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GUADALUPE GARDENER

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 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Guadalupe County

What's the Buzzzz?



- This month's meeting potluck is "Dog Days of Summer." sign up here <https://grasshoppersignup.com/s/c3yw2p>.
- There are less than 5 months left to get your hours!
- Don't forget about Seed Exchange!
- Watch out for the sign up emails for GC Fair volunteer hours!
- Fall plant Sales are starting next month.

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Letter from the President

Hello All,

Can you believe it's August? This year is flying, hopefully you are meeting all of your goals for this year and planning your fall gardens. With fall also comes the Guadalupe County Fair! The fair is right around the corner, please plan to enter your horticulture items, including veggies & herbs, fruit, nuts, and home products like butter, eggs, cheeses, beer, wine and dried products like sausage, herbs, and the lot. A complete list with everything you need to know to enter will be emailed soon. It's free to enter your homegrown/homemade products and you get a ticket to enter the fair with every entry up to 10. You can bring your whole family to the fair for free! Please also plan to volunteer at the GCMG booth, the GCMG Plant Sale booth, and/or the Pumpkin Decorating booth. It'll be a week of fun for all, the 2nd week in October. More information is coming soon.

Are you itching to plant something right now? According to the AgriLife Garden Planting Guide, in South Central Texas, in August, you can plant asparagus, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, and okra, Southern peas, pepper transplants, Irish potatoes, summer squash, winter squash, and tomato transplants. So go for it! You can also start things indoors right now. It's a great way to get a headstart on cool weather crops.

August is a good month to solarize areas where you want to kill grass and weed pests for a future planting place. Another fun project is to prune your herbs and dry them to have a flavorful winter seasoning; talk about cost saving! And of course, plan your fall/winter garden(s), buy seeds, and start your journal of where you will be planting. There are always lots of things to do when it comes to gardening. Have fun with it.

As always when you're outdoors, stay hydrated, take advantage of shade, and watch for signs of heat distress. Stay safe, I hope to see all of you at the August Monthly Meeting on the 20th.

At your service,
April Rippel (830) 433-2218
2026 GCMG President

"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house." - Nathaniel Hawthorne



Membership Corner

4th of July Parade

Another amazing year and another amazing float. Thanks to all who donated their time and talent to make this 4th of July special. You guys rock!!



Membership Corner



Photos courtesy of: Frank Rippel &
Dominique Rosini Harmon

Membership Corner

Propagating Ferns, Part 2

Creating more plants from your fern can be tricky, but fun! And we all love free plants! There are many varieties of fern and depending on what you have, knowing the best way to propagate will ensure success. Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum*) will be a good example. They are delicate and showy ferns that can be found in the wild here in Texas, if you know where to look.

By learning how to propagate Maidenhair, we can transfer what we know to other varieties. You can sow fresh spores, divide rhizomes in the early spring, or if you have a tropical species, root plantlets at the frond tips. Let's take a closer look at each of these methods.

Without getting too technical, know that the fern life cycle has two phases; asexual, when fronded plants grow, and the sexual gametophyte stage, when spores are produced and dispersed from the fern to germinate. This stage is a bit complicated and enabled by water, that's why ferns like to grow in moist places.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to gather spores and try to get them to grow, which can take a very long time, up to a year. You'll need to realize that, if conditions are less than ideal, spores may not form. Some ferns are sterile. Also, finding and gathering these dust-size spores is tough.

The sori (spore bearing body), is on the underside of fronds, usually in mid to late summer. Unripe sori are pale green or brown. When ripe, they darken and look like tiny brownish or orangish spots. The sori is the spore case that holds clusters of sporangia which hold the dust like spores. If you're lucky enough to find a fertile frond, remove it (or a piece of it) and place it in a paper envelope. Do not use plastic, you want the frond to dry out; any moisture may cause mold. Place the envelope in a dry, warm place and wait. When the spores are released, they have the appearance of dust. Separate plant debris and remove. Any plant scale or leaf hairs can contaminate your spore culture.

The best medium to sow your spore is a mix of two parts sphagnum moss and one-part coarse sand. Sterilize the mixture by boiling water in a pot (this sterilizes the pot) and then pour the boiling water over the mixture. Place the moist mixture in a plastic, sealable container and let cool completely. Surface sow the spores and quickly reseal the container. Place in indirect light. Germinate hardy and cool-temperature ferns at 59-68F, tropical fern at 70-81F. In 2-26 weeks, you should see a velvety green haze of prothalli appearing on the surface. If the surface appears slimy, you have algae contamination, toss it. If moss grows, you can remove the moss with tweezers. In the spring, the young prothalli can be "patched off" into sterile, soil-less seed mix. Place the patch in a new sealable container or a plastic bag under indirect light. When fronds are growing well, transplant into a soilless mix in a bigger container like a glass bell jar. Water from the bottom. When the fern is established, harden off gradually adding more light and air. When 2-3" tall, place in single pots. Most ferns are large enough to plant in 2-3 years. Patience and the ability to accept failure is the key when using this method.

In Part 3 next month, we'll look at other propagating methods for ferns, including how to root plantlets at the frond tips. Now, go out and look for spore under your fern fronds!

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Sources

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<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/adiantum/>

Membership Corner

Recognitions



**Pam Younger presents the Master
Gardener of the Month for June 2026
to Kat Adams**



Membership Corner

Bug Juice: An Entomology Tidbit

Karen Koepp



Few sounds are more synonymous with a south-central Texas summer than the unmistakable chorus of cicadas. While their songs may seem deafening—often exceeding 90 decibels—these remarkable insects are harmless to people and established landscape trees. In fact, cicadas provide several benefits to our gardens and ecosystems. Their emergence aerates the soil as they leave small exit holes after spending most of their lives underground, often 2–5 years, feeding on tree roots. After emerging, they shed exoskeletons and eventual bodies return valuable nutrients to the soil, supporting a healthy garden ecosystem and providing food for birds, reptiles, and other wildlife.

Cicadas are also full of surprises. Only the males sing, using specialized organs called tymbals on their abdomen, while both males and females "hear" through organs located on their abdomen rather than on their heads. Although many people assume cicadas are damaging pests, seeing their shed skins clinging to tree trunks is actually a sign of a thriving environment. Their annual appearance serves as a reminder that some of nature's most extraordinary stories unfold quietly beneath our feet for years before announcing themselves as the soundtrack of a Texas summer.

What's that Bug?

Harlequin Flower Beetle (*Gymnetis thula*)

Melinda Lucas

I have found a couple of these large, beautiful beetles in my backyard, but unfortunately never alive. They are found in Mexico and along the Gulf Coast area, and need moisture to survive. Meet one of our lesser-known beneficial pollinators, the harlequin flower beetle (*Gymnetis thula*).



The beetle undergoes a complete four-stage metamorphosis—egg, larva, pupa, and adult—spanning several months depending on temperature and food availability. The cycle begins when females lay round, whitish eggs in moist, organic-rich substrates like compost or decaying wood. Upon hatching, the C-shaped larvae spend several months voraciously consuming this organic matter and growing through multiple molting stages. Eventually, the mature larva constructs a protective capsule from its own waste and soil to pupate for several weeks. Finally, the beautiful, one of a kind, black-and-yellow adult beetle emerges, living for about six months while feeding on fruits and nectar while actively pollinating flowers.

These beetles are actually purchased as pets and for making jewelry.

Membership Meeting

Fall Plant Sales

Preliminary Schedule:

SEPT 05 - PLANT SALE at Silver Center, 510 E Court St, Seguin, TX
SEPT 12 - PLANT SALE at Silver Center, 510 E Court St, Seguin, TX
SEPT 14 - PLANT SALE at Veteran's Community Park & Memorial, Marion, TX
SEPT 26 - PLANT SALE at Market Square, Seguin, TX
OCT 08 - 11 COUNTY FAIR
OCT 24 - PECAN FEST
NOV 14 - KINGSBURY FEST
DEC 06 - YULEFEST

Great volunteer opportunities this Fall.

PLANT SALE VOLUNTEERS: There are many volunteer opportunities available, such as setting up, breaking down, cashiering, customer service, organizing, hauling and storing during all of the plant sales.

GROW TEAM VOLUNTEERS: The Grow Team will be propagating like crazy and seed starting. Please let us know if you are seeding and/or propagating, as well as the plant variety and number, so we may compile a list as soon as possible. If you haven't participated with the Grow Team yet, but wish to do so, please contact us and we'll welcome you to the group.

We are adding an additional group of plants to our list... "Texas Natives" and it should prove to be lots of fun, while giving us more to offer the public. We are also working on a better presentation that may provide a nicer experience for our customers during the plant sale experience.

Consumer feedback is positive... they love our plants! To continue that reputation our goal is to continue producing quality plants, in nice containers with well-established roots.

For more information please reach out to:

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LISA ANCELET - lisancelet23@gmail.com or 512-577-5587

Membership Meeting

'Plan Your Fall Garden'

With Mark Fanick

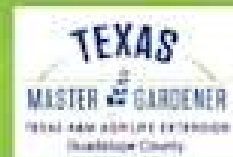
At A Master Gardener Meeting



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
210 E. LIVE OAK STREET - SEGUIN, TX

5:45 SOCIAL W/ FOOD - 6:15 BUSINESS - 7:00 LECTURE - 8:00 DOOR PRIZES

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, THE 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 TO REQUEST MOBILITY, HEARING, VISUAL, OR OTHER ASSISTANCE.

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: With all this hot weather we've been having, what can we expect to be blooming in August?

A: Doug Welsh, in his Texas Garden Almanac, lists bougainvillea, crape myrtle, firebush, hardy hibiscus, the "Knock Out" rose, lantana, mandevilla, native salvias, oleander, purslane, and Turk's cap. I would add a few more plants and include Gold Star Esperanza, Caesalpinia pulcherrima or Pride of Barbados, and periwinkle. The Althaea also is a long bloomer. One of my favorite summer blooming plants is the jatropha. There are several on Nolte Street near Camp Street.

Q: Someone told me that rosebushes need to be cut back in the fall. Is this true?

A: Both modern hybrid as well as old-fashioned roses need to be pruned in August. Welsh suggests cutting them back about twenty-five percent so that new growth and then blooms will occur. Also pick off diseased and damaged leaves and stems. Then apply nitrogen fertilizer. Welsh also suggests pruning old blooms on your crape myrtles so that new blooms will be generated. This I can't do as mine tower over the house.

Q: When do I plant my fall vegetable garden?

A: You should plant now according to all the old planting guides. Pumpkins definitely need to be planted now. For tomatoes and fall vegetables, I usually wait until they show up in my local nursery as a six-pack or I purchase them from the Master Gardeners. With this heat and bright sun, you may want to provide a little shade for the new plants with a board placed on the west side.

You can begin harvesting your apples and pears in late August and September. Last year I waited too late and a neighbor spotted a coyote eating a pear off of my tree. I am hoping for another round of figs. My last figs were over watered by all that rain, and then eaten by birds and bugs.

Q: When do I apply weed killer? I know that several horticulturists have spoken against combination weed and feed products.

A: Neil Sperry suggests an application of pre-emergent granules the last week of August through the first week of September. Read the container to see if it's for grassy weeds or broad-leaved weeds.

FYI: Don't forget to water your potted plants. I made the mistake of buying a pretty flowering plant for my front porch without asking about its water requirements. It can barely make it through an entire day without needing more water. Maybe next summer I will have a pot of purslane on my front porch, or one of portulaca. Also, keep your birdbaths clean and filled. If you fill them every day, it cuts down on mosquitoes. Also keep water available for visiting animals.



GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

By Kat Adams

We added 56 new members. They want to learn how to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Our top posters were Dominique Rosini Harmon, Cody Foreman, Angela Chason, and Olivia Hernandez. Thank you all who post. You are greatly appreciated.

What To Plant and Grow in August

Bush Beans, Pole Beans, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Okra, Irish Potato, Summer Squash, Tomato, Sweet Corn, Green Beans, Onions

Planning A Fall Garden

- Start in late July to early September as this allows your plants to establish before the first frost which typically occurs in mid to late November.

- Choose crops that thrive in cool weather such as:

Broccoli - Late July to September

Greens (Spinach, Kale) - Late July to September

Root Vegetables (Beets, Carrots) - Late July to September

Brussel Sprouts - Late July to September

Peas - Late August to September

- Soil Preparation

Clear the area to remove old plant material and weeds.

Amend soil by mixing in compost or well aged organic matter.

Loosen soil to a depth of at least 6" to promote root growth.

- Water consistently and deep.

- Mulch with straw or leaves to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

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

Santa Fe Botanical Garden

Santa Fe, New Mexico

<https://visitsfbg.org/>

By: Melinda J Lucas



My recent travels took me to Santa Fe, NM, which was amazing on many levels. Even in July the air is fresh and free from mosquitos, (yes! 5 days of no mosquitos!), and I sat on a mountain side patio and drank my morning coffee in the 66-degree, humidity-free, weather, watched the sun rise and enjoyed the sound of hummingbirds and bumble bees with an occasional crow cawing in the background. This may become my annual summer retreat from now on.

On the south side of the city is the beautiful Santa Fe Botanical Garden. It is a small garden with much beauty packed into it.

The lavender bushes were full of flowers and

bumble bees, honey bees and butterflies. The plants hummed as they were being pollinated. The colors were vibrant and art throughout the garden was rich and creative. Some of the art is even for sale. There are QR codes next to the art and if interested you can see the prices and buy the art.



The garden is about a mile trek, and it is advised to wear sunscreen and a hat, or use an umbrella, which they will lend you when you check in. All of the employees were very knowledgeable and kind. I would definitely recommend wearing good hiking shoes or tennis shoes if you were going to do the whole trek, when we reached the back of the garden it is not paved and turned into rugged nature scape. However, there is enough on the paved path to keep anyone interested for at least an hour, or more if you enjoy taking pictures.



The Wandering Gardeners



I appreciated that all of the plants were clearly labeled and had some information about them as well.

The views from the garden are spectacular as well due to the mountains that surround the park and the original landscape. The Botanical Garden sits directly across from the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, so though they feel like they are in a remote area, it would be perfect to see the garden at 9:00 a.m. when they open and then visit the museum and then head out to lunch.

The garden is no longer a reciprocal participant in the botanical garden memberships, however the admission is \$8 per person, or less.



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 by the 20th of the month.

NPSOT

Upcoming Meetings and Events for Native Plant Society of Texas, Guadalupe County

No meeting is scheduled for August.

September 8, 2026 membership meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church, located at 1121 Walnut St, Seguin. A Social with “finger food” will start at 6:30 PM. No speaker is planned. The business meeting will include an in-depth discussion of plans for the chapter plant sales on September 26, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church and on October 24, 2026 at PecanFest.

If you have any questions, please visit the NPSOT page at <https://www.npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>



Membership Director Report

Month Ending June 30, 2026

Prepared by David Koepp, Membership Director

Executive Summary:

1. Congratulations to our Master Gardener of the Month **June** winner **Kathy Adams!**
2. **Only five months left in 2026! Don't push off your hours until the very end! There's lots of opportunities both indoor and out that can be worked on!**
 - Not counting the 29 newly certified members from class 40 & 41, only 25 (or 18.9%) of the prior certified members have met their recertification requirements so far.
 - 11 certified members have completed their CE requirements but still need to complete their volunteer hours requirement.
 - 40 members have completed their volunteer hours requirement but still need to complete their CE hours requirement.
 - **22 have not even started**, but I know several of them have put in hours but sadly are not recording them in VMS. Please get your hours entered in!
 - And the remaining 34 members are somewhere in between with having some of each.
3. If you are looking for projects to work on, please check out the [Approved Projects List](#), in addition there are also many **indoor** opportunities to get volunteer hours, and tons of **online** continuing education available. See that **just updated list here: [Supplemental Volunteer Projects and Continuing Education Opportunities](#)** You can find both lists by either clicking the links above or by downloading them from [VMS](#) under the **General Information> Docs/ Newsletters > Other Category**.
4. Currently, 21 members need to do EVS training and update their background checks. Most of you should have already received your email notification from AgriLife to start this process. I will be emailing each of you about this as well. Some of you only have 3 weeks or less before it expires. If you let it lapse your VMS account will be locked and you will not be allowed to volunteer or participate in events until you have completed the course and background check. Please don't let it expire. I am happy to help as is Frank. We have laptops available if you want to come into the MG office and do it there. You may also get with April and Frank at their shop. The course takes about 2.5 to 3 hours to complete (that includes the background check process). You will need your AgriLife Learn account name & password as well as your Sterling account name and password, but there are recovery procedures in the event you do not remember either.
5. Once again, we did not have enough certified members in attendance at the July Monthly Membership Meeting to meet quorum (25% of membership minimum) to vote or transact on GCMG business decisions including the approval of the minutes. We are fast approaching the time of the year when we need to nominate members for board and appointed positions amongst other items. Please always attend if you can.

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

Access [VMS](#) from your smartphone by opening the [VMS](#) link in a browser, then click on the hamburger menu (the three stacked vertical lines) in the top left corner to see the menu options.

Check out the [VMS tips and tricks](#) section for VMS [on our website](#). More tips & tricks coming soon! Let me know things you'd like to see added.

Membership Director Report

Remember, the timely input of your volunteer (and CE hours) is **critical** to our organization's funding; thus, we cannot stress the importance enough. Hours need to be entered in the month they were worked to count for our funding

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.

Missed the Monthly Meeting? You can view the recordings, the pre-meeting slides and the Membership Meeting Agenda & slides on our website under "[Continuing Education](#)" then click on the "[GCMG Lunch & Learns & Membership Meeting Recordings](#)" link. You can find all our recorded meetings, Lunch & Learns, and slideshows that are available here broken down by year and month. The recordings are also on our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@gcmgtx?sub_confirmation=1

More website updates and changes are coming soon. Please check it out when you get a chance. I truly appreciate hearing all your feedback. Let me know what you think, what you like/dislike and what else you would like to see added, if something is broken, missing, or you just have a comment or suggestion? [Please click here to let us know!](#)

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.

Monthly Report Summary 2026 June Breakdown:

January 2026	Intern (40) 8/32	Certified (130)	Leave of Absence (11)	Inactive (18)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (0)	Retired (0)	Realigning (1)
February 2026	Intern (42) 8/31/3	Certified (131)	Leave of Absence (9)	Inactive (15)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (0)	Retired (1)	Realigning (1)
March 2026	Intern (44) 8/31/5	Certified (132)	Leave of Absence (8)	Inactive (13)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (1)	Retired (1)	Realigning (1)
April 2026	Intern (44) 8/31/5	Certified (134)	Leave of Absence (7)	Inactive (12)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (0)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)
May 2026	Intern (44) 5/31/8	Certified (137)	Leave of Absence (7)	Inactive (1)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (11)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)
Roster Totals for									
June 2026	Intern (12) 0/4/8	Certified (161)	Leave of Absence (8)	Inactive (2)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (6)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)
Month	# Members Reporting	Mbrs w/ 5+ Hours	Vol Hours	CE Hours	Contacts	Pounds Produce	Mileage		
January	74 or 57%	41	1,293.10	131.75	34	664	6,393.30		
February	82 or 63%	64	2,145.40	205.75	541	354	8,599.95		
March	79 or 60%	50	2,275.75	284.75	232	127	10,013.30		
April	79 or 49%	51	2,466.00	204.55	924	312	11,248.50		
May	69 or 43%	45	1,470.25	114.75	47	1,196	6,742.00		
June	70 or 43%	42	1,140.60	67.25	90	1,284	4,624.00		
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									
Peak 2026 (So Far)	82 or 63%	64	2,466.00	284.75	924	1,284	11,248.50		
Avg 2026 (So Far)	78 or 60%	49	1,799.00	169.00	312	657	7,937.00		
Totals 2026	82 or 63% Peak	n/a	10,791.10	1,008.80	1,868	3,937	47,621.05		
2025	127	n/a	17,483.37	2,381.90	4,171	10,186	70,087.17		
2024	158	n/a	14,959.25	1,712.00	2,539	9,362	60,378.50		
2023	165	n/a	14,790.50	1,738.15	1,664	5,593	55,688.70		
2022	146	n/a	11,786.80	1,646.25	3,261	-	44,919.64		

Membership Director Report

Monthly Report June 2026 Summary Breakdown:

	# Submitted	# Not Submitted
Number of Certified Members that reported any amount of hours for June by reporting deadline	70	91
Volunteer Hours (Certified Status) June 2026	Vol	CE
Members with 0 hours reported	91	126
Members with >0 & <5 hours	18	34
Members with => 5 & <25 hours	40	1
Members with => 25 & <100 hours	11	1
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 YTD 2026	134	27
Volunteer Hours (Certified Status) YTD 2026	Vol	CE
Members with 0 hours reported	27	42
Members with >0 & <5 hours	4	39
Members with => 5 & <25 hours	45	74
Members with => 25 & <100 hours	50	5
Members with => 100 & <200 hours	25	1
Members with => 200 & <300 hours	3	0
Members with => 300 & <400 hours	4	0
Members with => 400 & <500 hours	1	0
Members with => 500 hours	2	0

June 2026 Volunteer Recognition Drawing of Certified* Master Gardeners

Certified Members in June with 5+ hours (*Voting Board Members not eligible)		
1. ALLMAN, CINDY	15. FISHER, RAND	29. MOTT, ROBERT "KEITH"
2. ALTHAUSER, MARZELLUS "MARCEL"	16. FISHER, REID	30. NODINE, WILLIAM
3. ANCELET, LISA	17. FORSYTH, LISA	31. ODVODY, DALE
4. BLUMENTHAL, AUDREY	18. GOMEZ, JERRI	32. ODVODY, DEANNA "ANN"
5. BOLLINGER, MARK "BO"	19. HENRY, BETH	33. OTTENAD, ANNE
6. BRKICH, KAREN	20. HIGA, VICTORIA "VICKI"	34. PADGETT, ANNETTE
7. BURTON, RODNEY	21. KIRK, JESSICA "JESS"	35. PRINCE, PAUL
8. CARBAJAL, MARIA	22. KNEUPPER, VIRGINIA "RUTHIE"	36. SHERMAN, BOBBIE
9. CHASON, ANGELA	23. KNOBLES, JANICE	37. STEELE, TIMOTHY "TIM"
10. COVER, KAY	24. LEACOCK, SUZANNE	38. STYBLO, MARY
11. EDWARDS, MELVADEAN "MELVA"	25. LIPPENHOLZ, CONNIE	39. SULLIVAN, SCOTT
12. EILAND, RACHEL	26. LUCAS, MELINDA	40. SYKES, ERNESTINE
13. FEALY, JAMES	27. MCCARTAN, BELLE	41. THOMPSON, JOANN
14. FISHER, DAVID	28. MILLER, GERMAINE	42. WOODLEE, MICHAEL "MIKE"

Recognition Drawings: May 5+ hours: **Beth Henry** June 5+ hours: **Keith Mott** June Door Prize: **Paul Prince**

FYI, we have paused the Monday MG Office, Seed Exchange, and Research Library hours for now, as interest has been low. If you need something specific, please contact the POCs by phone, text, or email - we're happy to help. **Wednesday office hours (2 PM–5 PM) will continue as usual.** If you'd like to volunteer when Monday hours restart, or if you think another day would work better, we'd love your input.

Membership Director Report

Milestone Achievements

Certified Members Milestone Achievements Volunteer Hours June 2026 YTD							
100 Hour Club	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year	200 Hour Club	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year
ANCELET, LISA	114.75	3.50	2025	YOUNGER, PAMELA "PAM"	241.00	9.50	2017
BOLLINGER, MARK "BO"	166.75	13.25	2019	PHELPS, CLAYTON	295.25	10.50	2025
BRKICH, KAREN	125.00	14.00	2023	CARROLL, KATHLEEN "KATHY"	296.10	12.00	2008
BURTON, RODNEY	106.00	8.25	2015				
CARBAJAL, MARIA	127.50	3.25	2026	300 Hour Club	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year
CARTER, PAUL	194.00	9.00	2021	FISHER, DAVID	322.80	32.00	2025
CHASON, ANGELA	191.55	39.55	2025	MALONE, PAMELA "PAM"	327.55	15.00	2024
COUNTS, CHRIS	102.50	0.00	2026	ODVOODY, DALE	349.50	8.50	1994
FEALY, JAMES	118.75	4.00	2026	RIPPEL, APRIL	396.25	39.50	2015
GOMEZ, JERRI	121.75	5.50	2026				
HENRY, BETH	149.50	13.75	2014	400 Hour Club	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year
KOEPP, KAREN	163.25	16.25	2023	HARMON, DOMINIQUE	490.45	11.50	2025
LUCAS, MELINDA	150.50	7.25	2019				
MCCARTAN, BELLE	137.75	7.00	2026	500 Hour Club	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year
MCELVEEN, HELEN "KAY"	162.50	18.00	2014	RIPPEL, FRANK	599.50	37.75	2021
MCWHORTER, MISTY	105.75	14.00	2026				
MILLER, GERMAINE	129.00	11.00	2026	800 Hour Club	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year
ODVOODY, DEANNA "ANN"	142.00	8.50	1994	KOEPP, DAVID	861.50	18.00	2023
OTTENAD, ANNE	159.90	7.00	2022				
PRINCE, PAUL	115.45	11.25	2022				
SMITH, KATHLEEN	110.00	12.00	2018				
STEELE, TIMOTHY "TIM"	193.50	8.00	2021				
SUCHAN, CAROL	167.50	21.50	2014				
SULLIVAN, SCOTT	119.25	4.00	2026				
SYKES, ERNESTINE	140.00	23.00	2016				



This will be our
100+ hour pin
this year.

Certification / Recertification Achievements

54 Members have met or exceeded Certification or Recertification Requirements already in 2026!

MG Name	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year	Month Achieved	MG Name	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Start Year	Month Achieved
ADAMS, MABEL "KATHY"	94.50	10.00	2017	May	MALONE, PAMELA "PAM"	271.3	14.00	2024	April
ALLMAN, CINDY	60.25	0.00	2026	May	MCCARTAN, BELLE	114.00	6.00	2026	March
BECKER, LYNN	59.50	14.00	2025	April	MCELVEEN, HELEN "KAY"	140.5	18.00	2014	March
BLUMENTHAL, AUDREY	66.25	0.00	2026	April	MCWHORTER, MISTY	105.75	14.00	2026	April
BOLLINGER, MARK "BO"	141.75	12.25	2019	April	MILLER, GERMAINE	108.00	10.00	2026	March
BRKICH, KAREN	109	14.00	2023	April	MORE, VINA	69.25	0.00	2026	April
BUCHANAN, BRINDY	59.75	1.00	2026	April	MUSCHALEK, ROBIN	41.5	11.00	2019	April
CARBAJAL, MARIA	70.90	2.75	2026	April	NODINE, WILLIAM	30.5	53.50	2017	March
CARROLL, KATHLEEN "KATHY"	263.6	12.00	2008	March	PADGETT, ANNETTE	60	14.00	2025	April
CAUSEY, DONALD	53.75	6.50	2026	May	PALOMARES, SELENA	50.75	2.00	2026	June
CHASON, ANGELA	169.55	39.55	2025	March	PRINCE, PAUL	105.2	11.25	2022	April
COUNTS, CHRIS	102.50	0.00	2026	April	RIPPEL, APRIL	362.25	37.75	2015	January
DOMINGUEZ, KATHRYN	63.00	0.00	2026	April	RIPPEL, FRANK	543	36.00	2021	February
FEALY, JAMES	104.75	3.00	2026	March	SAUCEDA, ERNEST	78.25	2.00	2026	March
FISHER, DAVID	315.8	32.00	2025	February	SCHAEFER, SHARON	58.75	2.50	2026	April
FISHER, RAND	69.50	10.75	2026	April	SCHULTZE, PATRICIA "PAT"	23.5	13.00	2000	April
FISHER, REID	51.50	0.00	2026	June	SHERMAN, BOBBIE	59.25	2.50	2026	May
FRIESENHANN, JOYCE	24.45	11.75	2011	May	SMITH, KATHLEEN	94.5	12.00	2018	March
GOMEZ, JERRI	108.75	5.50	2026	March	STYBLO, MARY	54.5	13.50	2011	March
HARMON, DOMINIQUE	490.45	11.50	2025	April	SUCHAN, CAROL	167.3	21.50	2014	April
HENRY, BETH	133	12.50	2014	March	SULLIVAN, SCOTT	105.25	4.00	2026	March
HIGA, VICTORIA "VICKI"	71.75	6.00	2026	March	SYKES, ERNESTINE	119.5	23.00	2016	March
JOHNSON, SHAUNNA	51.50	1.00	2026	May	TAYLOR, EVAN	62.50	5.00	2026	March
KOEHL, MARY	55.00	1.00	2026	April	TAYLOR, JACKIE	51.00	14.00	2025	May
KOEPP, DAVID	738.5	18.00	2023	February	THOMPSON, JOANN	51.50	7.75	2026	April
KOEPP, KAREN	151.5	16.25	2023	February	WATKINS, PATRICIA	23	11.00	2012	April
LIPPENHOLZ, CONNIE	53.00	2.00	2026	May	ZUROVEC, MACY	51.75	14.00	2025	May

Summary of June 2026 Projects Data

Project	VOL Hours (Sum)	CE Hours (Sum)	Pounds of Produce (Sum)	Miles (Sum)
Advanced Master Gardener Training Classes/Courses	31.00	4.00	0.00	16.00
Christian Cupboard Community Garden - Maintenance/Harvesting - Seguin	21.00	0.00	43.00	24.00
Continuing Education (Lunch & Learns, Webinars, & other education events that do not fall under another project)	27.75	62.25	0.00	496.00
Fundraisers (Calendar & Garden Guide, Craft Opp's, Farmers Market, GC Fair Raffle, Grow Team, Plant Sales)	65.75	0.00	0.00	227.00
Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden - Maintenance/Harvesting - Schertz	80.50	0.00	508.00	171.00
Gutierrez Garden Park - Education - Schertz	6.50	0.00	0.00	14.00
Gutierrez Garden Park - Maintenance - Schertz	20.75	0.00	0.00	32.40
LULAC Community Garden - Maintenance/Harvesting - Seguin	7.00	0.00	122.00	20.00
LVISD Primary School - Maintenance/Harvesting - La Vernia	22.75	0.00	0.00	75.00
MG Organizational Support (BoD, Committee work, MG Office, Newsletter, Research Library, Seed Exchange, Technology, Website work)	336.75	0.00	0.00	1,190.80
Master Gardener Training Class (Class prep, Mentoring, Presenting lecture to Class)	25.75	0.00	0.00	28.00
Membership Meeting & Educational Presentation (incl MM Refreshments, Setup & Cleanup)	18.50	1.00	0.00	150.00
Mill Street Community Garden - Maintenance/Harvesting - New Braunfels	11.00	0.00	4.00	10.00
Other Gardens - Education/Used for reciprocal cooperation between Counties)	3.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Public Education/Outreach (AAMG Booth, BRB Kiosk, Christmas Tree, GC Fair Non-fundraising activities, Lectures Given, Pumpkin Contest)	167.25	0.00	0.00	424.00
Red Barn Garden - Education/School Tours - Seguin	3.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Red Barn Garden - Maintenance/Harvesting - Seguin	139.50	0.00	584.00	806.00
Ron Pedde Memorial Community Garden - Education - Cibolo	7.00	0.00	0.00	1.20
Ron Pedde Memorial Community Garden - Maintenance/Harvesting - Cibolo	61.00	0.00	23.00	146.60
St. Andrews Community Garden - Education - Seguin	13.50	0.00	0.00	165.00
St. Andrews Community Garden - Maintenance/Harvesting - Seguin	34.75	0.00	0.00	225.00
Veteran's Memorial Park - Maintenance - Marion	36.35	0.00	0.00	342.00
Grand Summary	1,140.60	67.25	1,284.00	4,624.00

Continuing Education

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Education Director Report July 09, 2026

Karen Koepp
2025 GCMG, Education Director

Education Hours Snapshot of June 2026 (161 Certified Members)

“0” hours – 42 Members
"0.25-2.25" hours – 15 Members
"2.5-5.75" hours – 34 Members
"6-9.75" hours – 30 Members
“10+” hours – 40 Members

**If you need CE hours, check out our website
under the “Continuing Education” tab for
a variety of educational opportunities and
then make sure to input your hours in VMS.**

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Continuing Education

Lunch & Learn Events

August 2026

August 12 12:00-1:00 AgriLife Bldg, 210 E. Liveoak, Seguin

***Bye Bye Bugs!* Presented by Melinda Lucas**

Learn more about the reality of eliminating the bugs that drive you buggy.

August 8 11:30-1:00 Schertz Public Library

***Xeriscaping* presented by Marvin Borth**

Xeriscaping is a sustainable landscaping approach that uses drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation, and water-conscious design to create beautiful outdoor spaces with minimal water use. Especially valuable in dry climates, xeriscaping helps conserve natural resources, reduce maintenance costs, and support local ecosystems while still providing vibrant, attractive landscapes.

August 8 12:00-1:30 Seguin Public Library

***Fall Garden Planning & Planting* presented by Karen Brkich**

Transitioning your garden, planting for fall color, and preparing for winter and beyond.

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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/>
- 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/>
- Lunch and Learn recordings (Count for 1 hour each) on our YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@gcmgtx> or at <https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/continuing-education/monthly-lnl-and-membership-meetings/2026-2/>
- Plant Party recordings and future events posted at: <https://southtexasrangelands.tamu.edu/plant-party/>



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 two Advanced Training opportunities available. Please act fast if you would like to attend as only two members from each county for each class can attend. FYI, our organization does have programs in place for you to complete the additional 20 service hours needed to certify for your chosen specialty/Advanced Training.

To attend, volunteers must receive their extension agent's approval and signature (Travis Franke).

[Entomology \(Virtual\)](#)

[Texas Superstars](#)

**Nicky Maddams | EMG Program Manager
Conference Director | VMS Administrator
Horticultural Sciences Department
2144 TAMU | College Station, TX 77843-2144**

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Continuing Education

Smith County Master Gardeners

Landscape Design Advanced Training Series 28, Course 3

September 28 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

George H. W. Bush Presidential Library
1000 George Bush Dr W
College Station, TX 77845

For more information or to register,
Please go to:

<https://txmgsc.org/event/landscape-design-advanced-training-series-28-course-3/2026-09-28/>



Special Volunteer Opportunities



Seed Exchange Update for August 2026

Sizzle! Sizzle! That is the sound of the sidewalk and everything outside. It's the best month to be inside, in the A/C, getting volunteer hours, making plans for the fall garden and learning how to start your plants indoors for the fall.

Some seeds to start growing right now are green bean, cucumbers, summer squash, zucchini, okra, black-eye peas, carrots, swiss chard, turnips, beets, winter greens, bluebonnets (remember, if you plant them in the spring, you won't see them until the following year), marigolds, and tomatoes (from seeds indoors). Even if you plan on purchasing some of these, you have nothing to lose by trying to grow them yourself.

New seeds are arriving all the time, please come help us clear out our current seed supply to keep our inventory fresh and make room for new seeds.

*****Please note that we have paused Monday hours. The Seed Exchange will now be open only on Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Due to the heat and low participation, the Seed Exchange is returning to Wednesday only hours until further notice. However, if you need a different day, please reach out and see if we can help you. There are currently 40 certified master gardeners with 0 hours at this point, we are here....in the a/c....to help you. Remember, you need 20 hours of volunteer time, by the end of December, to recertify.

The seed exchange is located upstairs in the Master Gardeners Office inside the AgriLife Library on Wednesday afternoons. Everyone is welcome to visit, shop, volunteer, and drop off extra seeds harvested this past year. We have a huge variety available right now, so come on up and pick out what you need!

We are glad to help if you have questions or need access at other and times. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

POCs: David & Karen Koepp – dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com, kkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com, or call/text 210-263-3624,
Ernestine Sykes – Please text 210-544-0756

The current list of available seeds is being updated. To find out more, please visit [Guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/volunteer-outreach-service-opportunities/seed-exchange/](https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/volunteer-outreach-service-opportunities/seed-exchange/).

Special Volunteer Opportunities

From Mandy Stamnitz, Geronimo-Alligator Creeks Watershed Coordinator, Texas A&M AgriLife:

Rainwater Harvesting and Turf Management Training set for August 18, 2026
[Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#)'s [Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters Program](#) will host a residential rainwater harvesting and turf management training on August 18, 2026, for Guadalupe & Comal Counties.

The free event will be at the Irma Lewis Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 East US Hwy 90., Seguin, Texas, August 18, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Attendees who RSVP to the event will receive updates and materials related to the training via email. They can RSVP [online](#) or contact Mandy Stamnitz, Geronimo-Alligator Creeks Watershed Coordinator at mandy.stamnitz@ag.tamu.edu or (979) 321-5944 with any questions.

The training is offered in collaboration with the Geronimo-Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership.

"The Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters Program aims to improve and protect surface water quality by enhancing awareness and knowledge of best management practices for residential landscapes," Smith said.

On the agenda

John Smith, AgriLife Extension Specialist, College Station, said attendees will learn about the design and installation of residential rainwater harvesting systems as well as appropriate turf and landscape species based on local conditions and other practices.

"Management practices such as using irrigation delivery equipment, interpreting soil test results and understanding nutrient applications can help reduce runoff and make efficient use of applied landscape irrigation water," Smith said.

Dean Minchillo, Texas Water Resources Institute program specialist in Dallas, said "Proper fertilizer application and efficient lawn irrigation can protect and improve water quality in area creeks, and collecting rainwater for lawn and landscape needs reduces stormwater runoff."

Soil testing

Participants can have their soil tested as part of the training. The soil sample bag and analysis are free to Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters Program participants. Residents can pick up a soil sample bag with sampling [instructions](#) and the [Urban and Homeowner Soil Sample Information Form](#) at the AgriLife Extension office in Guadalupe County, 210 East Oak Street, Seguin, Texas. Bags containing residents' soil samples should be returned to the location where they were obtained prior to or by one week after the training, soil samples may also be brought to the training where we will have soil bags to transfer the sample into. Please do not mail the soil sample to the lab.

Special Volunteer Opportunities



Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters

Rainwater harvesting and turf management training August 18, 2026

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's [Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters Program](#) will host a face to face residential rainwater harvesting and turf management training August 18, 2026 for the Geronimo-Alligator Creeks Watershed.

The free event will be held at the Irma Lewis Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 East US Hwy 90, Seguin, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. August 18, 2026.

Attendees can RSVP [online](#) and may contact Mandy Stamnitz, Geronimo-Alligator Creeks Watershed Coordinator at mandy.stamnitz@ag.tamu.edu or (979) 321-5944 with any questions. Those who RSVP for the event will receive updates and materials including the link related to the training via email. Everyone attending needs to register online.

Attendees can submit a soil test by picking up soil test bags and dropping off their soil sample and Urban Information sheet at the AgriLife Extension offices in Guadalupe County prior to or by one week following the meeting. Also, you can bring your soil sample to the program.

The training will include information on how to understand soil test results and nutrient recommendations so residents can interpret results once the analysis is emailed to them.

RSVP:

[- Healthy Lawns & Healthy Waters](#)

Contact:

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John Smith, 979-204-0573, john.smith@ag.tamu.edu

Dean Minchillo, 972-231-5362, dean.minchillo@ag.tamu.edu

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Funding for the Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters Program is provided through a Clean Water Act, Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Management grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Please use this link: <https://hlhw.tamu.edu/>

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 & Fridays

Marion Veterans Community Garden

100 W Huebinger St., Marion

M: 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

F: 9:00 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



Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & 2nd Saturdays

Ron Pedde Community Garden

1017 Town Creek Road, Cibolo

**For all work days
and times,**

please contact Rachel Eiland
Text 757-513-2842 or email
rachel.eiland@outlook.com

Wednesdays

MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange

210 E. Live Oak, AgriLife Bldg., Seguin

2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed.

Please see the Seed Exchange page for more details.

Contact David Koepp at
dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com or Karen
Koepp at kkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com or
text Ernestine Sykes at 210-544-0756

The office number is 830-379-1972



Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays

Gutierrez Park

1231 Borgfeld Rd, Schertz

9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

For times and volunteer opportunities,
contact Maria Dykes at 210-792-1603 or
email Mariaq75@gmail.com

Wednesdays

St Andrew's Community Garden

The corner of Nolte & Crocket St., Seguin

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

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

Please text Ernestine Sykes
at 210-544-0756

Tuesdays & Fridays

Guadalupe County Demonstration
Garden

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

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

Contact Ann Odvody
210-994-9664 or email
odvodyd@swbell.net

(Always in need of help)

Fridays

Big Red Barn

250 Cordova Road, Seguin

Start times:

7:30 a.m. (Summer)

8:15 a.m. (Winter)

Contact Janice Knobles
210-275-4402 or email
jmknobles@yahoo.com



Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc.

210 East Live Oak St.

Seguin, TX 78155

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners <http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org> or
<https://gcmgtx.org/> 830-379-1972 Ext 1487

Guadalupe County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension <http://guadalupe.agrilife.org/> 830-379-1972

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