



2026 Recertification Requirements are **20** hours Volunteer & **10** hours Continuing Education.

Aside from the many project gardens and other projects shown on the [Approved Projects List](#) which you can see by clicking the link above or by downloading it from [VMS](#) (under General Information > DOCs & Newsletters > Other Category), there are also many **indoor** opportunities to get volunteer hours, and tons of **online** continuing education available.

2026 Supplemental Volunteer & Continuing Education Opportunities

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Earn Volunteer hours:

- You can sign up to be an “Admin” for one or more of the monthly Lunch & Learns (either at the Extension Office on 2nd Wednesday’s, or at the Schertz and/or Seguin Public Library on 2nd Saturday’s).
 - This needs to be coordinated in advance with the Education Director.
 - No experience necessary, we will teach you all you need to know!
 - Hoping for multiple volunteers so that an “Admin” only needs to cover one event every few months (unless you prefer to be a regular which is fine too!)
 - Tasks include setting up sign in sheets, welcoming guests, passing out handouts, setting up snacks & drinks at Ext Office only (Libraries handle the snacks & drinks themselves), potentially introducing the Speaker (some Speakers prefer to introduce themselves), assist Speaker if needed, collect sign in sheets and return to Education Director, and return snacks and drinks to MG Office, clean-up and restore room to prior setting.
- Seed Exchange - Every Monday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, and Wednesday 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Except for 11/25/2026 & 12/23/2026) - Contact [David](#) or [Karen Koepf](#) or [Ernestine Sykes](#) Come sort seeds, pack seeds from donations brought in by others, or help us out in other ways. See our project page here: <https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/volunteer-outreach-service-opportunities/seed-exchange/>
 - We need to start getting seeds ready for the 4th of July parade!
- Learn to film the membership meetings and lunch and learns - Contact [Paul Prince](#)
 - Looking for multiple volunteers so that tasks/events can be spread out instead of just one person (Paul) doing them all. No experience necessary, Paul will teach you all you need to know!
- Write an article for the monthly Newsletter - Contact [Melinda Lucas](#)
- Submit an article for the Wandering Gardener section of our monthly Newsletter including pictures of a garden you have visited - Contact [Melinda Lucas](#)
- Help with the tasks of creating, editing, and publishing the Annual GCMG Calendar Fundraiser! Contact [Pam Younger](#) for more information.
- You can find & view the recordings of our prior Lunch & Learn’s as well as monthly membership meetings for **Volunteer & Continuing Education hours** by subscribing to our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@gcmgtx?sub_confirmation=1 or under the following link on our website <https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/continuing-education/>
 - Remember the business portion of the membership meeting counts towards Volunteer hours (0.75 hours Vol), the educational presentation portion counts towards CE hours (1 hour CE).
- Recruit for the next Master Gardener Class #42 (we already have 5 folks signed up!) – Pick up an updated recruiting packet from the Master Gardener Office upstairs. If you

run out of flyers, applications or other materials, come grab another packet or ask one of the MG Office POCs for whatever supplies you may need. Have questions? Contact [Paul Carter](#) or [David Koepp](#)

- Another opportunity to gain volunteer hours (and maybe make a new friend) is to **be a mentor** to one or more new interns for class 41.
 - Please consider also reaching out to our remaining class 40 interns to see if they need anything to help them get their certification completed.
- **Our remaining 2025 interns still need many volunteer hours by the end of June 2026 in order to certify** and may welcome a friendly offer of mentorship to help them achieve that goal. **You can find the intern list in VMS** by going to the General Information tab then Member Roster, then toggle the “Status” twisty (triangle next to “Status” if not already showing list) on the far left and click on Interns. You can further filter by typing the year of Interns you want to see (2025) in the quick search box and pressing enter.
- The Seed Exchange wants your help to produce several GCMG-branded documents, pamphlets, brochures to use to help advertise what we do here at GCMG and to provide education on our Seed library, Seed saving techniques, Seed starting, Varieties that do well here, Planting times, etc. If you like to write and are interested in producing one of more of these types of materials for us, please contact [David Koepp](#) for more information.
- The MG Office is also looking for some help from members who are creative and would like to create some GCMG-branded cards for the various occasions that we send cards out for including: Thank You cards, Get Well, Sympathy, etc. Please contact [David Koepp](#) for more information.
- Grow plants for the upcoming Fall Season plant sales. Contact [Clayton Phelps](#) to coordinate for what is needed, when, and supplies.
- Participate in the Speakers Bureau Shadow program. Earn volunteer hours while learning how to put together and give presentations. Contact the Education Director [Karen Koepp](#) for more details.
- Do you have a particular Gardening niche you are passionate about? Put together a presentation on it and submit it to the Education director [Karen Koepp](#) for review. Time spent researching your subject can be claimed as CE, but building & giving the presentation is Volunteer time.
- Many other opportunities exist throughout the year, just ask any GCMG Board member how you can help. Volunteer hours including travel time to/from can only be claimed for activities providing horticultural education and horticultural community service of approved GCMG projects, including but not limited to:
 - Educational outreach (i.e. Info booths), teaching, and demonstration projects.
 - Plant growing/care/sales, crafts, and food items to sell for fundraising events.
 - Volunteering at any of the GCMG approved gardens/parks/projects.
 - If you have any questions on this, contact the Volunteer Director [Kathy Carroll](#), or the Membership Director [David Koepp](#).

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- Bexar County MG YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@MyExtension210>
- Aggie Horticulture YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbp4wkcScRVoHIN3Hi1_KUQ
- On-line Programs via Texas A&M AgriLife Extension website: <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>
- Earth kind On-Line Continuing Education Training: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>
- Plant Party webinar series is a collaboration between Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: <https://southtexasrangelands.tamu.edu/plant-party/>
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/>
- Texas Forestry Service: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/education-outreach/>
- Native Plant Society of New Braunfels Past Presentations: <https://www.npsot.org/chapters/new-braunfels/past-presentations/>
- Many video links that can be found in our monthly Newsletter also apply toward CE hours.
- See our [Website](#) and [Web Calendar](#) for more CE opportunities and details.

Have questions about what can count towards your CE hours?

- Refer to the GCMG Policy & Procedure Manual (PPM), which you can find on our website here <http://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/files/2025/01/PPM-October2024.pdf>, starting on page 20 under Section C. Definition of Approved Continuing Education (CE) Hours.
- If not listed there, you can contact the **GCMG Education Director** [Karen Koeppe](#).

Do you have any questions, suggestions, see something missing, have a comment, or need to report a broken link? We welcome your feedback and would love to hear from you. You can email [David Koeppe](#) or you can submit it online here: [Click Here](#)