

JUNE 2025

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?



- Join us for Summer Social and class 40 graduation on June 21st!!.
- You can be a Wandering Gardener! If you have visited any beautiful garden areas and have a few photos, we'd love to hear about your adventure. You get volunteer hours and we get to learn about somewhere new. See the Wandering Gardener page for more information.
- Seed Exchange! Come and check it out and leave with volunteer hours, and/or seeds! If you are currently buying seeds for your garden, you could be getting them for free.
- Still in need volunteers to film classes and meetings. (This is not a long term commitment, just when you are available)

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Letter from the President

Fellow Master Gardeners

I'm writing this the morning after Memorial Day and I hope all of you had a safe, fun Memorial weekend. I had a couple of really nice things happen this last weekend and one of them reminded me that there are some "interesting" people in the world. I harvested and ate the first of this season's tomatoes – Yumm! After a winter of store bought it was great. This is where the interesting people come in – I was expressing my pleasure to some people and was told that one of them didn't like tomatoes! Weird, I thought they were everyone's favorite vegetable/fruit (an ongoing argument).

The other good thing that happened is that here in Seguin we got some much needed rain. It will truly help in our various Master Gardener projects. Our project gardens are looking really wonderful, despite the drought. That is entirely due to the hard work and diligence of you, our members. I have been taking our spring harvest from the Big Red Barn garden to the Christian Cupboard, the local food pantry, and I know that produce from other projects is donated to various organizations. It is truly appreciated! Thank you!

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who have served and given their lives for our country, and our freedoms. I also find it is time to remember people who are no longer with us who have had a positive impact on my life. Whatever success I have had in life is mostly due to the help and wisdom of others. Sometimes on a long-term basis, like parents, teachers, etc. Sometimes just a casual one, through words or actions that caused me to stop and reflect about what I wanted or should do or say. As we pursue our mission of sharing horticultural knowledge, we have the opportunity to interact with and impact others. We don't always see the results of our words and actions but I try to remember that how you do it is as important as that you do it. All of you are valued not just for your knowledge and hard work but for the care you take as you work with each other and the public.

Again, THANK YOU for all that you do! I hope to see you at our Summer Social on June 21. Meanwhile, enjoy those tomatoes, unless you are one of those "interesting" people

Kay McElveen

President, GCMG



Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Membership Director Report Month Ending 30 April 2025

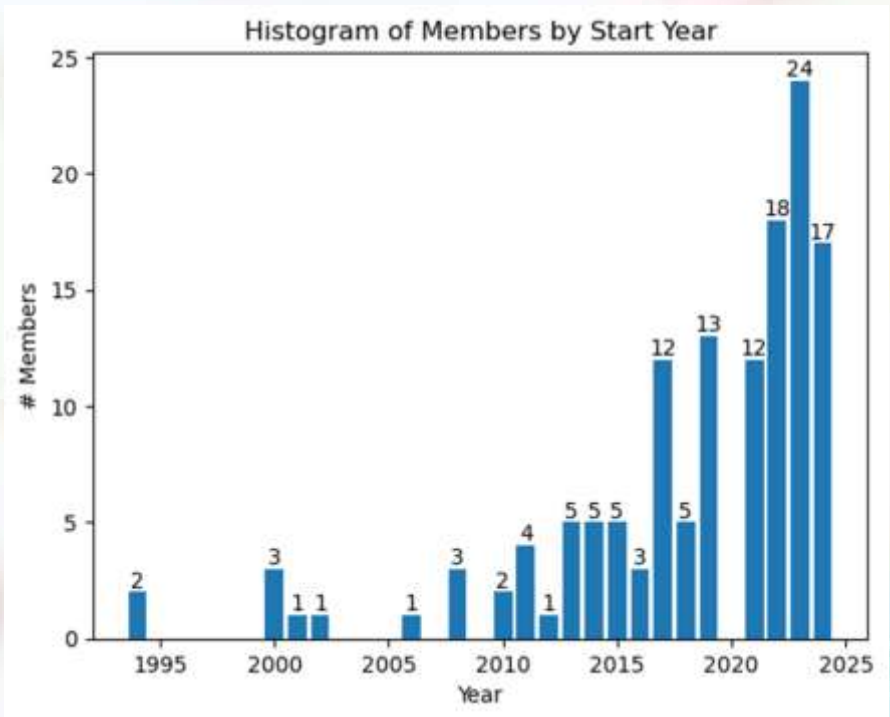
Prepared by Dr. Bjorn Johnson, Membership Director
(If you have any questions or concerns regarding page 3-5 please contact
Dr. Bjorn Johnson at Dr.Bjorn.Johnson@protonmail.com)

Roster Totals

Certified **Intern** **Honorary** **LOA** **Emeritus(a)**
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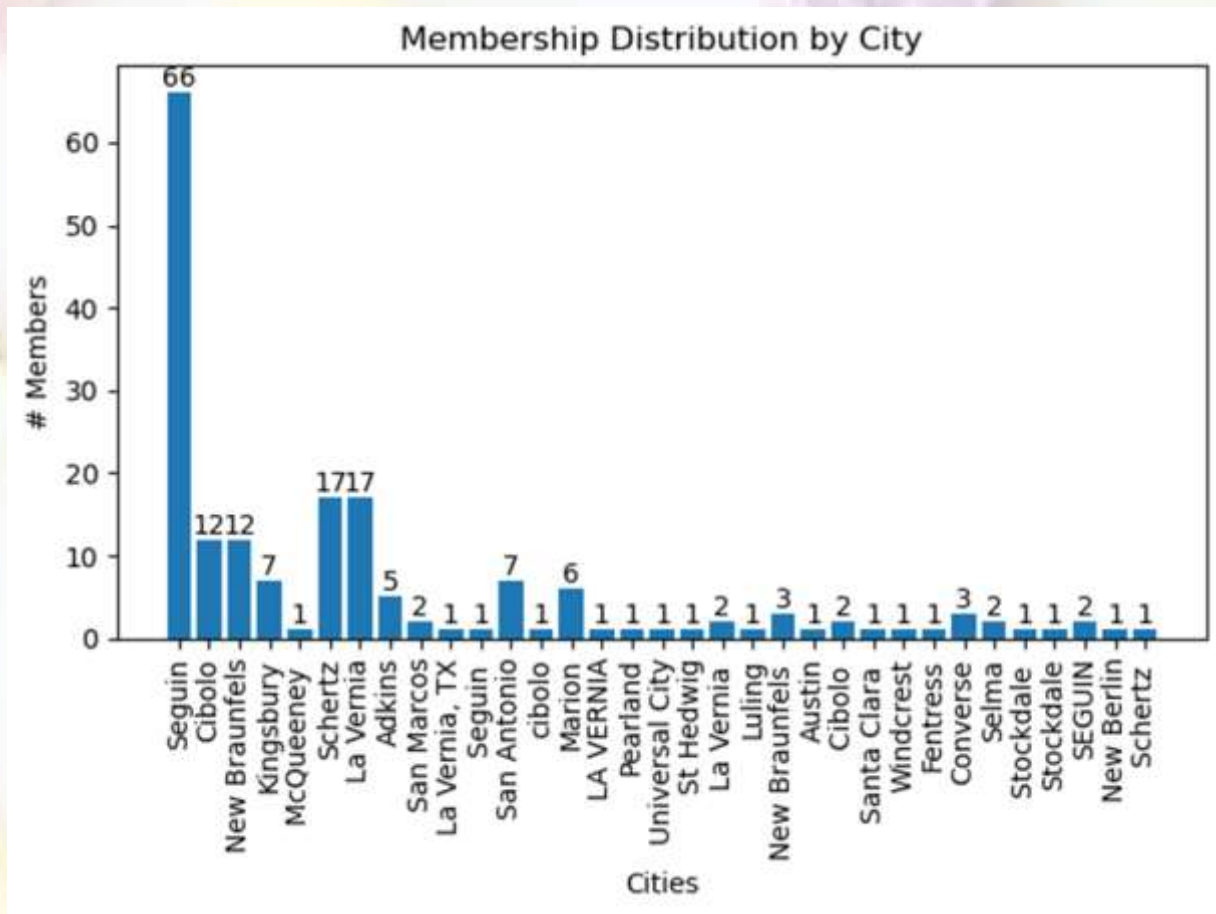
Month	Reporting	+5 Member	Vol Hours	CE Hours	Contacts	Total Hours
Jan	61	50	1038.6	125.75	275	1164.35
Feb	83	52	1188.15	159	99	1347.15
Mar	89	60	1605.88	252.25	110	1858.13
Apr	90	75	1870.6	141.25	142	2011.85

CARTER, PAUL	154.0
JOHNSON, BJORN	101.0
KOEPP, DAVID	167.75
LUCAS, MELINDA	219.5
MALONE, PAM	272.75
MCELVEEN, KAY	159.5
NODINE, WILLIAM	162.0
ODVODY, DALE	256.0
PRINCE, PAUL	160.0
PUCKETT, SARAH	128.0
RIPPEL, APRIL	478.25
RIPPEL, FRANK	117.0
SMITH, BETH	136.0
SMITH, BRENDA	172.75
STEELE, TIM	269.25
YOUNGER, PAM	221.0



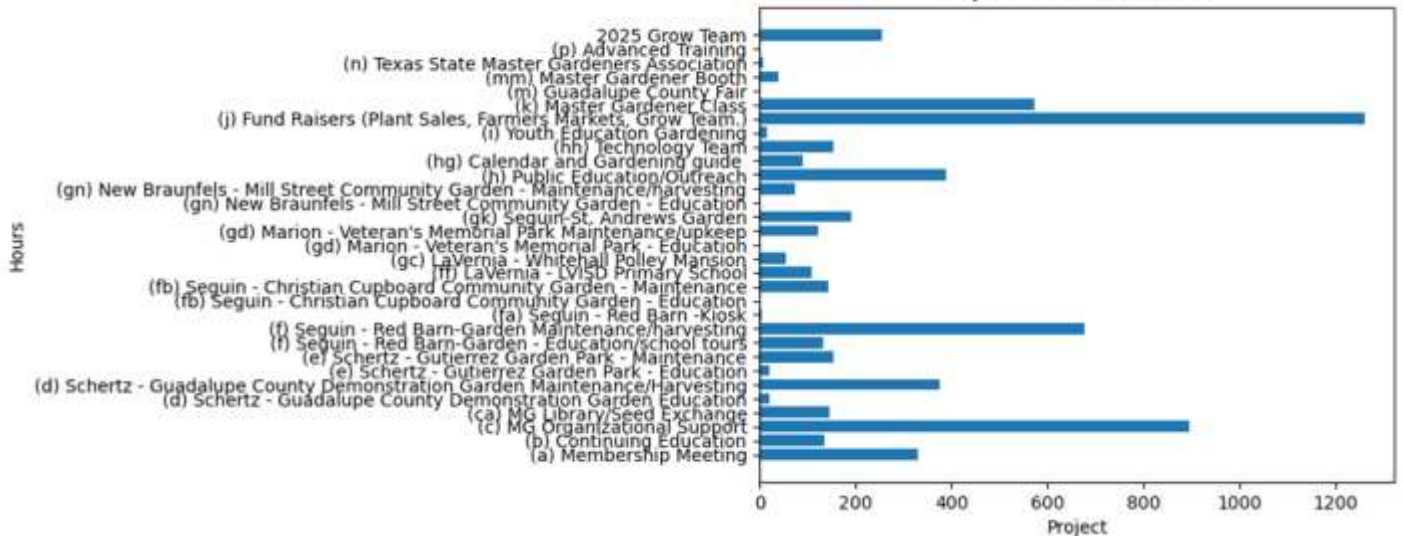
Membership Corner

Membership by City



Project

Project Hours Distribution



Membership Corner

Hours Distribution

Monthly 5+ Volunteer Hours

['ADAMS, KATHY']	['GEINZER, REBECCA']	['PHELPS, CLAYTON']
['ALBRECHT, DON']	['GLASGOW, MILLIE']	['PRINCE, PAUL']
['ALTHAUSER, DOROTHEA']	['GRIFFIS, JUDY']	['PUCKETT, SARAH']
['ALTHAUSER, MARCEL']	['GUTIERREZ, CELINA']	['RIOS, CAROL']
['ANCELET, LISA']	['HAAG, GREGORY']	['RIPPEL, APRIL']
['BRKICH, KAREN']	['HARMON, DOMINIQUE']	['RIPPEL, FRANK']
['BURRIS, WELTA']	['HENRY, BETH']	['SAULS, CASEY']
['BURTON, RODNEY']	['HILLMAN, SARAH']	['SIMS, JUDY']
['CARROLL, KATHY']	['HUEBINGER, CLAIRE']	['SKORUPA, SYLVIA']
['CARTER, MARTY']	['HYATT, JUDITH']	['SMITH, BETH']
['CARTER, PAUL']	['JOHNSON, BJORN']	['SMITH, BRENDA']
['CAVAZOS, RACHEL']	['KNEUPPER, RUTHIE']	['SMITH, KATHLEEN']
['CHASON, ANGELA']	['KNOBLES, JANICE']	['STEELE, TIM']
['COCKERELL, ALAN']	['KOEPP, DAVID']	['SYKES, ERNESTINE']
['COLLIER, COLLEEN']	['KOEPP, KAREN']	['TREMINE BLACK, SANDY']
['COOPER, RICHARD']	['LUCAS, MELINDA']	['TRUAX, LINDA']
['COOPER, SHARON']	['MALONE, PAM']	['WINGATE, LINSHA']
['COVER, KAY']	['MARTINEZ, DIANA']	['YOUNGER, PAM']
['DE JESUS, SANDRA']	['MCCORQUODALE, LISA']	
['DOMINGUEZ, BRENDA']	['MCELVEEN, KAY']	
['DYKES, MARIA']	['MILBURN, JESSICA']	
['EILAND, RACHEL']	['MOODY, CAROLINE']	
['FISHER, DAVID']	['MOTT, KEITH']	
['FOWLER, LARRY']	['MULLINS, MAC']	
['FOX, GINNY']	['MUSCHALEK, KEITH']	
['FRIESENHAHN, JOYCE']	['MUSCHALEK, ROBIN']	



Membership Corner

May Meeting



Photos provided
by April Rippel

Membership Corner

Last Day of Class 40

They were all thankful that they “got a firehose spray of gardening information” so they sprayed Paul with silly string.



Photo taken by
April Rippel

Monthly Meeting



SUMMER SOCIAL

STUDENT GRADUATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st 5-7 PM

SEGUIN BREWING COMPANY
111 WEST GONZALES STREET
SEGUIN, TEXAS 78155

KITCHEN & FULL BAR OPEN JUST FOR US.
ORDER YOUR DINNER & DRINKS FROM THEIR
MENU WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

BAND STARTS AT 7:00

STAY FOR FUN

Events to Check Out



MAKE MUSIC DAY

Make Music Day at the San Antonio Botanical Garden – A Free Event!

Join the San Antonio Botanical Garden in collaboration with Alamo City Arts on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10 AM to 10 PM for a full day of music and nature! This FREE event allows you to explore 38 acres of lush gardens and enjoy live music across multiple stages. Make Music Day celebrates music, nature, and fun—bring your family and friends for an unforgettable experience!

Don't miss out—Get your tickets now!

This event has timed ticketing to ensure the best experience and minimize overcrowding. Please note that parking is limited.

Make Music San Antonio at the San Antonio Botanical Garden is made possible through generous sponsorships by the Alamo Colleges District and Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. The event is also supported in part by San Antonio Water Systems and Culligan of San Antonio.

You must register at <https://sabg.ticketapp.org/portal/product/670/calendar>

Master Gardener Merchandise

Print on Demand

Visit our new store at: <https://gcmg.printify.me/> to order and see more examples.

There is a large selection of GCMG item that can be purchased and there is also the option to have other items printed. Here is the information:

Printify is a print on demand online option that has made arrangements with printing companies all over the world, as well as in the USA. Only printers with good ratings and products have been selected for GCMG. When orders are placed, they are printed especially for you. Printify handles everything- the website, the sale, the shipping, and the customer service. Go to <https://gcmg.printify.me/> to see what is currently available. Like most other online shopping experiences, pick your product and your size (make sure to check the size guides before ordering). When finished, go to your cart and pick your shipping option. It will ship directly to your house.

Why did we do this?

In the last couple of years, there have been many different requests for variety of shirts. After looking around, most had to be purchase up front in bulk, which required having a larger inventory to keep up with and lug around. After talking with April (since she's been the POC working with a local printer) we decided to keep the current blue shirts with the local printer she already had an arrangement with. When we order in bulk from her, we are able to keep it at lower price. This makes it perfect to include with the Master Gardener class package and to have a few extra to sell for those that want to still purchase these shirts.

This online store option broadens our sales reach without having to take the inventory anywhere. Of course, it is more expensive than the local printer because they print it when you order it.

Having a combination of a local printer and our online store with multiple printers provides us with another fundraiser opportunity. Plus it keeps most members happy with the type of products we offer with our logo on it.

I'm working on incorporating photos from our project gardens into some of the product designs. If you have some great photos from the gardens, please send them to me at sparrowpuckett@gmail.com with the details (who took the photo, location, and plant name). Over time there will be more "funny" shirts and items added. Don't forget that if you're looking for something specific, reach out to me and I'll see what they have. Keep checking in for new and exciting products throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Sarah Puckett
Past President



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: The gas station and convenience store near me irrigates their grass at all hours of the day. I know that my water company has a Stage 4 drought sign posted and San Antonio has just announced Stage 5. What are the rules and when should the business be watering?

A: Springs Hill SUD limits water irrigation with hose-end sprinklers or automatic systems to Tuesdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number, and Wednesdays for customers whose address ends in an odd number. This is limited to the hours of 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. These hours are explained by Extension Horticulturist Doug Welsh who recommends we conserve water by watering the lawn and garden between sundown and sunrise, when the wind and temperatures are lower and water doesn't evaporate before it hits the lawn. He further suggests that you increase mowing heights during summer to decrease lawn water use and increase drought tolerance.

Q: I am going on an extended summer vacation and my fig tree finally has little figs on it. Will there still be fruit when I return at the end of June?

A: aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/fruit-nut has a lovely little booklet on growing figs written by Jim Kamas, Monte Nesbitt, and Larry Stein, three Extension Fruit Specialists. Figs are one of my favorite fruit trees because they grow and fruit in spite of anything I do.

The standard fig varieties growing around here are the Alma, Celeste and the Texas Everbearing. My favorite is Celeste because it has a tightly closed eye (which limits wasps) and I like the flavor. It is also the most cold-hardy. My tree has never frozen completely back and has been in the ground since about 2005. Alma is a late season fruiter, while Celeste is usually harvested in mid to late June. As per its name, Texas Everbearing's fruit ripens over a period from June through August. Depending on what kind of fig you have, you may still have figs when you return from vacation.



Check us out on

facebook

GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

By Kat Adams

We added 46 new members. Welcome all.

They want to learn about vegetable gardens, herb gardens and how to create habitats. Our top posters were Vicky Welty Spradling, Frank Rippel, Debbie Fitzgerald Groves.

What To Plant and Grow In June

Okra, Mustard Greens, Pea (English and Snap), Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, Sweet Corn, Green Beans, Onion

How To Make A Habitat For Fireflies

- **Choose an area with minimal disturbance, quiet backyard corner or an existing garden.**
- **Pond, stream, rain garden or artificial water feature is advised.**
- **Native vegetation and leaf litter rich zones appeal to fireflies.**
- **Use a rocky patch where cultivated grass struggles to grow or a shaded corner you rarely visit.**
- **Use these spots to allow vegetation to grow naturally and reduce your yard maintenance.**
- **Avoid pesticides and herbicides.**
- **Think about the impact of outdoor lighting. Replace traditional fixtures with shielded motion activated or red spectrum bulbs. This preserves the natural darkness fireflies need for their displays.**
- **Plant wildflowers, native grasses, native shrubs to attract firefly prey while providing shelter.**
- **Create a garden filled with native species transforming your yard into a vibrant ecosystem.**
- **Grasses - Inland Sea Oats, Switchgrass, Muhly**
- **Forbs - Asters, Frog fruit**
- **Vines - Morning Glory, Dewberry**
- **Trees - Ash, Dwarf Palmetto, Elm, Mexican Buckeye, Desert Willow, Live Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Shumard Oak, Bur Oak**

For more information go to FIREFLY.ORG

Please continue to post photos of your gardens, garden hacks and garden questions. We all learn from each other.

Enjoy Your Gardens.

The Wandering Gardeners

The Rock Garden, Calhoun, GA Wandered Into by Jessica Leigh Milburn, Class 40

1411 Rome Road SW, Calhoun, GA 30701 (located in the Calhoun Seventh Day Adventist Church)

Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Free Admission with donations welcomed but not obligated.

Path terrain is uneven with some areas inaccessible to individuals with mobility challenges.

<https://calhounsdachurch.com/the-rock-garden/>



My husband and I recently traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to attend a family wedding approximately 60 miles northwest in Resaca, an area rich in American Civil War history. Admittedly, I'm not much of a history buff so I decided to Google things to do in Resaca/Calhoun, Georgia. The first thing that popped up - The Rock Garden. I took to social media and immediately found several amazing and popular videos on TikTok (many with over 50K "likes") and posts on Facebook about this whimsical garden. It's a wonderful place to visit whether you're driving through, staying the night, or you are a local.

The garden was started in 2007 by Dewitt "Old Dog" Boyd behind the Calhoun Seventh Day Adventist Church. Later, his wife Joyce and children and grandchildren helped, as well as the community, making this garden's creation become a shared creative endeavor. The one-acre garden is part of the 53 acres the church owns along Highway 53 South and is close to the Oostanaula River. Being that it's so close to the river, a tranquil creek runs through the garden with towering pine trees above providing a shady canopy. Reportedly, sometimes a few of the structures closer to the creek are under water when the creek runs high.



The garden boasts more than 50 meticulously hand-crafted miniature homes, villages, castles, churches, lighthouses, bridges, and other structures made of rocks and pebbles, broken glass and ceramic pieces, tiles, and other building materials. Some of the structures even have beautiful stained glass inlay architectural elements. Named structures include O Little Town of Bethlehem, the Prayer Garden, Dover Castle, Castle of Angels, Japanese Castle, Castle of Rejoicing, Martin Luther Monastery, Camelot Castle - Normandy, France, Paris - City of Lights, Jerusalem, Village of Nottingham, and the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral.

The Wandering Gardeners



It is hard to put a finger on what my favorite structure would have been because I was overwhelmed by the artistry and attention to detail in the complexity of all of these structures made of small pebbles. How time-consuming this must have been! As I walked along the pebble laid paths, I realized how purposeful and with what great intention each small pebble had been placed - a true act and labor of love.

My visit to The Rock Garden was a memorable experience that even gained a thumbs up from my 12-year-old niece. I was truly left in awe of the vision, creativity, and dedication that went into its creation. The Rock Garden is the perfect convergence of art, nature, and spirituality, bringing joy to the many visitors who come annually to explore this unique garden of miniature worlds and reflect on the beauty of creation.



If you're planning a trip to northwest Georgia, especially along the I-75 corridor between Atlanta and Chattanooga, TN, consider making a short rest stop at The Rock Garden in your itinerary. It's not too far off the beaten path (and close to Buccee's too). It's a hidden gem that any creative person and/or gardener will appreciate!



If you would like to have your wandering gardener experience published, please email your favorite 7 pictures and 3 short paragraphs to Melinda Lucas at MelJLucas78218@Gmail.com

NPSOT

The Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society
monthly meeting:

Tuesday June 10th

St. John Lutheran Church, FM 465, Marion

**Jerry McNulty will do a demonstration on the
*Propagation of Texas Native Cacti***

**Plant/Seed Exchange & Social time at 6:30 p.m.
program at 7:00 p.m.
Short business meeting to follow.**

**For more information, directions, and membership
application see our website and link to our Facebook
page at: <https://npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>**

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Continuing Education

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Serving Texas' Needs

Education Director Report

May 5, 2025



Brenda Smith

2025 GCMG, Education Director

Education Hours Snapshot of April 7th - 137 certified Members

36% have "0" hours – 49 Members – ↓

10% have "1-2.25" hours – 14 Members

17% have "2.5-5.75" hours – 23 Members

23% have "6-9.75" hours – 31 Members

15% have "10+" hours – 20 Members

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
6/21/2025	Fanick's at 10:00 am	Summer Color with Texas Superstar plants

Please visit <https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/> to see all upcoming lunch and learns and continuing education opportunities.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is an equal opportunity employer and program provider. The Texas A&M University system, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts Cooperating. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the program should contact the County Extension Office at least one week prior to the program or event to request mobility, hearing, visual or other assistance.



Continuing Education



Be a Texas Master Naturalist!

Apply today for 2025 Training Class

Texas Master Naturalists are volunteers with a desire to learn about the natural world and share with their community. If you love Texas, you'll love being a Certified Master Naturalist!

CLASS SCHEDULE

Every other Tuesday evening from 5:45 - 9:15
August 5, 2025 - November 15, 2025
Plus 3 Saturday field trips and 8 hours of orientation volunteer activities

LOCATION

TX A&M AgriLife Extension Bldg
210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin, TX 78155

COST

\$175 – Includes Master Naturalist textbook, t-shirt, name tag, and background check. Deadline to apply is August 1

Classes are taught by university professors, scientists, TX Parks & Wildlife staff, TX A&M AgriLife Extension staff, and other professionals!

EXPLORE

Outdoor natural areas
Texas State Parks



TEACH

Families and peers in parks, libraries, and schools



CONSERVE

Collect scientific data
Restore ecosystems



Download Applications from our website at
www.txmn.org/Guadalupe

Questions? Text or Email

Michelle Damell. 210-601.8957
gmmembers@guadmn.org

Meet n' Greet Open Houses 6PM – 7PM

Tues, July 15 TX A&M AgriLife Extn, 210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin
Tues, July 22 Schertz Senior Center, 608 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz

RSVP to gmmembers@guadmn.org

Guadalupe Chapter Texas Master Naturalists
210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin, TX 78155
830-379-1972



Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Garden Style San Antonio, TX <https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/events-calendar/>
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/>
- 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/>
- 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/>
- Plant Party #18 recording of the “Spring Green Up” Plant Party Webinar (~1 hr 18 min) can be accessed at https://youtu.be/ziSx-LJjaqo?si=qD_OLTJs-8yx_VP-
Find ALL Plant Party recordings and future events posted at:
<https://southtexasrangelands.tamu.edu/plant-party/>

Mark your calendars for Plant Party #19: Getting to the Root of SOIL on June 18, 2025

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

Special Volunteer Opportunities



Seed Exchange update for June 2025

Summer is here! I think we missed Spring, but this is Texas. By now your vegetables are likely cooking before you can harvest them, but have hope, there is still much that can be done in this heat.

This is the perfect time to get your notebook ready and put together your fall garden plans. Then head to the Seed Exchange and see what is available. With your plans and your seeds, all you have to do is prep to start your fall garden seeds inside or outside so that you can have everything ready to plant in order to get a good harvest.

Many herbs can be grown indoors, like basil, thyme, oregano, etc. We have plenty of herb seeds as well.

Many of the seeds are out on the table in Master Gardeners Office, but most are not (there just isn't enough space).

We know getting here during our normal Seed Exchange hours on Wednesdays from 2-4 PM doesn't work for many folks who work or have other commitments so please reach out to one of the POC's if you have questions or need access at other days and times.

Please take advantage of this valuable resource that can save you a lot of money. Before you buy seeds, please come check out the inventory at the Seed Exchange and if you are short of volunteer hours, we can help with that too.

POCs: David & Karen Koepp – dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com ,
kkoepbnb@gmail.com , or call/text 210-263-3624,

Ernestine Sykes – ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or text 210-544-0756

Volunteer Opportunities

GCMG APPROVED GARDENS, PARKS AND PROJECTS FOR 2025

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Gardens and Parks

1. Big Red Barn Garden

[390 Cordova Rd., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Janice Knobles, jmknobles@yahoo.com

Text: 210-275-4402

Volunteer Day: Fridays 07:30 a.m. Summer 08:15 a.m.

Winter

2. Christian Cupboard Garden

[516 N. Camp, Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Kay McElveen hkaymcelveen@gmail.com

Phone: (479)790-2933

Volunteers work on their own schedule.

3. Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden

[1101 Elbel St., Schertz, TX](#)

POC: Ann Odvody odvodyd@swbell.net

Phone (210) 665-3866

Volunteer Day: Tues or Fri 8-1100 a.m.

4. Gutierrez Garden Park

[1231 Borgfeld Rd., Schertz, TX](#)

POC: Maria Dykes mariaq75@gmail.com

Phone: (210) 792-1603

Volunteer days: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday

Call during the week for work hour

5. Irma Lewis Outdoor Learning Center

[1865 East Hwy 90, Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Wendy Salazar fredandwendy@yahoo.com

Phone: (210) 483-3717

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

6. La Vernia Primary School Gardens

[249 FM 1346 S., La Vernia TX](#)

POCs: Kay Cover doncover6969@yahoo.com

Colleen Collier colleen1631@gmail.com

Volunteer Days: Contact the POCs

7. Marion Veteran's Memorial Park

[100 W. Huebinger St., Marion, TX](#)

POCs: Carol Suchan ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com

Text: 210-870-4880

Anne Ottenad ron.anne.ottenad@gmail.com

Volunteer Day: Mondays 8-10 a.m.

8. Mill Street Community Garden

[1447 West Mill St., New Braunfels, TX](#)

POCs: Benna Hunter bennahunter@gmail.com

Text: 270-860-2246

Kathleen Smith kathleensmith1214@gmail.com

Volunteer Day: 2nd. Saturday of the month.

9. Park West Pollinator/Waterwise Garden

[600 N. Vaughn St., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Liz Romero fleurromero@gmail.com

Phone: (830) 491-9676

Monday 8:30-10:30 a.m. & Thursday 8:30-11:30 a.m.

10. Polley Mansion Heritage Garden

[11432 FM 539, La Vernia, TX](#)

POC: Robin Muschalek forcexxi@yahoo.com

Keith Muschalek keith.muschalek@gmail.com

Volunteer Days: Contact POCs

11. St. Andrew's Park

Corner of S. Crockett & Nolte St., Seguin, TX

POC: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com

Volunteer Days: Wednesday's 9-11 a.m.

Other Projects

1. Big Red Barn Kiosk

[390 Cordova Rd., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

2. Christmas Tree Project (Nov./Dec.)-SEASONAL

[210 E. Live Oak St.](#), (Tree will be on Downtown Square)

POC: Kayla Murray (830-386-9664)

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

3. GC Fair MG Booth (2nd week/weekend Oct.)-SEASONAL

[950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX](#) (Fairgrounds Coliseum)

POC: Beth Smith basmith5518@gmail.com

Text: (210)727-9890

Volunteer Days: Tuesday-Sunday during Fair Week

4. GCMG Communication Team

POC: Communications Director: Ingrid Wilgen

essentiallyingrid@gmail.com Text: 210-214-0787

5. GCMG Independence Day Parade Float-SEASONAL

POC: Beth Smith basmith5518@gmail.com

Text: (210)727-9890

Setup Location / Volunteer Days: Contact POC

6. GCMG MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange

[210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin](#)

POC: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com

David Koepp dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com & Karen Koepp

kkoepplib@gmail.com

Volunteer Days: Wed.2-4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

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Other Projects (continued)

7. GCMG Monthly Meeting-Refreshments

[210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin](#)

POC: Karen Carrell carrell1708@msn.com

Volunteer Days: 3rd Thursday each month except June & December – Sign up during monthly meeting or contact POC for current needs and/or make a donation

8. GCMG Social Events

Summer POC: April Rippel adrippel@gmail.com

Winter POC: Beth Smith basmith5518@gmail.com

Text: (210)727-9890

Volunteer Days: TBD for 2025

9. GC Pumpkin Decorating Contest Booth

(2nd weekend in Oct.) – Fairgrounds Coliseum

[950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Pam Younger pamyounger54@gmail.com

10. GCMG Video Team

POC: Paul Prince phrogtoo@yahoo.com

Text: 559-259-4317

5. Pecan Festival – October 25th 2025

Garden Tour & more @ the Big Red Barn

Plant Sale Downtown Seguin on the Square

Big Red Barn POC:

Plant Sales POCs: Paul Carter (830) 481-0817

greenthumbcarter@gmail.com

Tim Steele (210) 385-2219 tlscowboys@hotmail.com

6. Seeds for Libraries & Craft Opportunities for Plant Sales

[210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin](#)

POC: Beth Smith basmith5518@gmail.com

Text: (210)727-9890

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

7. Yulefest (1st Sunday in December)

[950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: April Rippel adrippel@gmail.com

Plant Sales & Related Projects

1. GCMG GROW Team

Location details will be provided by POC

POC: Pam Malone ptmalone@live.com

Text (830) 534-2111

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

2. Plant Sales Team

Sales will be at various GC locations in Spring & Fall

POCs: Paul Carter (830) 481-0817

greenthumbcarter@gmail.com

Tim Steele (210) 385-2219 tlscowboys@hotmail.com

Volunteer Days: Will be posted on website and/or emailed

3. GCMG MG Information Booth

Location details will be provided by POC

POC: April Rippel adrippel@gmail.com

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

4. Kingsbury Fall Festival

[644 Railway St, Kingsbury, Tx 78638](#)

POC: Sharon Cooper

Volunteer Day: Contact POC – Event is typically on 1st or 2nd Saturday in November



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.

Mondays

Marion Veterans Community Garden

100 W Huebinger St. in Marion

8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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

Contact Carol Suchan
210-870-4880 or email

ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com

or Anne Ottenad

210-860-3636 or email

Ron.anne.ottenad@Gmail.com.

Beware of Snakes

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/online-course/preparation-and-survival/snakes>

Mondays

Park West Pollinator Garden

600 Block of North Vaughn Ave,
Seguin.

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Need help with maintenance of the pollinator garden and care of new plants. Bring gardening tools, and dress for the weather

Contact Liz Romero

fleurromero@gmail.com

Wednesdays

MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange

210 E. Live Oak, AgriLife Bldg, Seguin

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed

Contact Ernestine Sykes

210-544-0756 or email

ejackson.sykes@gmail.com

The office number is 830-379-1972.

Wednesday

St Andrew's Community Garden

The corner of Nolte & Crocket St.

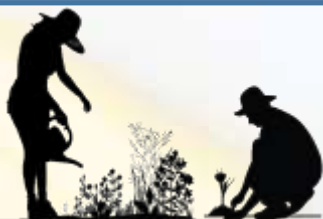
9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Weeding, planting and edging and whatever else needs to be done

Contact Ernestine Sykes

210-544-0756 or email

ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or



Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesdays & Thursdays & possibly other days

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 Maria Dykes

210-792-1603 or email
Mariaq75@gmail.com.



Tuesdays & Fridays

Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden

1101 Elbel Road, Schertz
(behind the County Annex Building)

8:00 a.m.-11.00. a.m.

Contact Ann Odvody

210-994-9664 or Email

odvodyd@swbell.net

(Always in need of help.)

Fridays

Big Red Barn Gardens

390 Cordova Road, Seguin

7:30 a.m. for the summer hours

8:15 a.m. for the winter hours.

Contact Janice Knobles

210-275-4402 or email
jmknobles@yahoo.com





Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc.

210 East Live Oak St.

Seguin, TX 78155

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