



# September 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 September

- Volunteer openings for GC Fair!
- Fun Craft ideas for the next Plant Sale
- We have new camera equipment & need volunteers to record events
- Now is the time to contemplate the position that you would like to hold next year!
- Seed Exchange and sorting on Wednesdays in the AgriLife library!

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# Letter from the Editor

Greetings!

I love Autumn! I get excited just thinking about the change in the weather, the air and in people's attitudes. I call it "holiday mode" and it is definitely a mindset. I know after all of this heat that we are all anticipating some much needed rain and cooler weather.

We all have a lot to be excited about. Starting with the Guadalupe County fair that will take place at the second week of October. Are you volunteering or participating? Now is the time to start thinking about entries you want to turn as well as hours you would like to earn for volunteer hours. The hours are very flexible. Even if you can just go and help Kathleen organize seeds or tables, or rearrange plants on the tables so that they all fit. You can also bring in the extra plants that you started from a cutting and now you are wondering what to do with them. This is a win-win, you get rid of plants that you don't want to find a place for when the weather gets colder and you help the organization by donating the plant to be sold. The best part is that you get to record hours for taking care of the plant and bringing it to the fair. Please take a minute to properly label the plant with it's name and any other information that will help it's new owner take care of it.

Not wanting to deal with plants right now when you are wondering how anything is even still alive? You can decorate a pumpkin and enter to win a prize at Pam's pumpkin booth. If you don't think you are creative enough (you are probably wrong), you can also help receive the pumpkins from those who are dropping them off, or judge the pumpkins when the time comes. Just reach out to Kathleen and Pam and ask them where they need help.

Let's all keep in mind that we are getting close to the end of the year and volunteers are needed to fill seats. It is a great time to read up on what each position entails and try out a volunteer position for 2024. You can even shadow one of the current volunteers so that you get the hang of it before January, or so that you can see if it is something you would like to do.

These next 4 weeks will go by fast, so please don't procrastinate. Let's all give our love to our organization.

Wishing you all cooler weather and rain,

Melinda J Lucas

Newsletter Editor

# Membership Corner

**Total certified members: 143**

**Congratulations to our door prize winner - Barry Jackson!**

***Congratulations to Ernestine Sykes, winner of the volunteer drawing!***

## **Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours and eligible for drawing (32):**

Paul Prince	Ann Odvody	Ernestine Sykes
Beth Henry	Dale Odvody	Anne Ottenad
Janice Knobles	Peter Hernandez	Joyce Friesenhahn
Rodney Burton	Caroline Moody	Rebecca Geinzer
Joyce Fox	Kay Cover	Kay McElveen
Paul Carter	Melinda Lucas	Tim Steele
Pat Schultze	Ann Landeros	Kimberley Riggs
Wendy Salazar	Beth Smith	Brenda Smith
Kathleen Smith	Marilyn Moltz	Eric Bellamy
Mary Miller	Judy Stanley	Marty Carter
John Watkins	Richard Cooper	

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

Dale Odvody	Ann Odvody	Paul Carter
Beth Smith	Brenda Smith	Tim Steele
Kay Cover	Melinda Lucas	Denise Leverich
Pam Younger	Bill Nodine	Mark "Bo" Bollinger

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

Sharon Cooper	Rodney Burton	Kimberley Riggs
Beth Henry	Kay Cover	Kay McElveen
Mark Mullen	Ann Odvody	Paul Prince
April Rippel	Wendy Salazar	Brenda Smith
Ernestine Sykes	Pam Younger	Janice Knobles
Anne Ottenad		

## **200 Hour Club for 2023:**

Mark Bollinger	Beth Smith	Melinda Lucas
Denise Leverich	Paul Carter	

# Membership Corner

**300 Hour Club:** Tim Steele

**400 Hour Club:** Bill Nodine and Dale Odvody

**VMS Tip:** Put your hours in VMS by the end of the month to be eligible for the monthly volunteer drawing!

**Guadalupe County Master Gardeners and now accepting applications for class 39.**

**If anyone you know may be interested in attending this class, please visit:**

**[https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/files/2023/08/2024Flyer\\_Done.jpg](https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/files/2023/08/2024Flyer_Done.jpg)**



# Membership Corner

**September 21, 2023**

**Monthly Meeting**

The Rise, Fall, & Restoration  
of the Tall Grass Prairie

*W/ Bob & Melinda Creech*

*210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX*

*5:45 Food / Social Time*

*6:30 Business*

*7:00 Presentation*

**Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**

*Free & Open to the Public*

# Membership Corner



## Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Training for 2024 - Class 39



*Become a Certified Master Gardener*

Master Gardener is an education sharing horticultural program through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the Texas Master Gardener Association, and the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners. Our mission is to improve our community through volunteering and providing educational outreach programs.

### Schedule

Every Tuesday  
January 23 - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Time

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Location

AgriLife Building  
210 E. Live Oak Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

### What you get

64 Educational Class Hours  
The Texas Master Gardener Handbook (in 60 issues)  
Official Master Gardener T-Shirt  
Field Trips and Hands on Training  
Professional Credited Speakers

### Tuition for one Seat: \$250

Or

**Tuition for two Seats: \$420 (Share one Handbook)**

Both applicants get a Master Gardener t-shirt!

### Applications will be accepted Until the Class is Full

Class Seats fill up quickly - Sign up **Now** to ensure your seat!

For On-Line Class 39 complete Information, Applications, & payment methods:  
[www.getingtx.org/Class\\_39/index.html](http://www.getingtx.org/Class_39/index.html)

Need more information? Contact one of our Class 39 Coordinators:

Paul Carter: [mcpcarter111@gmail.com](mailto:mcpcarter111@gmail.com) 830-481-0817

Tim Steele: [tsteeleboys@hotmail.com](mailto:tsteeleboys@hotmail.com) 210-385-2219

April D. Rippel: [adrrippel@gmail.com](mailto:adrrippel@gmail.com) 830-433-2218

*Leave Message if No Answer*

Learn about the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc. - a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization:

[www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org](http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org)



# Membership Corner

It's almost fair time! The 2023 Guadalupe County Fair will be held from Thursday, October 12th until Sunday, October 15th . There will be a lot of activity going on in our booth in the coliseum including a plant sale, kid's activities and crafts, great raffle prizes, free seed packets, horticulture entries, and a pumpkin decorating contest. I'd like to encourage each of you to submit a horticulture item to be judged. You will get a free pass to the fair for each entry that you submit, and you just might bring home a blue ribbon or two! The decorated pumpkins are amazing. Try your hand at that, too! All rules and regulations can be found on VMS, or by contacting me, Kathleen Smith, at 281-381-5268 or via email at [kathleensmith1214@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmith1214@gmail.com). Horticulture entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 11th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m..

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 supplies and at this time I am not requesting anything else besides volunteer time.

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 September the 21st from 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. right before the monthly meeting.

Pumpkin entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Thursday, October 12th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Our plant team is busy securing some wonderful plants for our sale. These will include fall vegetables and landscape/garden plants, as well as fun garden décor.

Come out and see the beautiful plants we'll be selling, bring the kids and grandkids to our craft tables, and enjoy the fun of the Guadalupe County Fair!

Kathleen Smith  
2023 County Fair Coordinator  
[Kathleensmith1214@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmith1214@gmail.com)

# Membership Corner

There will be a new addition to the garden at The Big Red Barn in September. A group consisting of J.J. Cherry, Benna Hunter, David Koepp, Caroline Levine, Alberto Martinez, Robin Muschalek, Beth Smith, Brenda Smith, and Kathleen Smith created and painted a photo station for kids. This photo station can be used by students, teachers, and chaperons during field trips throughout the year. Keep an eye out for the announcement its been installed on the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Facebook page. We hope everyone will visit The Big Red Barn and see what is growing in the garden.





# 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](mailto:SPARROWPUCKETT@GMAIL.COM)

# 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](mailto:dleverich965@gmail.com).**

**The next membership meeting is September 21st. To nominate someone for the Starfish Award, please submit the following information by September 10th:**

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 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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 - **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 Editor - 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

# Master Gardener T-Shirts

All sizes are now available for the GCMG T-Shirts! If you would like to order your shirt(s) on-line, to ensure getting your size, and/or to have it mailed, please go to: [www.gcmgtx.org](http://www.gcmgtx.org) to place your order. Click on the T-shirt option on the left menu of the website. Or come to the monthly membership meeting or Lunch & Learn lecture to purchase in person.

Cash prices for the Blue GCMG t-shirts are:

Small - XL = \$10.00

2XL = \$12.00

3XL = \$14.00

If you pay with a credit card or order on-line:

Small - XL = \$11.00

2XL = \$13.00

3XL = \$15.00

T-shirts are available at our regular GCMG lectures and Lunch & Learns. You can also pick them up at 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX on Mondays through Fridays, 8am-5pm. Call (830) 433-2218 for more info. These T-shirts are royal blue with the new Guadalupe County Master Logo in white on the front and they are 100% cotton. Wearing these shirts makes it easy for patrons to identify you as a GCMG volunteer at plant sales/parks/gardens/booths and other GCMG sanctioned events. Get yours today and proudly show that you are a Guadalupe County Master Gardener! Thank you for supporting the GCMGs!

## Fundraiser T-Shirts

The green GCMG fundraiser t-shirts have been restocked and all sizes are available. Sizes small – 3XL are all \$25 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: With our high temperatures, it just doesn't seem like fall. When can I apply my fall fertilizer?**

**A:** According to Doug Welsh, Extension Horticulturist, do not apply your fall fertilizer until your warm season lawn (Bermuda, St. Augustine, Zoysia) stops growing. After a few cool nights of 50 or below, the growth of your warm season turf grasses will slow. When you don't need to mow for two weeks that will be the time to fertilize. Welsh's chart in his Texas Garden Almanac shows October 15 as the date in Central Texas. However, with our unusual weather, we need to check the night temperatures and play it by ear.

**Q: Is it true that wildflowers are planted in the fall?**

**A:** Yes, it is. Late August and September are the best times to plant seed. The Texas Department of Transportation, in an article on Bluebonnets, says that seed may be planted September 1 through December 15 of each year. They suggest planting no later than mid-November because this allows time for the seed to germinate and grow through the winter. During this time a good root system is formed which gives a sturdy plant and many flowers. Remember that bluebonnets like alkaline soil, moderate fertility, and well-drained soil. We are extremely lucky here in Texas to have two large wildflower suppliers nearby. Wildseed Farms is east of Fredericksburg and is well worth a drive. Native American Seed is in Junction and also has a New Braunfels warehouse. Several seed planting suggestions come from Native American Seed's catalog. One is to mix fluffy or small seeds with a carrier such as coarse sand, perlite, or rice hulls for even distribution. This makes it more free flowing when you broadcast the seed. Take half the seed mixture and spread it evenly over the whole area. Then cross back in opposite directions and spread the rest. We are reminded that most seeds should never be buried more than twice their diameter and small seeds should not be buried at all. Some gardeners use a 'rollerpacker' after their seeds are broadcast, although, personally, I just walk all over the area. Then water frequently and lightly until the seeds germinate. Reduce watering over time as the plants become established and rain returns.

**Q: What are the fall bloomers in our area? It always seems that nothing is in bloom in late fall.**

**A:** One of my favorite fall bloomers is Goldenrod or Solidago. My stand in the back yard was having a hard time since it is in my unwatered area. However, the recent rain perked it back up. Another fall bloomer is Frostweed or Verbesina Virginica. It is a lovely plant and mine have been doing fairly well in the drought. After they freeze, if you hurry right out, you can see the lovely freeze patterns of the water exuded from the stems. Chrysanthemums, Frikarti aster, and Mexican bush sage (Salvia Leucantha) also bloom in the fall. And in the winter and early spring, we have the lovely violets (Viola odorata) although I will be surprised if any of mine made it through the drought.

**FYI: Keep those birdbaths filled. Mine are being emptied every day.**

Check us out on  
**facebook**

## GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 39 new members to our GCMG Facebook Community. They want to learn how to grow food such as vegetables and herbs.

Our top Contributors were Adileni Parker, Beth Smith, April Rippel, and Trixie Grohman Ferguson.

### **Plant in September:**

Asian Greens, Carrots, Swiss Chard, Kale, Multiplying Onions, Peas (English, Snap, Snow), Radishes and Wildflowers.

### **Types Of Food Gardens:**

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Nuts and Seeds
- Herbs, Spices, and Teas
- Kitchen Garden- Beans, Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Onions, Greens, Peppers, Tomatoes, Asparagus, and Peas
- Fruit Garden -Grapes, Strawberries, Blueberries, Blackberries
- Fruit Trees- Fig, Pear, Plum, Peach
- Citrus Trees- Lemon, Lime, Orange
- Nut Tree-Pecan
- Grain- Quinoa, Amaranth, Oat
- Culinary Herb Garden - Basil, Bay, Chives, Oregano, Rosemary, Thyme, Parsley, Sage
- Spice Garden - Ginger, Garlic, Horseradish
- Tea Garden -Peppermint, Hibiscus, Lemon Balm, Passion Flower, Chamomile, Fennel

Also include in your garden Pollinator Garden and Companion Planting.

### **Monthly Funny**

*How do new gardeners learn gardening?*

*By Trowel and Error.*

Thank you to all contributors. Please continue to post your gardens, plants, garden hacks, and questions. We all learn from each other.

Enjoy your gardens.

Take care,

Kathy Adams

# The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Glacier National Park

West Glacier, Montana

Glacier National Park was established in 1910. It covers 1,600 square miles and its lowest elevation is 3,150 ft and highest is 10,479 ft at the top of Mt. Blakiston. The park offers 730 miles of hiking trails, but most visitors see the park by driving the 50 mile paved two lane road named Going-To-The-Sun Road. The park offers campgrounds, cabins and other lodging along with dining options. There are several visitor centers and gift shops.

During our 5 day stay in the area we chose an RV park about a mile outside of the park which was also convenient to other drives we wanted to take. West Glacier is one of the most scenic areas I believe I have ever visited. There are mountains and lakes all around one can go to; back roads and forest roads you can drive and many places you can sit and just enjoy the quiet and natural beauty of this area.

We drove Going-To-The-Sun Road early one morning, starting just before dawn at the west entrance. It begins winding along a lake and you need to be watchful of early morning deer and other mammal traffic. As the sun began to rise we could watch it peak through the clouds and over the mountain tops illuminating the glaciers many miles away on other mountains. The road offers many pull outs large enough for several cars where you can stop and take pictures. The highest point is Logan Pass which is about halfway. We were there in October so there was snow and ice the closer we got to the pass but it was all passable and we enjoyed the views. This was a five hour very beautiful and enjoyable drive. If you go try to visit in the off season as we did.





# The Wandering Gardener



# 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**

September 13—“Herbs”—Karen Gardner

October 11—“Fall Gardening”—Bill Nodine

November 8—“Composting”—Peter Hernandez

**December—No Lunch and Learn**

# Continuing Education

## Gardening with David

Presented by

David Rodriguez, Horticulturist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



David will be making the following presentations. They are all free and open to the public. Bring a pen, paper and your questions!

Date	Location	Topic
9/2/2023	The Garden Center at 10:30	Growing a Fall and Winter Vegetable Garden
9/9/2023	Fanick's at 10:30	Home Vegetable Gardening
9/23/2023	Milberger's at 10:00	Cool Weather Vegetables
10/7/2023	Milberger's at 10:00	Turfgrass Basics
10/14/2023	The Garden Center at 10:30	Turfgrass Basics
10/21/2023	Milberger's at 10:00	Fall is for Planting Shade Trees & more
10/28/2023	The Garden Center at 10:30	Fall is for Planting Shade Trees & more
11/4/2023	Fanick's at 10:30	Fall is for Planting Shade Trees & more

# Continuing Education



Cooperative Extension Program



Agriculture and Natural Resources



## New Landowner Series

Please RSVP to  
830-303-3889

Program -

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Registration - 2:30 pm

Location -

Guadalupe County  
Extension Office  
210 E Live Oak  
Seguin, TX 78155

Cost -

\$25 for series or  
\$10 per session

September 27

Tax Valuations - Robin Baker, Guadalupe  
County Appraisal District

USDA Programs - James Theis, District Conservationist

October 4

Backyard Poultry - Bryan Davis, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
Beekeeping - Molly Keck, IPM Program Specialist

October 11

Livestock for Small Acreage - Dr. Karl Harborth, Extension  
Livestock Specialist

October 18

Brush Management & Pesticide Safety -  
Travis Franke, Extension Agent

October 25

Fruit & Nut Production - Dr. Larry Stein,  
Extension Horticulturist

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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  
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# Continuing Education



A free event will be held on September 12th from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife County office, 210 E. Live Oak St in Seguin.

A free Texas A&M AgriLife soil sample analysis (Routine and Micronutrient analysis) is available to everyone attending. For soil sample collection information, go to [hlhw.tamu.edu](https://hlhw.tamu.edu) to watch "taking a soil sample" video and bring your sample to the training or visit your local county office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Guadalupe County.

**Register at** <https://hlhw.tamu.edu/workshops/2023/september-12-geronimo-alligator-creeks-watershed-seguin/>

# Continuing Education



Earth Friendly Gardening & Landscaping

*Presented by Bexar County Master Gardeners*

Online!

Fri-Sat, September 8-9, 2023  
9 AM - 1:00 PM

Six (6) Different Gardening Sessions!

All sessions are FREE!



SAWS Customers can earn WaterSaver Reward points.  
[Sign up for the SAWS WaterSaver Rewards Program Here](#)

*Chance to win a gift certificate to Rainbow Gardens Nursery!*

[VIEW CULTIVATE! SESSIONS](#)

# Continuing Education

## Save-the-Dates!

### Texas Master Gardener Conferences 2024 and 2025!



Mark your calendars for these exciting virtual conferences that are set to deliver enriching experiences right to your screen, in your own space.

#### **2024 State Master Gardener Conference**

April 22-24, 2024

*"Blooming Together"*

Join us for two days of engaging presentations from horticulture leaders, experts, seasoned professionals and garden enthusiasts.

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#### **2025 International Master Gardener Conference**

August 25-28, 2025

*"There is No Planet B"*

Texas was chosen to host the next international conference. Be part of this global experience!



# Continuing Education

- Explore gardening in The Great Beyond
- Discover horticulture traditions from around the world
- Explore sustainable and innovative techniques
- Navigate the future of gardening in a changing world
- Be inspired by virtual tours of renowned gardens
- Learn how small efforts are transforming local environments

\* There will not be a state conference this year. We're extending the invite to the international Extension Master Gardener community around the world.

**The mission of the Extension Master Gardener Program is to provide quality and relevant horticulture education to the people of Texas.**

## WHY VIRTUAL?

We understand that people love to get together, fellowship and share their own perspectives and experiences. However, our focus is providing educational content to the greatest number of people possible.

- Accessibility - ability to reach a significantly broader audience and procure higher priced speakers.
- Cost-effective - the event is accessible to a wider range of participants. Many Master Gardeners find the >\$1500 cost to attend an in-person international conference to be cost prohibitive. Less than 0.28% of Texas Master Gardeners attended the recent conference in Kansas.
- Flexible and convenient; watch when you want to watch.
- Reduced environmental impact.
- Expanded reach and extended lifespan.
- Faster dissemination of information.
- Ability to enjoy all sessions and speakers for four months post-conference.
- Overcomes physical limitations and time constraints.



The Texas Master Gardener Program

2024/2025

# Continuing Education

## **Earth-Kind On-Line Master Gardener Training**

If you need hours, or want to learn more about growing plants, please check out the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training, by clicking [.https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/](https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/) and then choosing the topics that you are interested in.

This program is designed to provide information on a variety of environmentally friendly (Earth-Kind®) practices for use in the home landscape and garden. As your interest and knowledge in this area grows you will have an increased awareness of the many programs, practices and activities that are Earth-Kind®.

Texas Master Gardeners can select from any of these on-line modules to obtain up to 3 hours of recertification education credits in a calendar year. Each module is worth 1 hour of credit. Master Gardeners are not encouraged to seek re-certification credit for training modules they have completed in previous years.

Progress through the training program is tracked “on-line” and the results for each completed module are automatically forwarded to your county Master Gardener Coordinator.

Participation in the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training will assist Texas AgriLife Extension Service to promote principles and practices that help conserve and protect our state’s valuable natural resources. Working together we can create a healthy and sustainable environment.

# Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2023-09/>
- 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/202309>
- 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 for September classes and details).
- 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/2023-09/>

# Continuing Education

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>
- “Red Imported Fire Ant Management” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/aN\\_Rzm4m7KU](https://youtu.be/aN_Rzm4m7KU)
- “Fleas” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/Cpy6AGbC9sY>
- “Turf Entomology” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/gKTeoz7EnGw>
- “Bed Bugs” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/l8Apq7AllNk>
- “Spider ID” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/5\\_xmBOgoMF4](https://youtu.be/5_xmBOgoMF4)
- “Arachnids other than Spiders” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/Via1jYHGCI>
- “Insects to watch for” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/G31-9N9RoZw>
- “Insect Damage” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/9oeGiE6BpRM>
- “Pesticide Safety” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/fUY2zqpNNcl>
- “Stinging Anthropoids of Summer” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/a9lbZxP8Txs>
- “Summer Insects :Pests for Hot Dry Conditions” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/QCvBu\\_t\\_CEE](https://youtu.be/QCvBu_t_CEE)
- “Rose Insects” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/xvrR4X\\_dRzM](https://youtu.be/xvrR4X_dRzM)

# 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](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

## Team Leader in Charge of Recruiting

The GCMG Class Coordinator is looking for a volunteer to be the Team Leader in charge of recruiting. Responsibilities include passing out class flyers and applications to the public, posting flyers throughout Seguin, working with the Publicity Director to get advertisements put in local papers, and helping the other Team Leaders recruit volunteers.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Paul Carter at 830-481-0817 or [mepcarter11@gmail.com](mailto:mepcarter11@gmail.com). If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

## Filming Volunteer

Wanted: volunteers who are interested in recording Continuing Education presentations and membership meetings.

If you have photography or any camcorder experience, please contact Denise Leverich at (210) 241-7893 or email ([dleverich965@gmail.com](mailto:dleverich965@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](mailto: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](mailto:ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com) or Anne Ottenad at 210-860-3636 or email her at [Ron.anne.ottenad@Gmail.com](mailto: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](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 [ejson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejson.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 [ejson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejson.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 210-275-4402 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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