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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 Buzzzzzzz…….



***Membership Dues are due between now and 12/31, please make sure you have all of your hours in so that you can renew your membership.**

*** Christmas Tree Decorating Contest "Master Gardener's Committed to the Community" Contact Ernestine Sykes at Ejackson.sykes@gmail.com**

*** Winter Social is coming up!**

*** Please visit the GCMG website to see the Seed Exchange!**

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UPCOMING PLANT SALES

12/6 Yule Fest - Seguin Coliseum

Online plant sale: https://gcmgtx.org/plantsale/index.html

NPSOT MEETING

Tuesday, November 10th

6:30 PM Social
7:00 Presentation By: Andy Blair "Building Drought-Resilient Landscapes."
8:00 Business meeting

First Presbyterian Church, Seguin – 1121 E. Walnut St., Seguin Texas

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

October is in the books and we're off to the holiday season. Our County Fair booth, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and Plant Sales were a huge success. Thank you to all who volunteered! You are much appreciated and your support means a lot to me. Next up is the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, the Winter Social, and Yule Fest. Please consider volunteering, you'll have a great time, and you can get in those last-minute volunteer hours.

The weather is finally cooperating for a fall garden, well sort of. We could use some rain, but right now is the perfect time for starting Asian greens, brassicas, lettuce, radishes, shallots, spinach, and turnips. And if you're quick, you can still put in beets, carrots, Swiss chard, collards, fava beans, kohlrabi, and mustard greens. Now is also the time to plan for our pollinators, they'll be needing food throughout the winter. Put in snapdragons, dianthus, pansies, chrysanthemums, and asters as they'll provide food for our winged critters and create a beautiful fall landscape for you to enjoy. You'll also want to remember to put out your Bluebonnet and wildflower seeds soon, they need the winter chill hours to germinate in the spring.

November is a very important month for the GCMGs. Please plan to attend the GCMG's Membership Meeting on November 19th, as this is when we vote for our 2027 GCMG Board of Directors. Want to serve on the board to ensure the direction of our organization? Throw your hat in now! Board positions are open to all certified GCMG members. Descriptions of all the positions can be found in the GCMG's Policies and Procedures Manual located in VMS under General Info, Docs/Newsletters. Positions to be voted in for 2027 are: President Elect (training to be the 2028 president), Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This is your GCMG's election, your vote counts, we have a slate of nominees, but more than one person can run for these positions! If you have questions or would like to be in the running, please contact one of the current board members ASAP.

The days are growing shorter and cooler, but our love of gardening and each other grows longer and warmer. Keep gardening my friends, it keeps you young!

At your service,
--
April Rippel
2026 Guadalupe County Master Gardener President
Guadalupe County Master Gardener Class Co-Coordinator
Texas Master Gardener Assoc. Director - Guadalupe County
adrippel@gmail.com
(830) 433-2218 (Text Friendly)

--"All gardening is landscape painting,' said Alexander Pope."— Rebecca Solnit, Wanderlust: A History of Walking

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING







CIBOLO FEST







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GUADALUPE COUNTY FAIR PUMPKIN BOOTH

There are none like Pam Younger and her crew when it comes to the Pumpkin Booth. Another successful year, a lot of wonderful pumpkin entries and a lot of happy participants.















MEMBERSHIP CORNER

GUADALUPE COUNTY FAIR

Another successful year of great volunteers, beautiful plants, fun and education!







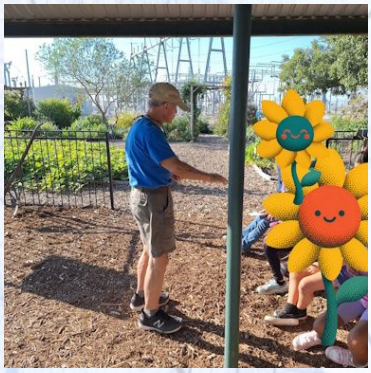






MEMBERSHIP CORNER

🍂 **Fall at the Big Red Barn Means Learning, Exploring, and a Whole Lot of Fun!** 🌱



For the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners (GCMG), there's always something growing, happening, or blooming—especially in the fall!

Our annual Big Red Barn (BRB) Fall Tours bring fourth-grade students from near and far for an unforgettable, hands-on learning adventure. Over 16 days of tours, we welcomed 1,528 students! A special shout-out to Ruthie Knuepper, who volunteered nine days to help make these tours a success!

🌾 From farm to table, history to harvest, students discover where their food comes from and what it takes to grow it. Along the way, they explore agricultural history, learn why water conservation matters, discover the importance of animal feed and care, and step back in time to visit old-style cabins.

But the fun doesn't stop there!

Under the gazebo, students discover how everyday chores keep a farm running smoothly. Then it's time to put their knowledge to the test! Armed with curiosity and a sense of adventure, they head out on a vegetable scavenger hunt, searching for the crops grown right here on the property and lovingly maintained by our own GCMG members. It's a garden-to-discovery adventure!

🥕🌽 Growing knowledge, planting curiosity, and harvesting memories—that's what hands-on education is all about!

A HUGE thank-you to our dedicated GCMG volunteers who help make these tours such a wonderful experience for our young learners:



- Rodney Burton
- Gregory Haag
- Vicki Higa
- Beth Henry
- Tim Steele
- Ruthie Knuepper
- Kay McElveen
- Judith Griffis
- Janice Knobles
- Pam Malone
- Keith Mott
- Celina Gutierrez
- Paul Prince
- Melva Edwards
- Sarah Hillman
- Debbie Real
- Marilyn Anderson
- Judith Hyatt
- Diana Bravo-Gonzalez



Your time, enthusiasm, and commitment help plant seeds of knowledge that may grow for years to come. Thank you for making learning an adventure!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc. Scholarship 2026 Recipients



Adriana Trevino

Hometown City and State, College Attending, Major/Program of Study
La Pryor Tx, Seguin Tx, Palo Alto, Busi & Entrprneurship, BAT



Amy Bierschwale

Hometown City and State, College Attending, Major/Program of Study
Schertz, Northeast Lakeview College, Psychology



Landen Estrada

Hometown City and State, College Attending, Major/Program of Study
San Antonio, Cibolo, NLC, Associates of Digital Arts AA



Dorothy Laster

Hometown City and State, College Attending, Major/Program of Study
NEW Braunfels, New Braunfels, Texas, San Antonio College, Public Accountancy



Jennifer Gallegos

Hometown City and State, College Attending, Major/Program of Study
Schertz, TX, San Antonio, Tx, Northwest Vista College, Associate of Applied Science

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BUG JUICE: AN ENTOMOLOGY TIDBIT

BY: KAREN KOEPP

TINY FARMERS BENEATH OUR FEET: TEXAS LEAF-CUTTER ANTS



These little critters have been the bane of my garden for years, and November brings increased activity as cooler weather arrives. I did some research to see if there's more to them than destruction—and found some fascinating facts!
Texas leaf-cutter ants (Atta texana) are native Texans and remarkable farmers. Rather than eating the leaves they harvest, they chew them into pulp to nourish underground fungus gardens, their primary food source. Colonies can contain hundreds of thousands of ants, with specialized workers tending the fungus, managing waste, and defending the nest.
Although these ants can strip roses, fruit trees, and ornamentals, their underground excavation can move soil and improve aeration. Unfortunately, these benefits rarely outweigh the damage to prized plants.
When the farmers become pests: Look for reddish-brown ants carrying leaf fragments along established trails, often at night or during cooler hours. Crater-shaped mounds with central openings may signal a colony. Protect vulnerable plants with appropriate barriers or products labeled for the intended use. For established colonies, consult Texas A&M AgriLife Extension guidance, as ordinary ant baits may be ineffective. Always follow pesticide label directions.
"The next time you see a parade of leaf-cutter ants carrying leaves like tiny parasols, remember: you're not just watching a pest—you're witnessing a team of master horticulturists tending a remarkable fungal farm beneath your feet!"

WHAT'S THAT BUG

BY: MELINDA LUCAS

LITTLE MESQUITE CICADA

(*Pacarina puella* Davis, 1923)

When I found a tiny cicada, that was barely and inch long, in my backyard, I thought it had to be some type of mutation or underdevelopment. However, after researching further, I learned that it is an actual species of cicada called the *Pacarina puella* Davis, 1923, commonly known as the Little Mesquite Cicada that is found in south and Central Texas, Arizona, and Mexico.

The Little Mesquite Cicada is found in Central Texas, usually near Mesquite groves. They are found May through July, but June is their peak season. According to iNaturalist, they have not been seen further north than Oklahoma. There is little information about them on the internet.



I would love to find a shell. Keep your eyes out for this tiny little cicada. It could be right under your nose and you might miss it.

The picture to the right shows a common cicada to the right and Little Mesquite Cicada next to it to the left.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MASTER GARDENER MEETING

Growing Grapes As Easy As 123

With Michael Cook, Viticulture Program Specialist

THURS NOVEMBER 19TH

210 E. Liveoak Street -Seguin, TX

5:45 Social & Food - 6:15 Business

7:00 Lecture - 8:00 Door Prizes

Free & Open To The Public



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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
Guadalupe County

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND PROGRAM PROVIDER. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTS COOPERATING. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHOULD COOONTACT THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM OR EVENT TO REQUEST MOBILITY, HEARING, VISUAL, OR OTHER SSISTANCE.

ASK THE MASTER GARDENERS

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

Q: I bought a plumeria at the recent Master Gardener plant sale. What do I do with it in the winter?
A: Your plumeria is adapted to zone 10-12 so is native to tropical America. It grows to 15 to 25 feet and can spread the same amount. This seasonal bloomer can have red, pink, white or yellow flowers. https://txmg.org/hendersonmg/ suggests that plumeria are best grown in full sun. Water requirements are dry to medium. The plant can tolerate drought. Missouribotanicalgarden.org adds that plumaria require at least a half day of full sun with evenly moist soil during the growing season, although they suggest that you allow drying time between your waterings.
The Texas source says that these plants are deciduous and lose their leaves during the winter or dry season. Both sources suggest moving the container plants inside when night temperatures fall below 40 degrees F. Personally, I've grown plumaria for a number of years, as has my friend on the other side of Seguin. In the winter we move our plants inside and stop watering. Mine go in the dark garage where the temperature remains above 50. They drop all their leaves and stay dormant all winter. When I am sure that nighttime temperatures will remain above 50, I bring them back outside. The Texas Master Gardener site says that plumeria have no serious insect or disease problems unless you over water which could result in root rot.

Q: I love driving in the fall and seeing Flameleaf Sumac in all its red glory. However, I don't see much around Seguin. Is there a reason?
A: I think the main reason is that people cut it down. For many years there was a glorious one behind Walmart on King St. Every year it was trimmed back and last year was cut back completely. I've been enjoying the fall leaves on the sumac on Meadow Lake Dr. between Hwy 123 Bypass and TX-123 Business. The plant does grow here. You just have to find it. The website Texastreeplanting.tamu.edu has a Texas Tree Planting Guide listing Prairie Flameleaf Sumac (Rhus lanceolate) as one of its trees. It describes the tree as being small, deciduous, and having a moderate growth rate. Sumac likes dry conditions and tolerates drought and alkaline soils. It is a Texas native with reliable fall color and the red berry clusters are eaten by wildlife. I tried to grow it a couple of years ago. It finally died because it was getting no sun. The surrounding trees cast too much shade.

FYI: Depending on the weather in November, you should probably bring in your house plants that have spent the summer outside. My ficus and African violets definitely cannot take the cold weather. Also, a reminder that if you grow basil, cut off a stem before a freeze comes and put it in a glass of water on your kitchen window sill. You will have leaves for cooking all winter.



GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

by Kat Adams

What To Plant and Grow In November:
Fava Beans, Beets, Carrots, Cauliflower, Collards, Corn, Garlic, Greens (Cool Season), Lettuce, Mustard, Green Onions, Radish, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Turnip

Facts about Cranberries

- In the United States, cranberries grow in cool northern climates such as Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Oregon, and Washington. In Canada, cranberries grow in Quebec and British Columbia.
- The cranberry is a true American native plant (Vaccinium Macrocarpon).
- Family (Ericaeae) - relative to Huckleberry and Blueberry.
- The cranberry is called Ibimi (Bitter Berry) by the Pequot People of Cape Cod. They crushed the cranberries with dried venison and fat to make a winter food called Pemmican.
- Cranberries were eaten but not cultivated until 1816. Bogs were planted in Dennis Massachusetts. American and Canadian Sailors would eat cranberries to prevent scurvy on their long voyages.
- Cranberries grow on runners (like strawberries). Each runner grows to three feet long.

Healthy Cranberry Sauce
12-16 oz Cranberries
1/2 cup Orange Juice
1/2 tsp Orange Zest
1/4 cup Maple Syrup

Place all ingredients in a medium sauce pan and bring to a boil over medium high heat. Reduce heat to medium and simmer for 6-8 minutes. Stir frequently to prevent burning. Cooking is complete when it thickens and most of the cranberries have popped. Cool completely before serving. It will keep in the refrigerator up to one week.

Thank you to all who contributed and posted. 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

Central Park, NY

https://www.centralpark.com/

By: Melinda J Lucas



While touring New York City this summer, one of the most beautiful and peaceful places I visited was Central Park. It is almost indescribable how you can be walking through one of the busiest cities in the country, surrounded by noise, skyscrapers, and businesses one minute, and cross the street into a quiet, peaceful, 843-acre world the next. It feels like a place taken straight out of a storybook and neatly placed within the city grid.



Built in 1858, Central Park truly has everything: formal gardens, ball fields, open lawns, stunning architecture, wildlife, vendors, concerts, and winding bike paths. There is always something vibrant happening. While I was there, I watched artists painting and sketching, met vendors selling their handmade merchandise, and listened to musicians playing. I watched children playing and observed a crew setting up tables for Shakespeare in the Park, while others simply lay in the grass, sat on benches reading, or took a nap. You can see the tops of the New York City skyscrapers framing the edges of the park, but once you are inside, they feel a million miles away.





GCMG MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

For VMS data Month Ending 30 September 2026
Prepared by David Koepp, Membership Director

Executive Summary:

1. Congratulations to our September Master Gardener of the Month, **Annette "Montana" Padgett!**
2. **We need you at the November Membership Meeting.** We must reach quorum to take care of business that has been delayed for two months. At this meeting we will:
   - Elect the 2027 Board member (floor nominations welcome with written consent)
   - Vote on the updated Bylaws
   - Approve the August, September, and October minutes Your attendance truly matters — we need to complete these items before the end of the year.
3. **Dues are due by 12/31/2026.**
   - Per PPM policy, before dues can be paid, you must have your re-certification hours completed, a current* Volunteer Agreement, and a valid background check.
   - *Both renew every 3 years, and many members are missing an updated Volunteer Agreement.
   - You can view your hours under **Your Progress** in VMS. VA and Background Check dates are not displayed, but I've requested that these fields be added for member visibility.
4. **Two months left to finish your 2026 hours.** Don't wait until December — there are plenty of opportunities available indoors and outdoors.

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

Roster Totals for September 2026	Prior/Current/Next Year Interns (20) 0/4/17	Certified (159)	Leave of Absence (7)	Inactive (3)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (4)	Released (0)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)	Archived (0)
Quorum Met at Membership Meeting	Quorum Requirement is 25% of Certified vs % present @ Mtg	# of Certified Members	Month	# Members Reporting	Mbrs w/ 5+ Hours	Vol Hours	CE Hours	Contacts	Pounds Produce	Mileage
Yes	42%	130	January	74 or 57%	51	1,293.10	131.75	34	664	6,393.30
Yes	33%	131	February	82 or 63%	63	2,145.40	205.75	541	354	8,599.95
No	24%	132	March	79 or 60%	60	2,275.75	284.75	232	127	10,013.30
Yes	34%	134	April	79 or 59%	61	2,466.00	204.55	924	312	11,248.50
Yes	33%	137	May	69 or 50%	45	1,470.25	114.75	47	1,196	6,742.00
N/A	0%	137	June	70 or 43%	52	1,140.60	67.25	90	1,284	4,624.00
No	22%	161	July	78 or 49%	52	1,211.15	110.45	28	552	5,020.00
Yes	30%	160	August	84 or 53%	59	1,262.90	127.05	137	215	6,302.30
No	23%	159	**September**	**88 or 55%**	**56**	**1,531.90**	**148.85**	**615**	**185**	**7,257.40**
No	24%	159	October							
			November							
			December							
			Peak 2026 (So Far)	**88 or 55%**	**63**	**2,466.00**	**284.75**	**924**	**1,284**	**11,248.50**
			Avg 2026 (So Far)	**79 or 54%**	**56**	**1,645.00**	**156.00**	**295**	**544**	**7,356.00**
			Totals 2026	**88 or 55% Peak**	**n/a**	**14,797.05**	**1,395.15**	**2,648**	**4,889**	**66,200.75**
			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	0	44,919.64

Certified Members in September with 5+ hours (*Voting Board Members not eligible for the drawing)

1. ADAMS, MABEL "KATHY"
2. ALBRECHT, DON
3. ALLMAN, CINDY
4. ALTHAUSER, MARZELLUS "MARCEL"
5. ANCELET, LISA
6. ANDERSON, MARILYN
7. BOLLINGER, MARK "BO"
8. BRKICH, KAREN
9. BURTON, RODNEY
* CARROLL, KATHLEEN "KATHY"
10. CARTER, MARTHA "MARTY"
* CARTER, PAUL
11. CHASON, ANGELA
12. COLLIER, COLLEEN
13. EILAND, RACHEL
14. FISHER, DAVID
15. FISHER, RAND
16. FRIESENHAHN, JOYCE
* GOMEZ, JERRI
17. GRIFFIS, JUDY
18. GUTIERREZ, CELINA
19. HARD, ROSE "DIANA"
20. HARMON, DOMINIQUE
21. HENRY, BETH
22. HIGA, VICTORIA "VICKI"
23. HUEBINGER, CLAIRE
24. KNEUPPER, VIRGINIA "RUTHIE"
25. KNOBLES, JANICE
* KOEPP, DAVID
* KOEPP, KAREN
26. LUCAS, MELINDA
* MALONE, PAMELA "PAM"
27. MCCARTAN, BELLE
28. MCCORQUODALE, JANET "LISA"
* MCELVEEN, HELEN "KAY"
29. MEADE, CONSTANCE
30. MEDEIROS-OROPEZA, KATHERINE "KAT"
31. MOTT, ROBERT "KEITH"
32. ODVODY, DALE
33. ODVODY, DEANNA "ANN"
34. OTTENAD, ANNE
35. PADGETT, ANNETTE
36. PHELPS, CLAYTON
37. POWADA, CAYE
38. PRINCE, PAUL
39. REAL, DEBORAH "DEBBIE"
* RIPPEL, APRIL
* RIPPEL, FRANK
40. SCHULTZE, PATRICIA "PAT"
* SMITH, KATHLEEN
41. STEELE, TIMOTHY "TIM"
42. STYBLO, MARY
43. SUCHAN, CAROL
44. THOMPSON, JOANN
45. TREMAINE BLACK, SANDY
* YOUNGER, PAMELA "PAM"

Recognition Drawings: September 5+ hours: **Jerri Gomez** October Door Prize: **Edie Cassell**

CONTINUING EDUCATION

GUADALUPE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE - SERVING TEXAS' NEEDS



Education Director Report
October 15, 2026

Karen Koepp
2025 GCMG, Education Director

Education Hours Snapshot of September 2026 (159 Certified Members)

"0" hours – 25 Members 16%
"25" hours – 12 Members 8%
"5.75" hours – 14 Members 9%
"6-9.75" hours – 20 Members 13%
"10+" hours – 88 Members 55%

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. ☺

LUNCH & LEARNS

AgriLife Bldg, Seguin November 11, 12:00 pm -1:00 pm
Peter Hernandez "Mulch & Compost for Winter Prep"
Give your garden a healthy head start for spring! Learn how mulching protects soil from temperature swings, conserves moisture and suppresses weeds, while composting turns leaves and garden debris into nutrient-rich organic matter. Discover simple, practical ways to prepare your garden for winter while building healthier soil and supporting beneficial soil life for the growing season ahead.

Schertz Public Library November 14 – NO Lunch & Learn scheduled

Seguin Public Library November 14 – NO Lunch & Learn scheduled



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.anneottenad@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

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)

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

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 visit https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/

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

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

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 *Agri*Life Extension http://guadalupe.agrilife.org/ 830-379-1972 Texas Master Gardeners http://txmg.org

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS

Two Year Term (2025-2026) April Rippel, Alternate – Tim Steele
One Year Term (2027) Kathy Carroll, Alternate – Pam Malone
Yule Fest - April Rippel
Tech Team Lead - Paul Prince
Big Red Barn - Janice Knobles
4th of July Parade - Angela Chason
Newsletter Editor - Melinda J Lucas
Gutierrez Garden Park - Maria Dykes
Speakers Bureau Team– Karen Koepp
Facebook Administrator - Kathy Adams
Kingsbury Fall Festival - Sharon Cooper
Plant Sales - Paul Carter and Tim Steele
Ask A Master Gardener Booth - Mac Mullins
Christmas Tree Decorating - Ernestine Sykes
Grow Team Lead By Committee - Clayton Phelps
Ron Pedde Memorial Community Garden - Rachel Eiland
GCMG Class Coordinators – Paul Carter and April Rippel
Refreshment Coordinator - Anette Padgett (AKA Montana)
Guadalupe Co. Demonstration Garden - Dale & Ann Odvody
GCMG Office/Library/Seed Exchange - David & Karen Koepp, Ernestine Sykes
GCMG Scholarship Committee Members: Kat Medeiros-Oropeza. Tim Steele, Don Albrecht
2026 County Fair - By Committee, Horticulture April Rippel, Kid's Crafts Pam Malone, Raffle David Fisher, AAMG/Information booth Mac Mullins, Pumpkin Contest Pam Younger, & Plant Sales Paul Carter
For a complete list please visit:
https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/about/officers-members-in-service/

President	April Rippel
Past President	Kay McElveen
President Elect	Pam Malone
Vice President	Pam Younger
Secretary	Kathleen Smith
Treasurer	Frank Rippel
Publicity Director	Jerri Gomez
Membership Director	David Koepp
Education Director	Karen Koepp
Training Class Director	Paul Carter
Volunteer Director	Kathy Carroll
AgriLife Agent MG Coordinator	Travis Franke

REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or a loss of a family member, please send an email to: GCMGTX@gmail.com.

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