



MAY 2024

GUADALUPE GARDENER

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

Reminders for May

- Immediate need for POC for Summer Social
- Immediate need for POC/Coordinator for 4th of July float
- Urgent need for a Communications Director.
- Urgent need for Technology Support.
- Upcoming need for GC Master Gardener Booth support for the County Fair (2nd Weekend in Oct).

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Letter from the President



Hello my gardening friends!

My name is Sarah Puckett and I am your Master Gardener President for 2024! April was such a great month! There was plenty of rain, beautiful days to enjoy being outside, and Easter with the family! The group had a few more successful plant sales. I had the honor of leading the Earth Day/Trades Day event in downtown Seguin. It was so much fun! Here on the left this is me transporting plants one of after the plant sale in Schertz. Below are a couple of pictures from the Earth Day event. We had a lot of fantastic volunteers, almost sold out of plants, and met several new people from our community. Thank you to everyone that helped make the plant sales such a success this month!



"April showers bring May flowers" - Thomas Tusser



One of my favorite things about the garden right now is that there is an abundance of flowers this time of year!

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 2nd Thursday every month 6pm-until we're finished (recently until about 8pm). And we have membership meetings the 3rd 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.

-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 April 2024

Total certified members: 134

Congratulations to our gift card winners! Door prize-Joyce Fox ; Volunteer drawing-David Koeppe

Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours eligible for drawing (board members ineligible):

Dale Odvody	Tim Steele	Ernestine Sykes
Paul Carter	Joyce Fox	Kay Cover
Kay McElveen	Beth Henry	April Rippel
Judy Sims	Melinda Lucas	Valerie Bartonek
Rodney Burton	Keith Muschalek	Paul Prince
Ann Odvody	Janice Knobles	Marty Carter
David Koeppe	Barry Jackson	Anne Ottenad
Caroline Moody	Robin Muschalek	Larry Fowler
Ann Landeros	Joyce Friesenhahn	Colleen Collier
Mary Nielson	Kathleen Smith	Alejandro Montero
Leslie Diotte	Pam Younger	Connie Meade
Pat Schultze	Welta Burris	Ginny Fox
Carol Rios		

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
Bo Bollinger	David Koeppe	Anne Ottenad
Beth Henry	Pam Younger	Benna Hunter
Connie Meade	Ernestine Sykes	Maria Dykes
Claire Huebinger	Kathleen Smith	

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

Earth Day 2024

HEB Seguin



Volunteers: Paul Carter, April Rippel, Mary Styblo, Pam Younger and Kayla Murray



Membership Corner

Green Jay Gardens

April 27 & 28, 2024



Mary Styblo, GCMG, and Marcus Moncada, Class 39 student getting the word out about GCMG.



Membership Corner

Return to your Roots (Pun intended)

By Dr. Bjorn Johnson, GCMG Intern Class #39

I have always had a garden growing up. In the middle of the 1.2 million acre pine barrens, where we lived, a hardy vegetable garden was essential to help make ends meet in the lower, middle class neighborhoods that sparsely dotted the landscape. This yearly cycle of planting, tending and harvesting came to an abrupt end when I joined the Navy, moved to the other coast and lived on a steel ship. Though the 22 years in service blessed me with a beautiful, loving, brilliant, energetic, compassionate, wonderful wife (just making sure I adequately grease these skids as I want to build a stone potting and germination shed soon), happy, healthy and successful children and experiences and life lessons I can not expect to replicate; it did limit our ability to garden.

Now that I have retired from service, finally able to move back to Texas, and am in what we hope is our forever house, the time to reengage with gardening is now and it has hit me in a big way. Maybe too big! We have over a half acre of flower beds at the new house and so far 18 raised vegetable beds that I recently built, not mention the two beehives I built which house my lovely pollinating ladies. Though I live by the motto 'anything worth doing is worth overdoing' and now the motto I got from a recently forced to watch movie 'everything, everywhere, all at once,' I quickly found that my life's experience gardening in the acidic soil of the pine barrens and the gentle climate of San Diego was pretty much useless. Since my daughter is a graduate of Texas A & M, I immediately turned to the AgriLife Extensions and enrolled in the Master Gardener Class #39. What an amazingly fruitful decision this was and the classes we have had and that are ahead of us I truly believe are fundamental in providing the education, knowledge and resources to see my gardening expectations, however large, come to fruition. For instance, March 26th was a very interesting and engaging class, one from which I will take a lot of lessons.

The propagation class started with a short lecture session on the different types of propagation. This culminated in an immersive and quite excellent hands on propagation session at St. Andrews Church garden just down the block. Students were able to immediately put the information into practice and solidify, under the guidance of experienced Master Gardeners, the skills needed to begin new life from the old. With the cost of box store and nursery plants escalating, the ability to freely grow my plant stock with a little soil and pots is fundamental to fill the vast area of landscape that we have. Donated plants from Master Gardeners' gardens were provided and students left with trays full of cuttings to root, grow and plant out in their landscapes. One of the tasks we completed was to thin out some Iris at the garden and I was given a two foot clump to take home. I was able to divide this group into 25 separate plants. Given box store and nursery prices for Iris around \$25 for a one gallon plant I now have \$625 worth of Iris sitting in pots on my driveway.

This new set of skills is also directly correlated to the Master Gardener's philosophy of sharing education with others as we can now provide not only knowledge about a plant, but a propagated starter to help motivate more people into gardening. I have been recruited now, in my copious amounts of spare time (thick with sarcasm here), to develop and plant my daughter and son's landscapes. Which actually is a great family project which brings three generations together working outside in nature.

What I see at every Master Gardener Class, and every volunteer opportunity I do, are beautifully energetic, happy, clear thinking and mobile youngsters in their 60s, 70s and 80s bouncing around the gardens, bending to plant vegetables, shoveling mulch, and weeding is an inspiration that the second half of our lives do not have to be lived in disease and pain but can be happy, healthy, engaging and mobile. And, especially in my families case, this starts with gardening.

Membership Corner

Our health journey includes drinking the best water that we can get. Outside of finding and harvesting from a natural spring and our well water, properly filtered rain water collection meets this goal for us and our plants. I was surprised at the simplicity of the design of rain water harvesting systems. With the exception of the tank which can get expensive with size and poses the problem of locating it on your yard, the system is quite simplistic. Gutters and piping to collect water from the roof, some filters to get out leaves and twigs, a pump to get it to the tank and then a pump and filter to get it to your house is all you need. The filter system is no more than one would find in a high end home filtering system under a kitchen sink.

The other message from class, besides the quality of the water, was the quantity of water used for various things including landscaping and gardening. The presenters made a good argument about a finite resource that is slow to regenerate and we are sticking many more straws into the 'milkshake' which drains it more quickly. We, myself included, have a tendency to take for granted things that have been readily available. For us, we have come accustom to turning on the tap and there always being water available. Having spent much time in areas of the world where this is not the case and water is considered a much more valuable commodity than we label it here, the need to reduce usage and collect as much as we can is paramount to ensuring our future generations have the plentiful supply we enjoy. The demonstrations of how to accomplish this on even a small scale through rain barrels and 'wicking' gardens provided a practical, efficient and inexpensive way to increase water conservation.

Knowing that I eventually wanted to be self-sufficient and provide all the vegetables and herbs and most fruit for my wife and me, as well as my daughter and her family and son and his soon to be expanding family, I needed to extend my growing season as much as possible. Being an obsessive planner, I had already purchased a hobby greenhouse even before fully moving into our new home, having no idea how to best employ it efficiently. Also knowing that my priority was vegetable production but my wife's is having and enjoying the lush colorful landscapes she has always dreamed of having, the MG class on April 9th assisted me with both endeavors. We learned about greenhouse types and models and when is best to use them for instance in the Texas summer they are pretty much storage but can get you through most winters ("snowmagedon" maybe not) to extend your growing season and provide more produce or ornamental plants year round.

We had a great class covering first, native plants that were born (literally) to thrive in Texas and support other plants and wildlife and second, a class on plants to attract and support pollinators. As an engineer and computer scientist I have to get some geek in here at some point so if you take the list of native plants with the list of Superstars and cross them against the list of pollinator supporting plants then cross reference them with the type of soil, sun and water we have, finally accounting for my wife's color preferences and amount of maintenance required, I get a 'holistic' list of plants to plan out our beds ensuring that the ecosystem is supporting itself as much as possible.

Finally in conclusion, and its long coming is a result of letting an academic doctor write articles, The benefits of gardening are immense. A supply of healthy food, exercise, community, clean water, water conservation, time in nature, all the ecological benefits of green things, sustainability, charity, longevity, increased later year mobility, increased later year mental acuity, and self-sufficiency all come from this one activity, and this list is not nearly exhaustive. The Master Gardener's classes, instruction, educational outreach and volunteer service directly promotes the cultivation of these benefits to the public and the students in Class 39 have big shoes to fill but a bright future ahead of them. So I must disagree with Tracy Lawrence when he sings about the 'world needs a front porch' when, in fact, it needs a garden.

Membership Corner



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SOCIAL MEDIA

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



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**GUADALUPE COUNTY
MASTER GARDENERS**

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Monthly Meeting



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES TO THE GARDEN

Guest Speaker



Judit Green
URBAN WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST
TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE



GUEST WELCOME!

→Join us to discover the magical world of native plants that will have hummingbirds and butterflies flocking to your flowerbed. Get the scoop on the fascinating backstory of these species and become an expert at spotting your new feathered and fluttering friends!

16 MAY 2024

210 Live Oak St. Seguin, TX

5:45 Social time

6:15 Business Meeting

7:00 Presentation

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. 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: When the weather gets warmer, you change out the plants in front of the library. You have snapdragon and pansies in there now. What warm season plant will you put in?

A: I am a lazy gardener. I will plant the tried and true periwinkle since it has done so well for me in the past. However, I could plant several other warm season annuals such as coleus, marigold, portulaca, purslane, scaevola, or zinnias. Recently I added a celosia to one of the library planters. Years ago, when Jack Linden took care of the planters, he planted celosias. They reseeded themselves, and one even ended up in an adjacent flower bed.

Aggie-hort.tamu.edu has an article on celosias citing them as one of the most eye-catching annuals to grow in the garden. There are three types: plumes, crests or spikes. And all have vivid colors, including red, yellow, cream, orange, rose, deep magenta and pink. Sizes range from four to six inches high up to over three feet. I am hoping the one I put in the planter is dwarf. Aggie-hort speculates that the plant originated in Africa and India, and possibly in dry stony regions of North and South America. They have been grown in North America since the eighteenth century. The flowers are beautiful in flower arrangements.

Q: My passion flower vine doesn't look good. What could be wrong?

A: If the damage isn't caused by Gulf Fritillary larvae, there could be a number of things wrong. Wildflower.org suggests too much water, too little water, sucking insects (aphids or scale), thrips or mites, or fungal disease, or larger insects like grasshoppers, snails or slugs. If you have checked the plant for each of these, and still need a better diagnosis, take a leaf or two to your County Extension Agent.

One of the old-time gardeners (Malcolm Beck?) said that the best way to control insects in the garden was with your shadow. In other words, every morning you should check current conditions and look for problems. This way you can solve the problem before it gets too far along.

Q: Should I be killing the ladybugs I see in my garden? They don't look quite like the ladybugs I am used to.

A: The ladybeetle is basically a good predator that feeds on aphids and soft-bodied insects that could cause plant damage. However, when the multicolored Asian beetles come in the house, they can become a nuisance. This is because some of them can bite hard enough to break the skin. Also, they can secrete a strong-smelling yellowish liquid from the joints of their legs according to extension.umn.edu.

FYI: Don't forget to keep your bird baths full and be sure to plant some butterfly attracting plants such as butterfly weed, lantana, penta, salvia, and verbena.



GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 220 new members to our community, WOW, that is a record. They want to learn about organic and sustainable gardening, creating a food forest, and watering in the garden. We are also getting more and more replies that they want to learn anything and everything about gardening.

Our top posts were Precious Stout, Leigh Ann Kanz Lorenz, and James Gibson. Thank you to all who contributed.

What To Plant In May

Seeds

Cantaloupe, Okra, Pumpkin, Southern Peas, Summer Squash, Thyme, Tomatoes, Watermelon.

Transplants

Basil, Cantaloupe, Chives, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Malabar Spinach, Mint, Okra, Oregano, Peppers, Rosemary, Sage, Strawberries, Summer Squash, Sweet Potato Slips, Thyme, Tomatoes, Watermelon, Zinnias.

Companion Planting

Tomato: Basil, Chives, Garlic, Sage, Thyme, Marigolds, Nasturtiums

Peppers: Alliums (Chives, Onions, Leeks), Basil, Beans, Peas, Cilantro, Cucumber, Squash

Beans: Corn, Squash, Potatoes, Peas, Catnip, Radishes, Marigolds, Cucumber, Nasturtiums

Corn: Squash, Pole Beans, Peas, Melon, Marigolds, Mint, Sunflower, Radish, Nasturtiums

Okra: Marigolds, Sunflower, Basil, Pepper, Nasturtiums, Tomato, Cucumber, Beans, Radish, Eggplant, Dill

Monthly Funny

What do you get when you cross a sheep dog with a rose?

A COLLIE FLOWER.

Thank you again for contributing and posting photos of your gardens, garden hacks, and sharing your knowledge and love of gardening. You are all greatly appreciated. We all learn from each other.

Take care and enjoy your gardens,
Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardeners

Ft Worth Botanical Garden

By Melinda J Lucas

I recently traveled to Arlington, Texas for an event and while there I had the chance to visit the Ft. Worth Botanical Garden, and I was so glad that I did. The garden was established in 1934 and is the oldest major garden in Texas. There is no shortage of beautiful plants, flowers, ponds, and gardens, as well as a beautiful and unique collection of lifelike statues created by the artist Seward Johnson.

I only had 3 hours to spend at the garden, and though that sounds like a lot of time, it definitely is not. The grounds were absolutely gorgeous and covered with endless beds of tulips and daffodils. There are roughly 15 gardens on the 120 acre property, including a 7 acre Japanese garden, water gardens, native gardens, demonstration gardens, and so many other wonderful gardens. As a bonus, there was a butterfly exhibit, in one of the conservatories, that was easy to get lost in while also seeing orchids and other beautiful rainforest plants.

I am more than sure that my visit took place at the absolute best time of the year due to the cool weather and the breathtaking array of flowers. However, any time of the year would be amazing. If you are in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and are looking for something to do, I highly recommend the Ft. Worth Botanical Garden. I am sure I will be returning one day in the future to see the things that I missed during my visit.



The Wandering Gardeners



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. 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

The Guadalupe Chapter of the Native Plant Society will hold its
monthly meeting on

Tuesday May 14, 2024

at 7:00 pm

at First Presbyterian Church, 1121, E. Walnut St. Seguin.

The Presenter will be David Will, a Horticultural Consultant that will be doing a 2-part Program about "*Saving Prairie Grasses*". Part 2 will be held on June 11th in Marion.

There will be a seed/plant exchange, social time at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program 7:00 p.m.

Parking in the rear, enter from N. Moss Street.

Meetings open to the public, Visitors welcome. For more

information: <http://npsot.org/chapters/guadalupe/>.

Continuing Education

Please register for the following classes by clicking on the appropriate venue:

Schertz Public Library: Registration Required: <https://m.engagedpatrons.org/EventsRegister.cfm?SiteID=6585&EventID=520320>

Seguin Public Library: Registration Required: <https://www.seguintexas.gov/1369/Lunch-Learn-Series-with-Master-Gardeners>

Lunch and Learn Venues

Wed 8 May 24 AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155
12:00/1:00pm Program: **Composting**



Guest Speaker: Peter Hernandez, Advance Master Gardener, Learn the fundamental concepts and practices used to produce quality compost with aerobic high-temperature composting techniques. The lecture introduces the biology of the composting process and the critical elements involved in successful compost production. You will learn how to assess compost materials and to build a compost pile. Free seminar and open to the public.



Wed 12 Jun 24 AgriLife Building - 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx 78155
12:00/1:00pm Program: **Buzz About Bees**



Guest Speaker: Nathan Hermond, Prairie View A&M University Entomologist, Nathan Hermond is an entomologist with a bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University. His primary focus is spreading awareness of Integrated Pest Management benefits, the importance of Pollinators and creating a positive view of insects.



Schertz Public Library

Sat 11 May 24 Schertz Public Library - 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, Texas 78154
11:30/12:30pm Program: **Growing Herbs in Texas**



Guest Speaker: April Rippel, Advanced Master Gardener, Learn to grow your own herbs from seeds and other propagation methods. How and where to place your herbs for companion planting, fragrance, pest control, & landscaping.



Sat 8 Jun 24 Schertz Public Library - 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, Texas 78154
11:30/12:30pm Program: **Seed Saving Basics for Beginners**



Guest Speaker: William Nodine, Advanced Master Gardener, 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.



Continuing Education

Seguin Public Library

Sat 11 May 24 Seguin Public Library - 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin Texas 78155

11:30/12:30pm Program: **Composting**



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The application for Class 40 Master Gardener Training Class is available at the following link:

[Info and Application Click Here](#)

Earth-Kind On-Line Master Gardener Training

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 Service to promote principles and practices that help conserve and protect our state’s valuable natural resources. Working together we can create a healthy and sustainable environment.

Continuing Education

Please check out the following websites for Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2024-05/>
- Plant Party 9: Planting a Seed worth 1.5 hrs https://youtu.be/DFi7_JZUzoY
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/classes/202405>
- 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/2024-05/>

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 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
- “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
- “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
- “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
- “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
- “Rose Insects” by Wizzie Brown: 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

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 Comal and Guadalupe County children. We currently have 30 raised garden beds, swings, benches, & picnic tables.

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

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

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
2. Big Red Barn Kiosk
390 Cordova Rd., Seguin, TX
POC: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com
3. Christian Cupboard Garden
516 N. Camp, Seguin, TX
POC: Kay McElveen 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
Robert Creech, Director rrcreech@mac.com
6. Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden
1101 Elbel St., Schertz, TX
POC: Ann Odvody advodyd@swbell.net
Volunteer days -Tues or Fri- 0800 to 1100
7. GC Fair MG Booth (2nd weekend Oct.)
950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX - Fairgrounds Coliseum
POC: Kathleen Smith kathleensmith1214@gmail.com
SEASONAL
8. GC Pumpkin Decorating Contest Booth-SEASONAL
(2nd weekend in Oct.) - Fairgrounds Coliseum
950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX
POC: Pam Younger pamyounger54@gmail.com
9. GCMG Library/Seed Exchange
210 E. Live Oak St., Seguin, TX
POC: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com
David Koepf dikoepf.gcmg@gmail.com & Karen Koepf
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
11. GROW Team
POC: Brenda Smith bsmith5518@gmail.com
12. Growing Futures Garden
1447 West Mill St., New Braunfels, TX 78130
POC: Benna Hunter bennahunter@gmail.com
13. Gutierrez Garden Park
1231 Borgfeld Rd., Schertz, TX
POC: Judy Stanley jstanley20@sabx.rr.com
Caroline Moody 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
Colleen Collier colleen1631@gmail.com
16. Marion Veteran's Memorial Park
100 W. Huebinger St., Marion, TX
POC: Carol Suchan ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com
Anne Ottenad ron.anne.ottenad@gmail.com
17. Park West Pollinator/Waterwise Garden
600 N. Vaughn St., Seguin, TX
POC: Liz Romero lcurromero@gmail.com
18. Plant Sales - GC locations, Spring & Fall-SEASONAL
POC: Brenda Smith bsmith5518@gmail.com
19. Polley Mansion Heritage Garden
11432 FM 539, La Vernia, TX
POC: Robin Muschalek forcessi@yahoo.com
Keith Muschalek keith.muschalek@gmail.com
20. Socials - Summer & Winter - SEASONAL
POC: Beth Smith bsmith5518@gmail.com
21. St. Andrew's Park
Corner of S. Crockett & Nolte St., Seguin, TX
POC: Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com
22. Wilson County Pub Library Outdoor Learning Space
1103 4th St., Floresville, TX
POC: Steffinie Blankenship steffinierb@gmail.com
23. Yulefest (1st Sun. in Dec.) - SEASONAL
GC Coliseum, Seguin, TX
POC: April Rippel adrippel@gmail.com

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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!

***The Bingo card is on the following page. Please note that one of the spots had to be changed due to a change in authorized locations.

Special Volunteer Hours

2024 GCMG VOLUNTEER

B I N G O

Big Red Barn Garden Workday (Seguin)	Master Gardener Library (Seguin)	Outdoor Learn- ing Center Rain Garden (Seguin)	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

*****Immediate Need*****

*****Due to health issues, Beth Smith is unable to hold her position of POC for the Summer Social and the 4th of July float team. There are others who were working with her on these activities and will be helping out as needed. A POC is urgently needed for both positions due to the time limitations. If you are creative (mentally or physically) please give some of your time to help out with these projects. Contact Sarah Puckett at **972-768-6558**. You can also email her for details at sparrowpuckett@gmail.com.

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**.

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 Communications 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. 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).

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 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Gutierrez Garden Park (Schertz) - Thurs & Sat 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 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 through 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 - Please 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 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 or Anne Ottenad at 210-860-3636 or email her at 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

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 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 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 or 210-544-0756.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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 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 or Melinda Creech at Melinda@Creechprairiesrestoration.org



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