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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

Where can you plug in?



- Guadalupe County Fair, Pumpkin Booth & Plant Sale volunteer opportunities October 8th-13th
- Keep your eyes out for opportunities at the Big Red Barn
- Still in need volunteers to film classes and meetings. (This is not a long term commitment, just when you are available)
- Grow Team Lead needed for 2025
- Pecan Fest-Trade Days volunteers October 26th
- Kingsbury Festival November 9th
- YuleFest December 1st

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Letter from the President



Hello my gardening friends!

My name is Sarah Puckett, and I am your Master Gardener President for 2024. October is here! It's officially spooky season! What's scary to me is how the year has flown by so quickly! This is a busy time in our gardens and in our group. We decide our projects and budgets, we have fall plant sales, and we choose where we want to volunteer for the next year. Health problems kept me from attending the Membership Meeting, so I'll try my best to catch you up and fill you in on upcoming important dates and information here.

At the September Membership Meeting, we voted on the updated PPM and presented proposed updates to the Bylaws. The October Membership Meeting will include voting on the updates to the Bylaws and the Nominating Committee presenting a slate for each office to be filled in 2025 (to be voted on at the November Membership Meeting). The Board of Directors will be voting on projects and budgets during October and November. Then we'll present the 2025 budget to the membership in November at the Membership Meeting. See? I told you; there's a lot going on. That's just the beginning! It's so exciting!

We have plant sales coming up this fall too!



If you have any plants to donate, please send me a note letting me know how many and what you're bringing. Don't forget to make sure to label them with the plant name on one side and your name on the other. Even more bonus points if you give us plant details!

County Fair – October 10-13th

Pecan Fest (Trades Day and at the Big Red Barn) – October 26th

Kingsbury Fall Festival – November 9th

Letter from the President



Guadalupe County Fair was a blast, and you don't want to miss it this year!

There's lots of ways to help at the fair! Help at our plant sale booth or in our GCMG space with kids' activities,

"Ask A Master Gardener" answering gardening questions, or help recruit new students for 2025 Class! You can also donate prizes to and/or purchase tickets from the Raffle. Participate with the Pumpkin Decorating by entering a decorated pumpkin or help judging! Help check in and/or enter your own fresh horticultural entries!



(*Pictures here are from 2023 County Fair.)



If you are interested in volunteering at one of the plant sales, please contact us. Kathleen Smith is getting the volunteers organized for the County Fair, Maria Dykes is organizing the volunteers for Pecan Fest (Trades Day-downtown), Kay McElveen is organizing the volunteers for Pecan Fest activities at the Big Red Barn, and Sharon Cooper is organizing the volunteers with Maria for the Kingsbury Fall Festival in November. There are so many ways at these events to volunteer and make a difference in GCMG such as helping pick up plants from

Letter from the President

the wholesalers, transporting the heavier items and helping to set up/take down, volunteering at the booth, and of course, donating plants if you have some!



Lastly, don't forget that if you want to volunteer on the Board of Directors 2025, **NOW** is the time to contact Benna Hunter, our Secretary and head of the Nominating Committee. If that's not your cup of tea, take a look at the updated PPM and see if there's another position that fits you. Maria Dykes also has a list of gardens and projects that need help too!



I hope to see you at the upcoming events and sales. As always, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sparrowpuckett@gmail.com or text me at 972-768-6558. Thank you all for everything you do and happy gardening! - Sarah Puckett, 2024 GCMG President



Membership Corner

September 2024 Membership Information

Total certified members: 140

Congratulations to the following drawing winners:

Door Prize - Sharon Cooper

Member with over 5 hours - Kathleen Smith

Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours eligible for drawing (board members ineligible):

Dale Odvody	Tim Steele	Mary Nielson
Kim Cameron	Rodney Burton	Kay Cover
Kay McElveen	Beth Henry	April Rippel
Colleen Collier	Melinda Lucas	Pam Younger
Ernestine Sykes	Kathleen Smith	Paul Prince
Ann Odvody	Janice Knobles	Anne Ottenad
David Koepp	Caroline Moody	Keith Mott
Welta Burris	Brenda Dominguez	Pam Malone
Annette Smith	Don Albrecht	Joyce Fox
Pat Schultze	Diana Hard	

2024 VMS Member Reporting Summary

Month	# Reporting Vol Hours	# Reporting 5+ Vol Hrs	Vol Hours	CE Hours	Contacts	Total Hours
Jan	50	32	930	91	0	1021
Feb	64	38	1011.7	93.5	136	1105.2
Mar	63	44	1216.05	178.4	299	1394.45
Apr	73	54	1301.2	88.35	298	1389.55
May	70	45	1008.9	153.9	119	1162.8
June	52	30	817.75	39	140	856.75
July	70	47	1015.65	86.7	15	1102.35
August	64	36	1048.5	68.35	163	1116.85
2024 Totals			8349.75	799.2	1170	9148.95
2023 Totals			14756.5	1709.15	1422	16465.65
2022 Totals			10730.85	1377.75	2731	12108.6

Membership Corner

Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month:

Dale Odvody	April Rippel	Ingrid Wilgen
Ann Odvody	Tim Steele	Denise Leverich
Bill Nodine	Melinda Lucas	Anne Ottenad
Pam Younger	Pam Malone	Kay McElveen

100 Hour Club for 2024:

Paul Carter	Anne Ottenad	Sarah Puckett
Kay McElveen	Kay Cover	Rodney Burton
Ernestine Sykes	Maria Dykes	Annette Smith
Janice Knobles	Mark "Bo" Bollinger	Kim Cameron
Claire Huebinger	Wendy Salazar	Caroline Moody
Connie Meade	Ingrid Wilgen	Kathleen Smith

200 Hour Club for 2024:

Paul Prince	Beth Henry	David Koepp
Melinda Lucas	Pam Malone	Carol Suchan
Pam Younger	Ann Odvody	

300 Hour Club for 2024:

Denise Leverich	Benna Hunter
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400 Hour Club for 2024:

April Rippel	Tim Steele
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600 Hour Club for 2024:

Dale Odvody

900 Hour Club for 2024:

Bill Nodine

VMS Tip: Don't forget to enter your hours in VMS every week! The county and state use this information! Need help? Email Denise at dleverich965@gmail.com.

Is there someone you'd like to recognize for making a difference? Give a starfish to someone at the next membership meeting! Let me know if you have questions or would like me to present on your behalf!

Membership Corner



Please note:

There have been a few changes to projects in VMS for our Demonstration Gardens that produce food. Specifically, these gardens have been divided into two categories: one for Education and one for Food Distribution. If you work at one of these demonstration gardens, when entering hours in VMS, please select the appropriate project based on what you did at the garden. For example, if you worked at the Big Red Barn giving school tours, select "Big Red Barn - school tours." If you work at the Guadalupe Demonstration Garden and are harvesting, etc., select the project that indicates maintenance/harvesting.

Since our primary mission is horticulture education, TMGA would like to see this delineation. As a reminder, please post your hours at least weekly!! Let me know if you have any questions! You can email me at: dleverich965@gmail.com.

**Denise Leverich
MS Administrator
Membership Director**

Membership Corner

September Meeting Highlights

A great presentation by Niki Lake, who is very passionate about snakes



Membership Corner



Thank you Ingrid Wilgens for the great pictures



Membership Corner



If you enjoyed the Jalapeno Jelly from the September meeting it is the Jalapeno Jelly canning recipe from Ball Mason Jar's website:

[Jalapeño Jelly Recipe | Ball® Mason Jars \(ballmasonjars.com\)](https://www.ballmasonjars.com/recipes/jalapeno-jelly)

When I made it, I did not puree the peppers, I finely chopped them. I also left the seeds in for more heat, and used red & green jalapenos for a more festive look. I also did not use any food coloring. Please feel free to share with anyone else you know of that like the jelly, thanks!

I'm so glad you enjoyed it, and happy canning!

April Rippel



Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Fair

The 2024 Guadalupe County Fair, Oct. 10th -13th

Only one week until the 2024 Guadalupe County Fair!! Are your horticulture entries ready? It is free to enter, and you get a free fair entry ticket for every entry! We'd love to see what you've been growing. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 9th from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Thursday morning, October 10th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

The County Fair Officially Opens at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Once again, we will be hosting the Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Age groups are 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-17, adults 18-74, and seniors 75 and older. It's free to enter and you can win a ribbon and/or cash prize! Categories are: Pumpkinality, Originality, Creativity, and Technicality. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 9th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Thursday, October 10th, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. just inside the front doors of the coliseum. Judging will take place on Friday, October 7th at 9 a.m. Master Gardener Pam Younger is doing an outstanding job with this project.

The theme for this year's MG Booth is "Flower Garden" and the planning for our booth, inside the Seguin Coliseum, is coming along nicely. The GCMG's booth will be informative and interactive including the display of horticulture entries, several children's activities, educational materials, free packets of vegetable and flower seeds, raffle prizes, and our GCMG 5th annual County Fair Plant Sale!

Even if you are unable to volunteer to help at the booth, we hope that you'll come by to visit, say "hi," see all the great displays, get some free seeds, buy some plants, and support the GCMGs by buying a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are only \$1 or 6 chances for \$5.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!! Renshirts.com, HEB, Planet Fitness, GC Wellness Center, Walmart Seguin, Body by Benna, Chip Chick, and New Braunfels Feed Store. And a big thank you to all the Master Gardeners who have helped with this endeavor by donating items for the raffle and for putting in many hours of volunteer time!

Thank you all for participating. See you at the fair!

Kathleen Smith
GCMG 2024 County Fair Coordinator
kathleensmith1214@gmail.com
281-381-5268

There are still a few openings for volunteers. This is an easy and fun way to get your hours. This is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FAFA92FA6FA7-2022>

Membership Corner



Once again we will be hosting the Pumpkin Decorating Contest at the County Fair. Please contact the Director, Pam Younger at pamyounger54@gmail.com or at (512) 656-2322, if you have any questions.

LOCATION:

Inside Front Doors of Coliseum on Fair Grounds

SCHEDULE:

Build the Booth- Tuesday, October 8th from 2-6 PM

Pumpkin's Arrival – Wednesday Oct. 9th, & Thursday Oct 10th from 3-7 PM

Judging – Friday October 11th at 9:00 AM

Calls to Winners – Friday October 11th after 3 PM

Award Ceremony With Celebrities – Saturday October 12th at 12:30 PM

Release Pumpkins & Take Booth Down – Sunday October 13th from 3-7 PM

Deliver Leftover Pumpkins to Sponsors - Monday, October 14th

CATEGORIES:

*Originality * Creativity *Pumpkinality *Technicality

AGE GROUPS:

*4-6 *7-9 *10-12 *13-17 *Adults *Seniors 75+

AWARDS:

*Best of Show

* Tri-color winners for each of the 4 Categories

*1ST, 2ND, 3rd, and 4TH places for each Age Group

Prizes include Cash, Passes, Gift Cards, Gift Bags, and Gift Baskets

Contest Rules in the Fair Catalog.

Sign-up Genius available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/> if you want to volunteer.



Membership Corner

BLOOMING WITH BIRDIE & PROJECT BLOOM PRESENT:



MONARCH BUTTERFLY & POLLINATOR FESTIVAL

SATX

BRACKENRIDGE PARK
SAN ANTONIO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
9AM-1PM

LIGHTS OUT! BIRD CITY MAZE
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES BY EDUCATION PARTNERS
MONARCH BUTTERFLY TAGGING • NATURE PLAYScape
MONARCH MIGRATION OBSTACLE COURSE
BEE THE CHANGE INITIATIVE • INTERACTIVE ART • PESTICIDE POSSE
PEOPLE AS POLLINATORS EXPERIMENT
POLLINATOR PROCESSION WITH BEXAR BRASS
THE BAT CAVE • TREE & PLANT GIVEAWAY • FOOD, MUSIC & MORE!

Free and open to the public.

Location: Brackenridge Park next to the San Antonio Zoo

Monthly Meeting

Guadalupe County Master Gardener
Membership Meeting October 17, 2024

Welcome Back Mark Fanick



“Fall is Tree Time”

Learn from the expert, What to plant,
When to plant, Selection , both Fruit and
Shade trees

How to Plant , Prune, Feed....

Please Join us and Bring a Friend!

Refreshments: 5:45

Meeting 6:15

Lecture: 7:00 pm



210 E Live St
Seguin, TX



Ask the Master Gardeners.

Clara Mae Marcotte and Ernestine Sykes are the Ask A Master Gardener GCMGs with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. If you have a Gardening question, please feel free to text or email the Master Gardeners: Text: 210-544-0756 or email: GCMGTX@gmail.com

Q: It is definitely fall because I see goldenrod and frostweed blooming. Both are absolutely covered with butterflies. When do I plant other perennials that attract butterflies?

A: Now is the prime time to plant perennials such as butterfly weed, lantana, purple coneflower, verbena, and salvias according Doug Welsh, Extension Horticulturist.

Lantana is a nice perennial to have because of its free-flowering habit. Greg Grant and Jerry Parsons wrote a great article in 1989 (re-quoted in an aggie-horticulture article) about lantana and suggested that it was best used as a warm season annual that should be replanted each spring. With our weather getting warmer, we probably will not need to replant. The plant is drought tolerant, and attracts birds and butterflies. It has high deer resistance which, as you know, just means that if nothing else is available, they will eat the plant.

The blue-black fruit clusters are poisonous according to Wildflower.org. Grant and Parsons add that the plants are poisonous to cattle and sheep, although early colonists used the fruit to make infusions to be taken as medicine and as a remedy for snake bites. Newer varieties of lantana are sterile so that they have no fruit, and will bloom continuously.

There are many fall blooming plants in our area including little bluestem, chrysanthemums, Firespike, Mexican mint marigold, and gulf muhly. I am really looking forward to the lovely pink display on my gulf muhly when it is backlit by the sun.

Q: What shrubs provide berries in the fall and winter?

A: At my house I have American beautyberry, possumhaw, and yaupon. Now is a good time to go to the local nursery and pick out your plant while it has berries and you can see what you are getting. My yaupon has multiple trunks and never causes me a bit of grief (although it does need to be kept trimmed and away from my roof once in a while).

American beautyberry is also lovely to grow. Some years back non-native beautyberries were planted in a local park. They did not do as well as our native ones. American beautyberry is larger, more upright, and is slightly taller than wide according to the Piedmont Master Gardeners. Huntsville Botanical Gardens adds another difference: the non-native beautyberry has purple berries but they don't wrap fully around the stem, and the fruit is further from the stem. There is a lovely American beautyberry at our Seguin public library on the south side of the front door.

Q: Is it time to fertilize my lawn?

A: Welsh reminds us to not apply fall fertilizer until warm-season lawns have stopped growing and that is usually when you have not had to mow for two weeks.

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Q: Sulfentrazone soaked compost, Soaked in Spring, can I use it now?

A: The life of the herbicide (sulfentrazone) is about 3 months. If you applied it in the spring, it is not much of a factor anymore. That said, to err on the side of caution, I would personally not use the compost in a veggie bed! You can use it on any ornamentals without fear!

Ernestine Sykes
Guadalupe County Master Gardener
ASK A MASTER GARDENER
Text 210-544-0756



Ask-A-Master Gardener **FREE!**

****Got Plant Problems?***

Bring your gardening questions and get expert advice from Guadalupe County Master Gardeners.

9-11 A.M. SATURDAYS SEPT. - OCT.
EXCEPT OCT. 12, 2024

At The Big Red Barn:
990 Cordova Rd.
Seguin, TX 78155

The flyer features an illustration of a woman in a wide-brimmed hat and a light-colored shirt, kneeling and working on a small tree. A blue bucket sits on the ground next to her. The background is a light green with stylized trees and a butterfly.



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Check us out on

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GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 26 new members. Welcome all.

They want to learn about organic fertilizers, mending the soil and what to grow for fall.

Top posts- Tammy Ranft, Melanie Smith Engels, Ingrid Wilgen, and April Rippel. Thank you to all who post.

What To Plant In October

If you are letting your vegetable garden go dormant, plant cover crops such as Buckwheat, Field Peas, or Rye.

If you are continuing to grow in your garden then plant Thyme, Oregano, Lavender, Cilantro (seeds or transplants), Parsley, Dill, Fennel, Borage, Lettuce, Broccoli, Kale, and/or Spinach.

It is that time of year again so we are defining.....

Plants In Shakespeare's Macbeth

Eye Of Newt - Mustard Seed

Fillet Of Fenny Snake - Jack In The Pulpit

Toe Of Frog - Bulbous Buttercup

Wool Of Bat - Moss and Holly Leaves

Tongue Of Dog - Hounds Tongue

Adder's Fore - Dogtooth Violet

Blind Worm's Sting - Poppy Seed, Wormwood or Knot wood

Lizard's Leg - Ivy

Owlet's Wing - Garlic or Ginger

Scale Of Dragon - Tarragon

Tooth Of Wolf - Wolfsbane or Club Moss

Root Of Hemlock - Hemlock

Gall Of Goat - St. John's Wort

Slips Of Yew - Yew

Monthly Funny

Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Because he was **OUTSTANDING** in his field.

Thank you to all who post. You are greatly appreciated.

Please continue to post photos of your gardens, questions, and hacks.

We all learn from each other.

Enjoy your gardens,
Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardeners

Amarillo Botanical Gardens

Amarillo, TX

By: Melinda J Lucas

When traveling to, or through, some place I haven't been before, I love to look up the botanical gardens in that area and make note of them, just in case time permits.

While visiting a friend in Amarillo during the 4th of July weekend of 2022, while the rest of my party was napping, I was wandering through the gardens. Though a smaller botanical garden, at only 4.4 acres, I was not disappointed. There are many beautiful gardens that show various styles of gardening. Each one brings you on a journey through cultures and styles. I found the park beautiful and serene.

The garden's origin begins in the 1920s as a few ladies had a passion for gardening and formed garden clubs which, over time, became what is now known as the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

If you are in the area you should make a stop by and enjoy the peacefulness of these gardens.



The Wandering Gardeners



It's your turn to be a wandering gardener!

Have you visited a garden that wowed you and you would like to share it with others? Please submit your article of three or four short paragraphs, in Word format, and up to eight of your favorite photos that you took during your visit to Melinda Lucas at MelJLucas78218@Gmail.com. Please only submit photos that you personally took in order to avoid copyright issues.

The submissions will be put in order by how they are received, and you will be notified what month the article will be published.

There are many wonderful places to visit and enjoy. Happy traveling.

Melinda J Lucas
Newsletter Publisher

Guadalupe County NPSOT

No Speaker for the month of October
Please visit <https://www.npsot.org/posts/october-2024-chapter-meeting/>

**THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS (NPSOT)
GUADALUPE CHAPTER,
WILL HOST A NATIVE PLANT SALE
OCTOBER 26, 2024 10AM-4PM
SEGUIN COURT SQUARE/EAST NOLTE ST.
THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF NATIVE PLANTS
FOR SALE
MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP
WITH YOUR QUESTIONS
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**



Continuing Education



LUNCH & LEARN
HYDROPONICS
with Advanced Master Gardener Beth Smith

Discover hydroponics—growing plants in nutrient-rich water instead of soil—and learn how this method can enhance plant growth, increase harvests, and improve plant health.
* A small brown bag lunch (fruits, snacks, and water) will be provided *

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12, 2024
11:30 AM

SEGUIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 W. NOLTE ST.
SEGUIN, TX 78155

ADULTS ONLY
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

library.seguintexas.gov
830-401-2422

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TEXAS MASTER GARDENER
SEGUIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
SEGUIN TEXAS It's real.

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Continuing Education



Hosted by **Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Presents: Hydroponics

Join advanced master gardener Beth Smith to dive into the fascinating world of hydroponics and learn about this innovative method of growing plants in nutrient-rich water instead of traditional soil! Discover how hydroponics can enhance plant growth, boost your harvests, and improve overall plant health, all while using less space and resources. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a curious beginner, this engaging program will equip you with the knowledge and skills to start your own hydroponic garden. Do not miss this opportunity to transform your gardening experience! A small brown bag lunch (fruits, nuts, snack, and water) will be provided. Free seminar and open to the public.

Registration Required:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1028318788177?aff=oddtcreator>

Saturday 12 Oct 2024, from 11:30 – 12:30 pm
Seguin Public Library, 313 West Nolte Street,
Seguin, TX 78155



Guest Speaker: Beth Smith

Beth has had a love of gardening since she started planting seeds and pulling up weeds in her grandmother's garden as a small child. Since then, she has experimented with backyard gardening, container gardening, and wide scale produce production on a 150-acre farm. Since moving to Texas in 2016, she has been busy learning about the climate and soil. Now she is focused on raised bed and hydroponic gardening, while experimenting with diverse types of locally sourced compost. Beth became a Guadalupe County Master Gardener in 2023. Since then, she has taken advanced training in Entomology and the Junior Master Gardener program.

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Register at: <https://engagedpatrons.org/eventsregister.cfm?siteID=6585&eventId=532139>

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Hosted by **Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Serving Texas' Needs

Presents: iNaturalists

Bring your favorite lunch and learn from one of our Guadalupe County Master Gardeners at this free seminar and open to the Public.

Learn how to how to identify unknown plants growing wild (or cultivated) in the garden, or how to id that bug, spider, lizard, bird. This free online application can help you make these identifications via iNaturalists. Learn how to be a community scientist and provide data to biologists and natural scientists.

October 12, 2024, from 11:30 – 12:30 Schertz Public
Library, 798 Schertz Parkway, Texas 78154



Guest Speaker Peter Hernandez



Peter Joseph Hernandez, GCMG member and Texas Master Naturalist will be covering the use of iNaturalists application. How iNaturalists provides users with the opportunity not only to learn more about the nature around us, but also contribute to a better understanding of the flora and fauna round us. Whether you are in a park, natural area, or your own garden. In the presentation, you will learn how to use iNaturalists and some of its features on your smartphone device and via the web. So, join us for science, learning and fun! Free seminar and open to the public

Registration Link: <https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsRegister.cfm?SiteID=6585&EventID=532140>

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The link for the above registration is: <https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsRegister.cfm?SiteID=6585&EventID=532140>

**Guadalupe County Master Gardener Training Class Number 40 Information
[Info and Application Click Here](#)**

Continuing Education



Hosted by **Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

2024 Fall Water Bath Canning Class (Beginner Friendly Tips and Instruction)

Preserving your own homegrown berries, tomatoes, pickles, and more is made easy with the right canning supplies. Certain foods require pressure canning to remain shelf stable over time, however, acidic foods can become shelf stable with the simple process of water bath canning. Whether you are pickling cucumbers from the summer garden or making strawberry jam to enjoy during the colder months. If you would like to learn more about these essential canning tools, sign up for our Fall Canning Class. All supplies will be provided.

Cost: \$35.00 Three Hours of Training per Class – Choice of morning or afternoon 3-hour class
Begin/End Date: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024

Presented by: Certified Master Gardeners, and Advanced Master Gardeners – April Rippel, Pam Younger, Mary Styblo, Carol Suchan, Beth Smith and William Nodine.

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.

Time: Morning Class 09:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. or Afternoon Class 1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.,
Space is LIMITED, register early to ensure a seat. The PM class is an exact repeat of the AM class.

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

You must pre-register and pay at the website below:

<https://www.gcmgtx.org/2024FallCanningClass2/index.html>



Deadline to Register: Midnight on 18 Oct 2024:

For more information on this class, contact April Rippel at 830-433-2218 (email: adrippel@gmail.com) or William H Nodine at 210-607-0045 (email: william.nodine@att.net)

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Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2024-10/>
- Plant Party 9: Planting a Seed worth 1.5 hrs https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY
- Plant Party 12: Plant ID worth 1.5 hrs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrfxJT8mWbs>
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/202410>
- 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 <https://bexarmg.org/events/2024-10/>

Extension programs educate Texans in the areas of agriculture, environmental stewardship, health and wellness, youth and adult life skills, human capital and leadership, and community economic development and offers the knowledge resources of the land-grant university system to educate Guadalupe County residents for self-improvement, individual action and community problem solving. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is a statewide educational agency and a member of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), linked in a unique partnership with the nationwide Cooperative Extension System and Texas county governments. The following videos are for your viewing and completion of CE Hours.

Home Garden Series: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S5BK_6TGI_LYle3_XUiPjzz

Horticulture & Gardening Webinar Series with David Rodriguez:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S4J6Urb7-JiyXOCT7Mhtats>

Entomology Webinar Series with Molly Keck:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S50uWVbqYzV3k2nfmxeA_9g

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/Nd9IZnAYKdk>
- “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_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
- “Fleas” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/Cpy6AGbC9sY>
- “Turf Entomology” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/qKTeoz7EnGw>
- “Bed Bugs” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/l8Apq7AIInk>
- “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 Arthropods of Summer” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/a9IbZxP8Txs>
- “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
- “Vermiculture” by Peter Joseph Hernandez: <https://youtu.be/azWVXveYt9k>
- “Herbology Witching Spells Part 1” From the Master Naturalists: <https://youtu.be/-ZpGxGhPclo>
- “Herbology Witching Spells, Part 2” From the Master Naturalists: https://youtu.be/YgYfqW_VP9w

Special Volunteer Opportunities

Guadalupe County Fair

It's almost fair time! The 2024 Guadalupe County Fair will be held from Thursday, October 10th until Sunday, October 13th. 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! Horticulture entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 9th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Pumpkin entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Thursday, October 10th 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 and flavored oils made from homegrown herbs.

We need donated items for our raffle! Any item is greatly appreciated, large or small. This is a great fundraiser for our program. Please consider donating an item. We will sell tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. A few of our items so far are two rain barrels donated by RenShirts.com, a gift card for a massage donated by Benna Hunter, a one-year Black Card membership to Planet Fitness, a Miko foot massager donated by Paul Carter, gift cards, plants and much more!

And finally, we'll be collecting buttons of any color, plastic spoons, toilet paper tubes, and very fuzzy thick yarn in orange, yellow and white. If you have any of those items lying around, bring them to the AgriLife building.

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

Kathleen Smith

2024 County Fair Coordinator

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*For a complete list of items that will be accepted and when they have to be turned in, please visit: https://gcfair.org/home_arts.php.

Special Volunteer Opportunities

Grow Team Lead for 2025: You will be trained ahead of time. This one volunteer spot could get your volunteer hours out of the way for the year. Please contact Benna Hunter at BennaHunter@Gmail.com or 270-860-2246 or Sarah Puckett at Sparrowpuckett@gmail.com, or 972-768-6558, if you are interested or have questions.

County Fair Plant Sales - Oct. 10th-13th. Benna Hunter and Sarah Puckett are the official POCs for the plant sale portion of our booth. We will need volunteers to set up the booth, man the booth, cashiers for checkout, and plant sitters at the end to watch any extras until Pecan Fest, etc. Kathleen will be sending out a Signup Genius email for volunteering soon.

Pecan Fest - Oct. 26th. Wendy Salazar and Sarah Puckett are the POCs for the plant sales and booth for the GCMGs, at the Trade Days Event downtown on the square. Kay McElveen is the POC for the Big Red Barn Master Gardener booth. Downtown booths will need volunteers to set up, man the booths, Ask a Master Gardener, cashiers, and more depending on how many volunteers we have. We'd love to have more interactions with the kids and/or class promo and/or activities. The more volunteers we have ahead of time, the more we can do. If you would like to reach out to us, please email Wendy or Sarah. Maria will send out a Signup Genius email for volunteering soon as well.

Kingsbury Fall Festival - Nov. 9th. Sharon Cooper has stepped up to be the official POC for the event. She will be helping with the festival itself and will not be able to man the booth, so she will need a team of helpers to have a successful booth for GCMG. Her email is rscooper3707@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to help in some way. More details will be coming soon as the date gets closer

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 Communications 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 Melinda Lucas at 210-413-9389 or MelJLucas78218@Gmail.com. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Special Volunteer Opportunities

We have a few gardens that need your support. I asked the project leads what their needs are right now to ask the membership if there are any items they can donate or have any plants/seeds to give. See below list of items in need:

- Sprinklers - hand held and the kind you set out - GP
- Liquid fertilizer, seaweed, or fish emulsion -GP
- Soaker hoses - GP
- Hose splitters - GP
- Quick Connectors - GP
- Firecracker Plants - GP
- *Russelia equisetiformis* 6-12 - GP
- Lantana - New Gold and Camara variety (any color) 3 of each -GP
- Moy Grande Hibiscus 1 or 2 -GP
- Holly Fern 6-12 - GP
- Seeds of any kind -Marion
- Mulch bags (8)- or anyone who has a truck to go pick some up - Marion

Guadalupe Demo Garden is in need of:

- An Electrician to go and check an electrical issue.
- A Handyman to look at a chipper to see what kind of repairs is needed (Chipper will be used for any of the Gardens who need to use it).

Please contact Maria Dykes at 210-792-1603 or mariaq75@gmail.com if you have any of these items that you would be able to donate.

Winter Social Committee. Please contact Beth Smith at know if you would be interested in learning more. These are great opportunities for those of you who have had a difficult time acquiring the necessary hours to recertify.

Nominating Committee -Urgent need for Nominating Committee members to nominate next year's board. Contacts are Benna Hunter, at BennaHunter@Gmail.com or at 270-860-2246, and William (Bill) Nodine at William.Nodine@Att.net or 210-607-0045.

Filming Volunteer– Looking for volunteers who are interested in recording Continuing Education presentations and membership meetings. If you have photography or any camcorder experience, please the Technology Team Leader, Paul Prince at 559-259-4317 or email Phrogtoo@Yahoo.com.

Special Volunteer Opportunities



Seed Exchange Update for September 2024:

Our seed inventory has changed somewhat over the past few months, but we still have many heritage and ornamental plant seeds available. We are about to add several new varieties thanks to recent donations. Please feel free to come and browse through our inventory and take some seeds home to germinate. We would love for you to share your seed success with us both now and in the future, but that is up to you!

We welcome all seed donations, no need to wait or package them yourself. Feel free to drop them off in bulk during our normal hours or in the AgriLife office downstairs, just let them know they are for the MG Seed Exchange and be sure to give us the details on the seeds: *labeled with your name and the variety name (common name & Latin if you know it), the month & year they were harvested, if there is a specific color, and if the seed is rare or an heirloom.* We will divide them up, package & label them for distribution with all the details you provided.

Current Hours are: Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs Master Gardener research library/office of the AgriLife building in Seguin*. Text us if you have questions or want to volunteer to help! Volunteers are always welcome. Want to come pick up or drop off some seeds but can't make it during the normal hours, let us know and we can work something out.

Check out our webpage: [Seed Exchange Project page](#)

We are always working on updating our seed exchange inventory due to frequent changes, but you can view the most recent inventory version here: [Current Seed Exchange Inventory sheet](#)

Your seed exchange POCs: David & Karen Koepp – dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com , kkoeppnb@gmail.com , or call/text 210-263-3624, Ernestine Sykes – ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or text 210-544-0756

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.

Scheduled Workday on Mondays:

- Marion** - Marion Veterans Community Garden. Mondays 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. 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.
- Seguin** — Park West Pollinator Garden, 600 Block of North Vaughn Ave. Main-tenance of the pollinator garden and care of new plants. Bring gardening tools, water, hat, sunscreen, insect spray and wear appropriate gardening shoes. Hours are Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Contact Liz Romero, fleurromero@gmail.com

Scheduled Workdays on Tuesdays & Fridays:

- Schertz** - Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, behind the County Annex Building. Time is 8:00 a.m.-11.00. Check with Ann Odvody at odvodyd@swbell.net or 210-994-9664. (Always in need of help.)

Scheduled Workdays on Wednesdays:

- Seguin** - MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange, 210 E Live Oak, is open from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Ernestine Sykes at ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or 210-544-0756. The office number is 830-379-1972.
- 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:

- **Sequin** — 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 email jmknobles@yahoo.com.

Scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays and possibly other days

- **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 Caroline Moody at 210-710-3829 or at carolinemoody58@gmail.com.

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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