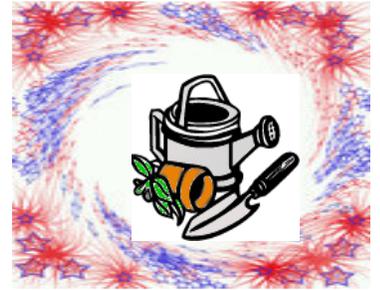




# The Guadalupe Gardener



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## Gardening Conundrums

By Bob Grafe, President

Guadalupe County veterans will certainly be proud of the new "digs" at Veterans Park on Jefferson Avenue in Seguin. Phase I of the park upgrade is already underway with the Disabled American Veterans unit in Seguin taking the lead.

The park "make-over" is in no small way due to the landscape and gardening expertise provided the project by three local Master Gardeners: Marika Bordes, Sherry Tijerina and Gloria Saenz.

After working with the various veterans groups who made up the park project's steering committee, and after their request for assistance, the Master Gardeners developed a landscaping/fencing/hardscaping plan to be presented to the City of Seguin's Parks Board for their review and approval.

Last month the board approved the three-phase plan in its entirety together with the veterans' committee estimated \$25,000 budget. The funds for the project are coming from non-tax dollar donations.

Our three Master Gardener volunteers, Marika, Sherry and Gloria are to be commended and thanked for their excellent assistance provided for this community project.

Excellence in service is the best description of the gift they have provided this and the many other generations of local veterans to follow.

# Summer Social

## JULY 16, 2009

Cecelia & Merv Cook will host the July Social along with neighbor Lynn Pfullman. The Cook's will provide the brisket and members will need to bring an appetizer, vegetable dish, side, or dessert. Please call Lynn 210-240-4551 to let her know what you are bringing for planning purposes. See [invitation on page 2](#). **Come and have fun!**

## Exciting New Column from Marcia Richardson

As a result of Clyde Schultze's recent snake bite, Marcia Richardson is going to be writing a series of columns on Safety in the Garden, starting with poisonous snakes to watch out for. She also plans to cover stinging insects, and mechanical safety hazards. Aren't we lucky to have such a prolific writer with such great ideas?

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You are Invited to the  
Summer Social for the  
Guadalupe County Master Gardeners,  
Of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Thursday, July 16, 2009, 6:30

Bring an Appetizer, Vegetable Dish, Side, or Dessert

Enjoy the Garden Sass Competition, Plant Scavenger Hunt & Boat Ride

(Wear your Master Gardener Nametags)

Park at the McQueeney VFW parking lot  
Corner of Gallagher & Walnut Streets in McQueeney

And be Shuttled to the Cook's home

2323 Terminal Loop Road

Adults Only. One Guest.

RSVP by Monday, July 13, 2009 to

Lynn Pfullmann, cell 210-240-4551,

Email: [lynn.pfullmann@pfullmannlaw.com](mailto:lynn.pfullmann@pfullmannlaw.com)

**Shuttle Instructions**

Arrive between 6:15 and 7:00 pm and park at the McQueeney VFW, corner of Gallagher and Walnut Streets, and board the shuttle van to be driven by our own Bob Grafe to the Cook's home.

Arrive after 7:00 pm and park in the street close to the Cook's home, 2323 Terminal Loop Road.

Call Lynn Pfullmann's cell (210-240-4551) or Cook's home (830-557-5489), if questions or problems when you arrive.

Be shuttled back to your car beginning around 8:15 pm.

Volunteers needed for set up (5:30 to 6), sign in (6-6:30), serving, and cleanup (8:15-8:45). Also volunteers needed for Garden Sass competition and Scavenger Hunt. Call Lynn 210-240-4551

Garden Sass Competition Categories: "Supreme Salsa" and "Something from My Garden". Only rule – 50% of ingredients must come from your garden.

Three celebrity judges

Please bring canned goods or a cash donation for the needy via RACAP (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program).

# June Meeting Review and Association News



## Benefits of Native Grasses by David Wills

Native grasses such as big bluestem and little bluestem once were abundant in our prairies. The loss of these native grassland prairies increases air pollution and results in higher carbon dioxide levels. At our June meeting David Will addressed how these native grasses help our environment.

David has a B.S. in agriculture from Texas A&M Univ. and a M.A. in agriculture from Sam Houston State Univ. He is a member of Texas Nursery and Landscape Assoc. and several other organizations. He is an instructor for continuing education landscape classes for the New Braunfels Independent School District and is involved in numerous civic and personal activities.

Native grasses have a number of benefits: (1) native grasses and the community of soil web are more efficient than trees in removing carbon dioxide; (2) they help reduce rain water runoff and help recharge the aquifer; (3) they provide for stabilization of the soil, decreasing erosion; (4) they provide a cool growing area for the soil beneath dying grasses which in turn provides a healthy environment for soil microflora such as bacteria, fungus, microhyze, actinomyces, etc.; (5) they intercept pollutants, filter them out, and along with their associated microorganisms break them down; (6) they provide habitat for wildlife.

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Linda Bruno presented certificates and name tags to two new Master Gardeners: Robert Teweles and Karen Moczygemba. Pictured with them is Veronica Long who was not available for her certificate presentation last month.

## Raffle Winners at the June Social

Stan Moczygemba won the gift certificate from Greengate Nursery. Hughlene Micheli won the \$11.00 lottery.

Bob Ierien, Peggy Jones and others brought plenty of plants for the donation table.

The usual super-fabulous refreshments at the meeting were provided by Bob Teweles, Peggy Jones, Betty Hughes, Linda Bruno, Ann & Dale Odvody and Pat Schultze

## Future Programs

- Aug 20 - Patty Leslie Pasztor on Ethnobotany, Texas Native Plants and their Usage
- 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

## Work Morning at Gutierrez Park Butterfly Garden

To avoid the heat we are currently suffering, six GCMGs gathered at Gutierrez Park in Schertz at 8 AM to clean up the garden and replace plants that had died. We found pigweed and various other “volunteer” plants that were quickly cleared out. Some MGs gathered seed from some of the plants, and others rescued babies from rock rose and acanthus that had sprouted in the bed. Then the planting began. Deedy Wright won the booby prize by managing to cut through a soaker hose while digging a hole for a firebush. Way to go!

By 9:30 the garden looked much better. All the new transplants were planted and watered, and garden area cleaned up, ready for visitors to enjoy it. While we were working, one man told us he enjoyed the garden every day and really appreciated what we were doing. Makes it all worthwhile!



MGs Kay Wolverton, Linda Bruno and Terri Virost with the butterfly garden.



MGs Kay Wolverton, Deedy Wright, Tammee Trawick, and Kathy Carroll working hard.

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The loss of native grassland prairies is primarily due to the expansion of civilization. We have increased our woodlands, planted large acreages for crops, overgrazed with cattle, and developed large areas for homes. All these activities have decreased our grassland prairies.

We need to plant more native grasses. Preparing the land is important. Manure based compost and compost teas are best for grasslands. It is also important to use mulch. Mulch creates the cooler soil temperatures that the seed and roots need. Mulch also begins to decompose, thus increasing and providing for new organic matter.

Native grasses can be grown from seed or sprigged plants. Try to find local seed or plants as they will adapt sooner. Seed planting in the fall or spring usually produces better starts than at other times of the year.

Some maintenance of native grasses is required. Whether cutting back the grass by one third in summer or cutting back every third year to two or three inches above the ground before a freeze, provide an organic fertilizer after the process. Some prefer to only cut off the seed heads during the winter and fertilize during the summer.

Mixing native grasses with native wildflowers can produce a meadow with native grasses dominating during abundant moisture and wildflowers returning during arid times.

David Wills mentioned that raw unpasteurized milk was good for allergies. Ernest Munoz sent the following information. “After last weeks meeting I became interested in trying raw milk and I found a place east of Seguin but it's a pretty long drive (for us). The milk is good and I have attached a link to their website. Does anyone know of a place closer to New Braunfels?”

<http://www.moojesus.com/>

<http://www.realmilk.com/where5.html#tx>

# Mulchin' at the Ag Office – are we having fun or what!



Betty Hughes & Fred Romero



Doug Biggs & Mike Smith



Liz Romero

How can they be so happy at 8 am on Saturday morning? June 27<sup>th</sup> must have been an extra special day. At that hour they can't even say they'd been out in the sun too long.



Esther Pinter



Nancy Virden & Fred Romero

### NAME TAGS

Sandy Foss has designed large, bright flower name tags for visitors at our meetings. Be sure to make our visitors welcome. Also if you do not wear your name tag to the meetings you will be encouraged to donate a quarter to the donation cup and then wear a hand-printed name tag – so put your tag where you won't forget it!

George Ammerman reports that the five year Texas Master Gardener Painting with Wildflowers Project includes wildflowers on Texas road right-of-ways. Two spots in Seguin have been identified on Hwy 123 and Hwy 46. Permission is currently being sought from the City of Seguin.

## Guadalupe County JUNIOR Master Gardener Program

If you've ever wanted to plant the seed of gardening with children in the third through fifth grades, now is the time to prepare. A Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Facilitator training session will take place on Saturday, July 11 from noon until 5 p.m. at the *AgriLIFE* Extension Service Office in Seguin. Bob Grafe is a Junior Master Gardener Specialist and will provide the fun training to adults (not just Master Gardeners) who have a sincere desire to complete the training and to act as adult leaders for new JMG groups in Guadalupe County during the 2009-2010 school year (September through May). Groups can be formed through schools, churches, 4-H, civic groups, neighborhood associations, etc. The class will be limited to the first 10 adults to register. There is no fee for the class. Master Gardeners may earn up to five educational hours for class attendance. To register, contact Bob at email [alaskagrafe@yahoo.com](mailto:alaskagrafe@yahoo.com) or his cell at 830-743-3399.

## Schertz Community Garden Update

We almost lost the greenhouse that has been sitting outside the Guadalupe County Juvenile Probation Department in Seguin to an auction, but a last minute reprieve insured that we will have it for our Schertz Community Garden.

Many thanks go to Master Gardeners Joe Bruno, Dale Odvody, George Ammermann, Doug Biggs and Betty Hughes who spent a morning in the heat dismantling the greenhouse and getting it on the trailer where it will stay for a short time until we are ready to put it back up at its new home.

Pictured on right:

Top: George Ammermann

Bottom: Betty Hughes & greenhouse



# 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 Tewles, & Tammee Trawick

August 19 - 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](mailto:gsammermann@gvec.net) for more

## Herbs for the Garden, Kitchen, and Bath

July 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 AM  
San Antonio Botanical Garden

Savor the joys of an edible and useful landscape! Herbalist, horticulturalist and designer Diane Lewis will discuss the herbs best suited to this area and show you how to incorporate them into your everyday life. You'll find out how to cultivate, harvest and store them and you will have fun learning how to make a relaxing tea blend and bath salts to take home. You will also tour the herb garden at the Botanical Garden.

Fee: \$43. A \$10 food fee payable to the instructor covers cost of herbal tea, bath salts and an herbal-based snack lunch. To register, visit [www.communityed.neisd.net](http://www.communityed.neisd.net).

## Gardening San Antonio with Dr. Jerry Parsons Mitchell Lake Audubon Center

Saturday 7/11/09 9:30am to 11:30am

Horticulturalist Jerry Parsons will share his over 30 years of expertise in drought-tolerant, San Antonio gardening, including his Texas Superstars(TM). Space is limited. Free, but rsvp is required. For more information or to rsvp email to [mlac@audubon.org](mailto:mlac@audubon.org)

## Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm

San Antonio Herb Society Meeting – Herbal Landscaping - Your Edible Yard by Nematode Nick Vann. San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels. Call 824-9981

## *Artifacts & Anecdotes* by Sasha Kodet San Antonio Botanical Garden

Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM – 4 PM

Explore traditional cultural uses of TX native plants; create objects for SABOT ethnobotany programs. Learn to grind mesquite beans & acorns for flour and to make rope from yucca.

Register by July 10<sup>th</sup> at 207-3270 or [sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov](mailto:sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov)  
Limit 18 - Bring a sack lunch.

## Irrigation for the Homeowner

July 12, 2 p.m.

It's About Thyme  
Manchaca Rd, Austin, Tx

Learn some simple, affordable ideas from expert George Carter that will keep your garden and vegetable patch green during the summer months. Free. (Bring water and a chair.)

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**Molly Keck, Killing Bugs Naturally**

Schultz House Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 12-12:40

UNAM behind Schultz Gardens next to Convention Center, San Antonio \$2 donation

**Rainwater Harvest Seminar**

**Jul 11, 2009 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

CNC Auditorium and visit to Kight installation

John Kight, engineer and rainwater catchment owner, gives the latest technological information and the most practical advice. Learn about design and materials from someone who has done it himself! The Kight home with no well or outside water source is in a traditional development. Their system comfortably supplies delicious water for all household and landscape needs.

CNC Members \$20/person & \$30/couple  
Non-members \$30/person & \$40/couple.

**Pre-registration required.** Call 830-249-4616. Limit: 30.

**Avocado Trees for San Antonio**

By avocado grower Bill Schneider  
**Thursday July 9th, 12noon**

Brown Bag gardening seminar sponsored by Bexar County Master Gardeners at the Schultz House in HemisFair Park.

(210) 467-6575 or <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu>

**Starting the Fall Garden**

By Cindy Meredith  
July 12th (Sunday) 1:30 pm  
Antique Rose Emporium  
**Free**

**Becoming a Garden Detective:  
Diagnosing Plant Problems**

July 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.-noon  
Zilker Botanical Garden, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin

The Travis County Master Gardener volunteer horticulture program will present this free seminar. which will help attendees learn about what causes plant disease, how to go about diagnosing plant diseases and what types of garden management techniques they can use to help prevent them. The seminar will be useful to both experienced and novice gardeners. It is hands-on and provides practical information that can be applied to home gardens and landscapes. For more information, contact the Master Gardener desk at the *AgriLife* Extension office for Travis County, (512) 854-9600.

**Can Ya Dig It?**



**Nature Nights – Bees**

Thursday, July 23rd, 6 to 9 PM  
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  
Austin, Tx

Family fun learning the curious ways of our pollinator friends. Admission \$1.00

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Weinert Elementary

**Denise Jeffers** needs help with some school activities. Contact her at [bjdj2135@aol.com](mailto: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 830-560-1894](tel:830-560-1894) or [Clara Mae Marcotte 830-379-3485](tel: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](mailto: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](tel:830-379-3485) or email her at [cm.marcotte@gmail.com](mailto:cm.marcotte@gmail.com).

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

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## 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](mailto: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!**

The Gutierrez Butterfly Garden in Schertz needs some MGs who are willing to water, or at least check on the plants, once a week to make sure they are surviving this baking sun. We really need someone to check on the garden starting this Saturday, June 27. The whole watering process shouldn't take more than 30 minutes. If you have 100 feet of hose you want to use, you can go on your own schedule. However, if you need to use the hose supplied by the city, you will have to go during the Animal Control facility's hours because that's where the hose is kept. Those hours are Mon-Fri 9-5 and Sat. 9-1. Closed Sunday. You also need to take a pair of pliers so that you can turn on the spigot located near the gazebo. A watering wand is also nice to have. When you need to water, there is a yellow rusted wheelbarrow and 2 100-ft. hoses stored for us way in the back of the Animal Control. Go through the big gates on the right side of the building and keep walking past the cages and veer left. There's a storage building that the wheelbarrow is leaning against. The coiled hoses are to the left of the wheelbarrow. If they are closed, you can't get to the hoses. Here is a suggested schedule: June 29-July 5, July 6-12, July 13-19, July 20-26, July 27-Aug. 2, Aug. 3-9, Aug. 10-16, Aug. 17-23, Aug. 24-30. If you can take a week or two, please call me at 210-566-8594. I'll keep a master calendar and send it out as soon as we get some people signed up. Deedy Wright

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### Six Activities for July

- 1. Mulch** Keep all flowerbeds, vegetable gardens and trees mulched. This will conserve water, cool the root zone and generally relieve heat stress.
- 2. Water** Your plants will need this to survive. Not just a splash on the surface... but rather a profound watering. This will give them a more established root system and a better reservoir to draw from. . Try to water on a 4 to 5 day schedule. Don't run automatic sprinkler systems during the day. (Loss to evaporation is too great.)
- 3. Mow High** Choose the highest setting for your mower. Longer grass blades will help shade the roots and conserve water.
- 4. Vegetable Garden** This is the month to renew your vegetable garden for the fall harvest season. From seed, plant snap and lima beans, sweet corn, Swiss chard, cucumbers, summer and winter squash (my favorite), black-eyed peas, okra, cantaloupe, pumpkin and watermelon. For transplants, it's the right time for tomatoes and peppers.
- 5. Tomatoes** Be sure to plant determinate varieties with reputations for heat survival. (Spot the clues in their names.) My favorites are surefire, solar fire, solar flare, celebrity, heatwave, sunmaster, and BHN444 (healthy surprise).
- 6. Survive!** Want to avoid heatstroke? Three rules for central Texas gardeners: a. Wear effective sunscreen and a large brimmed hat. b. Garden early in the morning. c. Drink gallons upon gallons of water!

Taken from the website of It's About Thyme Garden Center, 11726 Manchaca Road, Austin, Texas - 512-280-1192  
<http://www.itsaboutthyme.com>



# 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](mailto:jenniew@felpsis.net) to reserve seats.

## 2009 POND TOUR – July 18 and 19

The Austin Pond Society will host the 2009 Pond Tour. Approximately 15 ponds will be included in the tour on Saturday and another 15 on Sunday.

For additional information, visit [www.austinpondsociety.org](http://www.austinpondsociety.org).

## Members in Service

### Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors

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## 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 an assortment of classes for adults and summer camps for kids. The website, [www.sabot.org](http://www.sabot.org), can provide times and other info.

## Gourmet Chili Pepper & Salsa Festival



Fri-Sun 24-26 Jul  
Wildseed Farms, Hwy 290  
7 mi East of Fredericksburg

Learn more about peppers & special spices.  
\$8 Admission. Call 830 997-8515, or visit:  
<http://www.tex-fest.com/gcp/index.html>

## 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.

# *Vacation in the Ozarks*

In early June, we went to Eureka Springs, Arkansas for our vacation and thought you might enjoy a couple of our visits – to Blue Spring Heritage Gardens and to Quigley's Castle.

*Elaine McIntyre*



**Blue Spring Heritage Gardens** covers 33 acres with over a mile of walking trails. The trails cover woodland gardens, rock gardens, herb gardens and native gardens as well as the lovely flowers beds. The walkway also passes a Native American bluff shelter that is on the National Register of Historic Places. The spring itself pours 38 million gallons of clear water daily into the trout stocked lagoon and from there into the White River. The flowers around the spring were gorgeous. Probably because of the springs this area was a resting place for the "Trail of Tears" forced relocation of the Cherokee nation from Georgia to Oklahoma.

My biggest disappoint was their three sisters Indian garden. I have experimented this year with the three sisters garden of corn, beans and squash and was looking forward to comparing my results with theirs. Their garden had a couple of squash plants with one blossom and no corn or beans up yet. We are already harvesting tons of squash from ours and the corn and beans are as tall as I am. I had forgotten that Northern Arkansas had a later plant start date than South Texas.



**Quigley's Castle** is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I expected gardens, but there was far more hardscape. In the 1940's Elise Quigley's dream was to "bring nature indoors". She designed her home so that she could grow two story tropical plants inside her home. The house has 28 huge windows. Inside, four feet of earth was left bare between the edges of the living space and the outer walls so flowering tropical plants could grow up to the second story ceiling. Those plants are now over 55 years old. Outdoors the perennial gardens have over 400 varieties of flowers, a lily pond, benches, birdbaths, bottle trees, and other hardscapes. She was an avid rock collector and covered the house and made most of the hardscapes from her rock and fossil collection. There are nine bottle trees throughout her outdoor gardens – all in less than an acre.





# July 2009

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

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**Summer Social**  
**Thursday, July 16, 2009**  
**Meeting Time – 6:30 PM**  
**AgriLIFE Extension Building**  
**210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX**

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*The best fertilizer is the gardener's shadow. ~Author Unknown*

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