fireflies in the evening or sit in the gazebo on a sunny day.

The Superstar Trail was recently planted with annuals such as Pentas, Serena Angelonia, Allyson Mexican Heather, Blue Daze, Laura Bush Petunia, and New Look Celosia. We welcomed a new Superstar to the park when Cub Scout Pack 51 Webelos earned their Adventure Pin by planting a Lacy Oak Tree. Bill Nodine was on hand to answer endless questions and teach the group how plants and trees are important to our ecosystem and help the environment.

The bluebonnets of last month have been reseeded in the beds as well as along the easement. Residents of the area are in for a beautiful wildflower display next Spring.

New volunteers have brought ideas, skills, and friendship to the work of maintaining this beautiful park.



Steele High School Key Club members help to plant annuals along the Superstar Trail.

Left: MG Anne Ottenad & Emma Sanchez

Right: Blake Sandoval & Melanie Perez

Gutierrez Garden Park

The park features a Butterfly Garden, Texas Superstar Trail, Lions Club Hummingbird Garden, Dojo Birdhouse Garden, Native plants, a Bird "Woods" and coming soon a Bird "Prairie." This 2-acre park features multiple garden areas beautifully maintained by the Guadalupe Master Gardeners volunteer group. The gazebo area is perfect for photo opportunities, and a shaded and lighted walking trail encircles the park, and now a new Super Star has been added! It now boasts a Lacy Oak Tree that was planted by Cub Scout Pack 51. Terresa Lynn and Several Scouts participated in this event hosted by the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Doris Greenstreet, Anne Ottenad, Mark Bollinger, William Nodine.



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.

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 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. 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: We have had such a lovely spring with nice rain, but now summer is coming. What are some good plants that can withstand the Texas heat?

A: Summer nighttime temperature in Texas is the problem, not daytime heat, according to Doug Welsh, Extension Horticulturist. Plants need lower nighttime temperatures in order to rest at night and reduce their respiration. Otherwise, respiration continues and the plant wears itself out. Annuals that have heat tolerance are marigolds, periwinkle, portulaca or moss rose, purslane, scaevola, and zinnias. Sun tolerant caladiums and coleus also do well. Perennials for the Texas summers are Firebush (*Hamelia patens*), Gold Star Esperanza, hardy hibiscus, lantana, petunia, phlox, plumbago, salvias and verbena. And remember, lantana, petunia, plumbago, all salvias and verbena attract hummingbirds to your garden.

Q: Are there particular plants that will attract birds to my yard?

A: Plants, shrubs and trees that have berries, fruits, seeds or nuts are available for our area. This includes American beautyberry, holly, elms, figs, native persimmons, oaks, pecans, sunflowers, tomatoes, and yaupon holly. Everyone has trouble with birds pecking their ripe tomatoes. I pick mine when the bottom of the tomato turns white with a tinge of red, and bring it in the house where it continues ripening.

Q: My cat has been chewing on my potted bromeliad sitting on the window sill. Is it poisonous?

A: All the sources I found on the Internet say that bromeliads are not poisonous, but could be toxic. In other words, that cat could vomit or get sick or have an allergic reaction, but won't die. Bromeliads and African violets are listed as two safe plants to have in the house with cats. However, you probably don't want your bromeliad to have raggedy cat eaten leaves. Maybe you could place it in a window in a cat free room.

Q: When do I raise the mowing height of my lawnmower?

A: Normally we increase our mowing heights during summer to decrease lawn water use and increase drought tolerance. The recommended heights in the Texas Garden Almanac are two inches for Bermuda, four inches for St. Augustine, and six inches for buffalo grass.

Q: What can we do to conserve water this summer?

A: First of all, mulch your flower beds, shrubs and around young fruit and shade trees. Not only does mulch reduce moisture evaporation from the soil, it also reduces weeds and keeps soil temperatures lower. Another way to conserve is to remove weeds from your lawn and beds because they are competing for water. Do not over fertilize the lawn because this adds to excess growth (and you will need to mow and water more). Hopefully by now you have had your irrigation system checked for the beginning of the summer season to make sure that your sprinkler heads are not wasting water on sidewalks, driveways, etc.

Check us out on

facebook.

GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added sixty-eight new members. Welcome all.

Our top contributors were Lois Light, April Rippel, and Stephanie Blankenship. Thank you to all contributors.

In June, plant okra, sweet potatoes, butter beans, cream peas, corn, Malabar spinach, vegetable amaranth, and purslane.

Plants and Herbs That Repel Mosquitos Naturally:

- Citronella Grass
- Lavender
- Marigolds
- Mint
- Eucalyptus
- Bee Balm
- Floss Flower
- Basil
- Catnip
- Lantana
- Scented Geranium
- Rosemary

Monthly Funny

My neighbor said, "If I had to smell like two things for the rest of my life then I would pick lavender and citrus, but that's just my two SCENTS."

Please continue to post your tips and photos of your gardens. You are greatly appreciated. We all learn from each other.

Enjoy Your Gardens.

Take care,
Kathy Adams



The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Grand Teton National Park Wyoming

Grand Teton NP is located in Northwest Wyoming south of Yellowstone National Park and near Jackson Hole. It covers almost 310,000 acres and has 40 miles of the major peaks in the Teton Range. The mountain peaks reach almost 14,000 ft high. The entire park is covered with forests, streams, waterfalls, lakes and the Snake River. It is open year around and offers many camping options. There are more than 200 miles of hiking trails and local outfitters offer rafting trips down the Snake River.

A drive thru the park will give you many views of the mountains and forest areas. Depending on the time of the year and the part of the day you go, you may see many of the birds and animals which call this National Park their home. There are grizzly and black bears, deer, elk, moose, bison, coyotes and much smaller mammals too. The park has documented over 300 bird species and the almost pristine ecosystem of flora and fauna are said to be the same as in prehistoric days in some areas.

I toured this National Park in August 2008 and have not visited it since. I have returned to Wyoming many times traveling to different destinations near there and I always enjoy being in the mountains and forests because there are always new sights to see.



The Wandering Gardener



Continuing Education

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through this year!!! Remember you need 6 Continuing Education hours by November or December to recertify as a Master Gardener. There are only 6 months and 5 Lunch and Learns left to work on your hours. The more we learn, the better gardeners we are. Listed in the next few pages are many continuing education opportunities. Many of them can be done without even leaving your house.

2023 Lunch and Learns

June 14—"Pollinators"—Nathan Hermond

July— No Lunch and Learn

August 9—"iNaturalist in the Garden"—Peter Hernandez

September 13—"Herbs"—Grace Emery

October 11—"Fall Gardening"—Bill Nodine

November 8—"Composting"—Peter Hernandez

December—No Lunch and Learn

Continuing Education

Are you interested in the Master Volunteer Entomology Advanced Training? Registration is now open!

Master Volunteer Entomology Advanced Training:

This course will be held virtually (all sessions recorded) and will run every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-12pm from September 5 through October 31, 2023. Learn from experts in the field of urban, medical, landscape and vegetable entomology, in addition to much more.

The link to register and see more information, such as the agenda is: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/ereg/index.php?eventid=748022&>

Every participant will receive a kit with field guides, insect identification materials, loupe, and other tools related to the course and the topics.

Thanks!

Molly Keck
Senior Program Specialist – Integrated Pest Management
Board Certified Entomologist
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Bexar County



Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2023-06/>
- December Plant Party video worthy 1.5 hrs https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/202306>
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.sabot.org/calendar/>
- Rainbow Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.rainbowgardens.biz/events/>
- Green Jays Garden Center, 100 Elm Grove Rd, Seguin, TX <https://www.greenjaygardens.com/basic-01>
- 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/2023-06/>

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_JRrQ
- “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>
- “Red Imported Fire Ant Management” by Wizzie Brown: https://youtu.be/aN_Rzm4m7KU



Continuing Education

Take Note

New Website and Email addresses for Native Plant Society:

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

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

As an alternative, you can go to the "State" website at <https://npsot.org> and use the "Chapters" tab, to select "Guadalupe".

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/](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 Opportunities

Don't let time sneak up on you. 12 Hours of volunteer time is needed to qualify for recertification in November or December. November will be here in 6 short months. Don't let time pass you by. 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. Spring hours are Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. 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.

Monday thru Friday Opportunities

- **Floresville** - Creech Prairie Farm, 1467 County Road 401. Please email for an appointment: Robert Creech at Robert@Creechprairiesrestoration.org or Melinda Creech at Melinda@Creechprairiesrestoration.org



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