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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 November

- The year is almost over! There are less than 2 months to obtain your hours in order to recertify.
- 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!

What a great month we had in October! The Guadalupe County Fair was a success, the temperature has gotten better and some of us even received some rain, which we needed badly. It is exciting to walk out in the morning and feel the change in the air. We are still facing above average temperatures and below average rainfall, but the changes bring hope.

To me, it is interesting that we call Autumn “Fall” in the south, since the leaves don’t really fall off the trees here until almost winter, but whatever we call it, it is definitely one of my favorite seasons. My only wish is that the weather would be more consistent.

As we quickly approach the end of the year, there is only one more newsletter to be published. There are many members who haven’t reached their recertification hours and there are many positions in the organization that need to be filled.

There will only be one more article from our Wandering Gardener, Marilyn Moltz. The newsletter will no longer have one Wandering Gardener, instead it has been suggested that this opportunity be opened to all of our certified master gardeners. If any of our members would like to submit an article along with a few photos, about a garden that they have visited, they may do so by the 20th of each month and their article will be published in the next month’s newsletter. If no article is submitted, I am prepared to submit an article.

There will be a new Master Gardening class in January, along with new opportunities, for volunteers and the President’s letter is scheduled to return to the newsletter. As we have seen this year, time seems to go by fast, so it is important to make a plan for next year in order to accomplish our goals. Gardening should be fun and relaxing, if it’s not, we’re doing something wrong.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Melinda J Lucas

Newsletter Editor

Membership Corner

Total certified members: 148

Welcome to our newest members: Jamie and Mary Nielson!

Congratulations to our gift card winners: Door prize - Rita Creswell; Volunteer drawing - Paul Prince!

Members with 5+ Volunteer hours in [September](#) (board members not eligible):

Welta Burris	Rodney Burton	Steffinie Blankenship
Paul Carter	Ginny Fox	Kay Cover
Joyce Fox	Beth Henry	Brenda Haines
Joyce Friesenhahn	Becky Geinzer	Penny Gonzalez
David Koepp	Marilyn Moltz	Janice Knobles
Karen Koepp	Melinda Lucas	Caroline Moody
Kay McElveen	Keith Mott	Carol Mullen
Debbie Real	Ann Odvody	Dale Odvody
Anne Ottenad	Paul Prince	Christy Rohlf
Pat Schultze	Beth Smith	Brenda Smith
Kathleen Smith	Judy Stanley	Tim Steele
Ernestine Sykes	Brenda Schaefer	Judy Sims

Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month

Dale Odvody	Ann Odvody	Paul Carter
Beth Smith	April Rippel	Tim Steele
Bill Nodine	Melinda Lucas	Denise Leverich
Pam Younger	Beth Henry	David Koepp
Paul Prince	Janice Knobles	Brenda Smith
Kay Cover	Rodney Burton	Kay McElveen
Mark "Bo" Bollinger		



Membership Corner

200 Hour Club for 2023:

Mark Bollinger	Beth Smith	Pam Younger
Denise Leverich	Paul Carter	Ann Odvody
April Rippel	Brenda Smith	

300 Hour Club for 2023:

Melinda Lucas		
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400 Hour Club for 2023:

Dale Odvody		
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500 Hour Club for 2023:

Bill Nodine	Tim Steele	
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Several Starfish recipients were recognized: Paul Carter, Tim Steele, Ernestine Sykes, and Bill Nodine. Reminder: any member can recognize and award a starfish to another!



Next month, we'll recognize our Master Gardener of the Season. If you know someone who is deserving, fill out the application on VMS and send it to Denise at dleverich965@gmail.com.

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

Membership Corner



Jamie and Mary Nielson



Membership Corner
Master Gardener of the Season
April Rippel



Membership Corner



Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Fair

A sincere thank you to each of the 48 volunteers that made the 2023 Guadalupe County Fair a huge success! Because of the severe drought we didn't have quite as many home grown horticulture items, but the ones that we did have were beautiful. We sold 1,457 raffle tickets thanks to some wonderful raffle prizes that were donated. That is a Fair record for us! Our corporate sponsors for the raffle prizes this year were Planet Fitness, RenShirts, HEB, Walmart, Home Depot, Guadalupe County Wellness Center and Tractor Supply Co. I encourage you to support these businesses. There were also numerous master gardeners who donated items. Thank you!

We sold many plants and gave away hundreds and hundreds of seed packets. We hope to have many new gardeners this coming year in Guadalupe County!

Two new things that we tried this year were selling garden décor and raffling a seat in the upcoming MG class that begins in January. Both endeavors proved very successful!

It was amazing to see how many kids came in with home grown entries for our field, garden, and orchard crop divisions. We estimated that one of the pumpkin entries weighed close to 80 pounds, and it was grown by seeds that were picked up at last year's fair! Parents and kids alike loved having so many fun crafts to keep them busy. Just one of the many ways that we impact the community.

Thank you to those who volunteered, participated, bought raffle tickets, donated raffle items, bought plants and garden décor, and grew plants for our booth. It is greatly appreciated!

Kathleen Smith

2023 Guadalupe County Fair Coordinator



Membership Corner



Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Training for 2024 - Class 39



Become a Certified Master Gardener

Master Gardeners is an education sharing horticultural program through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the Texas Master Gardeners 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 7th, 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 (\$100 value)
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.gcmgtx.org/Class_39/index.html

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

Paul Carter: mepcarter11@gmail.com 830-481-0817

Tim Steele: tjscowboys@hotmail.com 210-385-2219

April D. Rippel: adrippel@gmail.com 830-433-2218

Leave Message if No Answer

Learn about the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc. - a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization:

www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org



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 November 16th. To nominate someone for the Starfish Award, please submit the following information by November 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

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

Elected positions with term limits:

2023 President - Mark “Bo” Bollinger

2024 President Elect - Sarah Puckett (3 year commitment as you will serve as President Elect, President, and Past President)

2025 President elect—**Vacant**

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

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

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

2023 Past President - April Rippel

Appointed Directors (unlimited terms):

Education Director - William Nodine

Membership Director - Denise Leverich

Publicity Director - Janice Jadwin

Volunteer Director - **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, & April Rippel
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,
11. County Fair Pumpkin Decorating Contest - Pam Younger
12. 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 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 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: Is there a fall bloomer in the grass family that will grow in Seguin?

A: Indeed there is and it is blooming right now. As I walked in my front door this evening I noticed that my Gulf Muhly is covered with lovely pink fuzzy seed heads. Gulf or Coastal Muhly (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) blooms in the fall. Wildflower.org shows bloom time as October and with our weather the way it is, late October and November might be the new time. This native grass likes sandy, pine openings; prairies; and dry, exposed ledges. However, it also grows in my front flower bed. It requires low to medium water, full sun, and grows from one to three feet. According to Wildflower, it has high deer resistance. I have not tried, but supposedly Gulf Muhly germinates easily. When the heads start to lose their pink color, use a comb to collect the seeds.

Q: I would like to give plants as gifts to my friends. Is there a quicker and easier way than growing them from seed?

A: Doug Welsh in his Texas Garden Almanac lists a few easy to root plants. All it takes is a cutting which you place in garden soil. As a matter of fact, you need to cut a few stems off of your basil right now so that you will have a new small plant to put on your kitchen window sill this winter. Another plant that roots fast is the ficus. I recently trimmed my bonsai ficus and stuck the cuttings in a pot. I now have two decent sized plants to give away.

Other suggested easy growers are althea, Asiatic jasmine, bougainvillea, boxwood, Crape myrtle, English ivy, fig, Firebush, geranium, lantana, Photinia, plumbago, Pothos ivy, rosemary, salvias, and verbena. Welsh also lists roses as easy to root. Sometimes I have good luck and sometimes I don't. Martha Gonzalez is one of the easiest roses to root that I've found.

Welsh reminds us that dormant, woody stems are best rooted during the fall and winter. On all cuttings, use a sharp knife or razor blade rather than pruning shears. The end of the cutting which will go in the soil should be cut at a 45 degree angle to give more area where roots will form. Dip the cut end in powdered rooting hormone if you have it. Make a pencil-sized hole in the soil and slip the cutting in, then firm the soil. At this point you can put the pot on your potting bench, or make a soda bottle greenhouse, or put it under lights. Just remember to keep the soil moist. I always try to root many more than I want since so many of mine die. However, if even one cutting makes it, that is one more than I had.

FYI: It is about time to bring in your houseplants that spent summer on the porch or outside. As soon as a freeze is forecast, my plumaria will go in the garage, and my orchids will go in the house under the lights. As always, don't forget to keep those birdbaths filled.

Check us out on
facebook

GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added twenty new members to our community. They want to learn about and grow vegetables, herbs, and trees. Welcome all.

Our top contributors were April Rippel, Pam Younger, and Sarah Puckett. Thank you everyone for your posts.

What To Plant In November

Asian Greens, Beets, Lettuce, Carrots, Swiss Chard, Collards, Garlic, Leeks, Peas, Onion, Radish, Spinach, Turnips. Plant transplants of Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cauliflower, Cabbage.

Growing Pumpkins

- In Texas plant your seeds from May to early June. Allow 3-4 months for pumpkin to grow. The longer it is in the garden the bigger it will be.
- Pumpkins thrive in sunshine and deep well drained soil with six hours of sunlight per day. Allow for four feet of growing space for pumpkin's roots. One to two feet of soil depth and adequate moisture and nutrition will also work.
- Pumpkin soil should be pH of 6.0 to 7.5. Pumpkins will tolerate up to 8.0.
- Plant pumpkin seeds half inch to one inch deep in the soil in groups of three to five.
- Be careful of Vine Borders and regularly check the plant leaves for insects and eggs. Bees are very helpful in your pumpkin patch.
- At approximately 45-55 days after flowering, the skin of the pumpkin will harden so that a thumbnail will not easily puncture it. The pumpkin's color will change from green to the normal color of the particular type or variety you are growing. Cut from vine leaving a few inches of stem on the pumpkin. Store your pumpkin in a cool dry place until you are ready to use it.

Monthly Funny

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? SQUASH

Thank you again for your posts, photos and questions. Keep them coming. You are all greatly appreciated.

We learn from each other.

Take care,
Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Garden of the Gods Colorado Springs, CO

Garden of the Gods and Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site is a 1,300 acre city park which was donated to Colorado Springs by Charles E Perkins in 1909. He stipulated that no one would ever be charged a fee to enter the park. It has been designated as a National Natural Landmark by the US Department of the Interior.

The roads are all paved and you can drive your vehicle thru it in 20 minutes (or 2 hours like us). They also allow you to bicycle or hike. There are so many different rock formations in one area you will almost need your head on a swivel to see it all. You can also see birds and mammals in their habitat.

Many of the rock formations have names and local vendors will take you on open air jeep rides thru the park. The park has many “looks” as the seasons change. Views of Pikes Peak are there too!



The Wandering Gardener



Continuing Education



8 November 2023

Composting (12-1pm)

210 E. Live Oak, Seguin Tx
Free and Open to The Public



Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Presents
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



Guest Speaker Peter Hernandez

Peter Hernandez is a Guadalupe County Master Gardener and is certified Advance Master Gardener – Compost, and Advance Master Gardener – EarthKind. A member of the Audubon Society, State of Texas Alliance of Recycling Master Compost. An Alamo Area Master Naturalist – VP2021/2022 and Native Plant Society of Texas (San Antonio Chapter) Secretary 2021. Since 2016 – San Antonio River Authority – River Warrior on the San Antonio River, doing nature docent walks along the river. Since 2022, Co-Coordinator for the City Nature Challenge – San Antonio Metro Area (12 Counties)



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
11/4/2023	Fanick's at 10:30	Fall is for Planting Shade Trees & more



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.

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 recertification 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/2023-11/>
- Plant Party 9: Planting a Seed worth 1.5 hrs https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/202311>
- 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 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/2023-11/>

THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS, GUADALUPE CHAPTER

The Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society will hold its monthly meeting **Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 1121 E. Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas**. The Presenter will be Patty Leslie Pasztor, author of "Ethnobotany or Native American and Pioneer Uses of our Native Plants". There will be a plant/seed exchange, social time at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program 7:00 p.m. **Parking in the rear, enter from N. Moss Street**. Meetings open to the public, Visitors welcome.

For more information: <https://npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>.

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
- “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
- “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
- “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
- “Rose Insects” by Wizzie Brown: https://youtu.be/xvrR4X_dRzM

Continuing Education



Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Presents
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



Beginners Basic Vegetable Gardening 5–Part Series

Presented by: Certified Master Gardeners, and Advanced Master Gardeners - William Nodine, Beth Smith, Peter Hernandez, Cynthia Lyssy, and Jamie Neilson.

Our Instructors are part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System and their outreach efforts are focused on **Improving Texans' lives through** the application of science-based knowledge and practices to home gardeners. As garden educators we provide high-quality, relevant continuing education that encourages lasting and effective change. We provide programs, tools, and resources – local and statewide – that teach people how to improve gardening, agriculture, and food production.

This is a 5-class series designed for beginning gardeners to learn basic gardening skills and techniques. You will learn how to select a site, prepare the soil, build the beds, install irrigation, direct seeding and transplants, plant care and maintain vegetables properly as well as gain skills to successfully produce food and identify common insect and disease problems.

Cost: \$65

Begin Date: Saturday, Jan 3, 2024

End Date: Saturday, Feb 3, 2024

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 18 December 2023: Please call 210-607-0045 or email

william.nodine@att.net

Online Registration - required by 18 December 2023: **Link:** [2024 Beginners Gardening Series \(gcmgtx.org\)](https://www.gcmgtx.org)

Payment methods:

At the door: cash, check or money order

Online: prepay with credit card

For more information on this series, contact William H Nodine at 210-607-0045 or Cynthia Lyssy at 210-275-3670.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Special 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. 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).

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. Fall hours are Mondays from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Contact 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 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 210-275-4402 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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