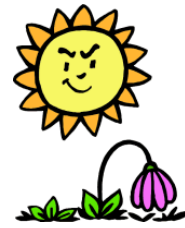




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Gardening Conundrums

By Bob Grafe, President

As I get ready to plant the beginnings of my fall garden, I can't help but look forward optimistically to picking that red-ripe tomato for the Thanksgiving ... or perhaps even the Christmas table.

I know that my current vegetable garden looks and acts like the miniature dust-bowl, but I rely on my memory of consistent "good-time gardening" throughout the fall months to push me out the door in the August Texas heat to carefully plant those vegetable seedlings or seeds—the beginnings of a great fall harvest.

Both long-term and short-term crops do well in the fall garden locally—when planting keep in mind the first killing frost date for Guadalupe County which is generally considered to be around Mid-November.

Short-term frost-susceptible vegetables include beans, cantaloupes, corn, cucumbers, eggplants, okra, peas, peppers, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, squash, tomatoes and watermelons.

Right now, you can begin getting "serious" about putting out tomato, eggplant and

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August Meeting

AUGUST 20, 2009

Patty Leslie Pasztor Texas Native Plants and Their Uses

Patty Leslie Pasztor will present a program on the Native American and pioneer uses of our plants for food, medicine, fiber, dyes and more. She will discuss the human usage of our Texas plants (past and present) and also touch on their benefit for wildlife and use in the landscape.

Future Programs

- Sep 17 - Ann Black on Cacti & Succulents
- Oct 15 - Judit Green on Hummingbirds and Butterflies
- Nov 19 - Stuart Franke – Microorganisms in the Soil
- Dec 17 - Social
- Jan 21 - Bryan Markley – Vertical Hydroponics Growing Systems

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Association News

Schertz Community Garden Update



Wow, imagine how much labor this equipment could save if you were clearing for a garden. Thanks to the Guadalupe County Road & Bridge Department, we now have a scraped and leveled area for the Schertz Community Garden. They have also provided us with fencing and poles. The location for poles will be marked in the next week and Road & Bridge will be back to auger the holes for us. Now that's support!

On Aug. 15th, we will have a small work party mixing concrete and putting the poles up; we will also be doing some water line trenching. We'd love to have extra help. But the big day is [Sep. 12th - please mark your calendars](#) to be available for our [Schertz Community Workday](#). We will be installing the fence, doing additional trenching and taking the greenhouse off the trailer where it has overstayed its welcome. We expect other groups from Schertz to help but it would be wonderful to have a big turnout of Guadalupe County Master Gardeners to show support of this project. The more people we have who are ready to pitch in and help, the more we can accomplish.

More details will follow but if you can be there on either or both of those days, please email Linda at jlbruno@gvec.net

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pepper transplants. You might want to devise some temporary shade while these tender plants become acclimated to the August heat. Natural mulch will help to cool down the soil temperature and will help to prolong the necessary soil moisture.

August is also considered a reasonable time to direct seed sweet corn, southern peas, pumpkins and even winter squash.

Long-term, frost-tolerant vegetables for the fall garden include beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, collards, garlic, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsley, spinach and turnips.

We're still a little early (Texas translation— "Hot!") for most of the long-term vegetables.

I usually say that "anytime" is a good time to garden. But, I really think that fall gardening is a special time for both garden plants ... and for Texas gardeners. Both deserve a little cooling off period after our hot summers.

If you would like to learn a whole lot more about vegetable gardening, I invite you to consider our Guadalupe County Master Gardener Association's Vegetable Workshop on August 8th. For more workshop information, please check out this Newsletter (page 8) and our website at guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

See you out in the garden!

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE COOK'S AND PFULLMANN'S FOR a GREAT SOCIAL!!!!!!!!!!

see pages 4 & 5



Two New GCMG Vegetable Specialists

Deedy Wright and Clara Mae Marcotte attending the MG Vegetable Specialist Training workshop on June 29 and 30 in Glen Rose. They are now the two newest Guadalupe County Master Gardener Vegetable Specialists!

Material covered recommended vegetables, soil, plant diseases, insects, compost, grafting, location and many other interesting topics. On August 8th at the AgriLife Building in Seguin, both Master Gardeners will be presenting a vegetable workshop to the general public.

Seguin Earth Day Celebration 2009



Betty Hughes and Peggy Jones,
with Mary Jo Filip passing by

On April 25th, the GCMG provided a “broad spectrum” informational booth for the first Seguin Earth Day. Our booth included a full array of AgriLife Extension literature on gardening topics. We also offered children’s activities, composting information, book sales, free seeds, free plants, and examples of dried flower and gourd crafts, as well as our rainwater harvesting exhibit. We shared our booth with the local U.S.D.A. office, very helpful folks with the children’s activities and with tearing down the booth and loading up our trucks! In addition to our booth at Central Park, we also provided plant lists, Earthkind Rose handouts and personal tours of our Demonstration Garden at the AgriLife Extension office. We had a wonderful turnout of Master Gardener volunteers at both locations. Many thanks to all who helped. As always, I am so proud to be part of a group that offers so much to our community. We provided information on practices that are aligned with the meaning of Earth Day: composting, water management, Integrated Pest Management, Earthkind and growing local food, to name a few.

Submitted by Liz Romero

JULY SOCIAL

What a Party!

Boating



Great Food



Salsa Winner



Conversation



On the Dock



Plant Scavenger Hunt Winners



George's Rose
rosas ammermanus



JULY SOCIAL

Here's the scoop from Lynn Pfullmann. We had 62 people attend the Social - 35 MG's, 5 dignitaries, 3 food judges and 19 guests.

Dignitaries included County Commissioner Judy Cope and guest Todd Friesenhahn, Candidate for JP Prec 4; County Judge Mike Wiggins and wife, Lori; County Commissioner Roger Baenziger; County Court at Law Judge Linda Jones and husband, Larry; County Commissioner Jim Wolverton, and wife, Master Gardener, Kay.

Garden Sass Judges were Brian Dahl from Kirby's Korner Restaurant, Amy Pawelek and Cathy Cordes from Amy's & Cathy's Takeout.

Carol Calentine, Agriculture Extension Office Secretary also joined us.

Fabulous prize winners were:

Super Snooper's Scavenger Hunt

(Identify 10 plants in the Cook's landscape)
Winners with all perfect 10 scores were Deedy Wright, Clara Mae Marcotte, Sherri Tijerina, & Kay Wolverton.

Garden Sass Competition

(with judges' comments)

Savory Salsa

1st Place - Green Hot Sauce, Moses Herrera ("really good!")

2nd Place - Green Zebra Salsa, Liz Romero ("great flavor!")

Spicy Salsa

1st Place - Cajun Ketchup, Moses Herrera ("really good!")

Appetizer

1st Place - Marinated Tomato & Mozzarella Cheese Salad, Peggy Jones ("excellent!")

Casserole

1st Place - Tomato Pie, Elaine McIntyre

("fabulous!")

Side Dish

1st Place - Cucumber Salad, Ralph Albright ("real fresh tasty!")

Canned Goods

1st Place - Fig Preserves, Linda Bruno ("wish we could take it for breakfast")

Cecelia and I would like to say a special thanks to: Linda and Joe Bruno for help throughout the planning and process of the Social; George Ammermann for driving the shuttle; Pat Schultze and Polly Ruppert for help setting up; Doug and Virginia Biggs for manning the sign-in table; Dean Webb, Carol Calentine and numerous others for helping during serving; Liz and Fred Romero and Don Hilbert for doing ice patrol and helping throughout the Social; Ryla Cottingham and Joe Bruno for heading up the Super Snooper's Scavenger Hunt; Betty Hughes, and bunches of Master Gardeners and guests for help cleaning up; Brian Dahl, Amy Pawelek and Cathy Cordes for judging our Garden Sass Competition; all of the Master Gardeners (Master Chefs) for the most scrumptious food, and especially Merv Cook and Bob Pfullmann for the boat cruises and for supporting Cecelia and me in this wonderful endeavor.

Comments from Cecelia Cook

....great turnout, fun to see scavenger hunt and Garden Sass participation. Merv and I would echo Lynn's thank yous to all the volunteers!!! Merv and I appreciated the set-up helpers, George the Driver, recyclers & cleaner-uppers. Wow, what a wonderful group to be a part of! Cecelia

Safety in the Garden

By Marcia Richardson Master Gardener Class 13



The American Heritage Dictionary describes a *cool person* as one who is "not excited, calm and controlled a *cool head in a crisis*". This describes Clyde Schultze to a tee. Clyde is husband of long time Master Gardener, Pat Schultze, (Pat is the pretty lady who always arranges the fabulous table of delicious food we enjoy during break at our MG meetings).

Clyde and Pat live in a rural setting outside of Marion. On May 28 at around 1:45 Clyde recalls he went outside to do a little weeding and to pick tomatoes from their large vegetable garden. He had picked down to the last tomato cage and was reaching down to pluck the very last tomato (which was about 6-8 inches from the ground), when suddenly he felt two fiery pricks on the inside of his right index finger. He saw no movement around the heavily mulched tomatoes, nor did he hear any noise. Clyde recalls that the painful attack felt like two lit matches on his skin. Next he noticed blood and realized that he had been bitten by a snake. He kept his composure, dropped the tomatoes and immediately went into the house and called 911. Next he called Pat who was away at a Daylily Seminar in Ft. Worth. Pat also stayed calm and quickly drove home.

Clyde was born and raised in Marion, and has lived there all his life. For 29 years he was an AG teacher at Marion High School. He was not a novice concerning farm life with all its hazards, so he was able to stay calm and didn't get overly excited but instead just put a cold pack on the wound. This education and background has probably contributed to his eventual recovery from a potentially life threatening snake attack.

Clyde said the helicopter landed on the highway in front of his house and he actually crawled into the plane unaided. Quickly he was flown into San Antonio to University Hospital. His doctors said it was fortunate he was bitten on the right side instead of the left (nearer to the heart). They calculated that the snake (presumably a rattlesnake) was a young one (16-18 inches) because the puncture wounds were close together. But no matter its size the snake delivered a powerful dose of deadly venom, and at first the doctors thought Clyde might lose his hand. Clyde has undergone reconstructive surgery to repair the finger and, after painful skin grafts, he is well on his way to recovery.

I saw a report on the internet posted June 24th, 2009 that reported Texas hospitals are seeing an alarming increase in rattlesnake bites. In Hays County, five people were recently bitten, in Travis County; eleven people were bitten in the last three months. Why the increase? This is mating season, but also the drought has pushed them into residential areas to find food. Snakes don't need water as much as food. Their food sources are moving to find water and thus snakes are moving looking for their prey. Evidently, the young rattler found a cool and moist resting place under Pat and Clyde's thick layer of wheat straw hay mulch, and when Clyde disturbed it, it struck!

Rattlesnakes are best known for, and most easily recognized by their rattle. The rattlesnake babies are born with what is called a pre-button. The baby snake loses this piece when it sheds its skin for the first time. With the shedding a new button appears. With every shedding after that, another button, or rattle, will be added. These buttons are made up of a material called Keratin, which is what the snakes' scales and our fingernails are made of! The rattles are empty, so the noise comes from each segment knocking together, so until a rattlesnake has two or more pieces it isn't going to make a sound! But when it does, you WILL HEAR IT, their rattles can be heard as far away as 60 feet. Counting the rattles is not a full proof way to determine the age of the snake because some can be broken off, but it's a good estimation.

The habitat of rattlesnakes includes areas such as deserts, forests, mountains and dry areas. Snakes have life spans of an amazing 20 years and can grow to between 3 and 4 feet long. In the pit viper family there are 16 different types of rattlesnakes which are venomous. (Next month I'll discuss the most common types which live in our area and include pictures.)

Rattlesnakes feed on rodents, squirrels, rabbits and other small critters. They hibernate throughout the winter and come out in the spring, to eat and then mate. Rattlesnake eggs will stay inside their mothers until they hatch. Most of the time there are 8-10 babies born at once and are about 10 inches long. Babies are born venomous but cannot rattle and are often more aggressive than the adults. A natural enemy of the rattlesnake is the eagle.

Do not provide an environment in your yard that invites snakes. Keep your grass mowed and remove things like fallen limbs, brush and piles of debris. Also, gardeners, use common sense, flip flops are not the right gardening shoes. I am beginning to think that it might be a wise idea to have your cell phone in a handy, easy to get to place as you work in the yard. The faster you call 911 and get to the hospital the greater your chances of staying alive. In Clyde's case he got help quickly. He was bitten at 1:45 and by 2:30 he was in the ER of a hospital getting expert medical attention.

Clyde, we are so glad you are okay and making a speedy recovery, and the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners have unanimously voted you as the COOL DUDE OF THE YEAR!!

***EVERYONE STAY ALERT AND BE SAFE
IN THE GARDEN!!!***

TAKING RAISED GARDENING TO A NEW LEVEL



The Hannemanns, Janelle (GCMG Class 17) and LaVerne, are taking raised bed gardening to a brand new level. Clara Mae Marcotte reported that at the Vegetable Specialist Workshop in Glen Rose on June 22nd & 23rd, one of the speakers showed these photos of Janelle and her very raised bed garden.

According to Janelle, she and LaVerne came up with this idea for higher beds because the ones on the ground filled up with a thick tangle of baby oak roots, plus, she likes taking it easy while she works, not bending over in this heat and struggling with gardening. She wants it to be pleasurable. They make their own compost from oak leaves, garbage, junk mail-minus cellophane from windows of envelopes; they shred by hand (retired men can do that) all paper, cardboard and junk mail. Then they soak it in plastic tubs. LaVerne made a paint-like stirrer to use with his drill to mix it up well, then he added the mix to a pile of compost, wet it down, turned it over with a shovel and covered it with a tarp. They compost on the ground because they found a 55 gallon barrel was too small and rusted out in 2-3 years. LaVerne came up with the idea of putting PVC pipe up and over the raised beds. They clamp plastic to that to protect the cool crops from winter wind and ice, if any. In the summer Janelle puts nylon net over the beds to keep the blazing sun off somewhat. Actually, it makes Janelle feel better thinking they are shaded some. This spring the net did protect it from a hailstorm and caught a 5 gallon bucket of hail that would have decimated the garden. Janelle & LaVerne garden year round in these raised beds and they do beautifully. Since they built this last winter, they have grown broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, onions, beets, carrots, Swiss chard (which never quits growing), 4 kinds of lettuces, peas, and spinach. When a crop is picked enough for a space, Janelle plants more seeds of some kind, rotating spaces and keeping them staggered and continuous. The rest of the veggies she grows in the ground since they take more space but they never do as well since they are in sand. Since there are just the 2 of them, when they plant broccoli or cabbage or cauliflower, it is just 6 plants at a time. The beds are built with pressure treated lumber, a 4x8' bottom, with 3 braces running under it. The beds are on 6 4x4s cut as high as you want and long enough to be 9-12 inches in the ground with concrete to protect from termites and rot. The sides are 2x8s cut to length and it is screwed together with treated screws for pressure treated lumber. The PVC is screwed to the outside frame and net or plastic is clamped with clamps from Home Depot or Walmart. Simple and enjoyable. Janelle has sent the idea to friends all over and everyone loves the idea and...it is great for the elderly or people that like to stand tall. What a terrific idea!

EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

Guadalupe County Master Gardener Class 21

This class starts August 12th and will be on Wednesday evenings in Schertz from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. (plus two Saturday mornings). The speaker's for August are:

- August 12th – Orientation, Travis Franke, Bob Grafe and George J. Ammermann, Bob Teweles, & Tammee Trawick
- August 19th – Botany – Liz Palfini
- August 26th – Oak Wilt – Mark Duffy
Urban Interface Wild Fires – Jan Fulkerson

If you know of anyone – neighbors, friends or spouses – who want to take this class, have them contact George Ammermann at 830-372-4690 or gsammermann@gvec.net for more information.

Vegetable Workshop

Presented by
Deedy Wright & Clara Mae Marcotte

Saturday, August 8th
AgriLife Building in Seguin

A fall vegetable workshop will be presented to the general public by GCMG Vegetable Specialists, Clara Mae Marcotte & Deedy Wright. They will cover the basics to get you started - how to improve your garden soil, when to plant, the best varieties for our area, and disease and pest control ideas. This seminar will be free and open to the public but limited to the first 30 people to sign up.

For more information and registration call 830-303-3889 or visit our website at <http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/>

Landscape Design Workshop For Master Gardeners Only

Saturday, August 29th, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.
AgriLife building in Seguin.

The GCMGs are sponsoring a Landscape Design Workshop. The instructor is Mike Pecen, who has a Masters in Landscape Architecture from UT Austin and is involved with the Landscape & Horticultural Program at Palo Alto College. We will cover basic concepts in landscape design and will learn how to use landscape design tools to translate our ideas to paper.

This class will be open to our Master Gardener members only and limited to a maximum of 20 people. The cost is \$25, which includes a \$10 materials fee and lunch. Deadline for registration and receipt of payment is August 21 since we will need time to purchase materials for the class. For more information or to reserve your place, contact Linda Bruno at 210-363-8380 or jlbruno@gvec.net

Volunteer Opportunities

Weinert Elementary

Denise Jeffers needs help with some school activities. Contact her at bjdj2135@aol.com

Landscape Help at MH/MR Center

The Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center in Seguin needs help with their landscape. Contact [Lynn Pfullman](mailto:Lynn.Pfullman@mhmr.org) 830-560-1894 or [Clara Mae Marcotte](mailto:Clara.Marcotte@gmail.com) 830-379-3485.

The Master Gardener Association
is a volunteer organization
We need **YOU**
to help with our projects.

Hold the dates Oct 7 - 11 open

Hard to believe that the time for the **Guadalupe County Fair** is just a few short months away. The theme this year is "Gardening with Kids". Don't forget Bob Grafe's challenge for all Master Gardeners to enter produce for judging. Next month we will have a few simple tips on what the judges look for when they are inspecting the produce along with some categories you might not know are open for entry. We still need volunteers to help with all parts of the activities, so if you have spare time from Oct 7 to 11, let me, Joe Bruno, know at joe@owfarm.com.

Pets-in-the-Park

The Third Annual Pets-in-the-Park activity will be September 19 from 11 to 3 at Starcke Park East. Our Master Gardeners will be having a booth where they will hand out information on poisonous plants for horses, livestock, dogs, cats and birds. If you are able to spend some time helping us, please contact Clara Mae Marcotte at 830-379-3485 or email her at cm.marcotte@gmail.com.

Remember, this is the same day as the hummingbird trip, so you can only do one function.

Master Gardener Phone Line & Library

Monday from 9 to noon at the *AgriLIFE* Extension Building. Volunteers needed to run copies for our various events, package seeds & answer phones. Contact **Betty Hughes** at 830-401-4066 or ehughes5@satx.rr.com to find out what days she needs people.

SEEDS NEEDED – We still need seeds for our events. Just drop them by the Extension Office, labeled with the name (common name & Latin if you know it) & the year they were harvested. If there is a specific color, mention that too. No Mountain Laurel, please. If it is rare or an heirloom, add that to the description.

KWED Radio Commentator Help

We can always use Master Gardeners who have a gardening topic that they love to talk about (or just want to learn a whole bunch about) who would be willing to take the discussion lead on a Saturday morning show. Just call Bob Grafe 830-743-3399 or George Ammermann 830-491-1246 and we'll book you for a special radio show date!

Awards Chairman Position Still Open

The Awards Chairman would be responsible for gathering all the information/pictures, etc. on a GCMG project, and submitting it to the Texas Master Gardeners for competition. Attention to detail is critical in this position. There are eight different categories that the GCMG's could enter, such as newsletters, radio shows, etc.

This position needs to be filled **SOON!**

You Gotta Save Shade

By Mark Peterson

Conservation Project Coordinator
San Antonio Water System

Young trees and shrubs don't have a root system large enough to absorb sufficient water to survive during periods of extreme drought.

During extremely dry weather, it's best to focus your limited watering hours on plants that provide the greatest economic and environmental benefit to your homes – trees and shrubs. These plants provide us with shade, clean air, and increased property values, and they're quite expensive to replace.

In most cases, well-established trees don't need extensive watering. They do well in forests and fields without human intervention. However, young trees and shrubs don't have a root system large enough to absorb sufficient water to survive during periods of extreme drought. Regular additions of water are advised, and necessary.

In very confined spaces, such as between two driveways where soil is often limited, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of water applied twice a month is recommended. In larger areas, 1 inch once a month should suffice. In both circumstances, a slow application is necessary to create a large water profile in the soil. Where you target the water is also important. For newly planted trees, apply to the root ball and for mature trees, target the drip line.

Finally, recreate a natural environment with frequent additions of compost and mulch. We recommend applying 1 inch of compost in the spring and fall, and 3 inches of mulch in May and September. Cover as much of the root zone as possible to encourage roots to expand and soil to retain moisture.

Snip, Snip

Mid-July is generally when all flowering perennials need to be given a little trim to encourage fall flowers. This pruning also prevents the perennials from getting too leggy. Prune back from the top no more than one-fourth to one-third of current foliage and flowers.

Water Supply

Wasps and bees help us in so many ways, but they also need water in these dry times. Place a saucer of water with a small sponge so they can drink without drowning.

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SAWS Water-Saver Newsletter

Comments from my brother in Bryan, Texas

Almost everyone has trouble with watering plants. Most of the cities water supplies are heavily treated and not good for plants. The solution is simple. Everyone down here has an air conditioner. On top of the furnace is a condenser. It sits in a drip pan, normally. There is a hose or PVC pipe coming from the condenser to a drain in the floor. Get a 5 gallon water bottle and redirect the drain line into the bottle. If you have a rubber hose it will only take about 30 seconds to set this up. If you have a PVC line, you will need to purchase a rubber hose and cut the PVC. It can be easily redirected or returned to the drain. You will get about 3 gallons of clean water everyday. It is hard to believe how much water you will collect. The plants love it, it saves water and it's FREE. If you are going to be away for a day, redirect back to the drain or you will flood your house.

Your Editor, Elaine McIntyre

My Dream Trip

The Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Over the years I have watched videos and documentaries on Alaska and have thought how wonderful it would be to go there and see the wildlife, glaciers and mountain vistas in person. I must say, I feel truly blessed as I am now in Alaska and will travel throughout the state for the next two months. I will share my journey with you over the next several months.

I left Texas on May 9 and finally arrived in Tok, AK on June 3 after a 1200 plus mile trek across Canada and over 2000 miles from Texas to New Mexico and up to the Montana/Canada border. The roads were all paved except for gravel areas under repair. In the cold north there are “frost heaves” which make the roads turn into small roller coaster areas and you have to drive very slow. Most of the lakes have still been frozen except for the edges. The weather has been really good but still cold. If you want to see eagles, this is the place to come. We have seen them everywhere we have gone. In Valdez, AK we were on the waterfront and got “dive bombed” by one trying to get some fish carcasses. In Valdez we took a glacier/whale watching boat tour. We were very lucky and saw fin whales, orcas and humpback whales. We also saw sea otters, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, Dall porpoises and many sea birds including puffins.

While driving we have seen elk, moose and black bears. Spring is trying to come to Alaska and I have seen some wildflowers along the roadsides, but I believe it will be a few weeks before they really start to bloom. Until then I will be satisfied to see everything else that Alaska has to offer. I am enclosing a picture of the prickly rose which is a wild bush that reminds me of our rock rose, except it does have small thorns. There is also a picture of Lake Louise in Banff, Alberta, Canada and a bear who stayed by the roadside and posed for us one day as we were driving.



GARDENING EVENTS



Rockport Hummingbird Festival Sept. 19

Saturday, September 19th, leave at 7am from the Park 'n Ride corner of Hwy 46 and IH 10 (opposite McDonalds) by bus to Rockport Hummingbird Festival. Upon arrival we will pick up a guide and visit a banding site where they catch, weigh, measure and band the birds. Then we will visit a couple of viewing sites and get back to the festival location around lunchtime. For the afternoon you are on your own and can attend talks, visit the booths, shop or just lounge on the grass! We will leave around 4:30 pm to get back to Seguin by 7pm. You will receive 2-1/2 hours education and 2-1/2 hours volunteer time for this event.

This trip is open to Guadalupe County Master Gardeners (including interns, students etc) until the end of June. At that time if we have not filled the bus we will invite other Master Gardener association members to join us. The cost for this great trip is only \$25.00 per person. Email jenniew@felpsis.net to reserve seats.

Members in Service

Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors

Doug Biggs – One Year Term

Kay Wolverton – Two Year Term

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Deedy Wright – Alternate, One Year Term

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Cecilia & Merv Cook – Summer Social

Anna Schodowski – Christmas Party Chair

Gloria Saenz -Silver Center Chair

Sandy Foss – Member Support Chair

San Antonio Botanical Gardens

Enjoy the new "*Summer Pass*"
\$30 per card - valid for cardholder plus 3 guests
Effective June 1 - August 31, 2009

Thirty dollars (\$30) will get four people in the SABG for June, July and August. This includes daily admission as well as special programs. Special programs include the Concert Under the Stars (June 25, July 9 and July 23), the Watersaver Walks (June 20 and July 18), Beginning Bird Walks (June 20 and July 18), Fourth Friday Plant Walks and as assortment of classes for adults and summer camps for kids. The website, www.sabot.org, can provide times and other info.

Coming Soon

2009 Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Conference


Save the Date for the 2009 Texas Invasive Plant & Pest Conference. The 2009 conference will be a professional level meeting including keynotes, concurrent sessions, posters, and symposia. This conference is designed to serve scientists, land managers, state and federal agencies, local governments, and other professionals interested in invasive species issues in Texas.

Location - Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.

Dates - November 13-15, 2009.



August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
2	3 Master Gardener Office / Library Open 8:30-NOON	4	5	6 O Full Moon	7	8 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
9	10 Master Gardener Office / Library Open 8:30-NOON	11	12 Master Gardener Class 21 Orientation	13	14	15 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
16	17 Master Gardener Office / Library Open 8:30-NOON	18	19 Master Gardener Class 21 Botany	20 Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M. ● New Moon	21	22 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
23 30	24 Master Gardener Office / Library Open 8:30-NOON 31 	25	26 Master Gardener Class 21 Oak Wilt & Urban Inter- face Wild Fires	27	28	29 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.

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August Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2009
Meeting Time –7:00 PM
AgriLIFE Extension Building
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX

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"Earth laughs in flower." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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