



# APRIL 2024

## GUADALUPE GARDENER

A monthly publication of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLifeExtension, Guadalupe County

### Reminders for April

- Urgent need for a Communications Director.
- Urgent need for Technology Support.
- Urgent need for GC Master Gardener Booth support for the County Fair (2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend in Oct).

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# Letter from the President



*Hello my garden friends!*

My name is Sarah Puckett and I am your Master Gardener President for 2024! It's already April! So many fun things are happening in our group, our communities, and our gardens! What is my family normally up to in April?

**On the homestead...** My family all get outside to work on projects around the homestead, planting the garden, and welcoming animals to the family. It's all hands-on deck in this family! We have had chickens in the past, but not this year. Every year we have hummingbirds that revisit us, frogs, caterpillars, and lizards (too fast to take a picture). My daughter refreshes her fairy garden and plays for hours.



**In the garden...** I take count of what plants made it from starting from seed. Then, one of my favorite parts, we go shopping to fill in the gaps. Make sure to take someone with you! In my experience, it's way more fun to make a day of it. I normally end up going with one or both of my parents.





# Letter from the President



Since joining, I've spent many hours volunteering both on the board and at plant sales. There were many great sales last year, but my favorite was the Seguin Earth Day and Trade Days. There was a little bit of weather issues, so it wasn't as good of sales as some of the others, BUT I loved seeing all of the people and the atmosphere of the event.



I hope you've had a chance to volunteer at one of this year's plant sales or at least had a chance to stop by. It's one of my favorite ways to interact with the community when I'm able. Here's the list of upcoming plant sales to add to your calendar. Remember, the plant sales provide a good portion of the money needed to

maintain and support our projects. Please volunteer if you can, come buy plants to support the cause, and share the events with your friends and family.

-Sarah Puckett, 2024 GCMG President

*\*plant sales that are currently scheduled for April might change based on weather conditions or volunteers. Stay tuned for updates via email, VMS, and at our monthly meeting.*

## **APRIL PLANT SALES**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> @Austin Street Market, 9am-2pm**

414 N Austin St, Seguin, TX 78155

**April 20<sup>th</sup> @Guadalupe County Services Center, 9am-2pm**

1052 Farm-to-Market Rd 78, Shertz, TX 78154

**April 27<sup>th</sup> @ Earth Day Trades Day, Seguin, 10am-3pm**

Central Park Downtown Seguin, 201 S Austin Street

# Letter from the President

## Fundraising Group???

We have some exciting opportunities for fundraising that we will be starting to incorporate to add to the budgets for our community projects. Stay tuned for more info! If you would like to be a part of a fundraising group, please reach out to me and we'll get a group together!

## Communications Director needed ASAP

Now that everything has gone through the proper channels, we are looking for someone to fill the roll as "Communications Director". The description will soon be updated into the PPM, but for now, it can be found in the documents and in the newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Outside of that description, we have board meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month 6pm-until we're finished (recently until about 8pm). And we have membership meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month 6pm-8:30pm. The board has a lot of fun together and hope that you will consider joining us.

**If you need to reach me, the best way is by text. My number is 972-768-6558. You can also email me at [sparrowpuckett@gmail.com](mailto:sparrowpuckett@gmail.com).**

-Sarah Puckett, 2024 GCMG President

Please visit the following link to read more information on what is expected of the person who holds this position: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/19u\\_4DJqGPANPYDjkPHRvQeJLOhKnF7SL/edit?usp=drive link&oid=105633003156821649505&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19u_4DJqGPANPYDjkPHRvQeJLOhKnF7SL/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=105633003156821649505&rtpof=true&sd=true)



# Membership Corner

Membership Information for March 2024

Total certified members: 138

***Congratulations to our gift card winners!***

***Door prize - Sylvia Skorupa; Volunteer drawing - Robin Muschalek***

**Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours eligible for drawing (board members ineligible):**  
**(\*board members are not eligible)**

Dale Odvody	Tim Steele	Carol Suchan
Paul Carter	Joyce Fox	Kay Cover
Kay McElveen	Beth Henry	April Rippel
Judy Sims	Melinda Lucas	Welta Burris
Rodney Burton	Keith Mott	Paul Prince
Ann Odvody	Janice Knobles	Carol Mullen
David Koepp	Celeste Rance	Anne Ottenad
Marty Carter	Robin Muschalek	Larry Fowler
Steffinie Mannifield	Becky Geinzer	Karen Brkich
Cynthia Lyssy	Kathleen Smith	Alejandro Montero
Ginny Fox		

**Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month:**

Dale Odvody	April Rippel	Paul Carter
Ann Odvody	Paul Prince	Tim Steele
Bill Nodine	Melinda Lucas	Denise Leverich
Janice Knobles	David Koepp	Anne Ottenad
Beth Henry	Rodney Burton	Carol Suchan

**100 Hour Club for 2024:**

Dale Odvody	Tim Steele	April Rippel
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**200 Hour Club for 2024:**

Bill Nodine

***VMS Tip: Effective January 2025, the Volunteer and CE hours required for recertification will increase to 20 Volunteer hours and 10 CE hours. Log your hours in VMS every week!!***



Is there someone you'd like to recognize for making a difference? Give a starfish to another person at the next membership meeting!

# Membership Corner

## Blossoming Insights in MG Class #39

By Ingrid Wilgen

Prompted by what I am learning in Master Class #39, I found myself reflecting on my garden successes from last summer, which upon closer examination, turned out to be fortunate mishaps. How those amazingly sweet volunteer tomatoes came up from the edges of my hot compost pile is beyond me. But they did. Desiring to learn more I realized I needed some master gardener mojo. So, here I am, three months into the master gardener program, picking up valuable skills, having a lot of fun at volunteer opportunities, while making great friends along the way.

As a student dipping my toes into the world of master gardening, I've stumbled upon some laws that are as unyielding as gravity---you can't brush them aside, and I've tried. First, a master gardener mantra: "You can't alter your soil type, but you can amend it." Second, for all Texas plant queries, skip the hassle and head straight to [agrillifeextension.tamu.edu](http://agrillifeextension.tamu.edu) for nothing but the facts.

Classmate Jess Kirk, who is also a team member at Tractor Supply in Cibolo, shared her thoughts on the course, saying, "I absolutely love it. Not only does it help me assist customers effectively, but it also inspires me with ideas for future landscaping projects at home."

Like Jess, I am finding a treasure trove of inspiration and knowledge. Class 39's science-packed modules with master gardener insights, helped me cut through a mountain of garden and landscape design choices. One major takeaway that's saved me time and money is studying perspective plant candidates from inside and out before buying them. Selecting plants that harmonize with my backyard's microclimate while steering clear of nursery divas is key.

Diamonds are not always a girl's best friend, but weeds can be. MG April Rippel in her herb class made me realize that not all weeds are evil when you use them strategically. Rippel also taught that fennel, dill, and asparagus don't always play well with others.

Listening to MG Bill Nodine's discussion on vegetable gardens made me realize that plants, like all other living things, must endure challenges to grow strong and resilient. Imagine a world where this garden wisdom is widespread – how different our world could be. Thinking about this, I put it to the test. The germinating eggplant and squash seeds in my office now serve as my trial subjects. Nurtured under the care of grow lights and heating mats, these plants are now faced with a new challenge. Following Bill's advice, I've introduced the "Jane Fonda" of pedestal oscillating fans to help my young plants build thick, strong stems. Will this moderate breeze encourage them to grow into towering giants? Only time will tell. Insects are giants in their own regard. Although small, they can be a challenge or a joy in the garden. Lately I've been diving into the insect world – learning how to handle them, learning their lifecycles, and figuring out which ones are friends, foes, or make for a good gourmet treat. I tried a chili-covered grasshopper during MG Beth Smith's class on insects. Surprisingly tasty!



# Membership Corner

One of the most important lessons I've learned is the garden trinity: know your plants, know your soil, and because they can be an invading army or beneficial allies - know your insects. With the garden trinity on my mind, I asked my classmate Don Albrecht, "Which module impacted you the most?" Dennis Hales' session on top plant performers and landscape design made a lasting impression on Albrecht. He answered, "Today's session, particularly Hale's insights on ornamental plants and flowers, resonated with me, as this is probably the biggest step we are taking right now at our new house." He went on to talk about his focus on planting vibrant, drought-tolerant flowering specimens that attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Firebush might be the next new addition to his yard.

One of the biggest lessons I learned from instructor Dennis Hale is to have patience, and to plan out landscapes and vegetable gardens in phases. There is value in the journey. I love the life lessons waiting to be discovered in the garden, along with the sun-kissed nutrition that surpasses what can be bought in a grocery store. Inspired by Hale's wisdom, I've learned that pinpointing the purpose and goals of your garden needs to be fleshed out before buying plants. Take a tour of your garden armed with your journal. Engage in observation, notetaking, sketching, and delve into the intricate world of insect life, soil ecology and the diverse plant species thriving in your garden. Ask questions. What works? What doesn't? Have you had your soil tested or assessed your water quality? Factor in your family's requirements and the time you can dedicate to your garden. With these insights, craft a thoughtful plan to become a conscientious steward of the land.

As I continue to delve deeper into the world of master gardening, each lesson and insight becomes a steppingstone in my journey towards creating a vibrant and sustainable garden. Guided by the wisdom shared in Master Gardening Class #39, I've come to appreciate the intricate dance between plants, soil, and insects. From the unexpected deliciousness of volunteer tomatoes to the careful selection of plants, every step is a testament to patience, planning, and a deep respect for nature's ways. With each seed planted and each lesson learned, I am not just cultivating a garden, but nurturing a deeper connection to the earth and its wonders. I would like to thank all the instructors and volunteer point-of-contacts for being amazing teachers. Through this shared passion for gardening, we are sowing seeds of knowledge that have the power to transform, not just our landscapes, but our world.



# Membership Corner

Comal Master Gardener 2024 Spring Seminar "Texas Garden Safari - Weather or Not"



Plant Sale at the Silver Center

These beautiful flowers bring smiles everywhere they go





# Membership Corner



**GCMG**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

*Don't forget to follow GCMG on social media accounts listed below:*



**@GCMASTERGARDENER**



**GUADALUPE COUNTY  
MASTER GARDENERS**

**EMAIL ME**

*Please email me at:  
[gcmgtx.social@gmail.com](mailto:gcmgtx.social@gmail.com)*



# Monthly Meeting



Please Join us for our Monthly Membership Meeting

April 18, 2024

5:45 Social Time

6:15 Business Meeting

7:00 Presentation

**Guests Welcome**

**210 Live Oak Street-Seguin, TX**

**Our guest speaker will be Kathy Zarski,  
Biophilic and Biomimicry Design Researcher  
Her topic is “The Wonders of WestCave”**





# Ask the Master Gardeners.

Clara Mae Marcotte and Ernestine Sykes are the Ask A Master Gardener GCMGs with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Questions will be answered by these Master Gardeners at 830-379-1972 or the website [guadalupecountymastergardeners.org](http://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org). Ernestine Sykes can also be reached at the Master Gardener research library, that is open Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (or contact her by text at 210-544- 0756 ), located at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin.

**Q: Is there any way to get rid of weeds in my landscape?**

**A:** Mowing regularly helps control weeds if only because it keeps the seed heads cut off. Keeping your lawn healthy helps because an actively growing dense lawn helps ward off weeds. Extension horticulturist Doug Welsh says that it is critical to prevent weeds from being brought into your landscape through trucked in, contaminated topsoil or poor-quality turf grass sod. A friend of mine a few years back had a load of topsoil delivered that was full of nutgrass. Also, when I first moved into my house, the previous owner had brought in old sod from the high school when they replaced the sod on the football field. For ten years my husband and I dug grassburs! When you buy topsoil inspect it carefully, and be sure to check any sod for weeds before you buy.

If you have weeds anyway, Welsh suggests that hand-pulling weeds together is a sure way to provide quality time with your spouse. (And, he adds, it can be a character building experience for your children in immediate and delayed gratification.)

Personally, the only weed I try to keep out of my yard is grassburs. Sometimes, especially in the spring-time, I have a pleasant surprise. There, out in the open, is a bluebonnet, or a buttercup, or a salvia. And if I am lucky, I might find a Zizote milkweed (*Asclepias oenotheroides*). My yardman, who is also a Master Gardener, just drives the mower around them.

**Q: You tell us every year that weed and feed products are not recommended by extension agents and educators. Why not? It certainly cuts down on our work.**

**A:** In the spring, the timing is off for applying fertilizers. Pre-emergent herbicides should be applied in late winter (January or February). Fertilizing should be done after the second spring lawn mowing when the lawn is actively growing.

**Q: Last year the weight of the fruit broke branches on one of my pear trees. How should I have avoided that?**

**A:** [Aggie-Hort.tamu.edu](http://Aggie-Hort.tamu.edu) says to thin fruit early by hand starting from the end of a branch by leaving one pear per cluster. Space the clusters every six inches. The article suggests holding the stem between thumb and forefinger and pushing the fruit from the stem with the other fingers. This method does not damage other pears on the spur because it removes pears but leaves the stem attached to the spur. Evidently if you do not thin your fruit, you will not have as many flower buds the following year. This is why so many of us only have a good crop every other year.

**FYI:** Don't forget our birds and wildlife. Keep those birdbaths cleaned and filled.

Check us out on  
**facebook**

## GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

You can tell it is Springtime as we add 78 new members to our Facebook Community. WOW!!!! Welcome ALL!!! They want to learn how to grow vegetables, herbs, and fruit and how to sustain them in the heat. Our top posters were Rebecca Allen, Maria Dykes, Melinda Lucas, and April Rippel. Thank you ALL for your contributions.

### **What To Plant In April**

#### Plant By Seed-

Beans, Snap and Lima, Cantaloupe, Chard, Corn, Cucumber, Kale, Marigolds, Okra, Oregano, Pepper, Pumpkin, Rosemary, Sage, Strawberry, Southern Peas, Summer Squash, Sweet Potato Slips, Thyme, Tomatoes, Turnip, Watermelon, and Zinnias.

#### Plant Transplant-

Basil, Cantaloupe, Chard, Chives, Cilantro, Cucumber, Dill, Eggplant, Fennel, Kale, Leeks, Marigolds, Mint, Okra, Oregano, Parsley, Pepper, Rosemary, Sage, Strawberries, Summer Squash, Thyme, Tomatoes, Watermelon, Zinnias.

### **Best Perennial Herbs That Are Drought and Heat Tolerant:**

#### **CHIVES**

Best to grow in containers

Can grow in full sun or shade

May go dormant in Summer but comes back in Fall

#### **MEXICAN MINT MARIGOLD**

Once established it is heat and drought tolerant

It's flowers attract migrating butterflies

Great edging plant

#### **MINT**

It spreads and invades so grow in a container

Air prune roots as Mint does not like to be root bound

Thrives in Spring and Fall

It goes dormant in Summer heat and in Winter

Cut back to prevent it from becoming woody

#### **OREGANO**

Flowers attract butterflies

Grows in full sun and partial shade

Cut it back to keep it green and soft and prevent woodiness



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### **LAVENDER**

English Lavender is more compact and cold tolerant than French Lavender  
Plant as an edging in garden beds or in a flower pot as a THRILLER  
Drought and deer resistant

### **ROSEMARY**

Needs plenty of space to grow  
Evergreen shrub  
Very heat and drought tolerant  
It's flowers are attractive to bees

### **THYME**

Thrives in sun or part shade  
Drought tolerant  
Great aroma and flavor  
Prune it back to prevent woodiness

### **ECHINACEA - PURPLE CONEFLOWER**

Easy to grow from seed  
Full sun and tolerates poor soil  
Heat and drought tolerant

### **Monthly Funny**

*Why did the gardener change his mind about gardening even though he wasn't fond of it?  
Because the plants grew on him.*

Thank you again for all of your posts and photos. You are all appreciated. Please continue to post and send your photos of your garden, tips and hacks.

We all learn from each other.  
Enjoy Your Garden.  
Take Care,  
Kathy Adams

# The Wandering Gardeners

Palmetto State Park  
Gonzales, Texas

By Valerie Bartonek

Set along the San Marcos River, approximately 30 minutes east of Seguin, you can find Palmetto State Park, named for the tropical Dwarf Palmettos, which grow abundantly there. The park encompasses 270 acres of beautiful, lush foliage and a super easy stroll. You can swim, tube, fish, paddle, and canoe here. There are 19 tent sites, 17 RV sites, group site camping (for up to 25 people) or an air-conditioned cabin (for up to six people).

During the Great Depression, many families struggled to put food on the table. Unemployment reached 25% as employers stopped hiring. In 1933, President Franklin D Roosevelt created a special work program as part of his "New Deal" and called it the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to put men back to work and protect land resources. Texas used this program to build the core of its park system.

Once enrolled into the CCC, you could expect discipline, training, uniform clothing, shelter, 3 square meals and a daily routine of project goals. They could also expect a wage of \$30 a month. To earn this, one would have to be ready for 40 hours a week of physical labor, learning valuable skills.

Another benefit of being part of the CCC, was education. Some focused-on literacy and vocational training, while others completed high school degrees. During the Depression, more men entered the CCC then enrolled into the university. Over 57,000 young men learned to read in the CCC camp!

President Franklin D Roosevelt's vision was to improve life through recreation. The Civilian Conservation Corps built more than 50 parks, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department operates 28 of these parks for all to enjoy.



Mexican Plum



Dwarf Palmetto



# The Wandering Gardeners



Tenpetal Thimbleweed



Red Buckeye



**It's your turn to be a wandering gardener!**

Have you visited a garden that wowed you and you would like to share it with others? Please submit your short article of three or four short paragraphs, in Word format, and up to 8 of your favorite photos that you took during your visit, to Melinda Lucas at [MelJLucas78218@gmail.com](mailto:MelJLucas78218@gmail.com). Please only submit photos that you personally took in order to avoid copyright issues.

The submissions will be put in order by how they are received, and you will be notified what month the article will be published. .

There are many wonderful places to visit and enjoy. Happy traveling.

Melinda J Lucas  
Newsletter Publisher

NPSOT

# NPSOT - GUADALUPE CHAPTER MEETING



*Nyctaginia capitata* Choisy, "Devil's Bouquet" or  
"Scarlet Muskflower"  
Photography by Cliffe, Harry

**April 9, 2024**

St. John Lutheran Church  
600 S Center St (FM 465)  
Marion, TX 78124

**Social 6:30 PM**

**Program 7:00 PM**

**Meeting 8:00 PM**

## "Plants of the Sandylands" by Andy Blair

This presentation will focus on plants and habitats associated with the Eocene sand formations in Bexar, Wilson, Guadalupe, and Caldwell Counties. We'll discuss how the geology and soils of this area create the conditions for plant specialization and we'll meet many of the unique plants that are endemic to these deep, sandy soils.

Andy Blair is a plant-centric ecologist and conservation biologist with over 20 years of experience with Central Texas plant communities and considerable experience with Texas insects, freshwater mussels, birds, and herpetofauna. He holds a BS in Biology from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and an MS in Population and Conservation Biology from Texas State University. Andy currently works as a biologist for the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin. He has a passion for learning about the great diversity of native plants, insects, and other critters that call our area home and loves to share that knowledge with others.



**NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS – GUADALUPE CHAPTER**

<https://www.npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>

Facebook: Guadalupe Chapter, Native Plant Society of Texas





# Continuing Education

## Education Director Report – March 2024 whn

### I'll be just Cruising Around

Icon of the Seas: World's largest cruise ship



William H. Nodine  
2024 GCMG, Education Director



### ✚ Education Hours Snapshot of March - 138 certified Members

- 50% have "0" hours – 70 Members
- 20% have "1+" hours – 27 Members
- 18% have "2.5+" hours – 24 Members
- 12% have "6+" hours- 17 Members

### ✚ Quarterly Educational Program Effectiveness Analysis Report

This Quarters Horticulture Education Programs was targeted towards approximately **345** homeowners and gardeners. The following results were determined by participant surveys.

#### Learning Results:

- 95%** of respondents increased their understanding/ knowledge of basic gardening skills and techniques (Basic Beginners Gardening Program)
- 90%** of respondents increased their understanding/ knowledge of soil characteristics (Gardening Begins with Soil Program)
- 92% of respondents** of respondents increased their understanding/ knowledge of how to plan and prepare a garden for spring. (Spring Gardening Program)
- 95%** of respondents increased their understanding/ knowledge of how to Grow Herbs and Use them. (Growing Herbs Program)
- 90%** of respondents increased their understanding/ knowledge of basic tree care and pruning techniques(Basic Tree Care Program)

# Continuing Education

GCMG Speakers



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

## Presents: Preparing a Garden For Spring

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Learn how a new year brings a fresh start to vegetable gardening! In South Texas, gardeners are getting ready to do spring planting. The first step to planning a vegetable garden is deciding what to plant, when to plant, and how long it takes to mature.

Saturday April 6, 2024, from 11:00 – 12:30 pm  
Water Garden Gems, 3230 Bolton Rd.  
Marion, Texas, 78124



### Guest Speaker: Karen Brkich

Karen has loved gardening, getting her hands dirty and flowers for many years and was gifted the "love" from her grandmother. She has/is refining her skills in gardening with the Master Gardeners of Guadalupe County since Fall 2023. She is currently the Garden Center specialist in the corporate world and had decided to increase her knowledge to help with her customers and used her unique skill of training to share her knowledge in an effort to help her customers be successful with the plants when they invest their time and money. She comes from a thorough list of experiences but by far, but the peace of gardening, building relationships and helping others beautify their community and their environment, is by far her favorite.

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## Presents: A Visual Presentation of the Top 10 Veggie Pests

Bring your favorite lunch and learn from one of our favorite Extension Program Entomologist at this free seminar and open to the Public.

Watch this fascinating visual presentation and learn about insects, plants, and available control tactics: cultural, mechanical, or physical, biological, and chemical control of garden insects, only after careful monitoring of insect populations.

April 10, 2024, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
AgriLife Building, 210 E. Live Oak,  
Seguin, Tx 78155



### Narrator: Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown

Wizzie Brown is a Senior Extension Program Specialist-IPM with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. She received her Bachelor of Science in entomology from Ohio State University and a Master of Science in entomology from Texas A&M University. She is a Board-Certified Entomologist with a specialty in Urban Entomology and holds a non-commercial license from the Texas Structural Pest Control Service. Her research interests include red imported fire ants, bed bugs, and termites.

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### Presents: Texas Superstars

Learn how to select Texas Superstars® and other principal factors in determining plants recommended based on their performance in actual landscape and garden settings.

Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm  
Seguin Public Library, 313 West Nolte Street  
Seguin, TX 78155



#### Guest Speaker Liana Benavides



Liana Benavides has been at BCG since 2019 Class 63 and is currently serving as BCMG President. She fell into gardening by accident when she found herself as a Coordinator of the garden program at Texas Hill, MS in NEISD. She is happily married with two daughters in high school, a senior and a junior who are in the choir and orchestra. In addition to gardening, Liana enjoys reading and listening to all kinds of music. Her favorite flower is the hibiscus.

#### Guest Speaker Nancy Mills



Nancy Mills is a retired elementary school teacher and literacy specialist for the Northeast Independent School District. Our military family has lived in Florida, Virginia, Greece and Germany and of course San Antonio, TX. As a mother of three grown children and six grandchildren, and a wife of a periodontist, I was happy to become a Master Gardener in 2019, Class 63. I presently serve as a Member at large on the BCMG Board and Co-Coordinator for the San Antonio Botanical Culinary Garden, BCMG Docent Program.

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April 13, 2024, from 9:00 – 10:00 am  
Schertz Methodist Church  
3460 Roy Richards Drive, Schertz, Tx 78154



#### Guest Speaker William Nodine



William Nodine is a member of the Guadalupe County Master Gardener Association and has been a certified Master Gardener in the state of Texas since 2017. He is one of our own. He started gardening at an early age with his grandmother, where he endeavored to consume all her tomatoes. He is a retired 26-year Air Force Veteran and then retired after 22 years from the Information Technology Dept., Lockheed Martin, Kelly AFB Texas. He is the Education Director for the GCMG Association and has Advanced Master Gardener Certification Training in: Vegetable, Greenhouse Management, Compost, Plant Propagation, Budding and Grafting, Plant Health and Diagnostics Educator, Junior Master Gardener, Texas Superstar, and Entomology. He is an active member of the Soil Food Web and Regenerative Agriculture.

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## Presents: Container Gardening

Learn how to grow vegetables in containers, how to plant and maintain in potted containers to include, properly drained soil mix, adequate and regular supplemental fertilizer, enough but not too much water, the right amount of light, some protection from temperature extremes. Free seminar and open to the public.

Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 11:30 – 12:30 pm  
Seguin Public Library, 313 West Nolte Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

### Registration Required:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/container-gardening-for-beginners-tickets-868565170807?utm\\_campaign=social&utm\\_content=attendeeshare&utm\\_medium=discovery&utm\\_term=listing&utm\\_source=ep&aff=ebdshropurl](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/container-gardening-for-beginners-tickets-868565170807?utm_campaign=social&utm_content=attendeeshare&utm_medium=discovery&utm_term=listing&utm_source=ep&aff=ebdshropurl)



### Guest Speaker William Nodine



William Nodine is a member of the Guadalupe County Master Gardener Association and has been a certified Master Gardener in the state of Texas since 2017. He is one of our own. He started gardening at an early age with his grandmother, where he endeavored to consume all her tomatoes. He is a retired 26-year Air Force Veteran and then retired after 22 years from the Information Technology Dept., Lockheed Martin, Kelly AFB Texas. He is the Education Director for the GCMG Association and has Advanced Master Gardener Certification Training in: Vegetable, Greenhouse Management, Compost, Plant Propagation, Budding and Grafting, Plant Health and

Diagnostics Educator, Junior Master Gardener, Texas Superstar, and Entomology. He is an active member of the Soil Food Web and Regenerative Agriculture.

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If you need hours, or want to learn more about growing plants, please check out the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training, by clicking <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/> and then choosing the topics that you are interested in.

This program is designed to provide information on a variety of environmentally friendly (Earth-Kind®) practices for use in the home landscape and garden. As your interest and knowledge in this area grows you will have an increased awareness of the many programs, practices and activities that are Earth-Kind®.

Texas Master Gardeners can select from any of these on-line modules to obtain up to 3 hours of recertification education credits in a calendar year. Each module is worth 1 hour of credit. Master Gardeners are not encouraged to seek re-certification credit for training modules they have completed in previous years.

Progress through the training program is tracked "on-line" and the results for each completed module are automatically forwarded to your county Master Gardener Coordinator.

Participation in the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training will assist Texas AgriLife Extension



# Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2024-04/>
- Plant Party 9: Planting a Seed worth 1.5 hrs [https://youtu.be/DFi7\\_JZUzoY](https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY)
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/202404>
- 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 has quite a few upcoming continuing education opportunities. Please check out the list below and sign up at: <https://bexarmg.org/events/2024-04/>

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](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](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjqPKX68x1S50uWVbqYzV3k2nfmxeA_9g)

# Continuing Education

There are many wonderful and informative Youtube videos by Wizzie Brown and others that are available. Each count as one hour of Continuing Education. Check out some of the following:

- “Entomophagy” by Wizzie Brown <https://youtu.be/Nd9lZnAYKdk>
- “Kissing Bugs” by Wizzie Brown [https://youtu.be/u1vW\\_BgoxZY](https://youtu.be/u1vW_BgoxZY)
- “Managing Mosquitos” by Wizzie Brown <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95H0aMKQTOU>
- “Controlling Drain Flies, house flies and Fungus Gnats” by Wizzie Brown [https://youtu.be/6fKN9\\_JRrQ](https://youtu.be/6fKN9_JRrQ)
- “Trees and Tree Care” by Mary Beth Parsons <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2UJWi5Cr84>
- “Getting your Roses Ready for Spring” by Peggy Jones : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdHVg-1848M>
- “Red Imported Fire Ant Management” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/aN\\_Rzm4m7KU](https://youtu.be/aN_Rzm4m7KU)
- “Fleas” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/Cpy6AGbC9sY>
- “Turf Entomology” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/gKTeoz7EnGw>
- “Bed Bugs” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/l8Apq7AllNk>
- “Spider ID” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/5\\_xmBOgoMF4](https://youtu.be/5_xmBOgoMF4)
- “Arachnids other than Spiders” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/Via1jYHGCI>
- “Insects to watch for” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/G31-9N9RoZw>
- “Insect Damage” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/9oeGiE6BpRM>
- “Pesticide Safety” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/fUY2zqpNNcl>
- “Stinging Arthropods of Summer” by Wizzie Brown: <https://youtu.be/a9lbZxP8Txs>
- “Summer Insects: Pests for Hot Dry Conditions” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/QCvBu\\_t\\_CEE](https://youtu.be/QCvBu_t_CEE)
- “Rose Insects” by Wizzie Brown: [https://youtu.be/xvrR4X\\_dRzM](https://youtu.be/xvrR4X_dRzM)
- “Vermiculture” by Peter Joseph Hernandez: <https://youtu.be/azWVXveYt9k>
- “Herbology Witching Spells Part 1” From the Master Naturalists: <https://youtu.be/-ZpGxGhPclo>
- “Herbology Witching Spells, Part 2” From the Master Naturalists: [https://youtu.be/YgYfqW\\_VP9w](https://youtu.be/YgYfqW_VP9w)



# Special Volunteer Hours

## Growing Futures Gardens

Hello Fellow Master Gardener!

We have added additional workdays at Growing Futures Garden! Growing Futures Garden is an educational garden located at Connections (1447 West Mill Street, New Braunfels), a residential foster care center that houses our Guadalupe County children. We currently have 30 raised garden beds, swings, benches, & picnic tables.

The upcoming scheduled workdays are as follows (weather permitting):

Saturday, April 13  
Saturday, April 20  
Sunday, April 28  
Saturday, May 4  
Saturday, May 11

Work starts at 9am. We will be:

- Putting down cardboard
- Spreading mulch
- Filling beds with soil, compost & mulch
- Building beds- easy assembly
- Building arbors- easy assembly
- Planting
- Fertilizing
- Weeding
- Placing bird feeders, bird houses, and birdbath
- Information center sign install
- Building a shed



***Please RSVP to Benna via text (270-860-2246) or email.***

Hope to see you soon!  
Benna Hunter @ BennaHunter@Gmail.com  
Guadalupe County Master Gardener  
Secretary, GCMG Board of Directors  
POC for Growing Futures Garden

# Special Volunteer Hours

Hello Gardeners,

Thank you so much for your volunteer efforts in Yr 2023! Can you believe that the total number of volunteer hours added up to 14,415 hrs and with 5,534 pounds of produce for food pantries across Guadalupe County and surrounding areas. This is a result of dedicated Master Gardeners who volunteer their time, hard work and dedication to this organization!

On the following two pages you will find the most updated GCMG Approved Projects, Gardens, and Parks for Year 2024. This document gets updated periodically with new projects/gardens/parks. It will always be uploaded in VMS under **General Information>Docs/Newsletter>Document Type>Other.** The Volunteer report is uploaded as well. You will also find the BINGO challenge (with rules/instructions). Please take some time to review the rules and get ready to win prizes!

Thank you again for your commitment to this organization!

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at [mariag75@gmail.com](mailto:mariag75@gmail.com).

Maria Dykes

GCMG Volunteer Director

*"And into the Garden I go, to lose my mind and find my soul!"*



# Special Volunteer Hours

## GCMG Approved Projects, Gardens, & Parks for 2024 (edited 02/13/24)

1. Big Red Barn Garden  
390 Cordova Rd., Seguin, TX  
POC: Janice Knobles, [jmknobles@yahoo.com](mailto:jmknobles@yahoo.com)
2. Big Red Barn Kiosk  
390 Cordova Rd., Seguin, TX  
POC: Ernestine Sykes [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com)
3. Christian Cupboard Garden  
516 N. Camp, Seguin, TX  
POC: Kay McElveen [hkaymcelveen@gmail.com](mailto:hkaymcelveen@gmail.com)
4. Christmas Tree Project (Nov./Dec.)-SEASONAL  
210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin, TX  
Seguin Downtown Square  
POC: **VACANT**
5. Creech Prairie Farm/Garden  
1467 County Rd. 401, Floresville, TX  
POC: Melinda Creech, Executive Director  
[Melinda@CreechPrairieRestoration.org](mailto:Melinda@CreechPrairieRestoration.org)  
Robert Creech, Director [rrcreech@mac.com](mailto:rrcreech@mac.com)
6. Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden  
1101 Elbel St., Schertz, TX  
POC: Ann Odvody [advodyd@swbell.net](mailto:advodyd@swbell.net)  
Volunteer days -Tues or Fri- 0800 to 1100
7. GC Fair MG Booth (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend Oct.)  
950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX - Fairgrounds Coliseum  
POC: Kathleen Smith [kathleensmith1214@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensmith1214@gmail.com)  
**SEASONAL**
8. GC Pumpkin Decorating Contest Booth-SEASONAL  
(2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Oct.) - Fairgrounds Coliseum  
950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX  
POC: Pam Younger [pamyounger54@gmail.com](mailto:pamyounger54@gmail.com)
9. GCMG Library/Seed Exchange  
210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin, TX  
POC: Ernestine Sykes [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com)  
David Koepf [dihkoepf.gcmg@gmail.com](mailto:dihkoepf.gcmg@gmail.com) & Karen Koepf  
[kkoepf@gmail.com](mailto:kkoepf@gmail.com) Volunteer day: Wed.2-4 pm
10. GCMG Parade Float-SEASONAL  
Independence Day Parade, Seguin, TX  
POC: Beth Smith [bsmith5518@gmail.com](mailto:bsmith5518@gmail.com)
11. GROW Team  
POC: Brenda Smith [bsmith5518@gmail.com](mailto:bsmith5518@gmail.com)
12. Growing Futures Garden  
1447 West Mill St., New Braunfels, TX 78130  
POC: Benna Hunter [bennahunter@gmail.com](mailto:bennahunter@gmail.com)
13. Gutierrez Garden Park  
1231 Borgfeld Rd., Schertz, TX  
POC: Judy Stanley [jstanley20@sabx.rr.com](mailto:jstanley20@sabx.rr.com)  
Caroline Moody [carolinemoody58@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemoody58@gmail.com)
14. Kingsbury Fall Harvest Festival-SEASONAL  
MG Information Booth (Nov.)  
Kingsbury, TX - POC: **VACANT**
15. LaVernia Primary School Gardens  
249 FM 1346 S., LaVernia TX  
POC: Kay Cover [doncover6969@yahoo.com](mailto:doncover6969@yahoo.com)  
Colleen Collier [colleen1631@gmail.com](mailto:colleen1631@gmail.com)
16. Marion Veteran's Memorial Park  
100 W. Huebinger St., Marion, TX  
POC: Carol Suchan [ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com](mailto:ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com)  
Anne Ottenad [ron.anne.ottenad@gmail.com](mailto:ron.anne.ottenad@gmail.com)
17. Park West Pollinator/Waterwise Garden  
600 N. Vaughn St., Seguin, TX  
POC: Liz Romero [lcurromero@gmail.com](mailto:lcurromero@gmail.com)
18. Plant Sales - GC locations, Spring & Fall-SEASONAL  
POC: Brenda Smith [bsmith5518@gmail.com](mailto:bsmith5518@gmail.com)
19. Polley Mansion Heritage Garden  
11432 FM 539, La Vernia, TX  
POC: Robin Muschalek [forcessi@yahoo.com](mailto:forcessi@yahoo.com)  
Keith Muschalek [keith.muschalek@gmail.com](mailto:keith.muschalek@gmail.com)
20. Socials - Summer & Winter - SEASONAL  
POC: Beth Smith [bsmith5518@gmail.com](mailto:bsmith5518@gmail.com)
21. St. Andrew's Park  
Corner of S. Crockett & Nolte St., Seguin, TX  
POC: Ernestine Sykes [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com)
22. Wilson County Pub Library Outdoor Learning Space  
1103 4<sup>th</sup> St., Floresville, TX  
POC: Steffinie Blankenship [steffinierb@gmail.com](mailto:steffinierb@gmail.com)
23. Yulefest (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. in Dec.) - SEASONAL  
GC Coliseum, Seguin, TX  
POC: April Rippel [adrippel@gmail.com](mailto:adrippel@gmail.com)

The editor apologizes for the above links that are not accessible by just clicking on them.

# Special Volunteer Hours

## GCMG Volunteer Bingo 2024 Rules

1. Bingo space must be initialed and dated (by you) and your volunteer hour(s) must be recorded on the VMS website to be counted. A minimum of one volunteer hour at a time, per project is required.
2. Complete five in a row for a BINGO (diagonal, horizontal, vertical). You may turn in your completed and signed BINGO card to receive a prize. Volunteer hours will be verified by the Membership Director.
3. Once a completed BINGO card is turned in, you may start another BINGO card. All eligible cards must be turned in by the end of the calendar year.
4. BONUS GAME: If you wish to hold onto your BINGO card to try for a "blackout" BINGO, in addition to a one row prize, a larger prize will be awarded. A blackout BINGO is where every space is filled. You will also be granted full bragging rights.

NOTE: One of the BINGO spaces is to give a Lunch & Learn Presentation. There are a limited number of months eligible for presentations in 2024. Please contact Bill Nodine, Education Director, if you wish to give a Lunch & Learn Presentation this year. Bill must approve your topic and assign the month for your presentation. Backup presenters are needed in case the scheduled presenter cancels, please contact Bill for availability.

5. If you wish to work on more than one BINGO, but not a BONUS GAME, please use more than one BINGO card.

\*See the Volunteer Director or VMS for additional BINGO cards.

Everyone can be a winner!



# Special Volunteer Hours

## 2024 GCMG VOLUNTEER

### B I N G O

Big Red Barn Garden Workday  (Seguin)	Master Gardener Library  (Seguin)	Schlather Park Pollinator Garden (Cibolo)	Plant Sale Booth  (Fall)	Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden (Schertz) (Tues. & Fri.)
Independence Day Parade float  (Seguin)	St. Andrew's Park  (Seguin) (Wed.)	Yule Fest Booth  (Seguin) (Sun. – Dec.)	Gutierrez Garden Park  (Schertz)	Plant Sale Booth  (Spring)
LaVernia Primary School Gardens (LaVernia)	Garden Grow Team (date & location varies)	Player's Choice (choose any GCMG approved project, garden, or park)	Polley Mansion Heritage Garden (LaVernia)	Creech Prairie Farm Workday  (Floresville)
GC Fair Pumpkin Decorating Booth (Seguin – Oct.)	Growing Futures Garden (New Braunfels)	Guadalupe County Fair MG Booth (Seguin – Oct.)	Christmas Tree Decorating Project (Seguin)	Christian Cupboard Garden  (Seguin)
Marion Veteran's Community Park (Marion)	Big Red Barn School Tours  (Seguin)	Kingsbury Fall Festival Booth  (Kingsbury) (Nov.)	Give a Lunch & Learn Presentation  (Seguin)	MG Social Planning Committee  (Summer or Winter)

Prizes: Five in a Row = GCMG T-shirt or gift card or surprise gift

Fill in the whole card = \$50 gift card

# Special Volunteer Opportunities

## Speaker's Bureau

We improve the lives of Texans through education by delivering innovative science-based solutions that teach people how to improve horticultural practices and food production, to protect the environment, to strengthen our communities, and enrich our youth. I am looking for individuals who are interested in becoming a part of the Speakers Bureau. If you are interested and willing to disseminate research-based horticulture information to the public, **please contact William "Bill" Nodine @ [william.nodine@att.net](mailto:william.nodine@att.net).**

## Team Leader in Charge of Recruiting

The GCMG Class Coordinator is looking for a volunteer to be the Team Leader in charge of recruiting. Responsibilities include passing out class flyers and applications to the public, posting flyers throughout Seguin, working with the Publicity Director to get advertisements put in local papers, and helping the other Team Leaders recruit volunteers.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Paul Carter at 830-481-0817 or [mepcarter11@gmail.com](mailto:mepcarter11@gmail.com). If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

## Filming Volunteer

Wanted: volunteers who are interested in recording Continuing Education presentations and membership meetings.

If you have photography or any camcorder experience, please contact Denise Leverich at (210) 241-7893 or email ([dleverich965@gmail.com](mailto:dleverich965@gmail.com)).



# Special Volunteer Opportunities



## Seed Exchange Update

Wondering what we are doing upstairs in the seed exchange? Well let me entertain you! The following list of heritage and ornamental plants are available in seed form. Please feel free to come and browse or take some historical seeds home to germinate. We would love for you to share your seed success with us in the future, but that's up to you!

**Hours are Wednesdays 2-4 PM** in the upstairs MG Research Library/Office.

This is a current inventory, please keep in mind it can change at any time depending on demand!

Your Seed Exchange Manager,  
Ernestine Sykes

# Special Volunteer Opportunities

Name	Quantity	Donated by	Type	Name	Quantity	Donated by	Type
Alyssum Carpet & Snow	3	Ferry Morse	Flower	Painted Daisy	16	Mixed Brands	Flower
American Giant Hybrid Sunflower	1	Burpee	Flower	Pansy, Swiss Giant Mixed Colors	4		Flower
Aster, Crego Mixed Colors	10		Flower	Perennial Mix flowers	4		Flower
Aster, Sea Star Mixed Colors	8		Flower	Pike's Peak Sunflower	5	Burpee	Flower
Aubrieta, Whitewell Gem	2		Flower	Poppy, Iceland	6		Flower
Autumn Beauty Sunflower	8	Mixed Brands	Flower	Poppy, Red Corn	7		Flower
Bachelor Button, Polka Dot Mixed Color	1		Flower	Portulaca Mixed Colors, Moss Rose	6		Flower
Black-Eyed Susan	10	Pages Seeds	Flower	Purple Coneflower, Echineaceae	17		Flower
Blanket Flower	15		Flower	Pyrethrum Daisy, Robinson's Mixture	8		Flower
Blue Althea,	18	Sylvia Skorupa	Flower	Red Peony Poppy	12	Sylvia Skorupa	Flower
Border Mix Sunflower	18	American Seed	Flower	Rosele Hibiscus	15	Travis & Sarah	Flower
Butterfly Flower	6		Flower	Rudebeckia	9	Burpee	Flower
California Poppy, Extra Golden	3		Flower	Santa Lucia Sunflower	2	Mixed Brands	Flower
Candlestick Bush	22	No Name	Flower	Shasta Daisy, Alaska	17	Ferry Morse	Flower
Canterbury Bells, Bellflower Single Mix	24		Flower	Sol Rojo Sunflower	3	American Seed	Flower
Cape Coral Honeysuckle Vine	28	Ernestine Sykes	Flower	Statice, Russian	1	Mixed Brands	Flower
Carnation, Chabaud's Giant Mix	40	Mixed Brands	Flower	Strawflower, Swiss Giants Blend	1		Flower
Celosia (Pampas Plume Tall Blend)	1		Flower	Sweet Pea, Early Flowering Mixed Colors	2		Flower
Chocolate Cherry Sunflower	1	Ferry Morse	Flower	Sweet William, Double Flowered Mix	5	Ferry Morse	Flower
Chrysanthemum, Robison MC	1		Flower	Sweet William, Single Mixed Colors	1	Pages Seeds	Flower
Chrysanthemum, Robison Red	1		Flower	Tall Border Mix Sunflower	1	Burpee	Flower
Cleome, Spider Flower, Fountain Blend	1		Flower	Velvet Queen Sunflower	6	Pages Seeds	Flower
Coleus, Rainbow Mix	3	American Seed	Flower	Verbena, Florist Mixed Colors	5		Flower
Columbine, Harlequin Mixed	6	Burpee	Flower	White Heath Aster	28	No Name	Flower
Columbine, McKana's Mixed Colors	11	Mixed Brands	Flower	Wildflower, Cutting Mix	16	Burpee	Flower
Coreopsis	2	No Name	Flower	Zinnia	1	Sarah Puckett	Flower
Coreopsis, Plains Coreopsis	6		Flower	Zinnia, Giant Mixed Colors	1		Flower
Coreopsis, Sunburst	4	Pages Seeds	Flower	Zinnia, State Fair Mixed Colors	1		Flower
Cosmos, Dwarf Cutsey	1	Ferry Morse	Flower	Anacacho Orchid Tree	2	No Name	Flowering Tree
Cosmos, Sea Shells Blend	2		Flower	Basil	46	Sharon Cooper	Herb
Cosmos, Xanthos	3		Flower	Chamomile	2	Ferry Morse	Herb
Cutting Gold Sunflower	1	Mixed Brands	Flower	Chervil	6		Herb
Dahlia, Rainbow Mixed Colors	15		Flower	Chivas, Dorores	1	Burpee	Herb
Dahlia, Unwin's Dwarf Mixed Colors	6		Flower	Dill, Long Island Mammoth	10	American Seed	Herb
Daisy, African Mixed	14	Mixed Brands	Flower	English Lavender,	12	Burpee	Herb
Delphinium, Pacific Giant Mixed Colors	2		Flower	Green & Red Shiso Perilla	10		herb
Desert Rose	15	No Name	Flower	Oragano	1		Herb
Dwarf Marigold	27		Flower	Wheatgrass, Liquid Sunshine	1		Herb
Dwarf Sunspot Sunflower	17	Pages Seeds	Flower	American Elm	25	David & Karen Koepp	Tree
Dwarf Teddy Bear Sunflower	19	Mixed Brands	Flower	Acorn Squash, pepo curcubita	12	Ernestine Sykes	Vegetable
English Daisy	7	Ferry Morse	Flower	Biquinho Red & Yellow Blend Chile Pepper	3		Vegetable
Eskimo Marigolds	6		Flower	Black-Eyed Peas	15	Ernestine Sykes	Vegetable
Evening Sun Mixed Sunflower	40	Burpee	Flower	ChileTepin	12	David & Karen Koepp	Vegetable
Foxglove, Mixed	6	Ferry Morse	Flower	Cucumber Slicer	2	No Name	Vegetable
Fun 'n Sunflower	13	Mixed Brands	Flower	Cushaw Striped Squash	1	David & Karen Koepp	Vegetable
Gregs Mist Flower	23	Sharon Cooper	Flower	Delicata Squash	1	David & Karen Koepp	Vegetable
Hollyhock, Chater's Double Mixed Colors	11	Pages Seeds	Flower	Evergreen Bunching Onions	14	Sharon Cooper	Vegetable
Hollyhock, Summer Carnival Mixed Colors	9	Pages Seeds	Flower	Eznilla, Lettuce Leaf	6		Vegetable
Impatiens, Midnight Blend	1		Flower	Ghost/Bhut Jolokia Chile Pepper	2		Vegetable
Jerusalem Hybrid Sunflower Hybrid	15	Burpee Organics	Flower	Kurinishiki Kabota Winter Squash	2	David & Karen Koepp	Vegetable
Johnny Jump UP, Viola, Helen Mount	8		Flower	Mache, Corn Salad (big Seeded)	1		Vegetable
Jua Maya Hybrid Sunflower	3	Burpee	Flower	Molokhia/Egyptian Spinach	2	David & Karen Koepp	Vegetable
Lemon Queen Sunflower	11	Pages Seeds	Flower	Okra	24	Sharon Cooper	Vegetable
Lobelia, Cambridge Blue	4		Flower	Okra, Red Burgandy	9		Vegetable
Lupine, Russell Hybrid Mixed Colors	4		Flower	Pole String Bean Heirloom	12	Clair Huebinger	Vegetable
Mammoth Sunflower	17	Burpee	Flower	Pumpkin, Atlantic Giant	4		Vegetable
Marigold African	2	Phyllis	Flower	Pumpkin, Jack Be Little	2		Vegetable
Marigold, Crackerjack	8		Flower	Pumpkin, Jack-O-Latern	3		Vegetable
Marigold, Jaguar	12		Flower	Round Zucchini Squash	1		Vegetable
Marigold, Queen Sofia	15		Flower	Santaku Chile Pepper	1		Vegetable
Mixed Color Marigold	3	Travis & Sarah	Flower	Super Chili Pepper	11	David & Karen Koepp	Vegetable
Mixed Color Sunflower	3	Mixed Brands	Flower	Sweet Corn, Buttergold	1		Vegetable
Mixed Marigolds	10		Flower	Tomato Pole Cherry, Gardeners Delight	2		Vegetable
Moonflower, Ipomoea alba	4		Flower	Tall Utah Celery	6	Sharon Cooper	Vegetable
Morning Gloria Sunrise Blend	3		Flower	Watermelon, Charleston Gray	1		Vegetable
Morning Glory	21	No Name	Flower	Watermelon, Sugar Baby	5	Travis & Sarah	Vegetable
Morning Glory, Flying Saucer	1		Flower	White Scalloped Squash	13	Sharon Cooper	Vegetable
Morning Glory, Heavenly Blue	1	Ferry Morse	Flower	Yellow Squash	2	Sharon Cooper	Vegetable
Nasturtium, Dwarf Jewel Mix	3		Flower				



# 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.**

Please note the information below for special times. The points of contact and location information can be found on the next few pages.

- Schertz Demo Garden (Schertz) - Tues & Fri 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- Gutierrez Garden Park (Schertz) - Thurs & Sat 9:30-12:00 pm
- Polley Mansion (La Vernia) - Monday, Apr 6 at 9:30 a.m. please call/text Robin M. at 571-606-4234 (gate will be closed unless you call)
- Growing Futures Garden (New Braunfels) – April 6 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please text Benna Hunter at 270-860-2246
- Big Red Barn (Seguin)-Fridays 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Be on the lookout for email on volunteering for the school tours to start April 23-May 10

UPDATE: We are working on some work from home volunteer hours for those that have a very tight schedule due to work or personal - Plz be patient while we explore this option.

## **At Your Convenience:**

- **Schertz** – Gutierrez Garden Park, 1231 Borgfeld Rd. Contact Judy Stanley at 830-765-4613 or [jstanley20@satx.rr.com](mailto:jstanley20@satx.rr.com) for further information. (Always needs work)

# Volunteer Opportunities

## **Scheduled Workday on Monday:**

- Marion** - Marion Veterans Community Garden. Mondays 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Contact Carol Suchan at 210-870-4880, or email her at [ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com](mailto:ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com) or Anne Ottenad at 210-860-3636 or email her at [Ron.anne.ottenad@Gmail.com](mailto:Ron.anne.ottenad@Gmail.com). 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. The park is located at 100 W Huebinger St. in Marion.
- Seguin** — Park West Pollinator Garden, 600 Block of North Vaughn Ave. Maintenance of the pollinator garden and care of new plants. Bring gardening tools, water, hat, sunscreen, insect spray and wear appropriate gardening shoes. Hours are Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Contact Liz Romero, [fleurromero@gmail.com](mailto:fleurromero@gmail.com)

## **Scheduled Workdays on Tuesdays & Fridays:**

- Schertz** - Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, behind the County Annex Building. Time is 8:00 a.m.-11.00. Check with Ann Odvody at [odvodyd@swbell.net](mailto:odvodyd@swbell.net) or 210-994-9664. (Need lots of help right now.)

## **Scheduled Workdays on Wednesdays:**

- Seguin** - MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange, 210 E Live Oak, is open from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Ernestine Sykes at [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com) or 210-544-0756. The office number is 830-379-1972.
- Seguin** - St Andrew's Community Garden, located at the corner of Nolte and Crocket Street. Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. to weed, plant and edge. Please contact Ernestine Sykes at [ejackson.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:ejackson.sykes@gmail.com) or 210-544-0756.



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## **Scheduled Workdays on Fridays:**

- **Seguin** — Big Red Barn Gardens, 390 Cordova Road. Start time is 7:30 a.m. for the summer hours and 8:15 a.m. for the winter hours. Check with Janice Knobles at 210-275-4402 or email [jmknobles@yahoo.com](mailto:jmknobles@yahoo.com)

## **Special Help Needed Tuesdays and Thursdays**

- **Schertz**—Gutierrez Park 1231 Borgfeld Rd, Schertz, TX. Times vary. Help needed with watering in the a.m. and p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information or details, contact Judy Stanley at [jstanley20@satx.rr.com](mailto:jstanley20@satx.rr.com) or call her at (830) 765-4613.

## **Monday thru Friday Opportunities**

- **Floresville**—Creech Prairie Farm, 1467 County Road 401. Please email for an appointment: Robert Creech at [Robert@Creechprairiesrestoration.org](mailto:Robert@Creechprairiesrestoration.org) or Melinda Creech at [Melinda@Creechprairiesrestoration.org](mailto:Melinda@Creechprairiesrestoration.org)



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