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Guadalupe Gardener

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

Reminders for July

- Fourth of July Parade
- Check out page 6 for ideas of things you may have to help out Kathleen for the county fair!
- There is a new class starting in August and there are many seats available. Please tell your family and neighbors.
- Now is the time to contemplate the position that you would like to hold next year!
- Volunteer! There is something for everyone!
- Seed Exchanges on Mondays in the library!

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President's Message

Where does the time go? Can you believe we're halfway through the year? We, as a membership, have done some amazing things thus far, such as great success with our plant sales, outstanding lunch and learns, and a Class 37 Graduation. This graduation was a huge success, every student completed the entire program and more than half the students certified as Master Gardeners. Both are firsts for the membership. Amazing! This shows we're bringing in the best instructors and educators to provide high quality training to individuals eager to learn gardening. We're not slowing down either, the 4th of July float is being prepped by some outstanding Class 37 graduates.

Now we are preparing for class 38. The County Fair will be here before you know it, and elections for 2024 Board of Directors will soon be upon us. There are multiple positions which will be vacant. Lastly, we'll be gathering for our holiday social. What a year it's been thus far, certain the remainder will be just as successful.

How are all you gardeners dealing with this sweltering heat? I'm doing my best to keep my garden colorful. I hate to say it, but I have given up on my vegetables, other than a few pepper plants and purple hull peas. Turks cap and cone flowers are thriving, as they seem to love the heat. Remember, watering is crucial during this scorching hot weather. Plants can quickly dehydrate. It's recommended to water deeply and infrequently, than to water shallow and frequently. You can add a layer of mulch in garden beds to help retain moisture and reduce evaporation. Consider watering in the early morning, minimizes water loss and lessens chance of diseases.

Thanks to all of you for making this first six months so easy for me. Appreciate the time and support each of you give to the GCMG. Wishing all gardeners, family, and friends a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.

Be safe, stay hydrated, and happy gardening.

Mark "Bo" Bollinger
President 2023



MONTHLY MEETING!

Prep the Garden For Winter

SPEAKER: MARK FANICK

THURSDAY, JULY 20 7:00 - 8:00 PM

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**GUADALUPE CO. MASTER GARDENERS
210 LIVE OAK ST. - SEGUIN, TX**

Lunch and Learn

July 12, 2023

12 to 1pm at the Seguin AgriLife Center

THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES



Nathan Hermond
Extension Associate, Entomologist
Cooperative Extension Program
Prairie View A&M University
nchermond@pvamu.edu



Open Attendees will be introduced to native bee species and their benefits in agriculture and the environment. This presentation emphasizes the necessity of alternative pollinators in order to maintain crop production and provides an understanding of how native animals and plants must be the focus in efforts to boost conservative practices to the public.

Membership Corner

There was no door prize or volunteer drawing due to the summer social.

Congratulations to our newest members!

Niki Lake (class 35); and from class 37: Cristina Cronin, Maria Dykes, Larry Fowler, Connie Gueits, David Koepp, Paula Oxford, Kim Riggs, Mike Saddler, Wendy Salazar, Beth Smith, Brenda Smith, Linsha Wingate

Total certified members: 143

Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month:

Dale Odvody	Ann Odvody	Anne Ottenad
Niki Lake	Beth Smith	Tim Steele
Bill Nodine	Denise Leverich	Paul Carter
Mark "Bo" Bollinger		

100 Hour Club for 2023:

Mark "Bo" Bollinger	Rodney Burton	Paul Carter
Beth Henry	Denise Leverich	Kay McElveen
Mark Mullen	Ann Odvody	Paul Prince
April Rippel	Wendy Salazar	Beth Smith
Ernestine Sykes	Pam Younger	

200 Hour Club for 2023:

Anne Ottenad	Tim Steele	Melinda Lucas
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300 Hour Club for 2023:

Bill Nodine	Dale Odvody
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VMS Tip: Don't forget to log your hours in VMS before the end of the month to be eligible for the volunteer drawing at next month's meeting!

Membership Corner



Hello All,

The GCMGs will once again have a float in the Seguin 4th of July parade.

Beth Smith and her team from Class 37 have been hard at work creating a beautiful float for this year's parade. If you would like to walk the parade route passing out seeds next to the GCMG float, please contact Beth ASAP.

For your participation, and to use during the parade, you will receive a patriotic garden pocket apron and a neck cooler, same as last year's. You can view the apron & neck cooler in the photo below, from 2022.

Beth's email contact info: basmith5518@gmail.com.

If you can't volunteer, please plan to watch the parade from the sidelines and cheer on our float!

April Rippel
GCMG Past President



Membership Corner

Congratulations to class 37



Thanks to Beth Smith for the bottom photo.

Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Fair

October 12-15, 2023

This year for the county fair our theme is Creepy Crawlies. We will have a large area set up for children's crafts. The activities will be binoculars, suncatcher spider webs, pipe cleaner spiders, a build-a-bug station, and coloring pages. The membership has been great in donating empty toilet paper tubes for the binoculars--always a hit with the kids! I am now asking for donations of construction paper (any color), tissue paper (any color), egg cartons, googly eyes, kid stickers, pom poms (any size), and any craft supply that you think could be used to build a bug. So, look through your supply crafts and see what you'd like to get rid of.

I am ready to form a committee for planning purposes and ideas for our booth. If you have volunteered for the committee in the past, you know that it does not involve a lot of your time. We will meet in July, August, and September on the third Thursday from 4:15 p.m. -5:15 p.m.. These are the same days as our regular monthly meetings. Just come a little early and attend both! All are welcome! Contact me at kathleensmith1214@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Kathleen Smith

2023 County Fair Coordinator

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” Boliinger

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**

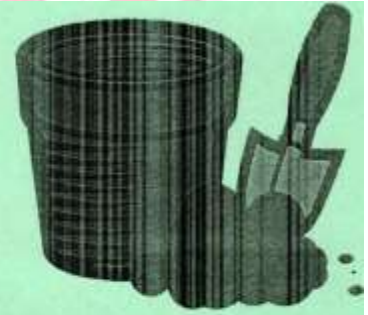
Special Committees (unlimited terms):

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



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:

https://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 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: I have a mature live oak that did not produce leaves last summer. As it was mature, I wasn't watering it, despite the heat. This year, it's sprouting from the trunk. Should I cut it down, or top it out?

A: First of all, why didn't it produce leaves? Oak Wilt, stress from cold, stress from lack of water, herbicide—any of these could be a cause. I think you should probably contact an arborist to come out and look at your tree. Your local extension office should be able to help you find one.

The Austintexas.gov site has a Tree Care pdf (<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/tree-information-center>) that lists signs of stress. These include leaves that are scorched, wilting, unusual colors, prematurely shedding or turning brown without falling. Twigs and branches that are dying might indicate root problems and overall tree decline. Cut or damaged roots. Mushrooms around the base of tree. Signs of internal decay on large trees or limbs should be inspected by a certified arborist for risk (such as cavity openings, nesting holes, mushrooms, carpenter ants, termites and missing wood).

As for the water question, wildflower.org thinks that even mature trees need water infrequently. A young new tree needs water at least twice a week. This is effective because the roots are close to the trunk. As the tree matures, the roots go farther out. A mature oak will have roots at least two to three times the circumference of height of the tree. This will be beyond the shade line or dripline of the tree. Wildflower suggests a sprinkler moved from place to place around the root area.

On small trees I have had good luck cutting off dead wood and choosing one of the sprouts as a new leader. But your tree sounds awfully large for you to use this technique. Again, I suggest you have an arborist come on site, look, and tell you what to do.

Q: My friend tells me that she starts her fall tomatoes, squash, and pumpkins in July. Why so early? And why should I want a fall garden?

A: Doug Welsh, in his Texas Garden Almanac, says that the quality of fall crops is much higher with less chance of bitter taste developing. Also, rainfall is more frequent in the fall. Insect pest populations are on the decline, and the weather is more pleasant for you (at least we will hope so this year). Fall gardening takes a few math skills. You need to check your seed packets because some plants take two months from seed to the beginning of harvest, and others take three months. Your warm season crops will be killed by the first fall frost. So look at last year's first frost and count back three months to know when to plant. My first freeze last year was December 23 but who knows what this year's will be. When Welsh wrote his book, the first frost date for San Antonio was November 28 (so we would have planted August 28). My suggestion for a small garden is not to plant from seed, but to put in small plants from the nursery.

Check us out on

facebook

FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 36 new members to our GCMG Facebook Community. Welcome all.

Our top posts were from April Rippel, Ana Rosita Olvera Garcia, and Lance Heller. Thank you all for your contributions.

What To Plant In July:

Blackeyed Peas, Cantalope, Corn, Cucumbers, Snake Beans, Summer Squash, Sweet Potato Slips, Tomatillos, Tomatoes, Watermelon, Basil, Bay Laurel, Catnip, Lamb's Ear, Lavender, Marigolds, Oregano, Petunias, Rosemary, Sage, Sunflowers, Thyme, Vinca Cora, Zinnias.

Praying Mantis-Helpful Insect In Your Garden

Attract Praying Mantis with plants in the Rose or Raspberry family, tall grasses and shrubbery where they can seek shelter. Look for egg cases in your garden. You can also purchase Praying Mantis egg cases or adult Mantids from the garden store and raise them in your garden. Place egg cases in refrigerator until weather is warm then place egg case one to two feet off the ground in branches with good leaf cover to keep ants from eating baby mantis. Eggs will hatch after 10-15 days. Baby Mantis survive on small soft bodied insects. Then as they grow, they start eating grasshoppers, aphids, caterpillars, crickets, moths, small mice, and other praying mantis in the garden.

Angelica, Cosmos, Yarrow, Marigold, Raspberry Canes, Dill, Caraway and Fennel also attract them. Praying Mantis enjoy drinking water from shallow dishes with layers of rocks and pebbles to cover the bottom. Benefits of having Praying Mantis in your garden - organic natural pest control.

Monthly Funny

A Praying Mantis was carrying plants, his friend stops him and says, "Hey Bob, I thought you weren't supposed to bring home any more plants.". Bob replies, "Yes, but I did it anyway as Suzy will probably bite my head off when I get home."

Thank you all for your contributions and posts. You are always appreciated. We learn from each other. Have fun and enjoy your garden.

Take care,
Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

International Peace Garden

North Dakota/Canada

The International Peace Garden was designed and begun in the early 1930's. It covers 2,399 acres and is located in the geographical center of North America. In 1934 the CCC began building its first structures and now there are more than 200 in the Garden.

The International Peace Garden is located in the heart of the Turtle Mountains. It is open year around and offers camping and winter sports. There are many hiking and biking trails and a paved drive through the property. Along the drive there are many stops you can make with overlooks of creeks, lakes, wooded areas, picnic tables and playgrounds for the children. You may encounter deer and other wildlife in the area. The ponds usually have birds of many types depending on the season.

There are formal gardens and native trails which you can wander through. Guided tours are offered during certain times of the years as well as workshops, adult and children's camps and educational programs. As this Garden is located in both the United States and Canada be sure you check the document requirements for entering and leaving both.





Continuing Education

It is hard to believe that we are 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

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



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

2023 Advanced Training: Herbs

Hosted & Conducted by Collin County – McKinney

The Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Advanced Training: Herbs was created as an intensive multi-day training that would empower certified Master Gardeners throughout the state with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service efforts in Earth-Kind® environmental educational programs in their counties.

When: September 13 – 15, 2023

Where: Myers Park and Event Center, 7117 Co. Rd 1669, McKinney, TX 75071. For application and agenda with topics, visit: <https://txmq.org/>



Class space is limited, apply early.

Application Deadline: August 13, 2023

Upon acceptance: Registration fee is \$250 (includes 2 lunches, 1 dinner, 2 continental breakfasts, snacks, and a reception the first evening.)

For more information, please contact Brad Voss, Collin County Extension Agent Horticulture @ Charles.voss@aq.tamu.edu. Address: 825 North McDonald Street, Suite 150, McKinney, TX 75069

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Continuing Education

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



Turfgrass Management for Homeowners



Basics of Turfgrass Management (Lawn and Maintenance Care) This class will address the basics of grasses suitable for our region as well as their characteristics. We will go over turf grass management, and common problems encountered by the homeowner, to include mowing, cultivation, irrigation basics, weed and nutrient management and insect and disease control.

Presenter: Dennis Hale

Cost: \$10

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023

Time: 08:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Address: Hosted by GCMG & Texas A&M AgriLife Ext Office, Travis Franke CEA, 210 East Live Oak Seguin, TX 78155

RSVP/Online Registration: Yes

RSVP - required by 15 July 2023: Please call 512-380-9616 or 210-607-0045 or email william.nodine@att.net

Online Registration - required by 15 July 2023: **Link:** <https://www.gcmgtx.org/Turf%20Management%20Class/index.html>

Payment methods: At the door: cash or check, Online: to prepay by credit card (a small service fee will apply 35¢)

Space Limited to 80!

For more information and questions Email William H. Nodine at william.nodine@att.net .

Continuing Education

Fort Bend County – Grow Your Own Series: Cool Season Vegetables & Herbs

August 5 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am

FREE

Part five of a six-part series: Should you sow seeds or buy transplants? How about herbs? Learn about choosing the right vegetables for fall and early winter.

Register online: <https://fortbend.agrilife.org/grow-your-own/> or call 281-633-7029. Class will be held at: Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Road, Rosenberg, TX 77471

Fort Bend County – Landscape Success Series: Trees for Small Landscapes

August 18 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

FREE

Part six of an eight-part series: Do you have a small yard? No worries – we will talk about small ornamental trees that you can plant both in your front and back yards when space is an issue.

Register in advance to watch via Zoom at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcOusrzwtE9Tdq3acBTGytxQ7SW-qp9>

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.

Continuing Education

Youth Gardens Advanced Leadership Training

There is now a registration link up and running for our 2023 Summer Youth Gardens Advanced Leadership Training!

This training will enhance skills needed for your established Youth Gardening Program. The training will offer:

- One on one interaction with speakers and specialists.
- Hands-on demonstrations
- Junior Master Gardener curricula and gear
- Light breakfast and lunch provided

Register here: <https://agriferegister.tamu.edu/756700>

Deadline for registration is Friday, July 14th, 2023
SPACE IS LIMITED, \$100 FEE

Please remember to fill out the attached group enrollment form and email it to Adnres Villagren at andres.villagran@ag.tamu.edu. The group enrollment form can be found on the front page under the name "Group Registration form".

Feel free to contact me or Nick Vazquez (nick.vazquez@ag.tamu.edu) for any questions about registration.

Hope to see y'all there!

Thank you,

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

Horticulture | Texas A&M AgriLife

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

ph: 210.631.0400 | andres.villagran@ag.tamu.edu

Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2023-07/>
- 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/202307>
- 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/2023-07/>

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



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 4 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 reasons,

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, rkm.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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210 East Live Oak St.
Seguin, TX 78155

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners <http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org> 830-379-1972 Ext 210

Guadalupe County Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension <http://guadalupe.agrilife.org/> 830-379-1972

Texas Master Gardeners <http://txmg.org>

GCMG Officers & Board of Directors 2023

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