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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

What's the Buzzzz?



- **Immediate need for a Lead or Video Lead Technologist to take over filming Lunch and Learns and meetings. This is a pretty easy way to earn volunteer hours and training will be provided. No experience needed.**
- **This is the month to get caught up on your hours with so many volunteer opportunities! There are plant sales, school tours, and we are only one month away from the county fair! This edition is chocked full of opportunities to show others why being a Master Gardener is important.**
- **Want to 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 Gardeners page for more information.**
- **Seed Exchange! Come and check it out and leave with volunteer hours and or seeds!**
- **Fall grow team. There are many roles to fill. If you don't want to "grow" you can do crafts, donate plants (in nice pots) or help with sales and other needs.**

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Letter from the President

Fellow Master Gardeners:

As we wind down the summer, I hope yours has been great! We are at the end of summer (almost) and have a really busy fall season waiting for us. Besides getting gardens ready for fall planting we have a bunch of projects that need your help to succeed.

First up are the Big Red Barn School Tours in September. Those of you who have helped with the tours in the past know that they can be a lot of fun. You get the opportunity to introduce those rug rats (sorry, charming students) to gardening. The students range from those who are convinced that their produce comes from H-E-B by magic (I had one 4th grader that I never could convince popcorn came from the plant in front of him), to those who can probably teach you some gardening techniques. It really is a lot of fun and very rewarding. Also coming in September is the first of our fall plant sales. We have a long way to go to match our spring plant sales, but I know we're up to it.

Also coming up is the Guadalupe County Fair & Rodeo at the Seguin Event Center October 9-12. As you know, this is a really big deal for us. I want to thank the organizers and all of you who have or will volunteer. There will be all sorts of different activities for you to work, from the horticulture judging to the plant sale, children's activities, Ask a Master Gardener, Pumpkin Carving contest to selling raffle tickets, You can also buy some raffle tickets, we always have a really nice selection of prizes.

We will wrap up fall/winter with Pecan Fest at the end of October and Yule Fest in December. Just in case you need something else to do): While helping with all of these activities, please remember that we have Class 41 coming up in January. Please take the opportunity to sell the class to the public as you interact with them.

I hope to see most of you at one or more of these events but in case I miss you,
THANK YOU!!

Kay McElveen

President, GCMG



Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Membership Director Report

Month Ending July 31, 2025

Prepared by David Koepp, Membership Director

Executive Summary:

- All but 3 members with Background Checks due in 2025 have now completed the process. Thank you!
- There are 31 currently certified members who have not yet submitted any volunteer hours in VMS for 2025, and 40 certified members who still need between .5 and 19.5 volunteer hours (and their CE hrs).
 - Aside from the many project gardens, there are also many indoor opportunities to get hours, and tons of online education available. See our [website](#) and [web calendar](#) for details.
 - I know some of you plan to work the GC Fair, but the end of the year will be here before you know it. Start working those CE hours in by watching videos on our [YouTube channel](#).
 - I also know many of you have hours worked, but for whatever reason have not entered them in VMS. Please get it done! While many may be past time to help financially, they still apply to your certification or recertification requirements.
 - If you need your password reset, or if you need help getting the hours entered, please reach out to me. I'm willing to help however I can. My contact info is below.
- You may not be aware, but the timely input of your volunteer (and CE hours) is actually critical to our organizations funding.
- Reporting in VMS is imperative to the continuance of the EMG program which relies upon State and Federal funding.
- Reporting shows the community and our stakeholders the impact of our volunteer service provided.
- This State & Federal funding gives us the facilities and office space for our training classes, meetings and presentations, the audio & video equipment we utilize, the network and internet access, our website, it pays for the electricity to keep the lights on, the phones, computers, and many other things.
 - Thus we can't stress enough the importance of your timely input of your hours.
 - You might be thinking well I'm just donating those hours and I'm not going to bother reporting them, and while that is nice sentiment, it is actually hurting the organization financially. So please, if you performed volunteer hours in August, those hours need to be input in August (by the last day of the month at the very latest).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, with VMS or EVS, please contact David Koepp dhkoepp.GCMG@gmail.com or GV: 210-263-3624 voice/text friendly

2025 Recertification Requirements are **20** hours Volunteer & **10** hours Continuing Education.

Did you know you could access VMS from your smartphone? Yes the screen is smaller than a computer screen, but you can enter your time via VMS in a web browser the same way as from a computer.

We recommend entering your hours into VMS if not the same day as the task performed, then at least weekly!
But worst case: Please, log all of your hours by or before the last day of the month in order for them to be counted properly.

Roster Totals for June	Intern (20)	Certified (163)	Leave of Absence (5)	Inactive (2)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (1)
Roster Totals for July	Intern (21)	Certified (162)	Leave of Absence (5)	Inactive (0)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (3)
Month	# Members Reporting	Mbrs w/ 5+ Hours	Vol Hours	CE Hours	Contacts	Pounds Produce	
January	88	38	1083.00	135.75	178	223	
February	106	62	1484.85	169.00	107	261	
March	114	74	1870.38	264.50	210	108	
April	110	84	2072.35	144.25	622	220	
May	96	59	1152.80	582.50	101	1525	
June	62	45	941.25	47.75	41	1969	
July	81	39	1168.14	101.10	46	740	
2025 (So Far)	126	n/a	9,939.52	1,476.60	1305	5046	
2024	158	n/a	14959.25	1712.00	2539	9362	
2023	165	n/a	14790.50	1738.15	1664	5593	
2022	146	n/a	11786.80	1646.25	3261	0	

Membership Corner

	# Submitted	# Not Submitted
Number of Certified Members that reported any amount of hours for July by reporting deadline	73	89
Volunteer Hours (Certified Status) for the Month of July 2025		
	Vol	CE
Members with 0 hours reported	89	122
Members with >0 & <5 hours	25	36
Members with => 5 & <25 hours	39	4
Members with => 25 & <100 hours	8	0
Members with => 100 & <200 hours	1	0
Members with => 200 & <300 hours	0	0
Members with => 300 & <400 hours	0	0
Members with => 400 & <500 hours	0	0
Members with => 500 hours	0	0
	Vol	CE
Number of Volunteers Reporting this year (so far)	126	120
Volunteer Hours (Certified Status) Year-To-Date		
	Vol	CE
Number of Members with 0 hours reported YTD	36	42
Number of Members with >0 & <5 hours	14	19
Number of Members with => 5 & <25 hours	34	96
Number of Members with => 25 & <100 hours	49	5
Number of Members with => 100 & <200 hours	18	0
Number of Members with => 200 & <300 hours	3	0
Number of Members with => 300 & <400 hours	6	0
Number of Members with => 400 & <500 hours	1	0
Number of Members with => 500 hours	1	0

July 2025 Volunteer Recognition Drawing Certified* Master Gardeners

5+ Volunteer Hours for 1 - 31 July 2025 (Board Members Not Included/Eligible)

1. ADAMS, KATHY	11. COVER, KAY	21. KIRK, JESS	31. ODVODY, ANN
2. ALTHAUSER, DOROTHEA	12. DE JESUS, SANDRA	22. KNEUPPER, RUTHIE	32. ODVODY, DALE
3. BRKICH, KAREN	13. DYKES, MARIA	23. KNOBLES, JANICE	33. OTTENAD, ANNE
4. BURRIS, WELTA	14. FISHER, DAVID	24. KOEPP, KAREN	34. PHELPS, CLAYTON
5. BURTON, RODNEY	15. FOX, JOYCE	25. LUCAS, MELINDA	35. PRINCE, PAUL
6. CARRELL, KAREN	16. GEINZER, REBECCA	26. MALONE, PAM	36. SCHULTZE, PAT
7. CARRILLO, BREA	17. GRIFFIS, JUDY	27. MEADE, CONSTANCE	37. SIMS, JUDY
8. CARTER, PAUL	18. HARMON, DOMINIQUE	28. MOTT, KEITH	38. SMITH, ANNETTE
9. CHASON, ANGELA	19. HENRY, BETH	29. NIELSON, JAMIE	39. SYKES, ERNESTINE
10. COCKERELL, ALAN	20. HUEBINGER, CLAIRE	30. NIELSON, MARY	

Recognition Drawing: July-Karen Carrell August MM Door prize-Tang Hoang

Milestone Club:

100 Hour Club	100 Hour Club	300 Hour Club
ALTHAUSER, MARCEL	ODVODY, ANN	KOEPP, DAVID
BURTON, RODNEY	OTTENAD, ANNE	LUCAS, MELINDA
CARTER, PAUL	PRINCE, PAUL	MALONE, PAM
CHASON, ANGELA	PUCKETT, SARAH	SMITH, BETH
COVER, KAY	RIPPEL, FRANK	STEELE, TIM
DYKES, MARIA	SMITH, KATHLEEN	YOUNGER, PAM
HENRY, BETH		
JOHNSON, BJORN	200 Hour Club	400 Hour Club
KNEUPPER, RUTHIE	MCELVEEN, KAY	ODVODY, DALE
KNOBLES, JANICE	SMITH, BRENDA	
KOEPP, KAREN	SYKES, ERNESTINE	500 Hour Club
MEADE, CONSTANCE		RIPPEL, APRIL

Membership Corner

Schertz HEB Kid's Day

August 2nd



Membership Corner

Congratulations

Kat Medeiros-Oropeza

Class 40



Guadalupe Co. 4-H Block Party

at the Seguin Coliseum, August 27, 2025



Mac Mullen and his team represented GCMG during 4-H sign ups and were able to hand out seeds and applications for the upcoming class 41.



Membership Corner

2026 Master Gardener Calendar

Great news! The GCMG 2026 Gardening Guide & Calendars are in!

This full color, beautiful, informative guide will give you invaluable information about vegetables and when to plant them. This is a fundraiser for our non-profit organization.



Order now, or come to 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX 78155 Wed-Sat. 9am - 5pm, to buy in person. Link for ordering: <https://gcmgtx.org/2026calendar/index.html> The calendars will also be available at upcoming Lunch and Learns, meetings, and plant sales.

Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

Every year our calendars will feature a different horticulture topic, 2026 is vegetables. There is a rumor that 2027 will be trees, stay tuned! Don't delay, get yours soon, supplies are limited! These will make great Christmas gifts!

April Rippel

2025 GCMG President Elect

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Guadalupe County Master Gardener Class Co-Coordinator

adrippel@gmail.com (830) 433-2218 (Text Friendly)

Guadalupe County Master Gardener Training [Class](#)

[41 Information:](#)

[Info and Application Click Here](#)



Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Fair

Horticulture Entries

The 2025 Guadalupe County Fair is one month away! Please plan to enter something you are growing to show off what we, as gardeners, can do!

At the GCMG Booth, inside the coliseum here in Seguin, we will once again host the Horticulture Division. What is involved with entering something?

Here's what you need to know:

It is free to enter an item

You can enter as many items as you would like

All entries must be grown/made in Texas, by the exhibitor

You get free Fair Tickets for entering items

There is an Adult Division & a Youth Division. Youth is for 17 years old and younger. Divisions are judged separately

Your entry can win ribbons!

Entries are accepted at the coliseum on Wednesday, October 8th, from 2-7pm, and on Thursday, October 9th, from 9-10am

Judging will be done by out-of-county AgriLife Extension Agents.

Your entries can be picked up on Sunday, October 12th, from 4-5:30pm.

So get growing, or get making! For a complete list of what you can enter at the GCMG Horticulture Booth, please visit <https://gcfair.org/horticulture.php>. Field crops, garden crops, orchard crops, and home products are all welcome. See you at the fair!

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Guadalupe County Fair

It's almost fair time! The 2025 Guadalupe County Fair will be held from Thursday, October 9th until Sunday, October 12th. There will be a lot of activities going on in our booth in the coliseum including a plant sale, kid's activities and crafts, great raffle prizes, free seed packets, and horticulture entries. 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 (up to 5 passes), and you just might bring home a blue ribbon or two! Horticulture entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.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.

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 child's tablet, a one-year Black Card membership to Planet Fitness, two wine baskets, plants and much more!

Follow the link to sign up for a volunteer shift. You will get parking and entry passes for each day that you work, and we will be inside the air-conditioned coliseum! <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0CC1CBDCFAC9FB62&cs=09B0BADE8FBF8B167B7E640E5BB49BCC&sortby=l.title>

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
2025 County Fair Coordinator
Kathleensmith1214@gmail.com



Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Fair

Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Volunteers

Pam Younger's team has been getting ready for the County Fair. They've gathered donations from sponsors that cover the prizes for 32 winners. Some sponsors even provide food for the volunteers at the booth.

Here are the highlights of the week of the Fair:

Accept pumpkin entries (over 100) on Wednesday and Thursday, October 8th & 9th. Everyone is amazed at the artistic talent in our community.

Call the 32 winners on Friday, October 10th after judging. The winners are so excited to get the news.

See Donna Dodgen, Seguin's Mayor, and Linda Duncan, a local radio celebrity, on Saturday, October 11th. They call up the winners and give away the prizes at the Award Ceremony. It's a real party!

The Sign-Up Genius is full, but you can contact Pam if you want to work a shift at the booth.

It's FUN, and she's happy to fit you in where she can.

(512) 656-2322



Membership Corner

Needs for Guadalupe County Fair

It is that time of the year again! Here is a great opportunity to clean out your craft closet and help children enjoy the Master Gardener booth at the County Fair. Please collect and donate the following items between now and the end of September:



- Colored construction or copy paper
- Small 2 to 3 inch (clean) clay pots
- Assorted acrylic paints
- Colored Markers
- Oui Yogurt jars
- Colored ribbon
- Craft Sticks
- Decorative Rocks or Glass pebbles
- Small stickers for decorating



Please bring to the AgriLife building and place under the table inside the front door. If you have any questions please contact Pam Malone at 830-534-2111 or ptmalone@live.com



Membership Corner

GCMG Fall Plant Sales

The GCMG on-line plant sale is up and running with some beautiful plants. These plants have been hardened off and are ready to put in the ground NOW. Shop on-line to reserve yours today: <https://gcmgtx.org/plantsale/index.html> Or shop in person at 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX 78155. Hours are Wed-Sat, 9am - 5pm.

Sept 20th

**The Silver Center,
510 East Court St.,
Seguin. 10:00 a.m.-
3:00 p.m.**



**Oct 9th-12th
Guadalupe
County Fair
Colosseum**

**Nov 8th
Kingsbury Festival
Downtown
Kingsbury**

**Oct 25th
Pecan Fest - Down-
town Seguin, TX**

**Dec 7th
Yulefest
Colosseum**



Membership Corner

Plant Sales



Native Plant Sale

Saturday September 27, 2025

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

(or until sold out)

First Presbyterian Church of Seguin

1121 E. Walnut Street, Seguin

Parking on N. Moss St. behind the church



Members Will be Available to Answer Questions Cash, Check, Credit Cards & Tap to Pay Accepted

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

Class 41 Registration



Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Training Spring 2026 - Class 41



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 20 - May 5th, 2026

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
Hands on Training & Field Trips
Professional Credited Speakers
Graduation Certificate upon Class completion &
Master Gardener Certification upon meeting all requirements

Cost: Early Bird Special until Oct 31, 2025 - \$250.00

Regular Tuition (Nov. 1st until class is full) one Seat: **\$275**

Discount for two applicants sharing 1 Handbook

10% Discount for Military, Educators, 1st Responders & Law Officers

See Class Application at website below for complete discount information

Applications will be accepted Until the Class is Full

Class Seats fill up quickly - Sign up Now to ensure your seat & to avoid late fee!

NOTE: A background check is required on ALL applicants participating in any Extension Volunteer Program, fee is included in your tuition.

For On-Line Class 41 complete Information, Applications, & payment methods:

https://www.gcmgtx.org/Class_41/index.html

Need more information? Contact one of our Class 41 Coordinators:

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

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

Leave Message if No Answer



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

www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

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Monthly Meeting

A MASTER GARDENER
MONTHLY MEETING



Mushroom Gardening

With Angel Schatz

Thursday, September 18th, 2025

210 E. Live Oak - Seguin, TX

5:45 Social w/ Food 7:00 Presentation

Free & Open to the Public



*Learn how to
grow
mushrooms at
home. Learn
how to use
mushroom
blocks to build
healthy soil.*

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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: What are the advantages to gardening in the fall? I've just moved here and everyone tells me to plant a fall garden.

A: First of all, it is not as hot in the fall, both for the gardener and for the plants. Doug Welsh, Extension Horticulturist, says the cooler days reduce overall plant stress. Plant growth and flowering are induced by cooler weather conditions. We usually get more rain in the fall which helps dilute and flush salts from the soil which built up from irrigation. Shorter fall days entice some plants to bloom such as chrysanthemums and poinsettias. For vegetables, the lower daytime and nighttime temperatures result in higher quality and better tasting produce. Fall is the time to plant container grown trees and shrubs (not the bare root ones).

The best time to plant wildflowers native to Texas is in the fall according to wildflower.org. Welsh suggests late August and September, with wildflower.org warning that bluebonnets should be planted no later than mid-November. If you purchase seed from a reliable source, you can be sure of fresh seed. There are several large places in Texas where you can purchase seed, as well as our local nurseries. I suggest that you plant in an area where you can let the plants go to seed. Many of our HOAs do not care for dead plants in the front yard even though they have next year's seeds.

Q: Can I plant *Gomphrena globosa* for the winter? And, is it a native?

A: *Gomphrena globosa* or Globe Amaranth (common name) is a nice small annual (one to two feet tall) that makes lovely dried flowers. It blooms until it freezes. According to the Missouri Botanical Garden, its native range is Central America and northern South America; however, the University of Florida Extension service says it is native to Africa, Central America, Mexico, North America, South America, and temperate and tropical Asia. I suspect that this discrepancy is because there are many different types of gomphrena, a member of the Amaranthaceous family. Neither source considers the plant invasive. *Gomphrena* tolerates heat, drought, clay soil, and dry soil. It likes full sun, medium water, and is low maintenance. Both sources say the plant has no serious insect or disease problems, although mildew may attack drought stressed plants.



An interesting sidelight is that the magenta globe we see is not the flower. Those are bracts. The flower is a tiny yellow to white trumpet. Butterflies are attracted to the flowers.

A Georgia Department of Natural Resources writer says he counted 20 different species nectaring on the flowers.

Q: Why do I have fire ants now?

A: Welsh says the ants are foraging again after laying dormant most of the summer. Treat the mounds with bait insecticides. Your friendly plant nursery consultant will help you choose.

The Wandering Gardeners

Lockhart State Park

Lockhart Texas

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lockhart>

By Melinda J Lucas



There are many state parks tucked away in the state of Texas, and though I've lived here over 30 years now, I am always running across a new one that I was unaware of its existence.

While looking for some place close by to explore this past month, I realized that I had only driven past Lockhart, the "Barbeque Capital" of Texas, but I had never stopped to see what was there. Besides delicious BBQ, there is also a nice sized state park hidden away not far from the rest of the town. Lockhart State Park has a \$3 per person ad-

mission to for day visitors, and also includes camping, a golf course and a swimming pool at additional charges.

The park itself contains many hiking trails and Clear Fork Creek which allows for fishing without a license. The water was low and stagnate when I was there, buy there was a family fishing, and the trails are beautiful. Do watch out for snakes and critters; you are in the woods.



After checking out the park, head into town and have lunch at

one of the BBQ restaurants and then walk through some of the shops. Lockhart is the home of the Black family as in Black's BBQ, and the rival brothers, Kent and Terry. Both Pit Master's claim to have the best BBQ and nothing is more "Texan" that a family squabble over BBQ.



Over all, it is a very quiet and peaceful state park, nestled in a cute and charming small town, and it's only a short drive from Seguin and San Antonio.



GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

By Kat Adams

We added 15 new members. They want to learn about growing vegetables, herbs, fruit trees, and how to water correctly.

Our top contributors were Janice Herbrand Jadwin, Dominique Rosini Harmon, April Rippel, and Beth Smith.

What To Plant and Grow In September:

Bush Beans, Pole Beans, Artichoke, Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Corn, Collards, Garlic, Kale, Kohlrabi, Mustard, English Peas, Radish, Spinach, Onions, Swiss Chard, Turnip

Create Oils and Vinegars From Your Garden

Use your herbs, fruits and edible flowers to flavor oils and vinegars. If kept in a cool dry place they will keep for 3-6 months. Use them to enhance the flavor of your dishes and salads.

Pick herbs in their prime, gently wash them and pat them dry. Make sure they are totally dry before immersing them, especially in oil, or else they could grow mold.

Place them in a clean, dry jar and cover with vinegar or oil. Close the lid tightly and let the mixture sit for 2-3 weeks, giving it a daily shake.

Use either a coffee filter or a muslin cloth to filter the oil or vinegar into its final container. You may want to reuse the original bottle in which the oil or vinegar came.

Do not be tempted to add fresh ingredients to your filtered oils or vinegars as the liquid may cloud and your ingredients will discolor. When using olive oil, choose one that will not overpower your herbs.

Basil Vinegar

17 oz. (about 2 1/4 cups)

7 sprigs of Basil

Good for summer salads and tomatoes.

Raspberry Vinegar

4 cups Apple Cider Vinegar or white wine vinegar

2-3 cups raspberries

Use in salads.

Strawberry Vinegar

4 cups Apple Cider Vinegar

2 1/2 - 3 cups strawberries

6 Basil leaves

Soft sweet smell.

Thyme and Chilli Pepper Oil

2 1/4 Cups Olive Oil

4 large sprigs of thyme

1-3 Chilli Peppers, depending on type and strength

Use to spice up grilled chicken or roasted vegetables.

Please share your flavored vinegars and oil recipes.

Thank you to all who contribute. Please continue to post photos of your gardens, garden hacks, and questions.

You are all appreciated.

We learn from each other.

Enjoy Your Gardens.

The Wandering Gardeners

Chachalaca



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 MelLucas78218@Gmail.com

NPSOT

The Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society
monthly meeting:



JOIN US FOR A NATIVE
PLANT SOCIETY MEETING

*Wildflowers
Texas Style*

By Karen Brkich, Advanced Master Gardener

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9th
6:30 SOCIAL TIME
7:00 PRESENTATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1121 EAST WALNUT
SEGUIN, TX 78155

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information, directions to First Presbyterian
Church, or Membership application see our website &
link to our Facebook page at:
<https://npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>

Continuing Education

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

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



Education Director Report August 03, 2025

Brenda Smith
2025 GCMG, Education Director

Education Hours Snapshot of January – July 2025 (162 Certified Members)

- 26% have "0" hours – 42 Members**
- 9% have "0.25-2.25" hours – 14 Members
- 9% have "2.5-5.75" hours – 14 Members
- 18% have "6-9.75" hours – 30 Members
- 38% have "10+" hours – 63 Members 😊**

Wed Sep. 10, 2025

12:00/1:00pm



AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155

Program: **Hobby Greenhouses** Admin: **Jamie Nielson**

Guest Speaker: Kay McElveen, Advanced Master Gardener & GCMG President – Come join Kay for a wonderful presentation on Hobby Greenhouses and receive knowledge on the different types of greenhouses, site selection and design, and climate control and maintenance. Snacks and water will be available. Free seminar and open to the public.

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Continuing Education

GCMG Lunch & Learn 2025

Monthly 2nd Wednesday 12:00 to 1:00pm



Sponsored By **Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Wed Oct. 8, 2025
12:00/1:00pm



AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155

Program: Fall Yard Preparation Admin: Jamie Nielson

Guest Speaker: Kathy Carroll – Join Kathy and learn about the Essential Steps for a Beautiful and Healthy Yard. As the crisp autumn air begins to settle in, it's time to prepare your yard for the coming winter. Fall yard prep is crucial for maintaining a vibrant and healthy outdoor space. Come join us to find out the necessary steps to get your yard ready for fall. Free seminar and open to the public.

Wed Nov 12, 2025
12:00/1:00pm



AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155

Program: Gardening Hacks & Things your Grandma Never Taught You

Admin: Jamie Nielson

Guest Speaker: April Ripple, Advanced Master Gardener – Have you ever wondered about garden hacks your parents or grandparents talked about? How about things you've read on the internet or folklore? At this Lunch and Learn, you'll learn what really works and what is a waste of your time and money. You'll also receive ideas for inexpensive ways to protect your garden, how to recycle everyday items found in your home for use in your garden, and practical tips on how to get the most out of your cultivated space. Whether you want to grow flowers or veggies, Texas natives or herbs, come join us for a fun filled hour of frivolity and facts about your gardens.

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Continuing Education

Schertz Public Library Schedule 2025

Monthly 2nd Saturday 11:30am to 1:00pm

Sponsored by Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service



Sat Sept. 13, 2025 Schertz Public Library - 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, Texas 78154
11:30/1:00pm



Program: Fall Yard Preparation

Guest Speaker: Kathy Carroll – Join Kathy and learn about the Essential Steps for a Beautiful and Healthy Yard. As the crisp autumn air begins to settle in, it's time to prepare your yard for the coming winter. Fall yard prep is crucial for maintaining a vibrant and healthy outdoor space. Come join us to find out the necessary steps to get your yard ready for fall. Free seminar and open to the public.

Sat Nov. 8, 2025 Schertz Public Library - 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, Texas 78154
11:30/1:00pm



Program: Indoor/House Plants 101

Guest Speaker: Karen Brkich, Advanced Master Gardener - Whether you're a complete novice or someone looking to expand your plant collection, this class offers everything you need to become a successful houseplant parent. Discover the secrets to thriving indoor plants, from selecting the right species to mastering essential care techniques. Register today and discover the joy of nurturing houseplants. Let's make your home greener together!! Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this opportunity to cultivate your green thumb and bring nature indoors. A small brown bag lunch (fruits, nuts, snacks, and water) will be provided. Free seminar and open to the public.

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Seguin Public Library 2025

Monthly 2nd Saturday 12:00 to 1:30pm

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Sat Oct. 11, 2025
12:00/1:30pm



Seguin Public Library - 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin Texas 78155

Program: **Beyond Bluebonnets**

Admin: **Linda Truax**

Guest Speaker: Andy Blair, Conservation Biologist – Come join Andy to receive an introduction to local wildflower diversity. This presentation will provide context on the vast diversity of flowering plants that are native to our local area, discuss ecoregional differences in plants, and explore the roles of early, mid, and late successional species in our ecosystems.

Sat Nov. 8, 2025
12:00/1:30pm



[Seguin Public Library - 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin Texas 78155](#)

Program: **Vermicomposting**

Admin: **Linda Truax**

Guest Speaker: Peter Hernandez, Advanced Master Gardener – Come join Peter for a very informative presentation on Vermicomposting. Vermicomposting is the process of using worms—typically red wigglers—to break down organic waste into nutrient-rich compost. The worms consume food scraps, paper, and other biodegradable materials, producing castings that enhance soil fertility. This method accelerates decomposition, reduces landfill waste, and creates an eco-friendly way to recycle kitchen leftovers. It's a natural, efficient way to improve soil health while minimizing waste.

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Continuing Education

Dig Into Gardening This Fall!

BEGINNING GARDENING CLASS Grow Your Own Fall & Winter Veggies

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ Plan, plant & maintain a fall/winter vegetable garden
- ✓ Soil prep, composting, seasonal crops & more
- ✓ Guidance in a hands-on, supportive setting

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 20-NOVEMBER 1
8:30 AM-12:30 PM | SEGUIN, TX

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Perfect for beginners!

Message us or sign up at
https://gcmgbx.org/2025_BGS/

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Grow Your Own Fall & Winter Veggies!

Ready to get your hands dirty and your garden growing?
Join us for a fun and informative 6-week course taught
by local Master Gardeners!

- 📅 Planning and planting a fall/winter vegetable garden
- ✓ Soil prep, composting, seasonal crops & more
- ✓ Hands-on guidance in a friendly, supportive setting
- 📅 Saturdays, September 20 - November 1
- 🕒 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- 📍 Seguin, TX

🌱 Perfect for beginners – sign up today!

Message us or register at: https://gcmgbx.org/2025_BGS/

Contact Karen Brkich directly with questions/inquiries:
karenbrkich@yahoo.com • 210/663-4840 call or text



Let's grow something great together!



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/>

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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 September 2025

It's now September and you should have your garden planned and your plants ready, or in the ground soon. Depending on when we get the first freeze, you have plenty of time to get a good harvest. Texas weather is completely unpredictable between September and May though, so be ready for anything.

We have our first plant sales coming up toward the end of this month, but there is still time to start your own seeds, as long as you get them going as soon as possible. Make sure that you water the ground well before and after planting. The lack of rain is very disappointing, however, September is known to be a good month for rain chances.

The following page has a list of seeds that are available and more are coming in all the time, so please head up to the seed exchange in the Master Gardeners Office and take advantage of the free seeds that are available on Wednesdays from 2-4 PM. If those hours don't work for you due to work or other commitments please reach out to one of the POC's. They will be glad to help if you have questions or need access at other days and times.

The year is half over and if you are short on volunteer hours we can help with that too. There is something available for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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

Special Volunteer Opportunities

Vegetables

Asparagus
Beets - Many varieties
Bok Choy
Broccoli
Broccoli Raab
Brussel Sprouts
Cabbage
Cauliflower
Carrot - Many Varieties
Celery
Collard
Cucumber - Many Varieties
Eggplant - White, Green, Purple, & Black
Green Beans - Many varieties Bush & Pole
Hot Pepper - Many varieties
Hot Pepper - Ghost
Hot Pepper - Habanero
Hot Pepper - Lemon
Mild Pepper - Many varieties
Mild Pepper - Yellow Banana
Mild & Hot versions Jalapeno
Kale
Lettuce - Many Varieties
Lima Bean
Mesclun Salad Mix
Mustard Greens
Okra
Onion - Yellow Bulb
Onion - Bunching
Parsnip
Peas - Many Varieties
Pumpkin - Many Varieties
Radish - Many Varieties
Spinach - Many Varieties
Squash - Many Varieties Summer & Winter
Squash - Butternut
Squash - Gold Winter
Squash - Scallop
Squash - Yellow Summer - Many varieties
Squash - Zucchini - Many varieties
Sweet Corn - Many varieties
Sweet Pepper - Many varieties
Tomato - Many varieties small & large / color
Tomato - Golden
Tomato - Roma
Turnip
Veggie Packs - Large Starter Kit

Fruit

Cantaloupe
Watermelon - Many Varieties

Herbs

Basil - Many varieties
Chamomile
Chives
Cilantro
Dill
Lavender
Lemon Balm
Oregano
Parsley
Peppermint
Rosemary
Sage
Spearmint
Thyme

Flowers

African Daisy
Agave
Alyssum
American Elm
Bachelor Button
Bee Balm
Blackeyed Susan
Blanket Flower
Blue Aethea
Bluebonnet
Butterfly Flower
Butterfly Weed
Calendula
Canterbury Bells
Cape Coral Vine
Candlestick Bush
Carnation
Chinese Forget-Me-Not
Chrysanthemum
Columbine
Cosmos
Dahlia
Delphinium
Desert Rose
Esperanza
Foxglove
Gaillardia
Gazania
Hibiscus
Holly Hock
Johnny Jumpups
Larkspur
Lupine
Marigold - Several varieties
Monarch Sanctuary Wildflower Mix
Moonflower
Morning Glory - Several varieties
Nasturtium - Several varieties
Painted Daisy
Pansy
Petunia
Poppy
Shasta Daisy
Snow in Summer
Strawflower
Sunflower - Several varieties
Sweet Pea
Sweet William
Thunbergia
White Heath Aster
Wildflower Mix - Several varieties
Yucca - Red & White
Zinnia - Several varieties

Please note we have many varieties of seeds available that are not listed above, so please come see us on Wednesday's from 2-4 PM or feel free to contact one of us via text/email if you have any questions.

Seed Exchange POCs: David & Karen Koepf – dhkoepf.gcmg@gmail.com , kkoepf@gmail.com , or call/text 210-263-3624, Ernestine Sykes – ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or text 210-544-0756
<https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/volunteer-outreach-service-opportunities/seed-exchange/>

Also for some seeds we have large bulk 1/2lb pack quantities available as well (Corn, Green Beans, Okra, & Peas)

We still would like your seed donations if you have a surplus of something you have grown successfully!

Volunteer Opportunities

Craft Days for Fall and Winter Plant Sales

Craft Days are here once again. To make sure I'm prepared for the number of people participating, please sign up using SignUp Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAFAB23A6FCC07-57773418-craft> for each day of scheduled craft days. These activities are planned so those of you who are having difficulty working outside during the heat can still earn volunteer hours. And if you are recovering from an injury or illness, these days are scheduled for you as well. We will be making a variety of things. We will paint pots once again. The painted pots were a sell out during our spring plant sales. We will also be making refrigerator magnets that have a garden theme. Lots of rocks will get painted as we make pieces for the wooden tic-tac-toe boards with the help of Pam Malone. Our President, Kay McElveen brought me a great idea for wooden stem holders that could also be used for sprouting. Wooden plant tags will be a new activity for the fall. Even though it is not an actual craft, we will be packing seed packets for the Schertz and Seguin libraries as well.

You need no prior experience to participate in Craft Days. I will have all the materials needed to accomplish each craft activity. You just need to sign up and come have some fun. We will have snacks, music and good people to help you try something new. I will be offering some evening and weekend opportunities for those who work during the week but would enjoy participating.



Volunteer Opportunities

GCMG APPROVED GARDENS, PARKS AND PROJECTS FOR 2025

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Gardens and Parks

1. Big Red Barn Garden

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

POC: Janice Knobles, jmknobles@yahoo.com

Text: 210-275-4402

Volunteer Day: Fridays 7:30 a.m. Summer 8:15 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 / Fri 8 a.m.-1100 a.m.

4. Gutierrez Garden Park

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

POC: Maria Dykes mariaq75@gmail.com

Phone: (210) 792-1603

Volunteer days: Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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

Phone: (830) 779-2149

Colleen Collier colleen1631@gmail.com

Phone: (210) 413-4818

Volunteer Days: Contact the POCs

7. LULAC Community Garden

[1502 Eighth St., Seguin, TX 78155](#)

POC: April Rippel adrippel@gmail.com

Text: (830) 433-2218

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Polley Mansion Heritage Garden

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

POC: Robin Muschalek forcexxi@yahoo.com

Keith Muschalek keith.muschalek@gmail.com

Phone: (571) 606-4234

Volunteer Days: Contact POCs

11. Ron Pedde Memorial Community Garden

[1017 Town Creek Rd., Cibolo, TX 78108](#)

POC: Rachel Eiland

rachel.eiland@outlook.com

Phone: (757) 513-2842

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

12. St. Andrew's Park

[Corner of S. Crockett & Nolte St., Seguin, TX](#)

POC: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com

Text: (210) 544-0756

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

Text: (210) 544-0756

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 misskaylamurray@gmail.com

Text: (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 hasmith5518@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

Volunteer Opportunities

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Other Projects (continued)

5. GCMG Independence Day Parade Float-SEASONAL

POC: Angela Chason angelachason@hotmail.com

Text: (210) 803-6736

Setup Location / Volunteer Days: Contact POC

6. GCMG MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange

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

POCs: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com

David Koeppe dhkoeppe.gcmg@gmail.com & Karen Koeppe

kkoeppnb@gmail.com

Text: (210) 263-3624

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

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

Text: (830) 433-2218

Winter POC: Beth Smith basmith5518@gmail.com

Text: (210)727-9890

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

9. GC Pumpkin Decorating Contest Booth

(2nd weekend in Oct.) – Fairgrounds Coliseum

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

POC: Pam Younger pamyounger54@gmail.com

Text: (830) 491-4170

10. GCMG Video Team

POC: Paul Prince phrogttoo@yahoo.com

Text: 559-259-4317

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

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. GCMG MG Information Booth

Location details will be provided by POC

POC: Mac Mullins macadac242@gmail.com

Text (210) 722-3881

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

3. Kingsbury Fall Festival

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

POC: Paul Carter & Sharon Cooper

greenthumbcarter@gmail.com

Text: (830) 481-0817

Rscooper3707@gmail.com

Text: (281) 684-4632

Volunteer Day: Contact POC – Event is typically on 1st or

2nd Saturday in November

4. Online Sales & Storefront-Spring/Fall

[4037 Stockdale Hwy, Seguin TX 78155](#) Regular hours

are Wednesday-Saturday* 8am – 5pm.

POC: April Rippel adrippel@gmail.com

Text: (830) 433-2218

5. Pecan Festival – October 25th 2025

Garden Tour & more @ the Big Red Barn

Plant Sale Downtown Seguin on the Square

Big Red Barn POC: Kay McElveen

hkaymcelveen@gmail.com Phone: (479)790-2933

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

greenthumbcarter@gmail.com

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

6. 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

7. 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

8. Yulefest (1st Sunday in December)

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

POC: April Rippel adrippel@gmail.com

Text: (830) 433-2218

Volunteer Days: Contact POC

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

**Help needed with watering. For more
information or details**

Contact Maria Dykes

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



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

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.)



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Seguin, TX 78155

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Kingsbury Fall Festival - Sharon Cooper

Grow Team Lead - Pam Malone

Big Red Barn - Janice Knobles

4th of July Parade - Angela Chason

Yule Fest - April Rippel

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