

GUADALUPE GARDENER DECEMBER 2022

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

President's Message

Hello All,

Last month of the year and still so much to do! The GCMGs have accomplished a lot in the last 11 months, and we still have our Winter Social, the GCMG's booth at Yulefest, and the last Board of Directors (BOD) meeting for the GCMG 2022 BOD. I'm very excited to see what next year will bring. With new leadership comes fresh ideas and improvements to our wonderful non-profit organization.

Some of our achievements for 2022 include: Record-breaking plant sales. Thank you, Paul Carter, and your plant sales team! Winning a trophy in the Seguin 4th of July Parade, great job Keith Muschalek! Two (2!) GCMG class graduation ceremonies, due to the outstanding work of our Class Coordinators. A very successful Guadalupe County Fair booth with many master gardeners winning ribbons. Well done by Kathleen Smith! A most triumphant Pumpkin Decorating Contest that brought in more entries than Pam Younger had even thought possible. Outstanding work Pam! And the excellent work of all the Point of Contact volunteers that continue to head-up the improvements at the many county parks and gardens that the GCMGs sponsor. Please accept my heartfelt "thank you" for all your efforts that have not gone unnoticed. There are so many other projects and jobs that we all take for granted, like the library and refreshment volunteers, the tireless worker bees at GCMG sponsored gardens and parks, the newsletters every month, the website, our Facebook administrator, Kat Adams, the publicity that Janice Jadwin does, photos by "T" more things than I can even list here get done by volunteers, mostly with no acknowledgement. You are noticed, and here is your huge "THANK YOU!" Without you, this organization would not exist. Without your continued efforts, this organization would not be such a success appreciated by all in our community.

As my term as the GCMG President ends, I rest assured knowing that our organization is in good hands with the 2023 GCMG President, Mark "Bo" Bollinger, and his Board Of Directors taking the reins. It is my sincerest wish that all of you give Bo and his team the respect, willingness to take on tasks, help, trust, and support that you all gave to me. Thank you.

Please have a wonderful holiday season that's full of good cheer. I hope that you are filled with excitement and anticipation for the coming year. Take care, I will see you around the gardens!

"A garden should make you feel you've entered privileged space -- a place not just set apart but reverberant -- and it seems to me that, to achieve this, the gardener must put some kind of twist on the existing landscape, turn its prose into something nearer poetry." — Michael Pollan, *Second Nature: A Gardener's Education*

At your service.

April Rippel
2022 GCMG President

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Membership Corner

Thank you to everyone who paid their 2023 membership dues! As a reminder, your \$20 dues can be paid in cash, by check (made out to GCMG), or online at: [Membership Dues Payment link](#). (There is a \$2 service fee for online payments.) We'll be collecting dues at the Holiday social. To be eligible, certified master gardeners must have a current background check, and have completed and logged in VMS a minimum of 12 volunteer and 6 CE hours.

Beginning this year, the Volunteer Agreement form is due every three years instead of every year! It will be completed at the same time as the background check.

Congratulations to November's Door Prize winner: Mary Styblo!

* To be eligible for the door prize you must sign in at the membership meeting and be present at the end of the meeting when the name is drawn. The Volunteer Drawing winner was Melva Edwards.

The following were eligible for the drawing:

Members with 5+ Volunteer Hours Eligible for Drawing (51)

Meade, Connie	Sykes, Ernestine	Diotte, Leslie	Foss, Lisa
Ottenad, Anne	Bonds, Denise	Edwards, Melva	Odvody, Ann
Bellamy, Eric	Fox, Joyce	Henry, Beth	Odvody, Dale
Burton, Rodney	Bravo-Gonzalez, Diana	Knobles, Janice	Schultze, Pat
Carter, Marty	Collier, Colleen	Montero, Alejandro	Sims, Judy A
Carter, Paul	Cooper, Sharon	Lucas, Melinda J	Smith, Kathleen
Benefield, Regina	Haag, Gregory	McElveen, Kay	Steele, Tim
Cover, Kay	Cox, Bob	Moody, Caroline	Foss, Sandra
Esquivel, Leti	Friesenhahn, Joyce	Guiles, Toni	Hard, Diana
Hurd, George	Hyatt, Judith	Jadwin, Janice	Landeros, Ann
Leacock, Suzanne	Magee, Janet	Moltz, Marilyn	Mott, Keith
Mullen, Carol	Real, Debbie	Powada, Caye	Richardson, Thomas
Rohlf, Christy	Scull, Renee	Woodlee, Mike	

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

Membership Corner

Members who Volunteered 25+ Hours Last Month

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"

Carter, Paul

Lucas, Melinda J

McElveen, Kay

Odvody, Dale

Mullen, Mark

Knobles, Janice

Leverich, Denise

Burton, Rodney

Rippel, April D

Steele, Tim

Younger, Pam

Smith, Kathleen

Muschalek, Keith

Cox, Bob

Richardson, Thomas

100 Hour Club for 2022 (27)

Bollinger, Mark "Bo"

Burton, Rodney

Carter, Marty

Carter, Paul

Cover, Kay

Darrough, Kim

Knobles, Janice

Leverich, Denise

Lucas, Melinda J

McElveen, Kay

Smith, Kathleen

Montero, Alejandro

Mullen, Mark

Muschalek, Keith

Nodine, William

Odvody, Ann

Odvody, Dale

Rippel, April D

Steele, Tim

Younger, Pam

Bartonek, Valerie

Friesenhahn, Joyce

Henry, Beth

Mott, Keith

Muschalek, Robin

Richardson, Thomas

Sykes, Ernestine

Membership Corner

November Monthly Meeting



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November Monthly Meeting

Celebrating Kay McElveen and her dedication as GCMG Class Coordinator



Membership Corner
November Monthly Meeting
Congratulations to our new members



Membership Corner

As 2022 comes to an end, here is a special tribute to our GCMG members that have served our organization for the milestone of 15 years or more. This is a special “thank you” for your commitment. It’s members like you that make our group successful and a joy to be a part of.

15 years:

Randee Malmsten 2007 (On approved Leave of Absence)

16 years:

Peggy Jones 2006

17 years:

Beth Zies 2005

18 years:

Darren Dunn 2004 (Honorary)

19 years:

Polly Ruppert 2003

20 years:

Sandra Foss 2002

21 years:

Marilyn Anderson 2001

22 years:

Clara Mae Marcotte 2000

Marilyn Moltz 2000

Pat Schultze 2000

Penny Gonzalez 2000

26 years:

Iris Seale 1996 (Emeritus)

28 years:

Ann Odvody 1994

Dale Odvody 1994

And the member, in good standing, for an outstanding number of **33 Years:**

Liz Romero 1989

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Membership Corner

Extra Volunteer Hours

On Friday, December 2nd, at 2:00 pm, we need volunteers to help set up tables and chairs for our GCMG Winter Social. No craftiness, decorating skills, or creativeness needed, just energy. We are having our social in the gym at the Faith Lutheran Church at 1326 E. Cedar St., Seguin, TX. The outside gym door is located on the west side of the church towards the back. There's a small parking lot right next to the gym door. We have a great Winter Social committee and they have done/will do a lot, but we can use more help, meet us at the gym on Friday.

The more the merrier! With lots of volunteers setting up the tables and chairs for 100 attendees, several helpers will make it much easier on all of our muscles and backs. The set-up time, as with any GCMG event, counts as volunteer hours and should be recorded in VMS under (c) MG Organizational Support.

Please contact me if you are able to help set up on Friday, or if you find yourself free that afternoon, just show up! All are welcome to come and help out.



Membership Corner

Update from the Big Red Barn

Two busy November days were spent getting the Big Red Barn ready for fall. Pine needles were transported from Bastrop and used to cover walking paths; and around 250 onion slips were planted, along with 2 rows each of carrots and turnips. Also, Kay took cabbage, turnips, and kale to the Cupboard. Many hands and good fellowship made it possible to succeed so much in two days.

Thanks to all who made this possible!

Janice Nobles



Membership Corner

Veteran's Day at Marion's Veteran's Memorial Park



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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>

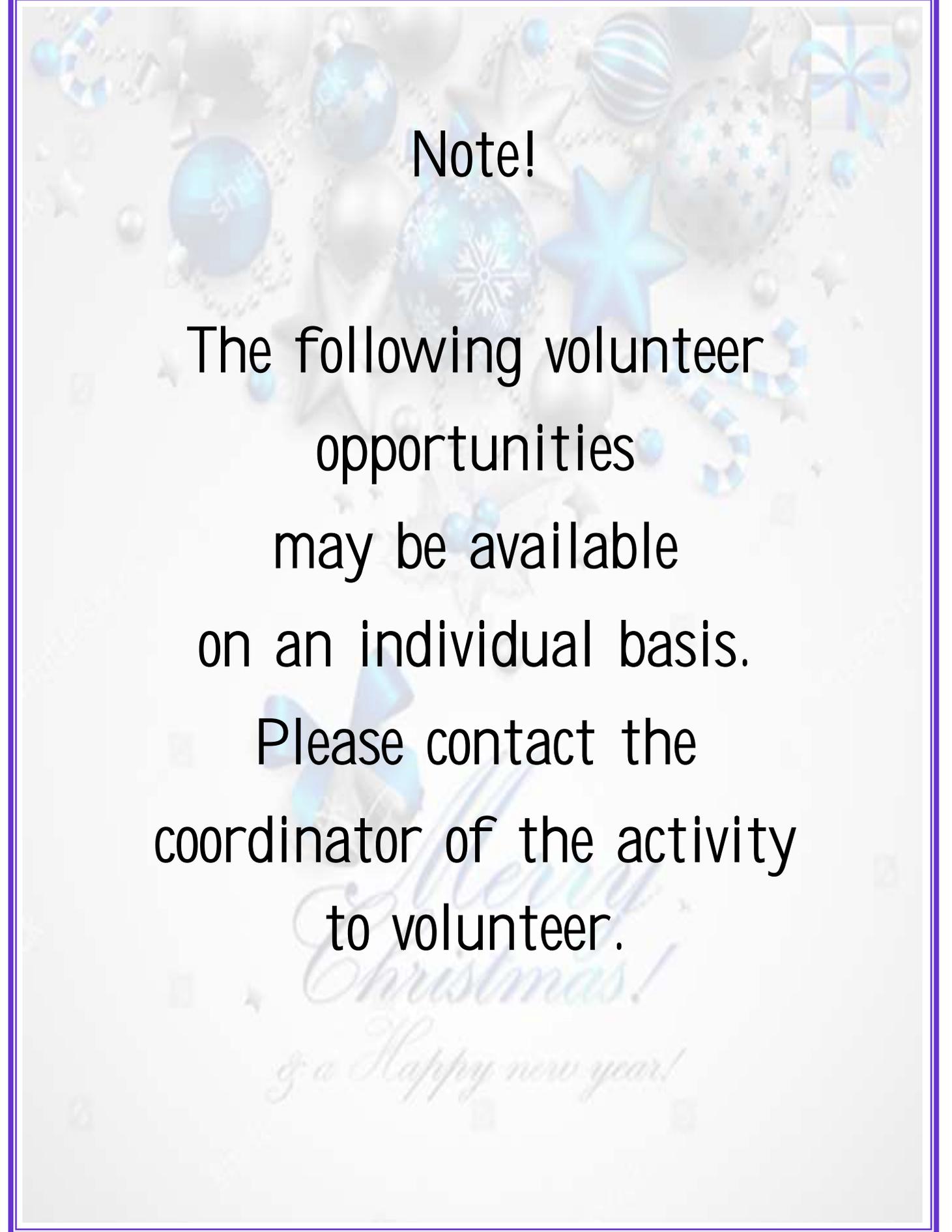
If you already have a charity set up, the above link will ask you if you'd like to change to **Texas Master Gardeners**. Even though it says Texas Master Gardeners it is going to the Guadalupe County Master Gardener's funds.

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





Note!

The following volunteer
opportunities

may be available

on an individual basis.

Please contact the
coordinator of the activity
to volunteer.

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

*Merry
Christmas!
& a Happy new year!*

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 Subway at 100 W Huebinger St. in Marion.



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.



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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 26 new members to GCMG Facebook Community. Welcome new members, we are glad you are here. They are wanting to learn about houseplants, raised bed gardens and vegetables.

Our top contributors were Cindy Carruth Manak, April Dawn Rippel and Kathy Carroll. Thank you to all who contributed.

Plants In Winter In Central Texas:

Roots and shoots such as Beets, Carrots, Radish, Turnips, and Leafy Greens like Spinach and Kale, as well as Cabbage, Broccoli, and Cauliflower.

Care For Poinsettia

Place Poinsettia in a sunny window as they love light. You can also put them throughout your house to enjoy their color but in a very dark corner, they tend to become leggy.

Poinsettias prefer consistent light moisture. Add a cup of water to the soil every two to three days. Use your finger to test for moisture in the soil. Dump out any water that sits in the saucer. Do not let Poinsettia dry out for a day or two as the plant will begin dropping it's leaves to try and save it's root system.

Monthly Funny

What do vegetables really wish for more than anything else in the world?

Peas On Earth!

Thank you to all who post and contribute. We cannot do this without you. Please continue to post your garden hacks, questions or garden interests.

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas.

Take care,

Kathy Adams

The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Flowers of Valley of Fire

New Mexico

Last month I told you about this recreation area and this month I will tell you about the plants that you can find there. There are many which seem familiar but are not the same as we see here since we are usually wet during the year and this area is located in the Chihuahuan desert. Of course, there are cacti, sotol, creosote, scarlet creeper, feathery pea bush, mallows, cholla and many other species.

The pictures I have included is the *Polanisia uniglandulosa* (which I thought might be an Indian Paint but now believe is not). There are the orange and purple/pink mallows (*Sphaeralcea*) which I have seen varieties of in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. The plant with the feathery purple and white seed blossoms which develop after white flowers bloom I have not yet identified. I have taken pictures of this bush in the Davis Mountain area and New Mexico. I see it a lot on fences and along the roadside.

As you can tell from the two pictures that have many different plants in one area, Mother Nature has done a very good job of landscaping and making beautiful groupings. This landscape has taken many years to form and I am sure that if I return to visit in a few years I will find new plants and groupings. If you are ever in the area, please try to spend a few hours there and enjoy whatever is in bloom.





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: What can I give a gardening friend for Christmas that will actually be useful?

A: Doug Welsh's gardening almanac suggests bird feeders and birdbaths. I think, instead of feeders, the gardener should have planted nectar, fruit and larval plants. I do believe that bird baths in our area are extremely important, however. All sizes are appropriate: large and low for wildlife, very shallow for butterflies, high with a lip for birds. All should be sturdy. My area has free roaming critters that knock over plastic birdbaths.

Another suggestion I have for a gift is a CoCoRaHS rain gauge. CoCoRaHS (which stands for Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network) is a non-profit network of volunteers who work together to measure and map precipitation. I have had one of their gauges for a number of years and find it easy to use. The person who receives your gift will have the opportunity to send data to the network and see how the observations can be used.

High-quality pruning shears can be another gift for your friend. Many gardeners just go to a local big box store instead of researching really quality equipment. Your friend will thank you for many years for a gift of top-of-the-line tools.

A rather strange gift that you might consider is whirligigs. My son knows I love them, so every couple of years he gets me a new one. (He also bought me a garden archway one year.)

If you are a handyman (or woman), a lovely gift would be the offer of a free tool sharpening and oiling. Our shovels, shears, and pruning knives need upkeep just like everything else.

Q: Do you have suggestions for the care of holiday plants? While shopping for Thanksgiving, I noticed a lot of holiday plants in grocery baskets.

A: First of all, be extremely careful in transporting your plant. Those blooms and branches break easily. Next, find a very bright spot in your home where the plant can get at least 6 hours a day of light. (I keep mine near my grow light stand and the window.) House temperatures should be between 68 and 72 according to Extension Horticulturist Doug Welsh. Only water your plant when the soil feels dry one to two inches down. Don't overwater. I always remove the fancy paper because it can hold water. (If you must use a fancy container or paper, drain thoroughly before you put the plant in.)

Fertilize once during the holidays. Check for insects when you bring the plant into the house because you don't want to infect your other plants. Remember to keep your plant out of cold drafts or hot air or by heaters or fireplaces. Keep an eye on your holiday plant because the indoor environment is usually very drying or your curious cat likes to chew leaves. Many of our holiday plants, if taken care of, will last way past the holidays. My neighbor gave me a poinsettia last year which sat on the porch all summer. Still in the same pot, it is now putting out red leaves.

When bringing plants in for the winter, please remember to check the pots for hitchhikers that you don't want in your home and keep in mind that Poinsettias, as well as other holiday plants, are poisonous and can be deadly to your pets.

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!

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2022 GCMG President
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Continuing Education Events December 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/2022-12/>
- The Natural Gardener, 8646 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX <https://tngaustin.com/december-free-classes/>
- 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/2022-12/>

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_JRrO
- “Trees and Tree Care” by Mary Beth Parsons <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2UJWi5Cr84>

Lunch and Learn will move to the second WEDNESDAY of the Month (Jan-Nov 2023)

- December: No Lunch and Learn



Spring 2023 Gardening Seminar



GARDEN FIESTA

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center

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Cost: \$65 includes Lunch, Snacks & Door Prizes. Vendors on Site.

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Water Optimization for Landscaping

Dr. Becky Bowling, PhD, Assist Professor & Extension Urban Water Specialist, TAMU

Ethnobotany of Native Plants

Maeve Bassett, Conservation Programs Specialist, San Antonio Botanical Garden

Landscaping Fiesta with Herbs

Grace Emery, Bexar County Master Gardener, 2021 Master Gardener of the Year

Some Like it Hot: Plants for Blazing Summer Color

Skip Richter, Brazos County Horticulture Agent, TAMU

Registration is online on the Comal Master Gardener Website

REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED OCTOBER 15, 2022 through FEBRUARY 23, 2023

<https://comalmg.org/seminar>

6 CE's for Texas Master Gardeners

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Continuing Education Events December 2022

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](#)

Continuing Education Events December 2022

Special Continuing Education Opportunity

William Swantner from the Bexar County Master Gardeners has invited you all to a workshop in San Antonio, on January 13th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please go to the link below for more information. There are only 20 seats total and when checked this morning, there were about 11 seats available.

From William:

Good morning, the Bexar County Master Gardeners are hosting a 3 hour workshop on growing tomatoes & peppers from seed. The cost includes soil, seeds, and supplies. Karen Gardener will be the primary speaker and she is amazing at growing vegetables. Your folks are welcome to join us and here's the link:

<https://bexarmg.org/event/seed-to-harvest-workshop/>

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Continuing Education Events December 2022

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**

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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