

GUADALUPE GARDENER SEPTEMBER 2022

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

President's Message

Greetings everyone,

Rain has finally decided to show up, a little bit anyway, and just in time! The cracks in my yard were starting to look like the Grand Canyon. If ever there were a time to have rain barrels or other methods for rain harvesting, it's now. Rain barrels are fairly inexpensive, or if you're crafty, you can make one. Your plants love rainwater and you'll see a nice reduction on your water bill.

September is the time for planting green beans, snap & Lima pole beans, Swiss chard, cucumbers and squash. Remember what we learned last month from Molly Keck though, take preventative measures to protect your tender seedlings or transplants from unwanted pests. Hopefully we'll continue to get some rain, if we don't, rain barrels or drip lines are your best friend.

The GCMGs are about to be very busy with the Big Red Barn School Tours, the upcoming fall plant sales, and the County Fair next month. I hope you've got your horticulture entries growing and in good shape to enter at the fair, it's free to enter and for every horticulture entry you get a free ticket for the county fair, you might even win a ribbon. Please also consider volunteering at any or all of these opportunities, its members like you that make a difference in our community!

While summer is winding down, take time to relax and plan for your cold weather crops. We'll soon see cooler days, throw out some wild flower seeds now to enjoy in the spring, set out some chairs to enjoy the cooler evenings, and remember to stop and smell the roses, enjoy the fruits of your labor.

"It is easier to tell a person what life is not, rather than to tell them what it is. A child understands weeds that grow from lack of attention, in a garden. However, it is hard to explain the wild flowers that one gardener calls weeds, and another considers beautiful ground cover."
— Shannon L. Alder

At your service,

April Rippel

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2022 GCMG President



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Membership Corner

Please welcome aboard our new Membership Director **Denise Leverich** who is replacing Kim Darrough. She is from class 34. She survived that class despite the “trouble makers” that also graduated in class 34 (We won’t name names). She is a retired Biology teacher who taught at Steele HS in SCUCISD. She is also an Air Force veteran and originally from Wisconsin. She has lived in Schertz for 22 years, longer than anywhere else!

Congratulations to the Volunteer Drawing Winner: **Heather Allen!**

The following were eligible for the drawing with **5+ hours** completed during July 2022:

Allen, Heather	Friesenhahn, Joyce K	Nodine, William H
Bartonek, Valerie	Glasgow, Millie H	Odyssey, Ann
Blankenship, Steffinie R	Henry, Beth	Odyssey, Dale
Burton, Rodney	Knobles, Janice	Schultze, Pat
Carter, Marty	Leverich, Denise	Sims, Judy A
Carter, Paul	Lucas, Melinda J	Smith, Kathleen
Cooper, Sharon	McElveen, Kay	Steele, Tim
Cover, Kay	Moody, Caroline	Younger, Pam

*To be eligible for the volunteer drawing you must be certified and complete at least 5 volunteer hours during the month. This does NOT include membership meetings. Board members are not eligible.

**To be eligible for the door prize you must sign in at membership meetings and be present at the end of the meeting when name is drawn.

The following Individuals completed **25+ hours** in July:

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Lucas, Melinda J	Odyssey, Dale
Carter, Paul	Montero, Alejandro	Rippel, April D
Knobles, Janice	Odyssey, Ann	Younger, Pam
Leverich, Denise		

2022: 100 hour club

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"	Leverich, Denise	Nodine, William H
Burton, Rodney	Lucas, Melinda J	Odyssey, Ann
Carter, Marty	McElveen, Kay	Odyssey, Dale
Carter, Paul	Montero, Alejandro	Rippel, April D
Cover, Kay	Mullen, Robert M	Steele, Tim
Darrough, Kim	Muschalek, Keith E	Younger, Pam
Knobles, Janice		



**Celebration of Life
of
Mary and Rob Bowe**

Robert Walter Bowe

Robert Walter Bowe, age 75, passed away on June 20, 2022 at his home in Schertz.

Rob was born on October 28, 1946 to Robert H. and Eloise Larson Bowe.

He was a Veteran.

Rob married his soulmate Mary Blanchard in May of 1977. They both said they knew when they first met, they were made for each other. They shared a spirit of adventure and would pack the car (early on it was her 1968 VW Beetle) with supplies, their dogs and anyone who wanted to join them as they began another trip to visit family and friends and enjoy our beautiful country.

They shared a love of sports. Mary cheered Rob on as he played in softball leagues in the first years of their marriage. They loved the Spurs. Rob was an avid fan of the LA Dodgers, LA Angels and of the LA Rams. He loved fast cars and was a big NASCAR fan.

Rob and Mary took care of each other during their health issues, always trying to stay positive in their outlook. They were married for 44 years until Mary's untimely death in 2021.

Rob was preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary, his parents and his brothers Larry Bowe and Danny Bowe.

He is buried next to Mary at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Mary Lesesne Blanchard Bowe

Mary Lesesne Blanchard Bowe, age 74, passed away on September 12, 2021 with her family by her side.

Mary was born on December 29, 1946 to Robert and Ann Keller Blanchard. Being in a military family, Mary was a world traveler from an early age. In her lifetime, she traveled extensively to many states in this country and many countries in the world.

After college graduation, she promptly volunteered to support American troops in Viet Nam by joining the Donut Dollies. In 2015 she traveled back to Viet Nam, participating in a documentary film about the role of the Donut Dollies in that conflict. She was proud of her service there. The film won Best Documentary in the GI Film Festival in San Diego in 2019.

Mary taught school at Knox Elementary in San Antonio ISD until her retirement in 2002. She was a great teacher and a champion for her students. After retirement she continued to tutor. Also, as a Master Gardener, she became a mentor in the development of the Guadalupe County Community Garden. She especially loved working with children who came to the garden, helping them develop a love of gardening. She worked hard to ensure the garden would be a success and serve the people of the community.

She approached Life with passion. If a cause was worth her time, she devoted her time to it. She was

a great defender of teachers' rights. One year she led the charge to join a march on the Texas Capitol, trying to have teachers' voices heard.

She had a great sense of compassion. She could relate to people and was always ready to listen and help them find solutions for their lives.

Mary was a woman of faith that sustained her always, especially as she battled cancer for several years. Her faith gave her great strength. She was thankful for every day she was blessed to have life as this gave her more opportunities to make this world a better place. Mary valued friendship. She was appreciative of family and good friends and made sure they knew how she felt.

She had an infectious laugh and loved so many things—music, poetry, reading, gardening, sports and her dogs are just a short list.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents. She was survived by her husband of 44 years Rob Bowe and her siblings: Bob Blanchard, Margaret Blanchard and Ann Blanchard, nieces and nephews and a host of good friends. She is missed and loved by all who knew her.

She is buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Guadalupe County Master Gardener Class 36 Schedule

Location: AgriLife Building, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, unless otherwise stated

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 2:00, unless otherwise stated

Date/Time	Topic	Presenter	Relevant Material
Aug 9	Welcome-Extension Agent Announcements Orientation/Cert. Req/ Landscape Design	Travis Franke Class Coordinators Dennis Hale	
Aug 16	Class Announcement GCMG President Welcome Vol & CE hrs & VMS Overview Earth-Kind	Class Coordinator April Rippel Peter Hernandez	Ch 1 Test Ch 2 Test
Aug 23	Class Announcement Volunteer Projects Soil Characteristics & Improvement	Class Coordinator Robin Muschalek Dr. Jake Mowrer	Ch 5 Test Ch 6 Test
Aug 30	Class Announcement Water Plant Growth & Development	Class Coordinator Dr. Steven Grainger Dr. Larry Sunn Dr. Mark Gustafson	Ch 3 Test Ch 7 Test
Sept 3 Sat. 10:00	Sign In Water Harvesting Tour	Class Coordinator Dr. Larry Sunn	451 Brand Rd, Bulverde
Sept 8	Class Announcements Plant Propagation *wear grubbies	Class Coordinator Jerry McNulty – GCMG Kay McElveen – GCMG	Ch 4 Test
Sept 13	Class Announcements Vegetables	Class Coordinator Bill Nodine – GCMB	Ch 10 Test
Sept 20	Class Announcements Lawn Care/Top Performers Soil Test Review	Class Coordinator Dennis Hale *Bring Soil Test Results	Ch 9 Test Ch 12 Test
Sept 27	Class Announcements Insects/IPM	Class Coordinators Wizzie Brown-Extension Entomologist	Ch 15 Test Ch 13 Test

Oct 4	Class Announcements Native Plants Pollinators Texas Superstars	Class Coordinator Judy Stanley-GCMG, NPSOT Kathy Carroll – GCMG Marybeth Parsons – Bexar Co. MG *wear walking shoes	1213 W. Borgfeld Rd, Schertz
Oct 11	Class Announcements Texas Fruit & Nut Trees Herbs	Class Coordinator Mark Fanick – Fanick's Nursery April Rippel	Ch 11 Test
Oct 18	Class Announcement Ornamental Trees	Class Coordinator Christy Rolhf – GCMG * Turn in Plant Propagation Tracker	Ch 8 Test
Oct 25	Class Announcements Plant Diseases	Class Coordinator Kim Cochran- A&M Asst Prof, Plant Pathologist	Ch 14 Test
Nov 1	Class Announcements Weeds Compost	Class Coordinator Bill Nodine – GCMG Peter Hernandez-GCMG	Ch 16 Test
Nov 5 Sat. 10:00	Vermicompost Bin	Peter Hernandez-GCMG *wear grubbies	
Nov 8	Class Announcements Some Like It Hot Cacti & Succulents Hobby Greenhouse	Class Coordinator Liz Romero Jerry McNulty Kay McElveen	
Nov 15	Class Announcement Landscape Design Review Course Evaluations	Class Coordinator Dennis Hale *Bring Landscape Design Class Coordinators	

Membership Corner

August Meeting







Membership Corner

The Christian Cupboard

On August 27 we had an Amazing Group of MG volunteers go out to the Christian Cupboard and help move 11 Cubic Yards of soil to raised beds. Thank you to all who helped out. Here are the before and after pictures:



Membership Corner

Job Opportunity

Starting Date: January 1, 2023

Job Title: Education Director

Job Description: Member of the GCMG Board of Directors. Responsible for lining up speakers for monthly Lunch and Learn classes, Relaying information about educational opportunities in the area that will help further the goals of the GCMG.

Job Requirements: Be a certified Guadalupe County Master Gardener. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel, databases, and general record keeping (training provided). Attend monthly Board of Director meetings as a voting member (when possible). Attend monthly GCMG Membership meetings (when possible).

If interested, please contact me or any of the other current board members. All questions are welcomed.

April Rippel
2022 GCMG President

Membership Corner

Fundraising

In doing some research for grants for our organization, I came across Smile.Amazon. It is Amazon's way of giving back to the community. I know a lot of us shop regularly on their site, especially in light of the pandemic. Please consider using this link when making your purchases. Instead of logging into Amazon.com you will go to the link below. By using this link and choosing **Texas Master Gardeners**, Amazon will donate a portion of your sale to our organization. This is at no extra cost to you!

To set this up, go to the charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2662991>

If you already have a charity set up, the above link will ask you if you'd like to change to **Texas Master Gardeners**. Even though it says Texas Master Gardeners it is going to the Guadalupe County Master Gardener's funds.

After letting Amazon know of your charity choice, always go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> for making your purchases. If you go to the regular Amazon.com, they will not automatically give us the donation.

Thank you for supporting the GCMGs and happy shopping!

Kathleen Smith

2022 County Fair Coordinator

Membership Corner

Guadalupe County Fair 2022

It's almost fair time! The 2022 Guadalupe County Fair will be held from Thursday, October 6th until Sunday, October 9th . There will be a lot of activity going on in our booth in the coliseum including a plant sale, kids activities and crafts, great raffle prizes, free seeds, horticulture entries, and a pumpkin decorating contest. I'd like to encourage each of you to submit a horticulture item to be judged. You will get a free pass to the fair for each entry that you submit, and you just might bring home a blue ribbon or two! The decorated pumpkins are amazing. Try your hand at that, too! All rules and regulations can be found on VMS, or by contacting me, Kathleen Smith, at 281-381-5268 or via email at kathleensmith1214@gmail.com. Horticulture entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 5th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Pumpkin entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 5th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Thursday, October 6th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Our plant team is busy growing some wonderful plants for our sale. These will include fall vegetables and landscape/garden plants. We need donated items for our raffle. Any item is greatly appreciated, large or small. This is a great fundraiser for our program. Please consider donating an item. We will sell tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. A few of our items so far are two rain barrels donated by RenShirts, a \$50 VISA gift card, landscape plants donated by Maldonado Nursery, iron planters, a diamond painting donated by Carol Suchan, a 42" Smart TV donated by Mark and Carol Mullen, and much more!

Come out and see the beautiful plants we'll be selling, bring the kids and grandkids to our craft tables, and enjoy the fun that is the Guadalupe County Fair! Please follow the link below for SignUp Genius if you'd like to volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FAFA92FA6FA7-2022>

Kathleen Smith
2022 County Fair Coordinator
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Join us for our

GCMG MONTHLY MEETING

featuring

*Andy Blair,
Biologist:
Rewilding Our
Landscapes*

**Everyone Welcome
Bring A Friend**

**Thursday, September 15th, 2022
From 7:00 - 8:00PM
Agrilife Extension Office
210 Live Oak Street in Seguin**



The background of the slide features a soft, artistic illustration. It includes several sunflowers with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers, interspersed with golden wheat stalks. There are also several birds depicted in a simple, greyish style, some in flight and others perched. The entire scene is rendered in a light, faded tone against a white background.

Note!

The following volunteer opportunities may be available on an individual basis.

Please contact the coordinator of the activity to volunteer.

Comal County Horticulture Fair Volunteers Needed

Do you have a keen eye for spotting the "Best of Show"?

The Comal County Horticulture Fair Committee is asking for help in judging their cut flower and plant entries on **September 21st** from **6:30-9:30 pm**. Three judges are needed, training provided along with a meal voucher and fair entrance tickets.

Please contact **Margaret Tuch** at 830-660-2135 if you are interested.

Big Red Barn Volunteer Opportunities

School is starting and that means that we will be helping with the school tours at the Big Red Barn again. Many of you have helped with this in the past but for those who have not, schools bring classes to the Big Red Barn where there are a number of informational activities related to agriculture/horticulture. Tours in the garden for each class usually run about 20 minutes each. The day starts at 9:00 and finishes around 1:30, with lunch provided.

Tours will be held on the following dates: September 26 - 29, October 3 - 5 and October 11-12. We need three garden guides for each day. If you have never done this or it's been a while, an experienced Master Gardener will be there to demonstrate for the first tour of the day.

The signup sheet will be available at the monthly meeting August 18 or you can contact me directly via email.

Thanks for your help with this.

Kay McElveen

hkaymcelveen@gmail.com

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

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)

•**Seguin** – Rain Garden at the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E US Highway 90 (just past the Geronimo Creek bridge east of town on HW 90). Contact Mag Holm-Roesler at mrhr816@gmail.com or 512-656-2360 to discuss what needs to be done.

•**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. Contact Clara Mae Marcotte, rcm.marcotte@gmail.com or Liz Romero, fleurromero@gmail.com



Scheduled Workday on Monday:

•**Marion** — Marion Veterans Community Garden. Contact Carol Suchan at 210-870-4880 or email her at ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com or Joyce Friesenhahn at 210-452-2404 or email her at omaannie2@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 next to the Guadalupe Nursery (Formally Shultz Nursery) parking lot, 100 W Huebinger St.



Scheduled Workdays on Tuesdays & Fridays:

- **Schertz** — Guadalupe County Community Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, behind the County Annex Building. Start time is 8:00 a.m. 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, 210 E Live Oak, is open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or 210-544-0756, or Carol Mullen Camullen66@gmail.com or 512-825-4218. The office number is 830-379-2153.
- **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.

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 830-379-6193 or e-mail 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 jstanley20F@satx.rr.com or call her at (830) 765-4613.

Saturday Opportunity

- **Cibolo**— Schlather Pollinator Park, 174 Weidner Road. If you are interested in weeding, the park is open and you are able to weed and clean up anytime that you are available. Kathy will be back at the park at 9:00 a.m., on the fourth Saturday of every month starting in September. Please bring gloves and your weeder of choice. Please contact Kathy Carroll at kathleen_carroll@icloud.com or 210-793-1616 if you have any questions.



Check us out on

facebook

GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

We added 37 new GCMG Facebook Community members.

Their top questions or topics were: Gardening Apps, Growing Vegetables, and Fall Gardening

Our top contributors were: Crystal Brewer Adams, Peggy Jones, and Joyce Friesenhahn. Thank you all for your posts.

What To Plant In September:

Asian Greens, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Swiss Chard.

Garden APPS-

The following is a sample of what is available if you want technology in your garden. (GCMG is not recommending a specific APP as everyone's needs are different and some APPS have paid features or have ads.)

- From Seed To Spoon
- Leaf Snap
- What's That Flower?
- Garden Tags
- Moon & Garden
- Garden Answers Plant Identifier
- Gardenize
- Gardenate
- Garden Manager
- Gardendroid
- Garden Journal
- Garden Planner For Vegetables Fruits & Herbs
- iSCAPE (iOS)
- Home Designer Suite
- Garden Answers
- My Garden-Plants & Garden
- Home Design 3D Outdoor & Garden

Check us out on

facebook

- Veggie Garden Planner
- Planter:Garden Planner (iOS)
- My Garden:Inspiration To Grow
- Home Outside (iOS)
- Urban Veggie Garden
- Gardenia-Plant Organizer
- My Vegetable Garden
- Small Garden Ideas

Monthly Funny

I want to start gardening but I haven't BOTANY plants.

Please continue to contribute and post. You are greatly appreciated. We all learn from each other.

Take Care and Enjoy Your Gardens.

Kathy Adams



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The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

CDRI

FT Davis, TX

October 2021 we traveled to the Alpine/Big Bend NP area and found a desert botanical garden that we did not know existed. It is the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute. It is located 4 miles SE of Ft. Davis, TX on Hwy 118. This 507 acre property has hiking trails, an 18 acre fenced garden, visitor center, bird blind, rock outcrops, the Maxie Templeton Cactus Museum, gift shop, Mining Exhibit and panoramic views in all directions.

The fenced in garden area is a great strolling area with a large variety of desert plants. All are clearly marked with signs. The day we were there the butterfly garden was full of pollinator activity. The staff was very friendly and knowledgeable and I signed up for their email newsletter which I greatly enjoy. Each time I receive one I wish I lived closer to them to visit more often. This facility is visited by group members from many different organizations and a lot of the area schools.

In order to see everything CDRI has to offer, it would take you a full day and that is without taking the hiking trails. This facility is permanently on our to do list every time we will be in that area.



The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz



ASK THE MASTER GARDENERS

Clara Mae Marcotte

Clara Mae Marcotte is a Texas Master Gardener with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. If you have a question to be answered, call the Master Gardeners at 830-379-1972 or leave a message to be answered. The website is guadalupecountymastergardeners.org. The Master Gardener research library is open Wednesdays from 1 to 4, at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin.

Q: The rain has been lovely. What can I do in the garden right now?

A: The weeds have never stopped growing. However, now that it is not 110 degrees out, you can more comfortably pull them out. Perennials and annuals that are fall bloomers are available for planting. Autumn sage and mealy cup sage both bloom in the fall with white, red, pink or salmon flowers on the autumn sage, and blue, white, or purple flowers on the mealy cup sage. Chrysanthemums are fall bloomers and should be in the nursery already. I would probably plant them in partial shade since it is still very hot.

The fall aster is a lovely fall bloomer. Check out the ones at Park West in the butterfly garden. Another fall bloomer is the skullcap (*Scutellaria suffrutescens*). Mexican mint marigold and Mexican oregano both bloom in the summer and fall and both are great additions to your herb garden. As a matter of fact, you should probably go ahead and sow your cilantro seed so that you will have some when your tomatoes ripen. I am waiting for snapdragon, my favorite flower, to appear in the nursery. That, to me, always signifies that fall is really here.

Doug Welsh, Extension horticulturist, reminds us that late August and September are the best times to plant wildflower seed. Our local nurseries carry wildflower seed, as well our local beekeeper and honey store. You can also buy seeds online from a Texas wildflower seed company. Welsh lists 15 select wildflowers for Texas landscapes in his Texan Garden Almanac. This list includes Black-eyed Susan, bluebell, bluebonnet, Drummond phlox, gaillardia/Indian blanket, Gayfeather, Indian paintbrush, horse mint, Maximilian sunflower, mealy cup sage, Mexican hat, pink evening primrose, plains coreopsis, standing cypress, and wine cup. Follow the packet directions for planting and remember to pull weeds, don't fertilize, and don't remove the dead blooms or plants until mid-June or when all the plants and flowers die. (I know it looks bad. Put up a small sign that says "Wildflower Seed Area" or something like that.) You did know, by the way, that Texas has 6 bluebonnet species native to Texas.

Q: When should I plant trees?

A: Trees are best planted in the fall, winter or spring. Plant in full sun, in a hole twice as wide as the root-ball, and no deeper than the root-ball. Welsh adds that you should use the soil you took out of the hole to backfill around the root-ball. Use no soil amendments. Pack the soil firmly to eliminate air pockets. Build a four inch berm around the edge of the hole. Cover the area with mulch while keeping it away from the tree trunk. Water after planting. For the first week water every day. The second week water every other day. The third week water every third day. The fourth week water once a week. When we planted trees in the park we kept them watered for the first year.

FYI: Don't forget our wildlife. Keep feeding them, and keep those birdbaths clean and full.

Master Gardener T-Shirts

The GCMG T-Shirts will be available soon! If you would like to pre-order your shirt(s) to ensure getting your size, please go to: www.gcmgtx.org website to place your order. Click on the T-shirt option on the left menu of the website.

T-shirts are \$10 for sizes small – Xlarge, and \$12 for 2XL – 3XL (price includes tax)

Shipping is also available for \$8.00, this is a one-time fee no matter how many shirts you order, or pick up your order at one of our regular GCMG lectures.

T-shirts will be available for purchase at the Lunch & Learns (second Wednesday of each month) and at the monthly membership meetings (third Thursday of each month).

The T-shirts are royal blue with the new Guadalupe County Master Logo in white on the front, and they are 100% cotton. These shirts are great for leisure wear, wearing at plant sales as well as other GCMG sanctioned events as patrons can easily identify you as a GCMG volunteer.

Thank you for supporting the GCMGs!



Men's



Women's

Fundraiser T-Shirts

T-shirts are fun to wear and fun to give as gifts! In order to continue funding the many projects and gardens that the GCMGs support, our organization is now selling "Proud Supporter of Guadalupe County Master Gardener" T-Shirts that can be worn by anyone. The sizes available are Medium - 3XL and come in a variety of green shades. T-shirts are \$20.00, profits go directly towards GCMG educational programs and projects.

The 100% cotton T-shirts are available NOW! Come to 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX 78155. Mon-Sat 8am-4:30pm, (830) 379-7203 to get yours right away. Shop early for best choice of color and size. They are going fast! T-shirts will be available at all Lunch & Learns and Monthly Membership Meetings.

You may also purchase your T-shirt(s) at: [GCMGTX.org T-Shirts](https://www.gcmgtx.org/T-Shirts) while supplies last. This is the same secure website to order you official blue Master Gardener t-shirts, scroll down to find the fundraiser green T-shirts. Note: You will need to contact me with your color preference if you are wanting a particular shade of green. Contact me at (830) 433-2218 call/text or email: adrippel@gmail.com

These T-shirts are a great gift idea for supporters of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners as anyone can wear them.

Thank you for your continued support of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners!

April Rippel
2022 GCMG President
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Fundraiser Plants

Plants are available now! Our MG growers have been busy growing plants for the fall plant sales.

You have a chance to choose plants first, right now! Picture below is an example, plants change weekly.

For best selection, you may come by and shop at: 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX, please call first to make sure the store is open, (830) 379-7203 or (830) 433-2218. We are normally here daily.

Or shop on-line, we will reserve your plant(s) until you can come and pick up them up:

<https://www.gcmgtx.org/plantsale/index.html>

Best prices in town for 1-gallon & 2-gallon plants, limited quantities! Shop now! Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

Thank you for your support!

April Rippel
2022 GCMG President



Continuing Education Events September 2022

Please be aware that due to current COVID-19 situation some training from other organizations being offered is online. Notices from Bexar and Travis counties will be sent out to members as they are received, including reminders and updates.

Please check out the following websites for September Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2022-09/>
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/events/?>
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.sabot.org/calendar/>
- Rainbow Gardens, San Antonio, TX <https://www.rainbowgardens.biz/events/>
- 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/2022-09/>

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

2022

Lunch and Learns

Lunch and Learn will move to the second WEDNESDAY of the Month (Jan-Nov 2022)

- Sept 14: “Fall/Spring Vegetable Gardening” by Bill Nodine
- Oct 12: “Wildflower Propagation” by Niki Lake
- Nov 9: “Fruit Tree Planting in the Spring” by Mark Fanick
- December: No Lunch and Learn

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Smith County Master Gardeners to host Texas Superstar® Advanced Training

The award-winning Smith County Master Gardener Association will host the Texas Superstar® State Master Gardener Advanced Training November 1-3 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 5701 South Broadway Ave., Tyler, Texas 75703 (903-561-5800).

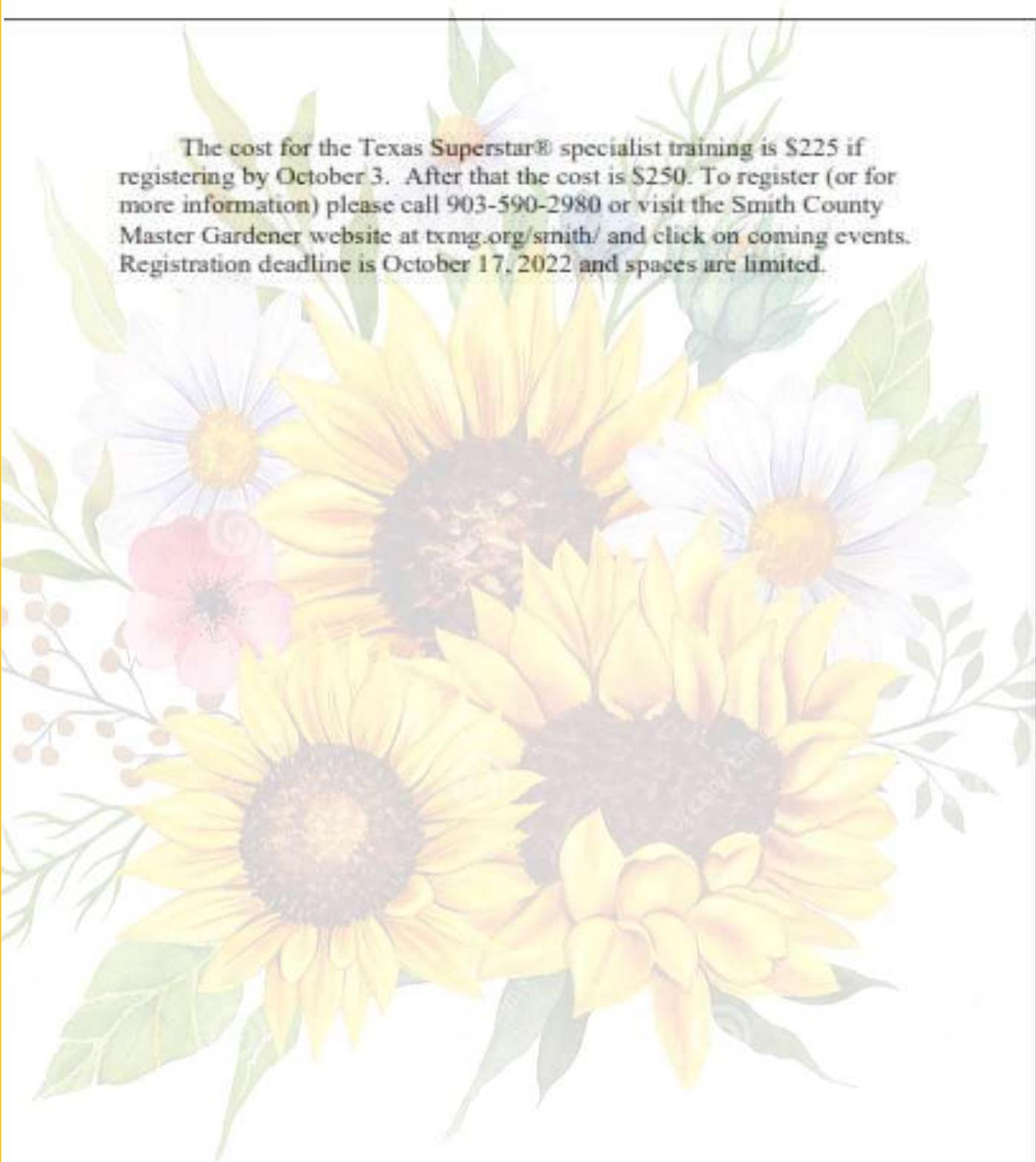
This Texas Superstar® Advanced Training was created as an intensive multi-day workshop that helps empower Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service efforts in Earth-Kind® horticultural education within their counties. During the training certified Texas Master Gardeners will learn about the history of the Texas Superstar® plant program as well as the benefits and landscape usages of these specially designated plants. The class winds up with a tour of the Tyler Botanical Garden and an invitation to attend the Smith County Master Gardener Association monthly meeting where Smith County horticulturist Greg Grant will present a lecture on landscaping with native plants.

Instructors for this year's training include Greg Grant, David Rodriguez, Dr. Larry Stein, and special guests Keith Hansen, Erin Smith, and Dr. Andrew King. Rodriguez is the Bexar County Horticulturist, Stein the head of Extension Horticulture at Texas A&M, Hansen the retired Smith County Horticulturist-Emeritus, Smith a research Associate at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton, and King the owner of King's Nursery in Tenaha.

To be eligible for the Texas Superstar® Advanced Training, an applicant must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification. Master Gardener applications must be approved by their local Master Gardener program coordinator and County Extension Agent. Only two Master Gardeners per county are allowed, unless space is available by noon Monday, October 3, 2022. Additional Master Gardeners in each county should sign up on the waiting list.

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The cost for the Texas Superstar® specialist training is \$225 if registering by October 3. After that the cost is \$250. To register (or for more information) please call 903-590-2980 or visit the Smith County Master Gardener website at txmng.org/smith/ and click on coming events. Registration deadline is October 17, 2022 and spaces are limited.



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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service **State Master Gardener Advanced Training – Texas Superstar® 2022**

Hosted by Smith County Master Gardener Association – Tyler, Texas
The State Master Gardener-Texas Superstar® Plant Advanced Training was created as an intensive multi-day training that helps empower certified Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service efforts in Earth-Kind® environmental educational programs in their counties.

When: November 1 – 3, 2022

Where: Holiday Inn Conference Center
5701 South Broadway Ave.
Tyler, TX 75703

Time: Nov 1 & 2 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Nov 3 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
(Tour @ Tyler Botanical Garden)

Registration Fee is \$225 (includes 2 lunches, 1 dinner, snacks, and other goodies) for registrations postmarked up through Monday, October 3rd and \$250 for registrations postmarked from October 4th to October 17th.

Registration and additional information:

<https://txmg.org/smith/event/texas-superstar-advanced-training/>

Class space is limited, so register early.

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 17, 2022

For more information contact Amanda @ (903) 590-2987 or amanda.southard@ag.tamu.edu

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Master Gardener On-Line Training

Welcome to the Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training. 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 re-certification 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.

To complete a module follow these steps:

1. Click any link below to view the online educational presentation for the associated topic.
2. Click on the quiz link under each associated video and CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.

Looking for the Earth-Kind® Challenge instead? <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/challenge/>

NOTE: Participants must complete the quiz and evaluation to receive re-certification credit.

1. [Landscape Water Conservation Training](#)
2. [Low-Volume Irrigation Training](#)
3. [Irrigation System Auditing Training](#)
4. [Safe Use and Handling of Pesticides in the Landscape Training](#)
5. [Safe Use and Handling of Fertilizers in the Landscape Training](#)
6. [Reducing Landscape Waste – Composting Training](#)
7. [Designing an Earth-Kind® Landscape Training](#)
8. [Landscaping for Energy Conservation Training](#)
9. [Creating Native Habitat Training](#)
10. [Earth-Kind® Roses Training](#)
11. [Integrated Pest Management Training](#)
12. [Pest Management for Cape Myrtles Training](#)
13. [Rainwater Harvesting Training](#)

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Master Gardener Advanced Training

Purpose: To provide advanced training whereby a corps of Master Gardeners can obtain advanced training which supports or expands specific county educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Guidelines: The primary purpose of the Advanced Training program is not to designate “experts” in a field of study or topic; rather, it is designed to identify Master Gardeners who have received additional training to support specific county educational programs or projects. Advanced Training should be designed to empower the Master Gardener with the knowledge and skills required to effectively support designate programs or projects. This may include administration of projects, training of Master Gardeners, clientele presentations, and/or applied research and demonstrations.

Basic Requirement: To be eligible for an Advanced Training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification.

Training and Volunteer Requirements: Advanced Training should be a minimum of 16 hours in length. Hours of training will depend on subject matter and level of expertise to be obtained. Training might include: formal classroom training, field trips and tours, mentoring by experts, and/or self-directed study. Following completion of the training requirement, an individual should complete a minimum 20 hours of volunteer service in a designated program or project to obtain their Master Garden Advanced Training certification.

These are the 14 different advance training certificates. We will publish training dates when they become available from Agrilife..

- 1. Compost Advanced Training**
- 2. Earth-Kind Advanced Training**
- 3. Entomology Advanced Training**
- 4. First Detector Advanced Training**
- 5. Fruit Tree and Nut Advanced Training (South Texas)**
- 6. Greenhouse Management Advanced Training**
- 7. Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Advanced Training**
- 8. Irrigation Efficiency Advanced Training**
- 9. Plant Propagation Advanced Training**
- 10. Rainwater Harvesting Advanced Training**
- 11. Texas Superstar Advanced Training**
- 12. Tree Care Advanced Training**
- 13. Turfgrass Advanced Training**
- 14. Vegetables Advanced Training**

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Friday, September 9, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$80 | Late Registration after 8/30: \$100

Cuero Municipal Park Clubhouse | 201 Leonard Roy Harmon Drive | Cuero, Texas

The Texas Wildlife Association, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, & Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are hosting the 18th South Texas Wildlife Conference in Cuero, Texas on Friday, September 9th. The year's event will focus on changing paradigms in wildlife management. We will start by exploring how landowner and property demographics have changed throughout the decades; then we will look at how management goals and advice have changed over time, along with the consequences of past actions. The last part of the day will be dedicated to the present and the future, with updates on the latest research and topics that will influence the future of wildlife management. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear from a wide range of practitioners, land managers, wildlife biologists and wildlife researchers about the latest developments in South Texas wildlife and habitat management!

SPEAKERS

David Hewitt, CKWRI | Charlie DeYoung, CKWRI | Meagan Lesak, TPWD | Roel Lopez, Texas A&M NRI
Fidel Hernández, CKWRI | Trey Barron, TPWD | Tim Anderson, USFWS | Lenny Brennan, CKWRI | Jim
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Award Recipient

For more information and to register please visit: <https://www.ckwri.tamuk.edu/south-texas-wildlife-conference>

REMINDER

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

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