



The Guadalupe Gardener



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President's Point of View by George Ammermann

My, my, my if you are short on volunteer hours, the month of October is your chance to get caught up. Please check the list of activities taking place during October. I think there will be at least one activity each Saturday. If you would like to volunteer for the Lawn & garden show please let me know. I need at least one person for October, 4, 11, and 18th.

The nominating committee will present their list of nominees for the officers for 2009. If asked to serve, please give thoughtful consideration to accept the nomination

Please remember the volunteer record and send your hours to Dale Odvody. For those of you who are working for re-certification, you are required to do 12 hours of volunteer time and 6 hours of educational training. Our year for computing purposes is January 1st through December 31st. Please do not wait until the end of the year to submit the required information. Dues for 2009 will begin to be collected in November, but if you do not meet re-certification you will not be able to pay your dues.

Under no conditions will your dues be accepted if we do not have a record showing you have met the necessary qualifications!!.



Membership Meeting

October 16, 2008

7:00 P.M. ☼ Program

Shiela Kies and members of the **Guene Orchid Society** will be our guest speakers. Have you always wanted to try an orchid but thought they were too difficult? In reality, orchids are not the "difficult divas" many consider them to be. No longer will orchids be mystery plants after our guests teach us how to grow orchids that do well in our climate. To help you get started, they will also have orchids for sale!

7:45 – 8:00 ☼ Social Time

Refreshments will be provided by **Cecilia & Merv Cook, Lynn Pfullmann, George Ammermann and Pat Schultze.**

8:00 ☼ Business Meeting

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September Meeting Highlights

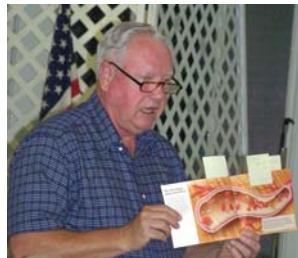


Nutty is a Good Thing

Especially if “nutty” means pecans – the King of Nuts in Guadalupe County. And, I guess you could say the Crown Prince of Pecans, Jim White, shared all the benefits of the pecan with our Master Gardeners at the September meeting. With the new crop just about to be harvested, it was a very time-appropriate topic and caused us all have a new respect for this fruit we see so commonly lying in our yards and hardscapes.



Jim focused on the health benefits of eating pecans and how they will help with the reduction of the “bad fat” LDL in our blood. Heart disease is the Number 1 killer in the United States. In the



picture, Jim is showing a picture of how fatty plaque builds up in your arteries and obstructs blood flow. If this occurs in a coronary [heart] artery, you are at high risk of having a heart attack.

If it occurs in a brain artery, a stroke can occur. Clogged carotid [neck] arteries impede blood flow to the entire brain, again with dire consequences.

So, now that you are appropriately frightened, go grab a handful of delicious Guadalupe County pecans and get to eating! Not only is it a healthy thing to do, yum yum - they are so delicious.

Jim is a Guadalupe County Master Gardener; in his professional career he manages two pecan orchards and was the arborist for the City of San Antonio. Needless to say, this man knows trees!



Newly Certified

Class 19 student Debra Elia receives her Master Gardener certificate from President George Ammermann at the September meeting.

Congratulations



Lucky September Winners

Raffle Cash - Betty Vetter
Green Gate Gift Certificate -
Nick Franzen



Who is the Mystery Master Gardener?

E-mail your answer to Marilyn at MarilynA@access4less.net or call 379-5755. First person with correct answer wins a gift certificate from Garden Delights.

Volunteer Opportunities

Need some volunteer hours before it is time to pay dues?

Guadalupe Master Gardeners have several events in October that require large numbers of volunteers. Please contact the chairperson and contribute some time - you'll log some hours and best of all, you'll have FUN!

And remember, Dale needs your record of volunteer and educational hours.



Guadalupe County Fair

Wednesday, October 8 – Sunday, October 12, 20

Seguin-Guadalupe Co. Events Complex



The Master Gardeners' booth this year will have a "Go Green" theme. A demonstration on rainwater harvesting will be featured and information will be provided on recycling, composting leaves and grass clippings, buying from local growers, etc.

★ **Set up for the Master Gardener booth** at the Fair begins at 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, at the coliseum. Tables will need to be set up for our booth as well as for the field, orchard and garden crops and home products to be displayed.

Master Gardeners will be accepting field crops, garden crops, orchard crops and home products for judging from 2:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday, Oct 8 and from 8:00-9:00 am on Thursday, Oct 9. Judging begins at 9:30 am on October 9.

Our members will be on hand throughout the fair to answer gardening questions. For additional information call: [Carolyn Hyatt at 830-832-5156](tel:830-832-5156).

Don't Forget!



The loaded with children will come rolling in; we need you to share your knowledge and make an impact in the lives of area students.

All time slots are filled with volunteers; just remember your day and show up or we will have disappointed children.

The Agriculture Heritage and Education Center's
Agriculture Fair for School Children

390 Cordova Road, Seguin

October 13-17 and October 20-24, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Workers should show up about 8:45. A suggestions - you might want to go out a day or two early to see what is growing in the garden. Remember to wear sensible shoes, sunscreen, and a hat.

Clara Mae Marcotte says





Gardening Events

Fall in Texas is Gardening Time!

As the days turn cooler, garden events begin to pop up like weeds in a spring garden. There are many wonderful educational gardening events to choose from; in fact, so many it is hard to make a choice because we gardeners want to do them all! Take advantage of some of these exceptional opportunities.

Tour Six Private Gardens During San Antonio's First "Open Days" Saturday, October 18, 2008

The tour benefits the national non-profit Garden Conservancy



On Saturday, October 18, you'll have the opportunity to **explore six of San Antonio's most beautiful and unique gardens** on the first ever "Open Days" tour. The tour benefits the national non-profit Garden Conservancy. The mission of the Conservancy is to restore and preserve America's most historic gardens. Every year, "Open Days" tours are held in cities throughout the United States. This is the first year a tour has been schedule in San Antonio.

Advance tickets are available at Milberger's. Tickets are sold in books of six for \$25. Tickets will also be available at the six individual homes on the day of tour for \$5. Proceeds will also benefit Gardening Volunteers of South Texas and the Alamo Heights Homeowners Association.

For more information about the San Antonio gardens, including maps and directions, call (210) 930-1100 or visit www.opendaysprogram.org. or www.gardeningvolunteers.org



Saturday, October 18, 2008

Aggie Park
6205 West Ave. @ Loop 410

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.



<http://www.sanantioherbmarket.org/> [10/04/08]



**Guadalupe County Chapter
Native Plant Society of Texas**

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Guadalupe County Annex,
1101 Elbel Road, Schertz

6:30 P.M. – “Meet-and-Greet”
Plant Exchange

7:00 P.M. – **Flo Oxley**, Director of
Conservation and Education, Lady Bird
Johnson Wildflower Center will be the
guest speaker.

For more information or an application to join NPSOT
contact: guadalupecounty@npsot.org

Sat., Oct. 4, 9:30am-1pm

"Herbs for the Garden, Kitchen and Bath" with Diane
Lewis. San Antonio Botanical Garden. (210) 657-8866 or
www.communityed.neisd.net.

Sat., Oct. 4, 10am-12n

"Fun with Container Gardening" presented by Robyn
Leland. Northside Learning Center. (210) 397-8100 or
www.nisd.net/ace.

Mon., Oct. 6, 7-9:30pm

"Surviving the Heat and Drought" with Robyn Leland.
Steven's High School. (210) 397-8100 or
www.nisd.net/ace.

Tues., Oct. 7, 6:30-8:30pm

"Square Foot Gardening" with Dr. Tom Harris. O'Connor
High School. (210) 397-8100 or www.nisd.net/ace

Wed., Oct. 8, 6:30-9:30pm

"Creating Moonlit Gardens" with Kate Klein. Reagan High
School (210) 675 8866 or www.communityed.neisd.net

Thurs., Oct. 9, 12n

Brown Bag seminar featuring Bexar County Entomologist
Molly Keck on "Spiders; The Good and Bad" . Schultze
House at HemisFair Park. Sponsored by Bexar County
Master Gardeners. (210) 467-6575 or [http://bexar
tx.tamu.edu](http://bexar.tx.tamu.edu)

Thurs., Oct. 9, 8:30am-12n

"Landscaping for Birds and Butterflies" with Patty Leslie
Pasztor and Janis Merritt. Cibolo Nature Center. (830)
249-4616 or www.cibilo.org.

Sat., Oct. 11, 10am-12n

"Growing Olives for Fun and Profit" with Sandy Winoker.
Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard (210) 657-8866 or
www.communityed.neisd.net

Tues., Oct. 14, 6:30-8:30pm

"How to Build Your Own Greenhouse" with Dr. Tom
Harris. O'Connor High School. (210) 397-8100 or
www.nisd.net/ace.

Thurs., Oct. 16, 6:30-9:30pm

"Container Gardening for Fall and Winter" with Kate
Klein, North East Community Learning Center. (210)
657-8866 or www.communityed.neisd.net

Sat. Oct. 18, 1:30-3:30pm

"Propagation with Emphasis on Native and Xeric
Plants" presented by Dr. Tom Harris, Northside
Learning Center. (210) 397-8100 or www.nisd.net/ace

Tues., Oct. 21, 6:30-8:30pm

"Compost, Fertilizer & Soils in Our Area-Keys to
Successful Gardening" presented by Dr. Tom Harris.
O'Connor High School (210) 397 8100 or
www.nisd.net/ace.

Tues., Oct. 21, 6:30-8:30pm

"Native Plants: Perfect for South Texas Soil and
Climate" with Deedy Wright. Northeast Community
Learning Center. (210) 657-8866 or
www.communityed.neisd.net

Wed, Oct. 22, 6:30-9:30pm

"Easy Exotic Landscaping for San Antonio" with Kate
Klein. Reagan High School. (210) 657-8866 or
www.communityed.net/ace

Thurs., Oct. 23, 6:30-8:30pm

"Lawn Fertilization & Winerization" with Dr. Tom Harris.
North East ISD Community Learning Center. (210)
657-8866 or www.communityed.neisd.net.

Thurs., Oct. 23, 6:30-8:30pm

"A Time for Roses" with Ed Bradley of the San Antonio
Rose Society. Clark High School. (210) 397-8100 or
www.nisd.net/ace.

Sat., Oct 25, 9:30am-11:30pm

"What to Know Before You Call the Landscaper" with
Dr. Tom Harris. San Antonio Botanical Garden. (210)
657-8866 or www.communityed.neisd.net

Mon., Oct. 27, 7-8:30pm

"Go Green with Chemical Free Lawn and Garden
Solutions", presented by Robyn Leland. Stevens High
School. (210) 397-8100 or www.nisd.net/ace.

Tues., Oct. 28, 6:30-8:30pm

"What to Know Before You Call the Landscaper" with
Dr. Tom Harris. O'Connor High School. (210) 397 8100
or www.nisd.net/ace.



Fall Rose Show

The San Antonio Rose Society
Saturday, October 25, 2008
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
San Antonio Garden Center
3310 North New Braunfels.
Admission is FREE

An educational seminar will be conducted from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cut flowers and bouquets will be available for purchase. Come see a spectacular display of the most beautiful roses in all of Texas. Discuss growing roses one-on-one with a Master Rosarian. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Guadalupe County Agriculture Building Landscape Project Work Day

Saturday, October 18, 2008
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 noon

Contact Person: Coordinator Liz Romero at 830-372-3106 or lromero16@satx.rr.com



Work Day at Gutierrez Xeriscape Park Gutierrz Park, Schertz October 25, 2008 * 8:00 A.M.



Please put **Saturday, October 25**, on your calendar for a fun workday at Gutierrez Park. Our past efforts are showing fruit. The butterfly/hummingbird garden that we planted the end of May is flourishing and full of butterflies right now. The trees we planted in Feb. came through the hot, dry summer just fine because of some dedicated MGs who watered them—and the butterfly garden—regularly. Now we are ready to do some more planting.

The project this time will be to plant native grasses—Lindheimer's muhly and Gulf muhly—along Borgfeld Road. That's a loooooong strip of bed. We also need to replace some dwarf yaupons along the circular drive. We will put soaker hoses in the new beds and mulch everything. The city will Round-up the planting beds prior to our planting and supply the plants and mulch. MGs will supply the expertise and labor!

We will be joined by a group of high school students from Clemens HS in Schertz. They are part of Make a Difference Day. Their sponsor, Patty Raspino, will be with them. We will split up into teams for the planting and include the students with us MGs so that we can teach them what we know. It should be a fun experience for all.

Workday begins at 8 AM. We'll have a demonstration on how to plant container-grown plants correctly before fanning out in our groups. Bring your hat, gloves, favorite hand tool(s), shovel, and/or rake. (Put your name on all tools.) Be sure to wear your MG pin and/or MG shirt so that everyone knows who is doing the work! Water will be available for everyone.

Please call or email **Deedy Wright** [210-566-8594 or dwright24@satx.rr.com] to let her know you plan to help out so that we can have enough water/cups/etc. on hand. Hopefully Mother Nature will bring us some rain between now and then to soften the soil a bit and make our job easier.

Central Texas Gardeners Conference

"Heirloom Treasures - Jewels of the Garden"
Saturday, November 8, 2008
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Registration Form

Send Me In
NOW

CENTRAL TEXAS GARDENERS CONFERENCE

November 8, 2008

(Please print your information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Additional persons attending - Names: _____

Early Morning Refreshments Included

CHECK TO CHOOSE LUNCHEON PREFERENCE:

Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Romaine & Mandarin Orange Salad, Bread Pudding with Sauce, Rolls, Tea, Coffee, Water

Vegetarian – Hash Brown Casserole, same Salad, Dessert, Drinks

Number Attending ___ X \$45.00 = _____ Total Amount

Please make your check payable to: "Central Texas Gardeners Conference";

Mail registration form and check to:

Central Texas Gardeners Conference

210 East Live Oak St.

Seguin, TX 78155-6421

Payment must be received by October 20, 2008. No refunds will be issued after October 25, 2008. Your cancelled check will be your confirmation.

Conference Registrar: George Ammermann - gsammermann@gvec.net or call 830-372-4690.

Thank You for Registering!

Additional Information Requested for Master Gardeners Attending:

* Are you a Certified Texas Master Gardener? (Y/N) _____

(8 Hours Continuing Education Credit given for attending this conference; you must report your own hours.)

* If Yes, which County? _____

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October Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Every Saturday listen to: KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 a.m.
5	6 Master Gardener office / library open every Monday Fair Booth set- up – 5:00 P.M.	7	8	9 Board of Directors mtg.	10	11 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 a.m.
Guadalupe County Fair – Wednesday – Sunday → See page 3 for details						
12 County Fair ends →	13	14 NPST meeting, Schertz <i>see pg. 5 for details</i>	15	16 Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M	17	18 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 a.m. Landscape Workday @ Ag. Bldg. – <i>see p. 5 for details</i>
Agriculture Fair for school children @ Ag. Heritage & Education Center <i>See page 3 for details</i>						
19	20 Reservation Deadline for MG Reg. Conf.	21	22	23	24	25 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 a.m. Gutierrez Park, Schertz, workday – <i>see p. 6 for details</i>
Agriculture Fair for school children @ Ag. Heritage & Education Center <i>See page 3 for details</i>						
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Next Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Meeting Time – 7:00

***AgriLIFE* Extension Building
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX**

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