

GUADALUPE GARDENER OCTOBER 2022

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President's Message

Happy fall everyone!

We made it through summer, fall is here and well, it still feels like summer. Gardening in Texas is a bit challenging but worth it. Just a few degrees cooler and tomatoes are setting again, lettuce and other cold weather crop transplants are coping (with shade cloth & drip irrigation), and soon we'll be able to work in our gardens without being soaked in sweat the minute we walk outside.

Your fall garden can yield huge rewards with a little planning and preparedness. Compost and mulch are still very important. Watch for pests daily to head off problems such as cabbage loopers, flea beetles, cutworms, and aphids. And be aware that as the nights cool, daytime temperatures can still rise to leaf scorching highs. Shade cloth will help your winter crops make it through these last hot days, but keep that frost cloth handy! That first quick cold snap can put an end to your emerging plants if that one cold night catches you off guard.

With the cooler temperatures many of the GCMG's fall events are starting. Be sure to sign up for the Big Red Barn School Tours, the GCMG's booths at the County Fair, and the fall plant sales. If you need your volunteer hours before the end of the year, now is your chance, we'll soon be slipping into the busy holiday season and you'll want to have all your hours in so you won't have to worry about it. The event coordinators will greatly appreciate your help!

"It always amazes me to look at the little, wrinkled brown seeds and think of the rainbows in 'em'; said Captain Jim. When I ponder on them seeds I don't find it nowise hard to believe that we've got souls that'll live in other worlds. You couldn't hardly believe there was life in them tiny things, some no bigger than grains of dust, let alone colour and scent, if you hadn't seen the miracle, could you?"

— L.M. Montgomery, Anne's House of Dreams

At your service.

April Rippel

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2022 GCMG President



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Membership Corner

Congratulations to the following prize winners at the September monthly meeting: Eric Bellamy (door prize) and Joyce Friesenhahn (5+ volunteer hours)!

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

To be eligible for the monthly volunteer drawing you must be certified, complete at least five volunteer hours (meetings don't count towards the five hours), and **enter your hours in VMS by the last day of the month!** You need not be present to win. Board members are not eligible and therefore not reflected below.

These members were eligible for the August 5+ drawing:

Nodine, William	Johnston, Eddie	Odyssey, Ann
Burris, Welta	Johnston, Joyce	Odyssey, Dale
Burton, Rodney	Knobles, Janice	Schultze, Pat
Carter, Paul	Glasgow, Millie	Sims, Judy
Cover, Kay	Lucas, Melinda J	Smith, Kathleen
Foss, Lisa	McElveen, Kay	Steele, Tim
Friesenhahn, Joyce	Montero, Alejandro	Styblo, Mary
Henry, Beth	Woodlee, Mike	

These members completed 25+ hours in August:

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

2022: 100 hour club:

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

Membership Corner

September Lunch and Learn

We had a record 62 attendees.



What's Happening in Class 36

By: Becky Geinzer Class of 36

Welcome, and a big hello, from Master Gardener (MC) Class 036-2022. We are 18 strong and have started a wonderful new adventure of learning new information about all things gardening. A big thanks to our wonderful class coordinators (more like mentors and friends): Paul Carter, Tim Steele, Kay McElveen and Cynthia Lyssy for their time and efforts in guiding us through this class.

The class had the deer in the headlight look when we first sat down – the fear of the unknown taking over. What had we gotten ourselves into? How much effort was this going to take? And that age old question from the first day of school – Will anyone like me? Our apprehensions were quickly resolved by our class coordinators. The program was thoroughly explained to us, including education requirements, volunteering and what the requirements are for becoming a Guadalupe County Master Gardener.

Throughout this class, the commitment and dedication to the Master Gardener program is easily shown by the quality of the presentations; the great effort to make this a outstanding experience for the students by ensuring all questions are answered; and the sense that all are a welcome addition to this program. The motto “show what we grow and share what we know” is not just an empty statement but is an active and alive statement.

Then – the journey truly started and we were well on the way in becoming Master Gardeners. Landscape design was our first topic. I do not believe that any of us truly understood the importance of soil composition and how important it is to know the soil medium you are using whether your interest is in landscaping, vegetables or indoor plants. We were then tasked with completing a soil sample and designing a landscape design for an area of interest. To add to that knowledge, the next class built on soil composition with knowledge of soil characteristics and improvements.

With that trend, our next class was on water and plant growth and development. Both of these topics are building blocks for essential knowledge in how to use water resources (water harvesting and irrigation systems) and a good understanding of the differences in plants; how they are identified; and common mistakes in common naming. For example, a foxtail fern is not fern but is a member of the asparagus family.

We also took a field trip to Dr. Sunn’s water harvesting enterprise he has created. This provided much room for thought concerning the future of water supply in our area and how to help in whatever way we can.

All of our presentations were outstanding, but there is nothing like applying what you have just learned with the actual process of the topic that was discussed. The class on plant propagation was so much fun. We actually got our hands “dirty” and definitely made use of the floor covering to prevent making more of a mess of the classroom. We applied seed germination by creating a micro-plant medium. The best methods for transplanting seedlings/plants were explained by the instructors and then performed by the students. Dividing plants was unique as it is one of the easiest ways to clone plants. We also learned how to create a cutting medium in which we started numerous cuttings.

Of course, there is another part of this class as we are required to track on our “experiments” in plant reproduction. There was such a feeling of accomplishment and also, a camaraderie among my classmates that was good to see and feel.

This is what being a Master Gardner is all about. Learning and sharing.

Membership Corner

Class 36



Class 36 Schedule for October

Just a reminder that Class 36 is every Tuesday, 10am - 2pm, at the AgriLife Bldg. in Seguin. You may "sit in" on most classes to earn continuing education hours or as a refresher on subjects of your choice. If you would like to attend any of the upcoming sessions, **please notify one of the class coordinators**, space is limited.

To receive permission to attend all or part of a class, please contact one of the class coordinators: Paul Carter, mepcarter11@gmail.com, Tim Steele, tiscowboys@hotmail.com or Kay McElveen, hkaymcelveen@gmail.com

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 Rothf – 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

Support our local small nurseries

There is no doubt that it is easy to grab some plants while we are in Home Depot, Lowe's or Walmart. However, these large stores will be around for decades and will survive whether we buy plants or seeds from them or not, while every day many of our "mom and pop" shops struggle to keep their doors open another month, week or day.

After the September Lunch and Learn I made a visit to Green Jay Gardens, located at 100 Elm Grove Road in Seguin in search of some pumpkins and gourds for a project. Last year I visited this same place around the exact same time and my breath was taken away by the beautiful orange stacks of pumpkins and the amazing fall display. This year, not a pumpkin was spotted, though the garden is still a lovely peaceful place to enjoy.

I ran into one of the owners and I asked her about the pumpkins and she sadly explained to me that there may not be any pumpkins this year. She went on to say that the nursery has struggled to keep it's doors open and that they may not be able to afford to have the pumpkins due to inflation.

If you haven't been to this business, it is lovely. The grounds feature sitting areas and photo opportunities. There are a variety of plants that include vegetables and herbs from as low as \$1.99 each , all the way up to trees for various prices. The inside of the shop includes a huge area of indoor growing products, but has a spectacular amount of supplies for succulents and garden decorating. They sell driftwood, air plants, moss (by the large bag, or you can pick your own amount of a bin and place it in a brown bag for \$3.99 a small bag) , terrarium and fairy garden supplies. They also sell local honey and cream honey, which is my favorite, and the price is very reasonable.

Their prices are very reasonable and competitive with other local nurseries and some are actually lower than you would find elsewhere.

If you haven't been out to visit this nursery I highly suggest you do, and take the children/grandchildren, there are sitting spots and games. When you shop at the big stores you make rich people richer, but when you shop at the local shops you are making your community richer, in many ways. Look them up at <https://www.greenjaygardens.com/>



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

The 2022 Guadalupe County Fair, Oct. 6th -9th

Only one week until the 2022 Guadalupe County Fair. Are your horticulture entries ready? It is free to enter, and you get a free fair entry ticket for every entry! We'd love to see what you've been growing. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 5th from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Thursday morning, October 6th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

The County Fair Officially Opens at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Once again, we will be hosting the Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Age groups are 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-17, adults 18-74, and seniors 75 and older. It's free to enter and you could win a ribbon and/or cash prize! Categories are: Pumpkinality, Originality, Creativity, and Technicality. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, October 5th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Thursday, October 6th, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the MG Booth. Judging will take place on Friday, October 7th at 9 a.m. Master Gardener Pam Younger is doing an outstanding job with this project.

The theme for this year's MG Booth is "Butterflies and Caterpillars" and planning for our booth, inside the Seguin Sports Event Center (aka, the Seguin Coliseum), is coming along nicely. The GCMG's booth will be informative and interactive including the display of horticulture entries, several children's activities, educational materials, free packets of vegetable and flower seeds, raffle prizes, and our GCMG 4th annual County Fair Plant Sale!

Even if you are unable to volunteer to help at the booth, we hope that you'll come by to visit, say "hi," see all the great displays, get some free seeds, buy some plants, and support the GCMGs by buying a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are only \$1 or 6 chances for \$5.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!! Renshirts, HEB, Planet Fitness, GC Wellness Center, Walmart Seguin, and Lowe's New Braunfels.

Thank you all for participating. See you at the fair!

Kathleen Smith
GCMG 2022 County Fair Coordinator
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**October
20th, 2022**

**GCMG
MONTHLY
MEETING**



Cool Weather Vegetables

By Patty Leander of Texas Gardener Magazine

**JOIN US and
BRING A FRIEND**

**5:45 Social Time
6:30 Business Meeting
7:00 Presentation
210 Live Oak Street
Seguin, TX**



**Native Plant Society of Texas
Guadalupe Chapter**

Hummingbird Hotspots

Love watching those little jewel-colored birds zooming around? Now is a good time to start planning for their return next March by making your own hummingbird hotspot.

Kathleen Scott is a 20+ year wildlife gardener. She has created large and small habitat gardens, certified by the National Wildlife Federation, and in the process has made almost every mistake possible. She has learned to design habitat gardens for birds and plants that grow well in this area. Her articles on habitat gardening have been published in the San Antonio Express-News, and her wildlife gardening talks draw folks from all over Central Texas,

October 11, 2022 at 7.00 PM

St John Lutheran Church, FM 465 Marion, Texas

Meetings are open to the public, visitors are always welcome.



For more information, directions to St John Lutheran Church, or membership applications see our website and Facebook page at:

<https://npsot.org/wp/guadalupe/>



Note!

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

Please contact the coordinator of the activity to volunteer.



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: 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.

You can contact me directly via email.

Thanks for your help with this.

Kay McElveen

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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. Contact Ernestine Sykes at 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 twenty-five new GCMG Facebook Community members. Welcome all.

They are wanting to learn about vegetable and fruit gardens, and how to create gardens for butterflies and hummingbirds.

Our top contributors were Trixie Grohman Ferguson, Kathryn Ward, and Vicki Welty Sprawling. Thank you to all who contributed.

What to plant in October-

Transplants- Broccoli, Greens, Peas, Beans, Squash, and Root Vegetables like Beets, Green Onion and Turnips

Seeds-Beets, Carrots, Collards, Kale, Garlic, Cilantro, Leaf Lettuce, Mustard, Radish, Spinach, Bok Choy, Swiss Chard and Turnips

Snout Nosed Butterfly

We have seen a great number of Snout Nosed Butterflies. They are called that because of their tubular, elephant trunk like 'nose'. The primary host for Snout Nosed butterflies is the Spiny Hackberry but it also feeds on other Hackberry species. The butterflies lay eggs on the leaves of the Hackberry Trees. Snout Nosed butterflies head in mass at the end of summer in a northward direction. They fly to look for food, mate, and lay eggs. Butterflies, like bees are good pollinators.

Monthly Funny

While migrating, what did one butterfly say to the other?

'Going my way?'

Thank you for all of your contributions. You are greatly appreciated. Please continue with your posts as we learn from each other.

Take Care and Enjoy Your Gardens.

Kathy Adams



The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Divide and Conquer

October is the month I begin to check my daylilies, amaryllis, spider lilies, agapanthus, canna and iris for a possible dig, divide and replanting or just a transplant to a new area. I have been doing this for many years and now have a variety of pots filled with flowers in all stages of growth. Some of my daylilies, iris and amaryllis came from my mother's flower beds and have a very sentimental value to me. I have even given my oldest granddaughter some of the amaryllis "babies" and she has planted them outside her bedroom window and enjoys them every spring.

Because I have deer and they love my flower blooms, I mainly keep them in pots in my high fenced deer proof garden. Usually, I use two wheelbarrows, one with fresh soil and one empty that I can carefully "dump" the pot into and then slowly separate the bulbs, tubers or rhizomes that I am working with. Making sure I don't tear the roots and save as may "babies" as I can. I then replant into pots depending on the size of bulbs. Sometimes I have one 10 gallon pot which may yield 3-5 separate pots. I divide each container every 3-5 years.

Depending on the type of flower you want to divide and replant you can easily find detailed information on the internet. This would be a very long article if I tried to talk about each one separately. I have an 18 gallon galvanized tub I put baby amaryllis into 3 years ago and this past spring I had several plants produce flowers for the first time. I enjoy all my spring flowers after the long winter so this is a labor of love for me. It also saves a lot of money because some of the bulbs can be very expensive.



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: When do I do my fall lawn fertilizing? I see my neighbors already applying theirs.

A: Normally, it's around October 15 for this area. According to Doug Welsh, Extension Horticulturist, you should fertilize when leaf and shoot growth have stopped. So far we have not had a 50 degree or below night to signal our lawn to stop growing. The rule of thumb is that when you don't need to mow for two weeks, then it is time to fertilize. Fall fertilization aids in fall color and increases winter hardiness. The fertilizer should be high in nitrogen and potassium, with little or no phosphorus. Welsh suggests a 2-1-2 or 1-0-1 ratio using one pound of actual nitrogen per one thousand square feet.

Q: Are there any flowers for fall bloom? I am particularly interested in native plants.

A: As I look out over my back yard, I see a display of goldenrod and clumps of Frostweed in bloom. All have butterflies and hummingbirds and bees. Of course, you may not have the room to grow these. In a wetter year, my goldenrod would be 8 feet tall. This year it is 5 to 6 feet tall. Since it spreads by rhizomes and quickly fills an area, plant it where you can mow around the plants to keep them contained. My Frostweed is distributing seeds (and rhizomes) around the back of my lot and is now in a lot of spots that I wasn't planning to put it. Luckily, I love those large leaves and look forward to the first big freeze and the display of frozen "ice" that comes out of the stems. The fall aster is a fall bloomer that doesn't spread so much. You can check out the clump at the Park West pollinator garden.

Or you could plant fall annuals such as snapdragon, stock and pansy. I have had really good luck with my snapdragons lasting through the winter and blooming way into late spring (except for the "Snowmageddon" year when I had to replant them). Another fall bloomer is one of our native grasses, Gulf or coastal muhly, which grows one and a half to two feet tall. It has beautiful fuzzy pink seed heads and is particularly gorgeous with the sun shining through it. So far this year my clump is just sitting there with no blooms. I haven't given up yet.

Q: It is time to think about what I am going to do about my fallen leaves. I do not have a compost bin, and I hate the idea of just throwing the leaves away. Do you have suggestions?

A: Remember that fallen leaves contain 50 to 80 percent of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during the growing season. It would be a real waste to throw them away. Hopefully you have a mulching lawn mower. If so, you can just mow your leaves and leave them on the lawn as fertilizer. If you have too many leaves, still mow them, then gather them and place them in your flower beds and vegetable gardens as mulch. The mowed leaves break down much faster than whole leaves. Another place to spread leaves is on pathways where walking additionally breaks down the leaves. The local community gardens in Seguin also accept leaves. Be sure that you are only taking leaves – no trash please.

Master Gardener T-Shirts

The Official Blue GCMG T-shirts have been restocked and all sizes are once again available. Sizes small through XL are \$10, 2XL – 3XL are \$12.00

To get your t-shirt(s) contact April Rippel at (830) 433-2218) or email: adrippel@gmail.com T-shirts are available at all Lunch & Learns, and at all monthly Membership Meetings. You may also shop at 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, open most days from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or order your t-shirt(s) at: www.GCMGTX.org Shipping is available if you need them mailed.

These 100% cotton, royal blue t-shirts are comfortable and they let the public know that you're the person to ask gardening questions of. They are great for when you volunteer at GCMG plant sales, information booths, work at one of the gardens or parks sponsored by our organization, or just walking around town, you'll make lots of gardening friends when you proudly wear these t-shirts.

Get yours today!



Men's



Women's

Fundraiser T-Shirts

The green GCMG fundraiser t-shirts have been restocked and all sizes are available. Sizes small – 3XL are all \$20 each and all profits go directly towards GCMG educational programs and projects.

These 100% cotton, green t-shirts can be worn by you or anyone you know that wants to support our non-profit organization. These make great Christmas gifts!

The fundraiser t-shirts are available at all Lunch & Learns and monthly Membership Meetings. You may also shop at 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, open most days from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Or shop on-line at: www.GCMG.org Look down the left menu until you see: GCMG and “Proud to Support” T-Shirts Purchase Here, click on it and shop, shipping available.

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

April Rippel
2022 GCMG President
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Fundraiser Plants

The GCMG Fall Plant Sales have officially begun! You may shop now at 4037 Stockdale Hwy., Seguin, TX. Open most days from 8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. Call for information: (830) 379-7203.

Shop on-line at: www.gcmgtx.org Look down the menu on the left until you see “Plant Sales.”

Shop during the Guadalupe County Fair at the GCMG Plant Sale Booth inside the Coliseum. October 6th – 9th, 2022 during normal fair hours.

The remaining plants will be at the Big Red Barn Tractor Pull in October, and decorated plants, suitable for Christmas gifts, will be available at Yulefest, December 4th .

Available right now:

Black Seeded Lettuce

Salad Bowl Lettuce

Copenhagen Cabbage

Cauliflower

Parsley

Ashley Spinach

Green Magic Broccoli

Many Ornamentals



Continuing Education Events October 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 Continuing Education opportunities:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin TX <https://www.wildflower.org/events/2022-10/>
- 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/2022-10/>

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)

- Oct 12: “Wildflower Propagation” by Niki Lake
- Nov 9: “Fruit Tree Planting in the Spring” by Mark Fanick
- December: No Lunch and Learn

Continuing Education Events October 2022



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 Crape 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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