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Gardening Conundrums

By Bob Grafe, President

For those of you dedicated "green-thumbers" who managed somehow to keep those veggies going through our landslide of 100-degree days this summer, my hat is off to you. Now, if you can just keep them going a little longer in order to have something to enter at the Guadalupe County Fair in October, you might just walk away as a proud recipient of a very distinguished ribbon.

Just FYI ... as far as I know, there are no classifications this year at the Fair for parched, charred or scorched soil samples ... even if they were amended with the best compost!

I could hear the applause three states away in August as our newly certified vegetable specialists conducted their first vegetable seminar to a packed audience at the AgriLife Extension Office ... and, then again after their encore appearance (necessitated by the overwhelming and enthusiastic support of the public) two Saturdays later to another packed audience!

Maybe our talented vegetable specialist duo of Clara Mae Marcotte and Deedy Wright should consider taking the show on the road to the delight of an even greater audience?

Perhaps that road trip should wait until the full-throttle community service effort at the Schertz Community Garden is complete. Linda Bruno and her crew are in

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September Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Ann Black

A Primer on Cacti and Succulents Using Them in Landscapes and Container Gardens

Ann is a member of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, The Texas Association of Cactus and Succulent Societies, and the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society. Ann and her husband are health care professionals who grow xerophytes as a hobby.

Refreshments will be provided by Suzanne Brown

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pat Schultze is chair of the nominating committee. She needs two volunteers to help with the 2010 slate of officers.

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Association News



Texas Native Plants and Their Usage

presented by
Patty Leslie Pasztor

Patty Leslie Pasztor presented the August GCMG meeting program on the Native American and pioneer uses of our plants for food, medicine, fiber, dyes, etc. She also discussed human and wildlife usage of these plants.

Patty has a B.S. in Range and Natural Resources from Texas A&M Univ. She is co-author of "Texas Trees - A Friendly Guide" with Paul Cox. She worked for ten years as the Native Plant Specialist/Horticulturist for the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. She was the Park Naturalist for several years at Friedrich Wilderness Park and presently does consulting work including park planning, plant identification for landowners and workshops, tours on plant identification, Ethnobotany, and landscaping for birds and butterflies for teachers, archeologists and the public.

Patty talked about many native trees and plants and how they benefited Native Americans, pioneers, and wildlife. Some of these are as follows: Black Willow, Black Walnut, Osage Orange (Bodark), Mexican Plum, Hackberry, Redbud, Mexican Persimmon, Prickly Ash, Texas Mountain Laurel, Ashe Juniper (Cedar), Live Oak, Possumhaw (Yaupon Holly), Peyote Cactus, Agarita, and Dewberry.

The book, "Texas Trees - A Friendly Guide" co-authored with Paul Cox, contains a lot of information on how Native Americans and pioneers used these trees and plants. This book is somewhat different than most tree identification guides in that it attempts to bring people and trees together in a meaningful way, both in the illustrations and in the text. This book can be purchased at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens.



NEW GCMG BANNER

Here is the picture of my hubby, LaVerne, and Aesop Cardenas, a member of Seguin Oakwood Art League (SOAL), as an I, and our new banner. I asked him to letter this banner, which was donated by Chisel Awning, and he graciously accepted. He primed the fabric, hand painted it for us and donated his work. It took him at least 10 hours over a period of time. His mom, also a Master Gardener, is Sherri Tijerina.

Janelle Hannemann

Future Programs

- 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

At the meeting Jan Quello won the \$15 raffle and Suzanne White won the \$10 Schultz Nursery Gift Certificate. Special thanks to Cecelia & Merv Cook for providing the brisket sandwiches.

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the process of turning a patch of central-Texas desert into a beautiful and productive community garden—and they need everyone’s help.

When you’re in the Schertz area, take a moment to stop by the Guadalupe County Annex Building on Elbel Road. Our Master Gardener community garden project is adjacent the parking area to the north of the county building. Check it out and then “check in” with Linda or other members of the Steering Committee for some very productive service hours where you can help make this community garden a reality.

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Master Gardeners are experts at making service projects fun. Pick out a couple of Master Gardener activities to lend a hand to ... and reap the harvest of personal satisfaction while providing real service to the community.

Hey! It’s cooler today ... under 100! I’ll see ya out in the garden!

Dale & Ann Odvody are signed up to attend the **Greenhouse Management Specialist Training Class** in Fort Worth on October 28-30.

Fall Vegetable Gardening Workshops

The free and open-to-the-public August 8th Fall Vegetable Gardening Workshop was presented by Clara Mae Marcotte and Deedy Wright. Participants learned how to improve garden soil, when to plant fall vegetables, the best varieties for our area, and disease and insect control ideas. It was such a success that registration was closed after fifty people signed up, and a second Workshop was held on August 22nd. Here is Clara Mae’s report. (By the way, August 8th was Ron & Clara Mae’s anniversary!)

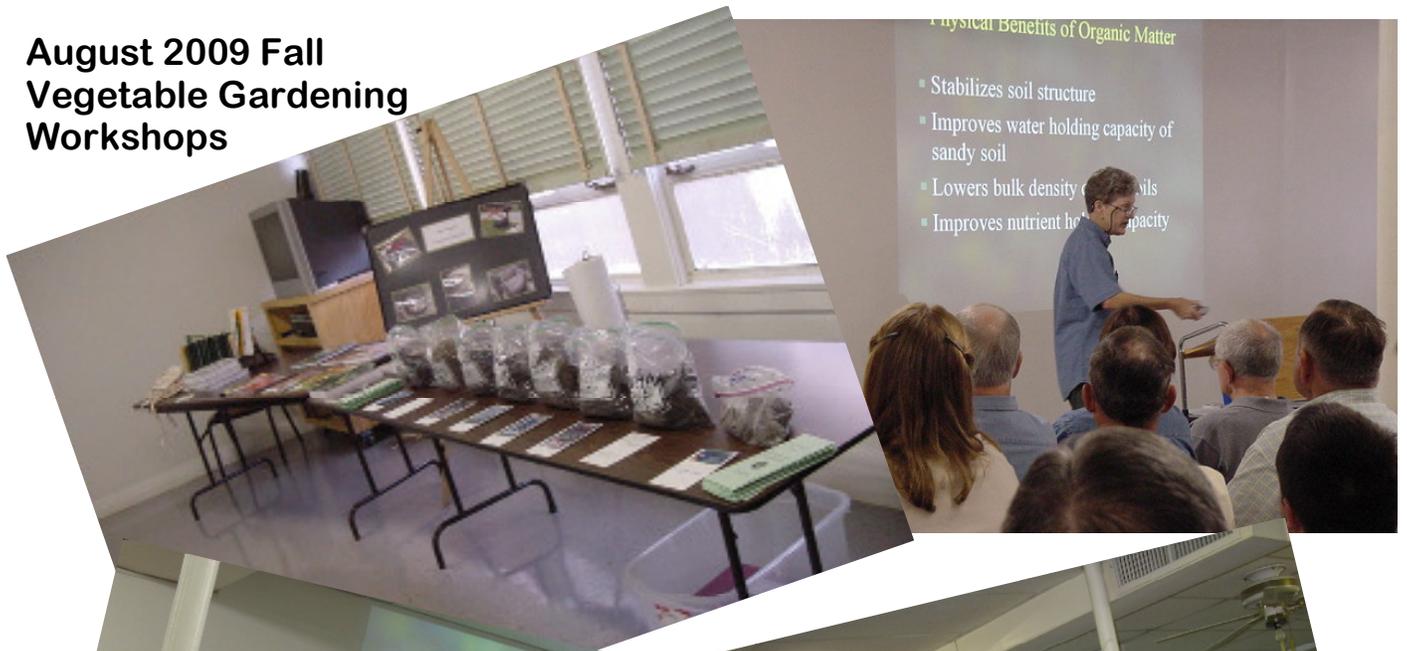
“Both the vegetable workshops, August 8 and August 22, were a big success, although the second one had a few problems. At 10 in the morning, the electricity went off in the entire extension building. I’d given one PowerPoint presentation, and Deedy was half through another one. No PowerPoint, no lights and no air conditioning. Luckily we had two electricians in the audience and they called the city to come fix the problem. While we waited, Deedy finished her presentation and we broke for refreshments. Finally at 10:30 we started back up, still in the dark. Deedy gave another presentation. Then we asked if the audience wanted to leave, or if they wanted the rest of the workshop without slides. The response was overwhelming. Go on, they said, we want the material. I spoke on pests (with verbal descriptions—and lots of hand gestures) and Deedy finished with a plant disease discussion (again, verbal descriptions). The audience asked questions and didn’t seem to have suffered from the heat too badly. They were extremely kind as they walked out the door.

The first workshop had 50 participants (15 Master Gardeners) with three people from San Antonio, and the rest from Canyon Lake, New Braunfels, Kingsbury, St. Hedwig, Stockdale, San Marcos, Gonzales, Schertz and Seguin.

This workshop had 45 participants (8 of them Master Gardeners and an intern). Those came from Seguin, Schertz, Cibolo, Stockdale, Garden Ridge, Marion, Nixon and La Vernia.

Thanks go to all of our helpers: Betty Hughes, who took care of our food and drinks for both workshops (my husband is still talking about her bread), Elaine McIntyre, who did registration and helped with the first workshop, and Susan Casto, who did registration and helped for the second one, Linda Bruno, who is always a help, George Ammerman, who opened doors and kept after the city as they worked on the transformer, and other helpers (you know who you are—like Ron for instance, and Esther). We couldn’t have done it without you. Clara Mae Marcotte”

August 2009 Fall Vegetable Gardening Workshops



Schertz Community Garden Update



Mary Bowe, Ralph Albright & Linda Bruno trenching

Things are happening at the Schertz Community Garden.

Thanks to our Construction Committee, Dale Odvody and Joe Bruno, for all of their hard work in putting in fence poles; the poles along the back line are almost finished. And to our workday crew who helped with the trenching in the hard soil, including a brand new student, Debbie Krause - what a way to start your volunteer hours!

We want to thank Ms. Ann Blanchard for her cash donation and Dr. Rodriguez, Schertz Animal Hospital, who has sponsored the first bed in the Garden. Josie Williams of Williams Fence Co. in Seguin is advising us on fencing since we are using so many different donated

parts – it is like assembling a big puzzle. Sippel True Value Hardware in Universal City has also been very helpful.

But our biggest supporter has been Commissioner Jim Wolverton, who has helped pave the way for this project. Not only has he provided County support, he was out there with us on our workday working the trencher and the shovels.

There is a Community Workday scheduled for Saturday, Sep. 12th. If you would like to help that day, please email Linda Bruno, jbruno@gvec.net for more information.

And take a look at our wish list (below). If you have any items you'd like to donate, please let us know.

Schertz Community Garden Wish List

- Garbage Cans & Compost Bins
- Spare Gardening Tools & Hoses
- Benches/tables for plants in green house
- Bed construction materials
- Drip irrigation parts
- Row Cover for Shade and/or Frost
- Bulletin Board
- Solar lights
- Wagons or Garden Carts
- Benches for seating
- Shade Gazebo
- Water Fountain
- Picnic Table

Texas Master Gardener Meeting

George Ammermann, Kay Wolverton and Doug Biggs attended the August 1st meeting at Texas A&M. One of the topics was the Chartering Agreement Form that needs to be completed and sent to state. GCMG would need to get their volunteer hours and their budget in before the end of the year.

Don't procrastinate. Get your volunteer hours in to Dale NOW!

If you would like to receive information via e-mail from the Texas Master Gardeners, please sign up on the Texas Master Gardeners website <http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org>.

EARTHWORMS AND THEIR ENEMIES

Article submitted by Deedy Wright

By Tamara Galbraith (<http://davesgarden.com/members/TexasTam/>> TexasTam) August 08, 2009

Of all the creatures in your garden, earthworms are probably the most important. They are the digesters of organic material and the makers of fluffy, healthy soil. Much as we love them, however, they do have their enemies...in the form of predators. So how can we better protect our valuable little wiggly friends?

At 70% protein, earthworms make a nice meaty snack for birds, reptiles and mammals, especially moles. Because we certainly don't want to go around wiping out birds, reptiles and mammals, we'll let them have their share. But there are some sinister characters lurking in the soil.

In certain conditions, red mites can attack earthworms. If you see red dots on earthworms in your yard, you should cut down on the moisture in that area - it may be too wet. Also, placing pieces of watermelon or potato on the soil surface will draw and trap the mites. Dispose of the pieces and repeat the process to cut down the mite population over time.

Flatworms, otherwise known as land planarians, are probably an earthworm's most hated rival. These long, slimy, longitudinal-striped worms with a flattened head -- a native of Indo-China that hitched a ride on greenhouse plants -- will actually melt earthworms with an enzyme before slurping them up. And they do it a lot. Blech.

The best control if you see a flatworm is to spray it with citrus oil or vinegar. Whatever you do, don't smash it, because each piece has the ability to regenerate into a new flatworm. Double blech.

TEXAS NATIVE PLANT WEEK

Effective September 1, 2009, there will be an official Texas Native Plant Week, celebrated annually the third week in October.

During the 2009 Texas legislative session, Representative Donna Howard of Austin authored a bill entitled "An Act relating to a recognition week to celebrate Texas native plants" (CSHB 1739). She introduced the bill at the urging of Faye Tessnow of the Highland Lake Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.

The bill was sponsored in the Senate by Texas' youngest senator, Glenn Hegar of Katy. It passed unanimously in both houses. Governor Rick Perry signed the bill into law on June 16, 2009.

EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Class 21

This class started 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 September are:

*September 2 – Soils – (Ch. 2) **Malcolm Beck**, founder of Gardenville, author of "The Garden-Ville Method – Lessons in Nature" & "The Secret Life of Compost". Co-author with Howard Garrett "Texas Organic Vegetable Gardening" & "The Texas Bug Book"

*September 9 – (Ch 8) Turf Lawn – **Dr. David Chalmers**, Assoc. Professor & State Extension Turf Grass Specialist, Ph D. Horticulture, Texas A&M

*September 16 – (Ch 6) Vegetables – **Patty Leander**, is an active member of the Travis County Master Gardeners & contributes monthly articles on vegetable gardening to the Texas Gardener magazine. She has a BS degree in Nutrition from Texas Tech, loves to grow and eat vegetables and encourages other to do the same.

*September 23 – (Ch. 6) Herbs – **Mary Dunford**, Owner of Natures Herb Farm

*September 30 – Tree Care – **Nancy Masterson**, Certified Arborist, Guadalupe County Master Gardener

*October 3 – Sat. Class 12:00 Noon – 4:30 p.m (Ch. 1) – **Susan Jung and Tommie Clayton**, Travis County Master Propagation Specialist s

Saturday, 9/19/09 9am to 11am Wet Workshop: Organic Pest Control

Learn more about the bugs you see everyday! Molly Keck gives tips and information on how to banish unwanted pests using green methods for your home and garden. Space is limited. Free, but rsvp is required. For more information or to rsvp, e-mail mlac@audubon.org

Guadalupe County Native Plant Society Meeting

Ready to do less work in your yard and get more for it? Want to spend less money on water and fertilizer? Looking for plants that will grow easily and well in our difficult climate? If so, join the Guadalupe County (Schertz/Seguin) Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT). Our group can help you learn about plants, shrubs, grasses and trees that are naturally adapted to this region and climate and how to use them effectively.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Library, 798 Schertz Parkway, Schertz. There is a plant exchange and "getting to know you" at 6.30 pm followed by **program at 7pm. On September 8, 2009 we will hear Minnette Marr, Plant Conservationist with Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, talk about collecting native seeds.** Visitors are always welcome.

GCMG Landscape Design Class

The class is full! Meeting on August 29th from 9 AM to 3PM at the Ag Extension Office, instructor will be Mike Pecen who has a landscape design degree from UT and is in charge of the Palo Alto landscape design program. The class will work on an overall landscape design for St Paul Evangelical Church in Cibolo.

God and Lawn Care

submitted by Deedy Wright

GOD: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of song birds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now, but, all I see are these green rectangles.

ST. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it - sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: 'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about...

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Volunteer Opportunities

KWED Radio Show Coordinator Needed

George Ammermann has been doing this for nine year and needs and deserves a break. This position gets speakers and volunteers for the show. Please contact George at 830-491-1246.

Guadalupe County Fair Oct 7 - 11

The theme this year is "Gardening with Kids". Don't forget Bob Grafe's challenge for all Master Gardeners to enter produce for judging. As promised, here are few simple tips on what the judges look for when they are inspecting the produce.

Uniformity – if the entry is for three peppers, make sure all three are the same size & at the same degree of ripeness. If you enter eggs, they should all be the same size & as close to the same color as possible. If you are producing three of something that looks the same, then you are doing something right in your garden.

Conformity – judges are looking for produce that conforms to the standards – a pepper should look like a traditional pepper. If you enter produce that is different & interesting, the judges will note that it is different & then usually pass it by.

If you bring in produce on Wednesday & judging is on Thursday morning, remember the items will be sitting at room temperature for almost 20 hours. If it is overripe when you entered it, then it will really be overripe when the judges see it.

In the next newsletter, we'll confirm entry times for accepting produce. You can bring by your own or volunteer to help accept entries coming in. Or do both! Questions? Contact Joe Bruno, joe@owfarm.com

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 830-560-1894 or Clara Mae Marcotte 830-379-3485.

Master Gardener Phone Line & Library

Monday from 9 to noon at the AgrLIFE 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.

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 rcm.marcotte@gmail.com.

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

**Schertz Community Garden Workday
September 12 – see page 5**

Various Volunteer Opportunities

- Sequin Administration Building – Carol MyCue will chair this committee and set up a workday to clean the flower beds.
- Meditation Garden at the Mosaic Community Church – Texas Lutheran University (TLU) students will be starting a meditation and community garden at this church on Court Street. It was suggested that a spring vegetable class be offered to the TLU students that are helping with this project. They will need GCMG help on this project.
- Ag Fair at the Texas Agricultural Education and Heritage Center on Cordova Road – Volunteers will be needed to talk to 4th grade students from surrounding schools on gardening on October 12-16, October 19-23, and October 27-29.
- Ag Fair in Cibolo at the Toby Connor Barn Volunteers will be needed to talk about gardening on November 5 and 6.
- Ag. Extension Building – Workday set up for September 26.

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

Members in Service

Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors

Doug Biggs – One Year Term
Kay Wolverton – Two Year Term
Sandy Foss – Alternate, Two Year Term
Deedy Wright – Alternate, One Year Term

Marcia Richardson – Speakers Bureau
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Anna Schodowski – Christmas Party Chair
Gloria Saenz -Silver Center Chair
Sandy Foss – Member Support Chair

GARDENING EVENTS

September 19th CELEBRATE ART IN THE GARDEN at the Antique Rose Emporium

Vendors with handcrafted, garden-inspired art and yard art will be set-up festival-style on the lawns of the Hacienda. (Free)



Rockport
Hummingbird
Festival
Sept. 19
BUS IS FULL

Don't forget the
GROW LOCAL FESTIVAL
in Schertz February 27, 2010

Mitchell Lake Audobon Center Annual Fall Wildlife Festival and Plant Sale

Saturday, October 24, 2009
9 am to 4 pm - **FREE!**

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center a registered Monarch Monitoring site!

Monarchs produce successive generations as they migrate, funneling through Texas towards Canada in the spring and towards their wintering grounds in Mexico in the fall. This creates a need for Milkweed as both a nectar source and host plant for larva feeding. Development, and use of herbicides in croplands and along roadsides, has resulted in a decline in the Milkweeds available for the Monarch. The Waystation program has provided hundreds of sites where milkweed is available. Our garden now features a sign designating it as an official Monarch Waystation.

Background on our garden: In 2008 Charles Bartlett developed a garden area at Mitchell Lake featuring *Asclepias Tuberosa* or Tropical Milkweed. In May of 2009, Mary Kennedy assisted in getting the garden area registered as a Monarch Waystation through the Monarch Waystation Program at University of Kansas. (see Information www.monarchwatch.org) Mary trained Eva Fromme on entering data to the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project at University of Minnesota. MLMP is a citizen science project of volunteers providing weekly data for Monarch research. At our Mitchell Lake Monarch Waystation Sandra Wilkinson, Betty Walters and Eva Fromme have collected weekly data since May 30, 2009 on the number of eggs and larva stages observed on our milkweed. Initially we observed several Monarch larva and eggs. Most observations now (July 2009) are of Queen eggs and larva, however we anticipate Monarch activity again from late August through October 2009. Information about the MLMP is at www.mlmp.org

18th Annual SA Herb Market Saturday, October 17th 9 a.m. to 5 pm at the Pearl Brewery

The 2009 event will feature herb plant vendors, herb related product and book vendors, local herb and gardening society booths, lectures, presentations, & demonstrations including a chef, and more. The event is free and open to the public, with plentiful free parking.

For more information go to
www.sanantonioherbs.org.

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.

Carolyn Hyatt passed away August 26, 2009 at 10:45 a.m. Carolyn was member of Class #12 and has been an active member since 2001. The family has requested we establish a memorial fund in Carolyn's memory in lieu of flowers being sent to the funeral. If you would like to contribute, please make your checks payable to **Carolyn Hyatt Memorial Fund** and send the checks in care of Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Inc., 210 E Live Oak, Seguin TX 78155.

Denali National Park Alaska

The Wandering Gardener *Marilyn Moltz*

Denali NP is the largest park in the national park system. It covers 6 million acres. Only a small amount of the park can be seen by driving, but all could be viewed by an airplane tour. You can drive your personal vehicle only 15 miles into the park. Denali offers a number of shuttle bus tours, Ranger led tours, and different hikes for everyone. We chose a bus tour that took us 90 miles into the park. This is the longest of the tours and it was 12 hours long. We were fortunate that our bus driver was in her eighth season working in the park and she talked almost the entire 12 hours, explaining a lot about the park and stopping and pointing out animals. Our day started out clear and cool, which allowed for great views of Mt McKinley (we later learned that it is only viewable 1 in 20 days during the year). Later after lunch it became hot and uncomfortable on the bus and the mosquitoes were quite active whenever we got off the bus to view something, but on the way back out of the park, it was cool, cloudy and even rained before we were dropped off at the pick up point. In Denali we were fortunate to see a very large grizzly, one male caribou, moose with calf, snowshoe hare, fox, Dall sheep, Golden Eagles, porcupines and ptarmigans with chicks.

Early one morning we took the easiest hike offered which was along Savage River. It is right at the end of the 15 mile road you can drive into the park. It took us 3 hours to hike the 2 mile loop and we saw a lot of small animals and birds and lots of wildflowers. It was very peaceful--the only thing you heard was the rushing water in the narrow river stream and the animals as they moved around. We saw tracks for larger animals and were very glad they chose not to come out close to us as we hiked. I have attached several pictures of some of the flowers there in the park.





September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Master Gardener Class 21 Soils – Malcolm Beck	3	4 O Full Moon	5 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9 Master Gardener Class 21 Turf Lawn – Dr. David Chalmers	10	11	12 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
13	14 Master Gardener Office / Library Open 8:30-NOON	15	16 Master Gardener Class 21 Vegetables – Patty Leander	17 Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M.	18 ● New Moon	19 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
20	21 Master Gardener Office / Library Open 8:30-NOON	22	23 Master Gardener Class 21 Herbs – Mary Dunford	24	25	26 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:05 A.M.
27	28 Master Gardener Office / Library Open 8:30-NOON	29	30 Master Gardener Class 21 Tree Care – Nancy Masterson			

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September Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2009
Meeting Time – 7:00 PM
***Agri*LIFE Extension Building**
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, TX

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Weeds are nature's graffiti. ~Janice Maeditere

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