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Be a Part of Herb Affair

The eighth annual Herb Affair takes place Saturday, May 8 from 10 am until 3 pm at the Antique Rose Emporium. Themed "Herbs for all Reasons," the Herb Affair is presented by the ARE and the Comal Master Gardeners.

Herb Affair will demonstrate the use of herbs throughout the home and garden, to include, of course, using herbs in the kitchen. Dill, the 2010 Herb of the Year, will be featured as will everyone's favorite, basil.

This year CMGs and their displays include the following: Sally Ann Hnatiuk (Dill); Marty Hopmann and Barbi Briney (Basil); Sharon Deeney and Beverly and Larry Williamson (Pestos); Linda Ray and Karen Scherer (Preserving and Drying Herbs); Germaine and Don Tuff (Herbs and Butterflies); Marilyn Godwin, Meredith Nyman and Karen Glisky (Herbal Cleansers); Linda Sickles (Herbal Pesticides); and Mary Moses and Cindy Burch (Nature Printing with Herbs).

Patty and Marty Godfrey are in charge of the event's ambiance, and Nancy Kraft has designed a special banner for the affair. Patty Malek is working with CMG class members on refreshments. Sergina Flaherty, Ilia Lomba, Lu Allen and Nancy Horne will be welcoming guests at the Emporium. Glenda Janca is in charge of publicity.

Robbi Will from Antique Rose Emporium has provided guidance to CMGs throughout the planning for the event. Mary Moses and Ray Elizondo are co-chairs.

Come, smell the roses and take in the beauty of the Antique Rose Emporium gardens. Join your CMG friends and learn some new information about herbs. Make this an affair to remember.

Antique Rose Emporium is located at 7561 E. Evans Rd, San Antonio, TX 78266-2823.

CMG May Meeting

Tuesday, May 25

Speaker: *Henry Flowers* Event: *Field Trip to Festival Hill*

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•••Garden Posts•••

- Note that instead of a general meeting in May, we will carpool to Festival Hill, Round Top. We will leave Kohl's Department Store parking lot at 7 am. If you wish to visit Festival Hill, sign up at the April meeting. Please bring a sack lunch so we can eat outside under the trees. We will have a very short meeting. We should be back by 3 pm. Our guide Henry Flowers is currently the Garden Director at the International Festival-Institute in Round Top where, with the help of many volunteers, he oversees the gardens and collections of herbs.
- The Herb SIG will be meeting on May 15 and going to the Becker Vineyards for Lavender Fest. Please go to www.beckervineyards.com to see speaker times and to learn more about the event. We will carpool. To reserve a spot, contact Sally Ann Hnatiuk by April 2 at mustang_sally6@msn.com.
- From Treasurer Donna Lehr: Balance as of April 27: \$10,510.94. Expenses for April were \$594.14 and income was \$738.00.
- A list of plants available from the Floresville Alternative School is circulating. Garden chairs, please look at the list and indicate which plants, if any, you would like for your area.
- RavenStar is offering four fantastic weeks of fun, learning, and science adventure at RavenStar Summer Science Camp 2010. Join us as we blast to the Hill Country past, soar on the wings of native flyers, peer in to the dark world of nocturnal adaptations, and much more. Go to ravenstaroutdoors.org and select the appropriate links for more details and to register. Scholarships and Counselor-in-Training opportunities are available. As always, please feel free to call Kelley M. Clifford at 830-626-1776, email info@ravenstaroutdoors.org or come by Torrey Park for a visit, if you have any questions.
- Yes, it is that time of year. At the CMG **June** meeting you will have the chance to place an order for official merchandise. So look through your closets and see what items you might need to replace or add to your wardrobe. On the Comal Master Gardener website under the "Staying Connected" heading, you will find all the information and pictures of all the items. You can click on the item you are interested in and get a list of colors and sizes available. If you need more information before the June meeting, or if you are unable to attend the June meeting and would like to place an order, contact Cathy Wonish at 830-964-2581 or email cwonish@hotmail.com
- The Master Gardener Class of 2010 is drawing to a close. Graduation is noon, May 12 at the Grist Mill Restaurant in Gruene. All 31 of the students are on track to graduate, and several students will receive their certification at that time. Congratulations to the entire class! Take the time to get to know these newest Master Gardeners. Our organization is very lucky to have them join us. If you plan to come, please RSVP Cathy Wonish at 830-964-2581 or email cwonish@hotmail.com by May 5.
- The San Antonio Daylily Society has its annual show and sale on May 15 from 1 to 4 pm at the San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 North New Braunfels Avenue, by the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. The show this year with a theme of "Daylily Holiday," will feature daylily blooms that do well in our area. There will also be floral designs with daylilies on display. A photography competition of daylily blooms will be a new part of the show this year. Ray Elizondo, Nancy Horne, Germaine and Don Tuff belong to the daylily club and look forward to seeing their CMG friends at the show.
- The Hanging Basket Workshop is set for Friday, May 14, from 10 am to Noon, at the Plant Haus, 956 N. Walnut, New Braunfels. If interested, contact Carol Stein 830-626-3551 or carolstein@hotmail.com Park across the street at Albertson's during the workshop. Bring your CMG card and get 10% off all supplies and plants.

2010-2011 CMG Elections Scheduled

Comal Master Gardeners will vote for next year's officers during the June 22 membership meeting. The nominating committee headed by Karen Scherrer nominates the following slate of officers and the next nominating committee:

President Elect: Lee Franzel, Linda Valdez and Michael Welch

Vice President: Carol McWilliams

Secretary: Sharon Wright

Treasurer: Marlene Ballard

Nominating Committee: Marlene Skaggs, Linda Sanchez, and Karen Scherrer

The nominating committee will provide a paper ballot at the June election. Lu Allen and Nancy Horne will count the ballots at that time.

Mark your Calendars for the Oct. 9 Regional Conference in Schertz

Besides enjoying the conference, Comal Master Gardeners are co-sponsoring the event. We are responsible for 14 Take-away centerpieces and one arrangement for the registration table. Please call or email Catherine Hall or Karen Scherrer if you are interested in helping with the centerpieces. The centerpieces will decorate the tables and act as door prizes. The centerpiece committee will meet and discuss ideas, and each committee member will be responsible for making a centerpiece for the conference. Vegetables will be the theme, so each centerpiece will incorporate as many fresh vegetables as possible. The two chairs are looking for folks with a creative flair who like to have fun while they are working on a project.

CMG Participates in 2010 Tomato Trials

To support the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, fifty Comal Master Gardeners and Trainees planted tomatoes for the 2010 Tomato Trials that are held statewide each year. Dr. Larry Stein, Area Extension Horticulture Specialist, provided 360 plants to distribute to CMG volunteers.

In mid-January CMG members Michael and Donna Welch arranged for Dr. Stein to provide enough plants for Class 2010 and a few interested master gardeners. Because of their interest, Dr. Stein enlarged the scope of the Comal County trial and provided enough plants to allow everyone who might be interested to participate.

The trials include twenty varieties: three varieties are labeled "standards" for the trial. These standards are known to be successful varieties and will be used to compare the trial varieties. The other seventeen "trial" varieties included innovations on cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, Roma tomatoes and large-tomato varieties. Volunteers collected their tomato plants Wednesday, April 14 and agreed to plant the tomatoes and keep records for each variety they received. Michael and Donna Welch also delivered plants to other members.

"The response from Master Gardeners and trainees was overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to all master gardeners and trainees who are participating. The trial will be completed in July."



Did you know? According to the **Texas Master Gardener Management Guide:** “A trainee must receive a minimum of 50 hours of instruction, pass an examination administered by the Extension Office, and volunteer a minimum of 50 hours of service to earn the title of ‘Texas Master Gardener.’”

Read it all at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/mastergd/tmgmgal.html>

Educating with Wildflower Collections

Theresa Frasch

Thanks to Bill and Dolores Schumann, RavenStar owns some large plant presses and would like to put them to work this year creating a collection of pressed wildflower specimens to use for educational purposes.

Collecting specimens is rather simple. A good specimen should have a flower attached to the stem with a few leaves or even the entire plant, if it is small enough. Multiple samples are good because occasionally the plants mold or fail to press into a desirable position. Collecting on a sunny day after the dew has evaporated is best. Just carefully place the specimen between two sheets of regular printer paper, then place into a section of newspaper. Keep the specimen under a large book (a good use for old encyclopedias) until you bring it to Torrey House to be placed in our plant press.

Label each specimen, detailing the collection date, location, and species, as well as your name. If you cannot identify the flower, bring it anyway. A digital photo of the flower would be great. I would like to have several samples of common Central Texas wildflowers, but please look for those unusual finds that seem to be everywhere this year. Collect flowering “weeds,” vines and native flowering trees, also. We hope to build a nice library of specimens to use in botany programs for children.

Bring specimens to Torrey Park Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. It is always wise to call before you come. Our address is 776 E. Torrey Street in New Braunfels, on the corner of Torrey and Gruene Rd. Our office phone is 830-626-1776.

Feel free to pass this request along to anyone who you think might enjoy helping RavenStar with this project. Remember to use caution when collecting specimens on roadsides. A final note: wildflowers bloom after spring; this project will continue throughout the year.

First Alamo Area Horticulture Show

Don Tuff

Region 1 of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association (TNLA) is joining Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Bexar County Master Gardeners to present the first Alamo Area Horticulture Show and Contest. It is a contest to fine the best plants grown by local gardeners. All gardeners from Central and South Texas are invited to come to the contest and the trade show. We hope to see many Comal Master Gardeners there. The Show takes place on Saturday, May 29 at the 13th annual Festival of Flowers, at the Alzafar Shrine on N. Loop 1604 West.

Entries are open to all home gardeners in Bexar and surrounding counties, cities and communities. Awards will be given in nine different categories. Complete guidelines and rules for the show can be found on the Festival of Flowers website at www.SAFestivalofFlowers.com. Other featured attractions include the City-Wide Plant Exchange, Morning Seminars, and the Organic Roundtable, and the Indoor Garden Mall, featuring a mix of non-profit organizations, and leading commercial landscape and gardening businesses and retailers.

This year's gardening seminars include "Colorful Spanish Courtyards," "Summer Dreams About Fall Vegetables," "Energizing and Updating Tired Landscapes" and "The Majestics: Landscaping with Succulents and Cactus." Other activities include the annual organic roundtable, rain barrel demonstrations, a floral design competition, an "Ask the Expert" Booth and the GO TEXAN™ Farmers Market. For more information about the Alamo Area Horticulture Show and Contest, contact David Rodriguez at 210-467-6575 or DHRodriguez@ag.tamu.edu For more about the Festival of Flowers, including exhibitor information, contact Anne Schiller at (210) 380-3532 or anne@anneschiller.com

May Gardening To-Do List

by Juleen Randall

May still offers plenty of great planting opportunities. Soil temperatures, as well as ambient temperatures, are prime.

Recommended seeds for May include:

Lima and snap beans	Castor Bean	Swiss chard
Celosia	Black-eyed peas	Cosmos
New Zealand spinach	Four o'clock	Tomatillo
Gourds	Beets	Marigold
Okra	Morning glory	Sunflower
Zinnias		

Recommended May seedlings or starter plants:

Cantaloupe	Copper Canyon	Cucumber
New Zealand spinach	Gazania	Geraniums
Peppers	Marigolds	Summer squash
Cupheas	Tomatillo	Pentas
Chard	Periwinkles	Eggplant
Portulaca/Purslane	Okra	Ornamental Grasses
Sweet potato slips	Watermelon	and many, many more!

You'll notice there are duplicates in the above list for both seeds and seedlings. This is a great way to extend both your harvest and your blooms. When the plants started as seedlings are through producing or the flowers are fading, the plants from the seeds will take their place.

While you are planting, remember "knowledge is power." One of the best tips I've read lately is to study about your plants before you put them in the ground. If you have a puny plant, the problem might not be bugs at all, but just a sign that it is not happy in that particular location. On the other hand, a stressed plant is an invitation to bug infestation, so a correct diagnosis is important. If the problem happens to be bugs of some sort, you needn't go in with guns a-blazing. If a leaf has aphids, pick it and step on it. (I personally find this quite satisfying.) Or get ladybugs and offer them a feast! Insecticidal soaps and products containing neem oil can handle a myriad of problems.

Man must feel the earth to know himself and recognize his values.... God made life simple. It is man who complicates it.

Charles A. Lindbergh, *Reader's Digest*, July 1972

Keep Up-to-Date on CE and Volunteer Hours!

Send your CE hours to Don Tuff. Send to **CERecorder@MasterGardener.Comal.TX.US** Be sure to include title of talk, speaker's name, date and time of talk, location, CE hours and sponsoring organization.

Chairs, send volunteer hours to Richard Wackerbarth, **Timekeeper@MasterGardener.Comal.TX.US**

May 2010 Gardening Opportunities

Saturday, May 8, 9 am - 5 pm. Gardens on Tour 2010. The tour will feature exclusive looks at five private gardens as well as the Wildflower Center. Gardens on Tour is an annual self-guided tour of carefully selected private landscapes and the celebrated gardens of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. This year's gardens range from a scenic Hill Country habitat adjacent to Austin's water protection lands to smaller lots in Tarrytown, Hyde Park and Enfield. A \$25 pass to see all the gardens is available online. Tickets are also available at Barton Springs Nursery, Plant Escape Gardens, Pots and Plants, Shoal Creek Nursery, The Natural Gardener and the Wildflower Center Store.

Saturday, May 15, 1 - 4 pm. San Antonio Daylily Society Show and Sale. San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio, Texas. For information call 210-824-9981.

Saturday, May 15, 9 - 11:30 am. Ethnobotany Plant Walk with Patty Leslie Pasztor. Take a walk with Patty to learn the fascinating history and uses of many of the unique plants found at Mitchell Lake. Many of the plants you'll see have been used for food and medicine and play an important role in our history. Program fee: \$5 for non-members; free for members. Space is limited, RSVP is required. For more information or to RSVP, mlac@audubon.org

Monday, March 15 through May 31, 9 am - 5:30 pm. "Wildflower Days." From mid-March until May 31, the Wildflower Center is open every day so you can see our spring wildflowers. Lots of children's activities and fun for families as they look at the bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush and dozens of other blooms. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. Austin.

Monday, May 17, TBA. "Habitat Restoration and the Quality of Life" with David Bamberger. Bulverde /Spring Branch Public Library

Saturdays and Sundays, Ongoing, 8 am - 4 pm. Closed Holidays. Open weekdays by appointment. Mitchell Lake Audubon Center. Visit a place where families, school groups and individuals can reflect and learn about the natural world just minutes from downtown San Antonio. 10750 Pleasanton Rd. in San Antonio, Texas. The entrance gate to the Center is located in south San Antonio, on Moursund Blvd. Take loop 410, exit 46, Moursund Blvd and go south 0.7 mile. The gate is on the left. Admission \$20. Call 210-628-1639 or email mlac@audubon.org

Ongoing, 9:30 am – 6 pm. Butterfly Haus at Wildseed Farms, Fredericksburg. Hundreds of native Texas butterflies inhabit the 3,000 square foot Butterfly Haus. Open 7 days a week. The Lone Star State is home to more than 400 species of butterflies. Explore the magnificent beauty of these incredible creatures in the Butterfly Haus at Wildseed Farms. Call 800-848-0078 for more information.

Saturdays, Ongoing, 9 am. Lawn and Garden Show, KWED Radio 1580 AM. Call the show and get your gardening question answered on the air: 830-372-1580 or 1-800-361-1580.

Boggy Creek Farm. Open Year-Round, Wednesday and Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm. For more information, go to <http://www.boggycreekfarm.com/>

May 2010 CE Opportunities

Friday, May 7 & Saturday, May 15, 10 – 11 am. “Watersaver Walk.” Information about planning, planting and maintaining low-water-use landscape year-round. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston. Free with admission to SABOT. For information call 210-207-3261. **1 CE**

Saturday, May 8, Noon - 3 pm. “Herb Affair” by the Comal County Master Gardeners. Free Seminars offering rose-growing tips. Antique Rose Emporium, 7561 Evans Rd. Free. Contact Robbi at 210-651-4565. **CE based on length of seminar**

Saturday, May 15, 9:30 - 11:30 am. “Everything’s Coming Up Roses” by Ed Bradley. Unlock secrets to successfully growing roses. S.A. Botanical Garden, 555 Funston. \$35 fee. To register call 657-8866, or www.communityed.neisd.net **2 CE**

Saturday, May 15, 9 am – Noon. “Rainwater Collection for the Garden” by Susan Oualline and Jim Champion. Design, setup and use of a rain barrel and its overflow.

Texas Rainfall Catchment. Cibolo Nature Center (CNC) Auditorium, City Park Rd, Boerne. CNC Members \$20 non-members: \$25. Call 830-249-4616 **3 CE**

Monday, May 17, Noon - 3:15 pm. “Essentials of Gardening” with Calvin Finch. Tips on creating a year-round cut flower garden. Then “Yard to Vase” with Henry DeLeon. How to use plant material from your yard to enhance indoor flower arrangements. Gardening Volunteers of South Texas. San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels. Free. Call 210-251-8101 or email:info@gardeningvolunteers.com **3.25 CE**

Wednesday, May 26, 3 - 4 pm. “Dealing with Critters” by Lee Franzel. Library Meeting Room, New Braunfels Public Library, 700 E. Common St. Free. **1 CE**

Saturday, May 29, 10 am - Noon. “Become a Garden Detective” by Travis County Master Gardeners. Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin. Guide to correctly diagnosing plant problems and finding effective, safe solutions. **2 CE**

ON-LINE CEU OFFERINGS:

Tomato Growing 101 - New! Spring 2010 The best garden is a well planned garden, so while you wait for spring, get ready for the best tomato harvest by taking the new online course Tomato 101 - The Basics of Growing Tomatoes. This course teaches all aspects of growing tomatoes in a home garden, at your own pace and in your own home.

The course covers: Garden and soil preparation, Plant selection and training, Fertilization, Irrigation, Weed, disease and insect control, and General care. A short quiz at the end of each section lets you review what you learned before moving on, and at the completion of the course generates a certificate for you (one hour CEU credit). So, take a seat by your computer and dream about those summer tomatoes while you go through Tomato 101.

Available at: www-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/ Creating a free use account is required to participate.

Ohio State University Plant Pathology Training Course. It is labeled "New Non-Credit Course: Sick Plants in a Hungry World." What is this course? It is a ten module (not highly technical) information course you take at your own pace, within a ten week time limit after starting, at a cost of \$35. Time spent on your computer taking the modules, reading the supplied reading assignments, and taking the self-tests, can count as Master Gardener Advanced Training hours. To learn more about the class, go to: Online Plant Pathology Training Course Info. To register for the class, visit: Online Plant Pathology Training Course Registration. **CE based on completion of course.**

National Gardening Association's horticulturists created the Learning Garden, a series of online courses on plants and gardening for every gardener. The course fees range from \$14.95 (for Perennials, Vegetables & Annual Flowers) to \$35 (for Botany I, Botany II). Go to <http://store.yahoo.com/nga-gardenshop/lg.html> CE based on credit earned.

Cornell University, Department of Horticulture, offers Organic Gardening, an on-line 8-week course. The course covers one topic during each of the 8 weeks. With a strong foundation in soil health and its impact on plant health, students then explore tried-and-true and cutting-edge techniques for all different kinds of garden plants – annuals and perennials, food plants and ornamentals. Be prepared to spend 2-4 hours a week completing the course. Being an active participant in the discussion boards brings the subject to life, and enriches the learning for all. This course is aimed at those with some basic gardening experience. It includes a number of hands-on activities as well as a group discussion board, quizzes, and readings. Through on-line discussion students share their experiences and contribute to everyone's learning experience. Cost: \$300. The course is non-credit. Certificate of completion to all who participate and finish the course. <http://hort.cals.cornell.edu/cals/hort/teaching/distance-learning/organic-gardening.cfm> **CE based on completion of course.**

TAMU AgriLife Extension's Earth Kind program has on-line curriculum presenting core information on environmental stewardship with 12 on-line training modules. Progress is tracked automatically, and results are forwarded to the MG Coordinator. Go to <http://earthkind.tamu.edu/MGtraining.html>. **CE based on class hours, unless otherwise specified by course.**

Horticulture Gardening Institute at Michigan State University in partnership with **Learn 2Grow**. Fees range from \$19.99 to \$29.99 per course. On-line courses of the titles range from specialty topics and general gardening how-to's. Go to <http://www.gardeninginstitute.com>. **CE credit based on proof of completion of course.**

Irrigation Tutorials. Free. Tutorials provide information on sprinkler/drip irrigation design, installation, filters, pumping systems & scheduling. Go to <http://www.irrigationtutorials.com> **CE based on completion of course.**

University of Vermont, non-credit course, "**Herbaceous Garden Plants On-line,**" which covers common annual & perennial flowers of temperate climates and herbaceous garden plant groups (ornamental grasses, roses, aquatics, ferns, bulbs, & wildflowers). Self-paced & available for one year following receipt of access codes. Course fee: \$99; notes and CD: \$10. <http://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/hgpo/hgpo.htm> .**CE credit based on proof of completion of course.**

Virginia Tech. Annuals and Perennials. Diane Relf, Professor. The course is self-paced and is available for one year following registration. This lesson provides an introduction to annuals and perennials. Successful completion of the lesson requires no prior knowledge of the subject area. This course is a collection of resources categorized by annuals, bulbs, perennials, and monthly gardening tips. Upon completion of this lesson you should be able to:

- Understand the specific needs of annuals, perennials, and bulbs.
- Cultivate healthy gardens by properly sowing, handling, and propagating plants.
- Utilize each month of the year to foster attractive, blooming flowers.
- Creatively design flower beds using color, a variety of gardening techniques, and proper care for specific plant needs. <http://alumni.iddl.vt.edu/course.php?id=325>

\$25. 1 CE with proof of completion of course.

Dept of Horticulture at Cornell University offers on-line lectures, virtual field trips, discussion, & quizzes to engage you in history, botanical principles, & horticultural applications. <http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/hortdl/> **CE based on completion of course**

Online Botany Module offered by Oregon State University Extension Service; excellent Basic Botany refresher. <http://irrigationtutorials.com/> Free Irrigation Tutorials provide information on sprinkler/drip irrigation design, installation, filters, pumping systems & scheduling. <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/botany/> **CE based on completion of course**

Iowa State University offers an online, non-credit course Horticultural Series; see website for dates. <http://www.lifelearner.iastate.edu/learners/hortOnline.htm> **CE based on completion of course**

CMG Committee Reports

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 5 at 9 am.

EXTENSION OFFICE GARDENS

We meet Tuesday, May 4 and 18 at 8:30 am. We have more projects in the works: raising the paths that are currently in the herb section including the area that holds the patio furniture and May is the month to mulch around the trees. Check out our new sidewalk and dry creek bed on the left hand side of the meeting room.

We are planning a field trip to see Mark E. Boling, a Master Gardener in San Marcos and on to Austin to visit the Living Desert. If you are interested, contact Linda Valdez at ldvaldez@satx.rr.com or co-chair, Sally Ann Hnatiuk at mustang_sally6@msn.com if you have any questions.

NEW BRAUNFELS CONSERVATION PLAZA GARDENS

Our April workdays will be Wednesday, May 12 and May 26 at 8 am. After all the rains, the roses are blooming profusely and will need lots of deadheading. Please bring a small bucket to collect your clippings. Contact Germaine Tuff at 830-629-1127 or germainetuff@hotmail.com if you have questions.

KIDS IN BLOOM

Contact Nancy Pappas at azop@gvtc.com/ or 210-385-5981 or Lee Franzel at leefranzel@gvtc.com for more information.

BUTTERFLY GARDENS AT THE BULVERDE/SPRING BRANCH LIBRARY

Workday for the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library Butterfly Garden is the third Tuesday, May 18 at 3 pm. Contact Peggy Hamm at khamma@gvtc.com for more information.

NEW LIFE BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Butterfly Garden workday is the third Monday, May 17 at 9 am. For more information, contact Peggy Carmody at 830-226-5216 or carmody@gvtc.com or co-chair Lois Ricci at poepjr@aol.com or 830-899-5362.

COMAL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Fairgrounds Committee will be meeting Thursday, May 20 at 9 am. Contact Aleta Meyer if you have any questions, at aleta_meyer@hotmail.com or 830-629-2929.

LINDHEIMER GARDENS

Lindheimer Gardens workday will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 9 am. Please join us. Contact Germaine Tuff at 830-629-1127 or germainetuff@hotmail.com if you have questions.

NEWSLETTER

The planning meeting for the May issue will be a picnic at 11 am on Tuesday, May 11, at Bonnie's. Contact Editor Bonnie Leitch at 830-660-2335 or bleitch@earthlink.net for directions or information about contributing to the newsletter. If you have any information about other gardening activities that should be in the newsletter, contact Julie Siliven at rejh@gvvc.com or 830-885-2665.

HOSPICE NEW BRAUNFELS

The Hospice Gardens workdays will be the first Thursday, May 6 and the third Saturday, May 15, from 10 am to Noon. For information contact Jim Teeling or Glynn Mann.

WEBSITE

Check the website on-line at the website <http://grovesite.com/mg/comal> for new "how to" videos.

Post the following calendar for easy reference to May CMG activities.

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Comal Master Gardeners Association Bylaws

"Members must complete recertification once every year. Recertification will include 12 hours of training, 12 hours of approved volunteer work and attendance at a minimum of two general membership meetings." (Article III, Section 4)

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Phone Bank – Tues./Weds. 9-noon and Thurs.2-5 pm					1
2	3	4 8:30 am – Extension Gardens	5 9 am – Exec Bd Mtg	6 10 am - Hospice Gardens	7	8 Herb Affair! 10 am – 3 pm
9	10 Herb SIG Field Trip	11 9 am Lindheimer Gardens 11 am Newsletter Mtg	12 8 am Conservation Plaza Noon CMG Class 2010 Graduation	13	14 10 am Hanging Basket Workshop	15 10 am Hospice Gardens
16	17 9 am New Life Garden	18 8:30 am – Extension 3 pm - Bulverde/Spring Branch Library	19	20 9 am Fairgrounds Garden	21	22
23	24	25 7 am - CMG Mtg Festival Hill Field Trip	26 8 am -- Conservation Plaza	27	29	30