

# May 2023

## Guadalupe Gardener

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

### What's Happening In May

- 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

I would like to start by thanking each and every one of you for your support. Our membership is doing great things. We've already had three successful plant sales and I'm certain Earth Day will be no exception. Your board members continue to work and improve on educational opportunities, community outreach, public training sessions, and membership growth. Things aren't slowing down, 4th of July float and Summer social are fast approaching, I'm certain both will be a huge success.

Gardening in May can be very rewarding. It's this time of year the weather starts to be hot and dry, so be vigilant about watering your plants regularly. You may want to consider a drip irrigation or other water-saving technique, due to local water restrictions.

It's also this time of year when the competitive spirit kicks in amongst us gardeners. Everyone is talking about how big their tomatoes are, jalapenos are spicier, and more blooms on their native and superstar plants. Great time to hear stories, visit gardens, enjoy your fruits, and observe the beautiful colors.

Again, thanks to each of you for time and continued support. It's a pleasure working with all of you and I'll continue to do my best to make your Guadalupe County Master Gardener one of the best in Texas.

Happy Gardening!

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# Membership Corner

*Congratulations to the March door prize drawing winner: Sarah Grimsley!*

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

Collier, Colleen	Odyssey, Ann	Jackson, Barry	Huebinger, Claire
Henry, Beth	Odyssey, Dale	Smith, Kathleen	Burnham, Teri
Knobles, Janice	Geinzer, Becky	Meade, Connie	Muschalek, Keith
Burton, Rodney	Glasgow, Millie	Ludington, Allyson	Muschalek, Robin
Mullen, Carol	Prince, Paul	Sykes, Ernestine	Haag, Gregory
Carter, Paul	Lucas, Melinda	Steele, Tim	Diotte, Leslie
Rios, Carol	McElveen, Kay	Schultze, Pat	Greenstreet, Doris
Cover, Kay	Carter, Marty	Ottenad, Anne	Sims, Judy
Bellamy, Eric	Taylor, Deneese	Hurd, George	Fox, Joyce
Mott, Keith	Richardson, Thomas	Stanley, Judy	Tremaine Black, Sandy
Lyssy, Cynthia	Gonzalez, Penny	Blankenship, Steffinie	Allen, Heather
Alexander, Deb	Cooper, Richard	Fox, Ginny	Burris, Welta

*The winner for the member drawing was Joyce Fox!*

## **Members who volunteered 25+ Hours Last Week:**

Odyssey, Dale	Knobles, Janice	Lucas, Melinda
Sykes, Ernestine	Mullen, Robert	Steele, Tim
Nodine, Bill	Meade, Connie	Carter, Paul
Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Richardson, Thomas	Cooper, Sharon
Odyssey, Ann	Lyssy, Cynthia	Prince, Paul



## **100 Hour Club for 2023:**

Dale Odyssey	Mark Bollinger	Bill Nodine
Melinda Lucas	Tim Steele	

**VMS Tip:** Check out the VMS calendar for continuing education and volunteer opportunities! Just click on the calendar event to get more information or leave a note for the event coordinator!

# Membership Corner

## Thanks to Walmart

If you go to the Walmart in Seguin, please give the garden department a big "thank you" for donating mulch, compost, and potting soil to the Master Gardener Garden at the Big Red Barn. And say thank you to the MGs that helped unload the truck after spending the morning giving school tours!

Good job ya'll!

April Rippel



# Membership Corner

## Great Work at the Earth Day Plant Sale at the Polley Mansion



Thanks to Sharon Cooper for the beautiful photos

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What a wonderful find. This Texas Sage was covered with unusual cocoons. After a closer look, three large caterpillars were found. What a magnificent insect. It was determined that it is either a Calleta Silkmoth or a Ceanothus Caterpillar. They are very close to each other and both turn into amazing moths.



Thanks to Sharon Cooper for the photos

# Membership Corner

## Garden of the Month: The Polley Mansion

Thank you to Sharon Cooper for the photography

"WHITE HALL" BUILT 1827-1828 BY JOSEPH H. POLLEY, FIRST SHERIFF IN AUSTIN COLONY, DETAILED IN 1836 TO GUARD "RUNAWAY SCRAPE," EXODUS OF SETTLERS FLEEING SANTA ANNA. CABINET WORK CAME BY SEA FROM NEW YORK, BANDERA CYPRESS FRAMING. HOUSE GUEST ROBT. E. LLE WROTE HIS LAST TEXAS LETTER FROM HERE. RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1968



# Membership Corner





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## Class 37 Update

By Beth Smith

Class 37 is two-thirds complete, and interns have been getting into the fine details of successful gardening. We have had the help of many fabulous instructors who have continued to inspire us. Our mentors and class coordinators Tim Steele and Paul Carter continue to support each of us as we complete our tests and record volunteer hours. Congratulations to Wendy Salazar who is the first intern to complete her 50 volunteer hours.

Soil was the topic of our March 21 class, with instructor Tony Provin. His presentation on Soil Characteristics and Improvements was full of valuable information. We all know how important our soil is to all those seeds we plant. Our first topic was the science of soils. This discussion provided information on soil components, texture, structure, and chemical characteristics. Soil management was next, and this included looking at soil maps which was something many of us had never seen. Most importantly, we learned about soil fertility and how to improve it. Tony expressed the importance of soil testing. Many interns shared their reports with him during breaks, getting a better understanding of amendments that can be made to their own soil.

Dennis Hale returned for our March 28 class. His first topic was a discussion of incorporating ornamentals into our landscapes. Ornamental trees and grasses were shown with details on best growing conditions, and what to expect in mature plants. Dennis also talked about Turf Grass. We had an in-depth discussion on what to plant, where to plant it, and how to maintain it. We can now take the information we received in our soil sample reports and put what we've learned into practice.

Mark Fanick began our April 11 class with a presentation on Fruit Trees. We learned about nutrients and proper planting techniques. We saw many examples of varieties that flourish in our climate. He talked about common pests and how to treat them. April Rippel followed with her presentation on Herbs. We were told about the various varieties of herbs, how they differ from spices, and their many different uses. It was a very enlightening discussion learning that herbs are used not only for seasoning our favorite recipes, but are utilized for their medicinal benefits, used in aromatherapy, and for their antimicrobial properties.

Our class on April 18 was all about ornamental trees and was presented by Nancy Masterson. Nancy took us through a detailed look at native ornamental trees that work best in our Guadalupe County landscapes. Her presentation included many beautiful trees, suited to the needs of about any environmental condition. Details about the leaves, canopy and tree structures were stressed. Following her presentation, interns were asked to identify leaf samples she brought in from various locations in Seguin. All were from trees shown during her presentation. This was great practice in tree identification, and a fun activity everyone enjoyed. She also demonstrated tool sharpening. Now, none of us have an excuse for having dull clippers.

With only a few weeks left in our journey, Class 37 is continuing to gain more knowledge and confidence with each passing class. By volunteering we are getting experience in what it means to be a Master Gardener in our community while meeting many wonderful people. We keep moving forward with our gardens, knowing the job is never done but loving every minute of the journey.



**May 18th  
Master  
Gardener  
Meeting**

**Small Space Gardens  
W/ Kathleen Scott**

**210 E Live Oak, Seguin**

**5:45 FOOD/SOCIAL TIME**

**6:30 BUSINESS**

**7:00 PRESENTATION**

**Free & Open To All**



**Native Plant Society of Texas  
Guadalupe Chapter**

***Plants of the Weston Ranch***

**The Weston Ranch lies between Marion and New Braunfels. Texas Lutheran University Faculty and students have documented over 400 species of vascular plants within the 4,000 acres of ranchland. Parts of the ranch have been heavily invaded by huisache and mesquite and a prairie restoration project began in 2019. They are measuring the effects on plant diversity caused by the clearing of the shrubs.**

**Mark Gustafson is a professor of biology at TLU. He is an ecologist and has been studying the biodiversity of Guadalupe County for many years. He is the author of “A Naturalist’s Guide to the Texas Hill Country,” published by Texas A&M Press.**

**May 9, 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/>



## 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 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: When is it time to change out my cool season annuals?**

**A:** Pretty much any time now. I notice that the flowering cabbage at the library is starting to lose leaves, and the snapdragons are about bloomed out. I cut them back but as soon as we get our usual heat, they won't be happy. Warm season annuals are marigold, penta, periwinkle, portulaca, purslane, salvia, and scaevola. My favorite of these is the periwinkle (vinca) because it does so well in those big pots.

**Q: How can I protect my vegetable plants? I just picked my first tomato and there was a hole on the bottom where something has been eating.**

**A:** If you are protecting fruits and vegetables from squirrels and birds, you can use plastic netting. Cover the plant to the ground and put soil over the bottom ends. Make sure you overlap the netting, because if there is a way to get to the fruit, squirrels and birds can find it.

Other damage can be caused by pill bugs, snails and slugs. You can control them by using slug and snail baits. Doug Welsh, Extension Horticulturist, says that some success has been achieved using saucers of beer and two-inch-wide bands of calcite clay (kitty litter).

Stinkbugs and leaf-footed bugs can also be a problem. Malcolm Beck used to say that the best deterrent was your shadow. In other words, check your plants daily and hand pick the bugs off before they go too long and get out of hand. I have had good luck grabbing these bugs and throwing them in a bucket of soapy water. Another friend smashes them with a brick.

If you must use pesticide, Welsh warns us to use the least toxic, effective pesticide labeled for the job. Notice that he mentions the label. Read the label carefully and talk to your local nursery person particularly if you are using it on vegetables. Also, remember to wear gloves, don't spray while the wind is blowing, and wear a mask. Take into account that there are many good bugs out there. To protect bees, spray in the late evening or early morning. Other good bugs include lady bugs and lacewings whose larvae eat aphids. Praying mantids eat young grasshoppers. Parasitic wasps lay their eggs in aphids and army worm caterpillars. Then when the larvae hatch, they eat the insect.

The simple answer to the bug and animal problem is to plant more than you need. Then if the problem gets ahead of you, you still have enough fruit and vegetables for your family, as well as for the local wildlife.

**Q: What can I plant in the shade and partial shade?**

**A:** Several of the sages will do well: cedar sage, lyre leaf sage, and mountain sage. Inland sea oats is a favorite landscape plant as is red and yellow columbine. Turks Cap grows well; just don't let it get away from you. Beautyberry, a wonderful shrub, is another good choice.

Check us out on  
**facebook**

## GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 26 new members to our Facebook Community.

They are interested in growing native plants, vegetables, and fruit trees. Welcome all. We are glad you are here.

Our top posts were by John T. Williams, Sandy Tremaine, Jennifer Baker. Thank you to all who posted.

### **What To Plant in May:**

Cucumbers, Eggplant, Peppers, Okra, Squash, and Corn.

### **Native Texas Plants For Shade**

- Turks Cap- Plant in shady corner by fence or under a tree.
- American Beautyberry- Plant under a tree as it can spread or near a birdbath.
- Rock Rose- Plant in part shade or dappled shade.

### **Native Texas Plants For Full Sun**

- Esperanza-Can get up to 6' tall. Great for Xeriscape area.
- Cenizo (Texas Sage)- Official State Native Shrub of Texas. Create a blooming hedge with Texas Sage.
- Gregg's Mistflower- Plant in container garden or wildflower meadow. Attracts butterflies.
- Flame Acanthus- Plant in sunny spot in perennial flower garden, Xeriscape or container pot.
- Mealy Blue Sage-. Plant in landscape bed or large container pot.

### **Texas Native Plants For Ground Covers**

- Frogfruit-. Loved by pollinators. Plant in bare patch of lawn or between stepping stones.
- Wooly Stemodia-. Mix with other native plants in a container pot.

### **Texas Native Plants For Fall**

- Fall Aster-. Plant with other perennials or in front of flower bed.
- Inland Sea Oats-. Provide winter food for birds. Plant in shady corner, an area with poor drainage, or along fence or sidewalk.

# Membership Corner



## Texas Native Plants For Winter

-Yaupon Holly-. Birds love the berries. Tolerates full sun to shade.

-Possum Haw Holly-. Plant in sunny spot.

## Monthly Funny

*What do all the flowers say as motivation every morning?*

*THISTLE be a beautiful day.*

Please continue to post photos of your gardens or garden hacks. All are appreciated.

Enjoy Your Gardens

Kathy Adams





# The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

## The Road Less Traveled: Idaho

On our trip last fall, we were traveling from Twin Falls, ID to White Dove, ID and decided to take the scenic route since we had plenty of time to arrive at our next destination. It was a good thing we started fairly early because the trip took us 5 hours instead of 2. One of the reasons it took so long was the number of times we stopped letting people pass who were in more of a hurry and the times we stopped to rest and take pictures.

This scenic drive (which was marked on our road atlas) was curvy but very scenic. We probably averaged 25 miles per hour. Most of the road was along a creek and there was varied vegetation. There were some recent and older burn areas along the mountain sides. At every stop we made we could hear birds and sometimes catch a glimpse of a deer or other wildlife along the water's edge.

Slow scenic drives are not for everyone but we really enjoy taking them when possible. They are clearly marked on state maps and good road atlas maps. It also helped that we had our own facilities with us this time so we were comfortable since this road offered much enjoyment but very few facilities.



# 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 7 months 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

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

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

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

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

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The flyer features the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension logo at the top left and the Texas A&M logo at the top right. The main title is "EARTH-KIND BROWN THUMB SERIES" with a thumbs-down icon on the left and a thumbs-up icon on the right. Below the title, it says "PRESENTED BY HORTICULTURIST, DAVID RODRIGUEZ AND CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENERS". Contact information for David Rodriguez is provided: "CONTACT: DAVID RODRIGUEZ" and "EMAIL: DRDRODRIGUEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU". A list of sessions follows: February 8th (Soils, Mulch, Compost, Benefits and Uses/Lawn Basics), March 8th (Lawn and Landscape Water Conservation/Shade Trees), March 29th (Growing Tomatoes and More), April 12th (Growing Herbs and Earth-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 photo of a red watering can, the Earth-Kind logo, and a QR code.

# Continuing Education

Don't miss this month's free presentation by David Rodriguez , "Growing Texas Superstars Plants: For the Summer, Color, Butterflies, Pollinators, and More," at Milberger's Landscape Nursery . Be sure to mark your calendars!

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EXTENSION

## 2023 SPRING MILBERGER'S LANDSCAPE NURSERY PRESENTATIONS

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

**Contact: David Rodriguez**  
dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu

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

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

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

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



# Continuing Education

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

## 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/2023-05/>
- 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/202305>
- 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/2023-05/>

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

## **2023 Texas Master Gardener Annual State Conference**

This virtual conference provides two full days (May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup>) of sessions presented by program specialists, horticulturists, biologists, and other keynote speakers.

Conference Website and Registration: <https://txmg.org/2022-conference-information>

## **Vegetable Spring Field Day @ Uvalde**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Uvalde is hosting a Vegetable Spring Field Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The field day will provide attendees with insights into the latest news and advancements in agriculture production. Topics to be covered include breeding resilient peppers, the Texas Superstar Program, artificial intelligence & automation for produce, and more!

### **Event Details**

**When:** May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 || 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM

**Where:** Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center (1619 Garner Field Rd, Uvalde, TX 78801)

**Presented by Dr. Daniel Leskovar, Professor and Center Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research Uvalde**

- 3 CEUs will be given by attending this session.

This session will be **FREE**, but an RSVP is required by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please email [liza.silva@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:liza.silva@ag.tamu.edu) or call (830) 988-6126 to RSVP.

## **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 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:

Tuesday, May 2 , need 3 volunteers

Thursday, May 4 need 1 volunteer

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



# 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](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)

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Biggest Small-Town 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Texas

The GCMG has been invited to have a float in the parade again this year. Last year our GCMG float won first prize and we can do it again!

Now we need a team of enthusiastic volunteers and a team leader to coordinate and decorate a parade float. We need to have a team leader soon so we can submit an application to the Seguin parade committee.

The parade will be discussed at the GCMG members meeting on Thurs., April 20, 2023.

## Water Fairs

I am looking for some help from master gardeners and master naturalists for our county water fairs! We have two this year, they are:

Friday, May 12 – Navarro Water Fair  
Monday, May 15 – Schertz Water Fair

We usually have the Master Gardeners help with the rainfall simulator and the naturalists with the stream trailer. I will have all of the stuff and supplies, but will need help presenting, especially on May 12...Jeff and Travis have a beef cattle program that day and they usually present for me! I have scripts for both as well. Please let me know if you have any questions!

### **Matthew J. Miranda M.Ed.**

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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.

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## 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.

## Monday thru Friday Opportunities

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



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