



August 2023 Guadalupe Gardener

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

Reminders for August

- Check out page 10 for ideas of things you may have to help out Kathleen for the county fair!
- Fun Craft ideas for the next Plant Sale
- Now is the time to contemplate the position that you would like to hold next year!
- Volunteer! There is something for everyone!
- Seed Exchange and sorting on Mondays in the AgriLife library!

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings!

The President's message will no longer be featured in the upcoming newsletters due to time issues. I have been the editor of the newsletter for 2 full years now and I enjoy doing it. However, It takes a lot of time to put it together every month and get it to my wonderful proofreaders on time. I'd like to thank Randee Malmsten and Mary Miller for giving me their time each month to proofread the 30 pages, on average, that I send to them at the end of each month.

As with every job, or volunteer job, there is more that goes into it than what most people can ever imagine. I'd like to share a little with you what it means to publish the newsletter. It takes an average of 20 hours a month to put it all together. Some things are preference, while others are just basic formatting. When I acquired the job from Mary Miller, she had a specific style that she used. However, I have changed a few things since then, making it my own style. Like anything, the finished product does not show the work detail that is behind it.

Every month there are free backgrounds and clip art to locate and select, borders and pictures are changed, and documents are uploaded, proofed and downloaded. Hyperlinks are updated and added so that when you click on one, you actually get to the page that was intended. Outdated material has to be located and removed. After receiving all the needed articles, updates, dates and photos, some photos have to be resized to fit the newsletter. After all of this, I do another proof over the newsletter and then save it as a PDF and email it to Randee and Mary and they have to have time to read over it and check out the links, then they make notes of what they find that needs to be edited and send it back to me. I make all of the changes and then give it another once over before I head to VMS. Once there, I email a copy just to me to make sure that it converts properly. If it doesn't, changes have to be made. If it does, then I email it out to all of the recipients through VMS, then go back and upload it to VMS.

I start on around the 19th or 20th every month and I usually finish around midnight on the last day of the month. I was asked if I would like to keep this position for the year to come and I immediately said yes. I really enjoy editing the newsletter. I was told that I don't have to stress about getting it done and published by the first of the month, but I am a stickler for deadlines and feel that once we stop viewing deadlines as "optional" then nothing gets done on time.

Thank you for letting me share. Happy gardening.

Melinda J Lucas

Newsletter Editor



Membership Corner

Congratulations to our door prize winner - Ginny Fox!

Total certified members: 143

Congratulations to Joyce Friesenhahn, winner of the volunteer drawing!

Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours and eligible for drawing (28):

Paul Prince	Ann Odvody	Ernestine Sykes
Beth Henry	Dale Odvody	Anne Ottenad
Janice Knobles	Marilyn Moltz	Joyce Friesenhahn
Rodney Burton	Caroline Moody	Maria Dykes
Joyce Fox	Kay Cover	Kay McElveen
Paul Carter	Melinda Lucas	Tim Steele
Pat Schultze	Keith Mott	Kimberley Riggs
Wendy Salazar	Beth Smith	Brenda Smith
Kathleen Smith	Mike Woodlee	Welta Burris
Connie Gueits		

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:

Janice Knobles	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	Sharon Cooper
Anne Ottenad	Brenda Smith	

200 Hour Club for 2023:

Mark Bollinger	Tim Steele	Melinda Lucas
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300 Hour Club for 2023:

Bill Nodine	Dale Odvody
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VMS Tip: Looking for volunteer opportunities? Check the VMS calendars!

Master Gardeners

Monthly Membership Meeting

August 17, 2023

Food Forests

210 Live Oak St. Seguin, TX

- 5:45 Social - Good Food
- 6:30 Meeting
- 7:00 Presentation

Speaker:
Jaaz McNair of
South Eden Food Forest



Free and
Open to the Public

Membership Corner Monthly Meeting



Membership Corner

Crafts that count for Volunteer Hours



What do we need?

With Christmas approaching, we will be adding garden decor to our next 3 plant sales. Items will be similar to those you see in the pictures here (garden gnomes, painted pots, fairy totems and pots, plant markers, etc.). We will have at least 2 crafting meetings at the Ag building between now and October (to be determined and I will post on VMS as soon as I have confirmed dates). It'll be an easy, air-conditioned, fun way to earn volunteer hours!

- Terra Cotta Pots (2", 3", 4" or bigger) *nicer plastic ok too
- tiny pebble rocks
- hot glue sticks
- Polymer Clay (oven bake variety, *especially white)
- Wooden plant tags (*circle okay too)
- wire stakes (*with hooks and without)
- 2"-4" smooth rocks for plant tags
- larger rocks for fairy doors and houses
- larger beads
- acrylic paint



IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE OR WANT TO CRAFT WITH US, CONTACT ME AT: SPARROWPUCKETT@GMAIL.COM

Membership Corner

Awards

CMG introduced two awards this month: The Starfish Award and the Master Gardener of the Season.

The Starfish Award is based on the story by Loren Eiseley and is given to members who've made a difference. The ten members of the 4th of July Float Team received the Starfish Award: Cristina Cronin, Joyce Fox, Connie Gueitz, Benna Hunter, Dawn Patterson, Kimberley Riggs, Wendy Salazar, Brenda Smith, Kathleen Smith, and Beth Smith. Several other members who received the Starfish Award for making a difference are Judy Stanley, Melinda Lucas, and Kay McElveen. Any member can nominate another member for this award. If you'd like to nominate someone who's made a difference to you, to the GCMG, or to the community, then look for the email requesting nominees soon!

The second award presented was the Master Gardener of the Season. The winner of the Master Gardener of the Season for Summer is Beth Smith. Beth was a student in the last MG class and has already logged over 215 volunteer hours. She's been involved in plant sales, teaching and training staff members at the Mercer-Blumberg Learning Academy, giving tours at the Red Barn, and leading the 4th of July Float Team. Her willingness to step up, her brilliance in creativity and design, and her ability to guide the team won "Best Overall" float in the Seguin parade. Beth is amazing and truly deserving of this recognition! You can nominate a member for this award based on projects they've done during the calendar year, and nominees will be solicited several weeks before the meetings in October, January, April, and July. One of the GCMG award winners will compete at the Texas Master Gardeners Association (TGMA) for the Texas Outstanding Master Gardener Award.



Membership Corner

Starfish Award



Congratulations to last month's Starfish Award recipients! This award recognizes Master Gardeners or Interns who have made a difference - to another member, to the organization, or to the community. At each membership meeting, the Starfish Award is your opportunity to identify these wonderful people. Any member can nominate another member or intern. **There's no form to fill out - simply email Denise at dleverich965@gmail.com.**

The next membership meeting is August 17th. To nominate someone for the Starfish Award, please reply to this email by August 10th with the following information:

1. Name of person you're nominating:
2. Your name:
3. How this person has made a difference (this can be read by you or a board member):
4. Would you like to personally recognize them at the meeting or have a board member read your nomination?

Denise Leverich

Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Fair

The 2023 Guadalupe County Fair is fast approaching. It will be held Thursday, October 12th through Sunday, October 15th at the Seguin Fairgrounds. Our booth will be located inside the coliseum. Lots of activities are planned again this year. We will be giving away seed packets thanks to a generous donation made by **Lowe's Home Improvement of New Braunfels** and **Walmart of Seguin**. You're sure to find great garden items among our raffle prizes. **RenShirts** will be donating two rain barrels this year and **Target** has donated a gift card! Other prizes include metal planters, Diamond Paintings by **Carol Suchan**, Harley-Davidson limited edition heirloom plates and a leather Harley-Davidson jacket donated by **Anne Ottenad**, a one-year **Black Card Planet Fitness** membership, a 3-month membership to the **Guadalupe County Wellness Center**, and much more! We'll also be selling some wonderful plants to get your fall garden started.

I'll be sending out a link to sign up for work shifts for the fair through Sign Up Genius this month, so be looking for an email coming through VMS.

Get your homegrown goodies ready to enter the horticulture competition. The full details of how to enter can be found at the AgriLife Building by the front door, or by emailing me at kathleen-smith1214@gmail.com. We'll also be hosting the Pumpkin Decorating Contest again this year. Pam Younger is planning lots of great prizes for the winners! She's added a Senior category for those 75 and older. You will get a free pass to the fair for each horticulture and decorated pumpkin entry that you bring. Enter as many items as you'd like.

Looking forward to a great fair!

Kathleen Smith
2023 Guadalupe County Fair Coordinator



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 kathleen-smith1214@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” Bolliinger

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 - **Vacant**

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 members 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

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: adrappel@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: My poor rose bushes are very unhappy from the heat. Is there anything that I should be doing to help them?

A: The Texas Garden Almanac suggests starting in mid-August to prepare for fall blooms. Roses can be pruned back about 25 percent. This will cause new growth which will lead to blooms. Old blooms and diseased rose leaves should be removed. Fertilize with straight nitrogen at the drip line of each bush in mid-August. Be sure to water after you prune and fertilize and try to keep the water off of the foliage and blooms (although if you have lawn irrigation, that will be almost impossible). Mulch can be added under the plants to reduce soil moisture evaporation and to help reduce weed growth.

While we are on soil moisture, I would like to pass along a tree watering hint. Most sources suggest laying a hose at the tree's drip line and moving it around. My husband took a number of those big buckets from one of the big box stores and drilled one eighth or even quarter-inch holes about one-half inch from the bottom all around the bucket. He then placed these around the drip line of the tree he wanted to water, and filled each with water. The water came out slowly which allowed it to penetrate the soil. No wasted water, and no moving the hose.

Q: I spotted poison ivy in my flower bed. Any suggestions for dealing with it?

A: I have had good luck spraying the small plants with glyphosate (carefully – and only on the poison ivy). One or two plants required a second spraying. The Texas Workers' Compensation Commission has a great fact sheet on the Internet called [HS04-0641\(11-04\) Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac Fact Sheet](#). It has many helpful hints including the fact that speed is of the essence. If you touch poison ivy, within ten minutes, clean the exposed skin with isopropyl alcohol. Then wash with cold water (no soap). Soap should not be used with the cold water wash because it picks up the urushiol (a chemical in the poison ivy sap) from the skin and moves it around. Then take a shower with soap and warm water. Clean your shoes, clothes, and tools with alcohol and water. (Wear gloves, and throw them away when you are finished.)

Q: I have a Warren pear tree and a Kieffer pear tree. How do I know when the fruit is ripe?

A: I would say when you see the squirrels eating them, except that they've been doing that all along. Warren pears ripen in August; Kieffer, our canning pear, ripens in late September. They are ready to harvest when they change from hard to firm. Finish ripening inside says AgriLife because pears remaining on the tree too long ripen poorly and have poorer texture and flavor. Refrigerate after ripening.

FYI: I leave you with a lovely quote from Extension Horticulturist Doug Welsh when he was writing about the lawn in the summer drought: Realize that brown is a color, too. And, remember to keep those birdbaths full.

Check us out on

facebook

FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 67 new Facebook Community members. Welcome all. They want to learn how to grow vegetables and herbs and how to plan a fall garden.

Top Contributors were Lisa Knopf, Beth Smith and April Rippel. Thank you to all who contributed.

Planning A Fall Garden

1. Draw out your garden space.
2. Select plants for fall garden.
 - Add tomato transplants between August and first week of September.
 - In fall when weather is cooler, add herbs Dill, Fennel, Cilantro, and Parsley.
 - Warm season fall vegetables are Cucumbers, Summer Squash, Green Beans, Tomatoes, and Peppers.
 - Mid to late September add Lettuce, Mustard Greens, Peas, Radishes, Swiss Chard, Leeks, and Kale.
 - Mid to late September sow Carrots and Beets.
3. Plant seeds or seedlings.
4. Sow seeds- follow package directions.
5. Plan where to plant new seeds.
6. Prepare your beds for planting.
7. Plant

Flowers for cooler weather are Calendula, Echinacea, Lamb's Ear, Lavender, and Marigolds.

Monthly Funny

Thought I'd purchase a tall herb plant but actually turned out to be tiny. No big Dill.

Thank you for contributing and posting. We all learn from each other.
Enjoy your gardens.

Take care,
Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Southwest US Cacti

Texas, Arizona, New Mexico

As I am writing my article on this very hot July day, I am thinking about the places I have traveled in the southwest and the variety of cactus I have seen. Many varieties grow in all states but some are only seen in certain areas. I have traveled thru these three states many, many times in the last 20 years. Some of my trips have been very dull in color with very few varieties blooming, yet others were full of color everywhere I looked.

Cacti range in size from very small cactus that you might step on if you are not looking, to Saguaro (found only in Arizona) which can reach 40 feet in height. There are single trunk plants and full multi limbed plants like our local prickly pear. It always amazes me that no matter how hot and dry it becomes, they seem to thrive and still provide shade, nutrition and housing for birds, reptiles and mammals.

If you are looking for great cactus viewing visit Big Bend National Park, Saguaro National Park, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, or Valley of Fires Recreational Area just to name a very few. I have included pictures of several varieties I have been lucky enough to see in bloom. Remember, the desert can be a beautiful place to visit!





Continuing Education

Snapshot of July - 162 certified Members

23% have "0" hour - 37 Members: down from 46.

8% have "1" hour – 14 members: no change.

18% have "2.5" hour - 29 members: down from 31.

51% have "6" plus hours - 81 members: up from 48.

2023 Lunch and Learns

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

September 13—"Herbs"—Karen Gardner

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@ag.tamu.edu. Address: 825 North McDonald Street, Suite 150, McKinney, TX 75069

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Continuing Education

2023 FALL YOUTH GARDENS EDUCATOR TRAINING

Saturday, September 16, 2023
7:50am - 12:30pm
San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Place
San Antonio, TX 78209
\$30

This training was developed for
volunteers, educators, and
teachers in support of Youth
Gardening in the classroom.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**

For questions, contact
andres.villagran@ag.tamu.edu



Contact: Andres.Villagran@ag.tamu.edu

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

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2023-08/>
- 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/202308>
- 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>
(please check website. Classes may not be held in August due to heat)
- 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/2023-08/>

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

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, rcm.marcotte@gmail.com or Liz Romero, fleurromero@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunity



Plant Sales
2023



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have 3 more plants sales and we will still need your help to end the year strong!
-Sarah Puckett

Upcoming Sales:

Guadalupe County Fair
10/11-10/15

Fall Trades Day/Pecan Fest 10/28

Yules Fest 12/3

We Still Need Your Help:

- Help by donating your time at the plant booths.
- Help by picking up plants from wholesalers
- Help by donating craft supplies
- Help by crafting the garden decor to sell

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact me. I will get back with you as soon as possible about how you can help. Every little bit counts, big or small.

CONTACT ME

sparrowpuckett@gmail.com



**Guadalupe County
Master Gardeners**

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 Anne Ottenad at 210-860-3636 or email her at Ron.anne.ottenad@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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