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President's Message At Year's End

It is year's end. And as we put 2015 to rest we thank everyone for making themselves a part of our lives. Having just celebrated our bounty and blessings we shift our focus to the holiday season, scurry about in preparation for more celebrations yet to come and wish loved ones and strangers alike, peace on earth. We reflect on goals achieved and intentions released, celebrating accomplishment, renewing some commitments, abandoning others. It is a time when we seek to center ourselves, to explore new direction, to make choices about our future.

At 2015's close we Master Gardeners - the ripe, the slightly seasoned and the newly budding alike - join one another in congratulating Class 27, their leaders and mentors for completing a journey we have all travelled. We especially honor those students who at Class's end may claim, because of their accomplishment, the title: Texas Master Gardener. Knowing that we must all travel the path at our own pace, we celebrate their achievement without diminishing the accomplishments of students who have become interns. We offer to help all interns complete the next phase of their Master Gardener journey.

At year's end we think of the many ways we have given of ourselves to help the broader community - not to pat ourselves on the back - but to acknowledge the willing sacrifice of fellow Master Gardeners. We honor all members who took a leadership role...no matter how large or small the task at hand...thanking them for their courage and example.

We pay special homage to members beset by personal challenges in 2015...be it deteriorating health...be it caring for loved ones who've taken sick...or more tragically, be it losing a partner or friend to the passage of time, or erosion of relationship. (Continued on page 5)

Christmas Social



**Saturday
December 19th -
5PM**

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Association News



November Meeting Program Sacred Plants

Paul W. Cox presented a slide presentation to the November GCMG meeting on Sacred Plants. Paul has a 32 year work history at The San Antonio Botanical Gardens where he filled several roles, including Interim Director, developing resources and programs for the gardens. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University and has a Master's degree in botany.

Paul gave 2 door prizes, a copy of a book he co-authored, Texas Trees a Friendly Guide went to Sandy Tremaine Black. The book can be purchased on line at Amazon .com. The second prize was a wall poster depicting the trees of Texas. It was won by Sandy Foss.



Paul's program included colorful slides of a variety of trees and plants and anecdotes on the plants' history from religious significance, edibility, pollination and insect issues. He even included a story on Old Ironsides.

He talked about the 10 vegetation zones of Texas and how some plants have migrated from one zone to another. Some of the plants discussed were the Texas persimmon, the Texas Ash, peyote, prickly pear cactus, cypress, ginkgos, yucca and Red oak and White oak and crystal cone pine trees.

For more information on Paul you can go to pwcox.com.

Submitted by **Sandy Foss**.



Ask a Master Gardener "Living Christmas Trees"

Clara Mae Marcotte has written a timely "Ask a Master Gardener" article this month on "Living Christmas Trees". The article can be found at: <http://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/resources/ask-a-master-gardener/>

Future Programs

January - Scooter Cheatham - Useful Wild Plants

REFRESHMENTS



NOVEMBER MEETING



Dixie
Bradbury
Class 27

Kathy Pape won \$33 in the raffle.
Trevia Hicks won the Door Prize, a
\$10 gift certificate to Schulz Nursery.



Photos by
Marvin "T"
Taylor



Elections - New Officers for 2016

- 1—President—Marvin Borth
- 2—Vice President—Kay McElveen
- 3—President Elect—Cynthia Lyssy
- 4—Treasurer—Jim Johnson
- 5—Secretary—Janice Jadwin





MERRY 
CHRISTMAS

*You are invited
to the Master Gardener Christmas Social
at Nolte Island Park
(5 miles outside of Seguin on FM466)*

5 PM, Saturday, December 19th

Menu: Hamburgers and Hotdogs

“Drink of your choice” We will have tea, coffee and a Hot Surprise.

Bring: a side dish (chips, dips, potato salad, desserts, etc.)
lawn chairs to sit around the fire pit.

**RSVP - number coming and what side dish you'll bring to
Carol Calentine 830-303-3889 or ccalentine@ag.tamu.edu**

Covered pavilion with seating includes a fully equipped kitchen
with a commercial size barbecue pit inside, water, electricity,
stove, refrigerator, sink, restrooms and horseshoe pits.

Report from the Big Red Barn

After telling you the school tours were over for the fall, we had one last group of 5th graders from a San Antonio bi-lingual school. Fortunately we had delayed harvesting and cleaning the garden for the Pecan Museum Dedication, so we still had a lot of stuff to show them. I understand that it went very well and a special thanks goes to Beth Henry. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she handled the tours by herself.

With the Museum dedication over some of us spent Sunday afternoon harvesting cabbage, mustard greens, broccoli, etc. and starting cleaning out the garden plots. We still have things like tomatoes (they survived the freeze due to being covered) broccoli, brussel sprouts, etc. that are producing.

The next few weeks will be spent cleaning up and preparing the garden for spring planting, which will be here before you know it. Right now we are discussing what to plant where. Meantime the Big Red Barn volunteers want to wish you all a happy holiday season!

Article and photos by **Kay McElveen**



(President - continued from page 1)

We embrace each other in service as we move forward in 2016, cheerfully supporting one another in mutual and full appreciation for all we will accomplish and the loving power of volunteerism. We prayerfully hope that all who are currently engaged in our shared mission remain so in 2016...and we lovingly release to potential those members and students who are animated by other aspirations

Jose Contreras

TEXAS GARDENER FUNDRAISER

Our Treasury keeps 25% of your subscription when it is sent through GCMG

**Here's sending HUGE THANKS to everyone
who made the HUGE Rummage Sale
a HUGE success.**

If you were on the planning committee, thank you.
If you brought merchandise for us to sell, thank you.
If you baked goodies for folks to eat and drink, thank you.
If you came to help MG's unload stuff from their vehicles, thank you.
If you came to sort, fold stack, price, arrange, and re-arrange, thank you.
If you came to organize books, thank you.
If you came to pretty up Betty's Boutique, thank you.
If you came to help customers find merchandise, thank you.
If you came to write sales slips, thank you.
If you came to package merchandise, thank you.
If you came to hold goods for customers, thank you.
If you came to accept folk's payment, thank you.
If you came to share what you learned at Gonzales County's MG Rummage Sale,
thank you.
If you came to do what ever it is that needed to be done, thank you.
If you came not to suffer minor offenses quietly, but did, thank you.
If you came to make this first one a success, thank you.
If you're willing to do it again if we decide to do it again, thank you.
So...how'd we do? That info's coming.
By the way...if you came for some other reason...thank you too.

JOSE CONTRERAS

Master Gardeners Working with Kids in a School in Seguin

I wanted to say thank you for all the support that the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners have given to help implement youth gardening. I would like to give a special thanks to Bob Davis and Peggy Jones who really helped spearhead this program in our county. Under their initial leadership JMG books were provided, school demonstration kits made, and a number of mini seminars were given. Thank you. Also, a special thanks to Cynthia Lyssy and her family's generosity in donating a keyhole garden and plant grow light to St James Catholic School. The Guadalupe Master Gardeners have been truly encouraging and supportive. The success of youth gardening is having affordable and fun activities that kids can easily do. The Junior Master Gardening program is the most comprehensive and successful youth horticulture program available to kids. Despite St James' small size and funding the children have had many opportunities. I hope that as people read these articles that they realize that the Junior Master Gardening program is successful and fun and that they too can offer this at their children's schools. I have included a link to a web page that I developed for St James garden club that gives a good overview of what school gardens can do: <http://sjcstx.org/4-h-garden-club> LoRa Dick

This project and Lo Ra Dick were recognized in the Seguin Gazette (Wednesday, November 18, 2015, page 4) showing the community how important it is to the future of our children to learn about gardening and nature.



Bug Banquet

For all of you that missed the “Bug Banquet on Nov. 6th, it was a delightful and enlightening experience. As we entered the beautifully decorated home, we were greeted with honey bee cocktails that warmed us up and readied us for the upcoming challenges of four, bug laden, dinner courses. The thing that was amazing to me was the house. All normal furniture was removed. (To where? The bedrooms maybe. I don’t know.) The cathedral living room/dining area with a fireplace contained maybe eight or nine tables. Each table seated eight. There were also tables on the patio, but it was a cool evening and we intentionally arrived early so we could sit inside. The honeycomb/flower center pieces were very creative. Then it was time to eat bugs. The appetizer was fire ant queso with chips - your choice of mild or spicy queso - and I must admit chomping down on fire ants fulfilled my dream of getting back at the little critters for all the times they had stung me in the past, very gratifying.

After the ants we were all feeling quite adventurous, with the help of a second honey bee cocktail, and while waiting for the next course we discovered a bowl of roasted crickets on our table. Of course we all had to try one, followed by eating two or three more in order so say “I’ve eaten crickets” plural. Then my mother suggested we try them with the fire ant queso and there you go, instant hit! We were popping the crunchy, burnt tasting tidbits down like popcorn, who knew? By the time the mealworm salad arrived we were totally courageous, but looking down at the mealworms clinging to the bits of spicy microgreens, well, time sort of stopped. Thankfully, glasses of beer were set down all around (thank you Blue Star Brewing Co.), momentum was restored, and the mealworms went down the hatch, again, that feeling of satisfaction – getting back at all the worms that had eaten my beautiful cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli, take that you nasty little beasties! Actually, they were quite tasty once you got past the look of them, a bit nutty and buttery tasting, sort of like putting walnuts on your salad, interesting. That being done, it was time for the main course, cricket flour goat cheese quesadillas, yummy! Served with roasted sweet potatoes and kale, we were stuffed! But alas, dessert was coming and it turned out to be the best entertainment of the night. The cute little 4H kids, who had been our servers for the night, had to balance the stuffed apples on small plates and deliver them to our tables post haste, I just knew apples were going to roll! Okay, back to the bugs, the cricket granola baked apple delicacy, drizzled with honey, was paired with a Cranapple Chardonnay from Helotes. Creek Winery, what more could you want? The cricket granola tasted like regular granola and by then, crickets were old hat, dessert went down with nary a blink. So there you have it, the first ever Bug Banquet put on by the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension in San Antonio, Texas. If they ever do it again, I highly recommend that you go. If for nothing else, the bragging rights. Bon Appétit! Oh BTW my mom, Francene Smith, is a teetotaler, she ate the whole bug feast with NO alcohol reinforcement! She is my hero.



April Rippel
eating crickets

Photos and article submitted by
April Rippel, Class 27

See following
page for more
pictures of the
Bug Banquet.

Francene Smith
eating fire ants



More Bug Banquet Photos



Honeybee Cocktails



Fire Ant Queso



Mealworm Salad



Cricket Flour Goat Cheese
Quesadilla



Cricket Granola Baked Apple



THE BUG EATERS

Peterson Family Celebrates 50 years

Of being in business and helping beautify San Antonio and Texas. WOW!!! And, they have been a KEY-STONE Cooperator throughout this time frame in continuously supporting new plant releases of the Texas Superstar Plant Program. For many years, Peterson Brothers Wholesale Nursery has provided almost all the plants for events and plant sales to include the Rodeo Tomato, Rodeo plant sales and landscapes of the Rodeo.

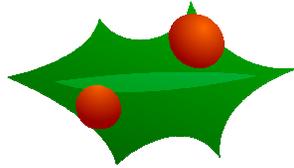
STEELE HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB MEMBERS FIND MONARCH CHRYSALIS AT GUTIERREZ XERISCAPE PARK

Nineteen Steele High School Key Club members and Guadalupe County Master Gardeners showed up for work early Saturday morning on November the 14th. While working in the Butterfly Garden/Monarch Waystation area, they found six Monarch Caterpillars and one Monarch Chrysalis (See below). They also found two Gulf Fritillary Caterpillars on a Passionflower Vine planted by one of the light poles.

Schertz Parks and Recreation officials provided tools, equipment and granite for recovering the pathways. Key Club members provided the energy and labor to haul the granite in wheelbarrows to the pathways. They weeded the pathways and then raked, spread, and leveled up to two inches of granite. They also pruned trees, mulched around the trees and removed cut and dead branches throughout the park. One group planted donated Rain Lilies and spread seeds from their pods.

Article and pictures by [John Lewicki](#) and [Kim Darrough](#)





Volunteer Recognition Program Changes for 2016

The GCMG Volunteer Recognition Program, established in July 2013, was implemented to encourage Master Gardeners to volunteer and report their volunteer and continuing education hours on a monthly basis. With 2015 coming to a close, we are completing our first full year on the program. About half the membership is reporting hours on a monthly basis with one-fourth being eligible for the monthly volunteer recognition drawing.

Upon board review of the Volunteer Recognition Program, the board felt the program should focus on recognizing Master Gardeners for their Volunteer Hours versus Continuing Education Hours. Beginning 1 December 2015, Continuing Education hours will no longer be counted toward the five hours required for eligibility in the monthly drawing.

Following is the policy for the GCMG Volunteer Recognition Program effective 1 Dec 2015 to be implemented with the January 2016 monthly drawing.

A. Purpose: To encourage GCMG Master Gardeners to Volunteer and Report Volunteer Hours on a monthly basis.

B. Eligibility: Certified Texas Master Gardeners who report a minimum of five (5) Volunteer Hours in the on-line Volunteer Management System (VMS) earned during the month by the last calendar day of the month are eligible for the following month's Volunteer Recognition Drawing at the GCMG monthly membership meeting or social. **Volunteer Hours earned by attending the GCMG Monthly Membership meetings to include travel time will not be included in the required five minimum volunteer hours.**

1. GCMG Board Members, Interns, Students, Associates and Honorary members are not eligible to participate in the Monthly/Annual Volunteer Recognition Drawing.
2. Members do not have to be present at the monthly membership meeting/social to win.

C. Monthly Volunteer Recognition Drawing:

1. One (1) name will be drawn each month and receive a \$20 gift certificate from a local nursery supporting the Master Gardener program.
2. All names entered in the monthly drawing will be entered into the annual grand prize drawing.
3. Monthly winners are eligible for all succeeding months providing they meet the minimum eligibility requirements for each monthly drawing.

D. Annual Volunteer Recognition Drawing

1. GCMG will conduct two (2) Volunteer Recognition Drawings at the Holiday Social, the Monthly Volunteer Recognition Drawing for those who meet eligibility as of 30 November and the Annual Volunteer Recognition Drawing to include all names entered into each of the twelve (12) monthly drawings.
2. The annual grand prizewinner will receive a \$150 gift certificate.

Annual Program Cost: The annual program cost is \$390.

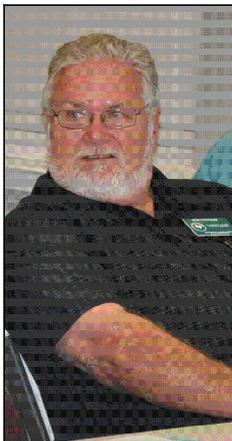
Submitted by **Cindy Waechter**

Thank You November Volunteers

GCMG volunteers reported 1,332 volunteer hours in October, the highest monthly total for 2015. A special shout out goes to our Top Volunteers reporting 25 or more volunteer hours during October – Cindy Martin, Carol Suchan, Dale Odvody, April Rippel (Intern), Cindy Waechter, Ann Odvody, Jose Contreras, Kay McElveen, Barbara Heuerman (Intern), Cindy Curnel (Intern), John Lewicki, Iris Seale, Jim Johnson, KJ Kjolhede, Kay Cover (Intern). Thank you for your service!

Members Reporting 5 or More Hours in October 2015

1	Bennett	Kathy		22	McIntyre	Elaine
2	Bowe	Mary		23	McKee	Jeff
3	Brunell	Laurie		24	Micheli	Hughlene
4	Calentine	Carol		25	Miller	Marla
5	Chandler	Mike		26	Odvody	Dale
6	Cottingham	Ryla		27	Odvody	Ann
7	Cox	Robert (Bob)		28	Real	Mary
8	Darrough	Kim		29	Romero	Liz
9	Foss	Sandra		30	Rosas	Carmen
10	Friesenhahn	Joyce		31	Schultze	Pat
11	Grafe	Compost Bob		32	Seale	Iris
12	Guiles	Toni		33	Shanafelt	Joanne
13	Haecker	Gladys		34	Styblo	Mary
14	Henry	Beth		35	Suchan	Carol
15	Jones	Peggy		36	Turner	Pam
16	Kjolhede	KJ		37	Tyler-White	Patricia
17	Knobles	Janice		38	Watkins	Patricia
18	Lewicki	John		39	Weber	Walter
19	Magee	Janet		40	Wilson	Jennifer
20	Martin	Cindy		41	Wright	Deedy
21	McElveen	Kay		42		



41 Certified Master Gardeners qualified for the November Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing. Having done so, all 41 also qualify for one entry into the \$150 Annual Recognition Drawing. **Congratulations to Mike Chandler our October winner.** As our October Volunteer, Mike won a \$20 gift certificate to Schulz Nursery.

To qualify for the Monthly Volunteer Recognition Program drawing, Certified Guadalupe County Master Gardeners must report a minimum of 5 volunteer hours earned during the month in VMS by the last calendar day of the month. Hours earned for attendance at the monthly GCMG Membership Meeting are not included in the minimum 5 hours, except those earned for meeting setup. Board members do not participate in the Volunteer Recognition Program.

Don't forget to earn and report your hours by 31 December 2015 to be eligible for the January Membership Drawing.

VMS Reporting Tips

We appreciate the great job Master Gardeners are doing in timely reporting their hours. Believe it or not, we use the information reported. On that note, it is important we have consistency throughout the organization in how we report hours. The most important data item for pulling reports is the "PROJECT NAME". Following are a few tips on how to document the project when reporting Volunteer and Continuing Education Hours.

Membership Meetings: Use the Project "Membership Meeting" to report attendance at monthly membership meetings, for the speaker and the business meeting. Document the speaker portion as CE Hours and the business meeting and travel time as Vol Hours. Please do not report attendance at Membership Meetings under the Project "Continuing Education."

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
17-Sep-15	Membership Meeting -- Bog Plants/Business Meeting	(a) Membership Meeting	0	1.00	1.50
17-Sep-15	Membership Meeting Setup	(c) MG Organizational Support	0	0.00	0.50

Continuing Education: Use the Project "Continuing Education" to report **attendance** at lectures, workshops, hands on training, Master Gardener Classes, Lunch N' Learns, specialist training, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension on-line programs, etc.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
07-Nov-15	Shades of Green - Pruning	(b) Continuing Education	0	1.00	1.00

Research, Preparation and Presentation of a lecture, class, etc.: Several members have been reporting "Research and Preparation" as Continuing Education. This is not correct. Use the Project "Outreach to the Public" or "Youth Gardening Education", as appropriate, to report research and preparation to teach a class or give a presentation. This includes research for children's programs and preparation for KWED programs.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
09-Nov-15	Gave talk on Companion Planting with Roses to Terrell Heights Garden Club	(h) Outreach to the Public	0	0.00	3.50
07-Nov-15	Preparation & review for talk to Terrell Heights Garden Club	(h) Outreach to the Public	0	0.00	2.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
09-Nov-15	Prepare for & teach class with GT students at La Vernia School	(i) Youth Education Gardening	0	0.00	2.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
14-Nov-15	KWED Radio Show - Winterizing Your Landscape	(h) Outreach to the Public	0	0.00	2.00
12-Nov-15	KWED radio show research & prep	(h) Outreach to the Public	0	0.00	1.50

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Master Gardener Class: Use the Project “Master Gardener Class” for all work associated with the class, such as Class Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Making Presentations to the Class, Sponsoring a Student, etc.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
11-Nov-15	<u>MG Class Presentation on La Vernia School Gardens</u>	(k) Master Gardener Class	0	0.00	2.00
09-Nov-15	<u>MG Class Sponsor Meeting</u>	(k) Master Gardener Class	0	0.00	1.50

Attending a Master Gardener Class: Report project as “Continuing Education”, unless you are the Class Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, or are making a requested presentation to the Class.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
11-Nov-15	<u>Master Gardener Class - Fruit & Nut Trees/Larry Stein</u>	(b) Continuing Education	0	4.00	1.00

Rummage Sale: Report Project as “Fund Raisers”.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
10-Nov-15	<u>Rummage Sale Prep</u>	(ii) Fund Raisers (Plant Sales, Garage Sales, etc.)	0	0.00	2.50
09-Nov-15	<u>Rummage Sale Meeting</u>	(ii) Fund Raisers (Plant Sales, Garage Sales, etc.)	0	0.00	2.00

Planning, Preparation, and Execution of Master Gardener Socials or Parties – Report Project as “Master Gardener Organizational Support”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Miles Driven</u>	<u>CE Hours</u>	<u>Vol. Hours</u>
07-Nov-15	<u>Planning for Christmas Party</u>	(c) MG Organizational Support	0	0.00	1.00



2015 – 100 Volunteer Hours

- Jose Contreras
- Bob Cox
- Kim Darrrough
- Joyce Friesenhahn
- Bob Grafe
- Beth Henry
- Treva Hicks
- Jim Johnson
- Peggy Jones
- Janice Knobles
- John Lewicki
- Cindy Martin
- Kay McElveen
- Elaine McIntyre
- LaVerne McKenney
- Ann Odvody
- Dale Odvody
- Karen Patterson
- Jerilyn Preston
- Iris Seale
- Mary Styblo
- Carol Suchan
- Robert Teweles
- Pam Turner
- Cindy Waechter



Ag Fair - Schertz-Cibolo

Eleven hundred - that's right, 1100, kids came thru our Master Gardener Station in the Ag Fair SCUCISD October 27, 28, 29. Many thanks to Master Gardeners LoRa Dick, Liz Romero, Gladys Haecker, Elizabeth Richardson, and Mary Rockhill for making this impact possible.

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners – Class 27

AgriLife Bldg, 210 Live Oak, Seguin

Wednesday, 10:00 – 2:30 thru December 9

Kay McElveen, Class Coordinator, kay.mcelveen@yahoo.com 830-401-4420

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Class 27 Schedule

- Dec 2 **Texas Superstars.** **Larry A. Stein, Ph.D.**, Professor & Extension Horticulturist, Texas A&M
How To Garden to For Wildlife. **Meredith O'Reilly**, Travis County A&M AgriLife Youth Gardening
Specialist for 4-H CAPITAL, Texas Master Naturalist, NWF Habitat Steward Host
- Dec 9 **Landscape Design Review/Small Groups.** **Dennis Hale**, Landscape Designer, Former Wilson
County AgriLife Extension Agent.

We have had a number of members inquire about sitting in on Dr. Larry Stein's December 2 presentation on "Texas Superstars" from 10 am to noon. We want to accommodate as many as possible but space will be limited, so no more than 12 guests can be accommodated. At this time 6 people have asked to participate. If anyone else wants to attend, please contact Kay or Cindy so that we can have enough handouts and don't overfill the space. Meredith O'Reilly will be doing the afternoon session, 12:30 – 2:30 on "Gardening for Wildlife". Please let us know if you are staying for both sessions.

Kay McElveen hkaymcelveen@gmail.com or Cindy Waechter cindy.waechter@gmail.com

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Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors

Two Year Term - Dave Elder - Alternate - Marvin Borth

One Year Term - Peggy Jones - Bob Teweles, Alternate

Membership Outreach Committee - Virginia Biggs

Speakers Bureau - Treva Hicks

Guadalupe Co. Community Garden - Dale & Ann Odvody

Master Gardener Office/Library - Betty Hughes

Refreshment Coordinator - Treva Hicks

Big Red Barn - Janice Knobles

Gutierrez Xeriscape Garden - John Lewicki & Kim Darrough

Historian - Sandy Foss

2015 County Fair - Cindy Martin

Ag Awareness Fair - Lo-Ra Dick

Class 27 Coordinator - Kay McElveen

Christmas Tree Decorating - Betty Hughes

Facebook Editor - Cynthia Leos

Newsletter Editor - Elaine McIntyre

Web Master - Bob Teweles

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Volunteer Opportunities

Every Monday the **MG office/library** is open from 8:30am-noon except for holidays. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Betty Hughes. 830-401-4066 or e-mail ehughes5@satx.rr.com.

Every Tuesday and Friday are work days at the **Guadalupe County Community Garden**. Check with Ann Odvody (odvodyd@swbell.net 830-914-3593) for start hour and access at other times.

Every Friday 9 am is a workday in the gardens at the **Big Red Barn**. Check with Janice Knobles, 830-379-6193 or e-mail jmknobles@yahoo.com for details.

KWED Master Gardener Lawn and Garden Show is always looking for volunteers. Contact Janet Grafe at 830-639-4199 or e-mail to janetgrafe@hotmail.com.

For our meetings, we could use help with setting out chairs since we usually put out 80 chairs. That way we are not putting out chairs during the program. If a few people came 30 minutes early, that would help a lot. **Treva Hicks**.



Leaders Needed - Contact Jose Contreras

We need someone to step up and serve as:

Volunteer Chair
Education Chair

REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact: Welta Burris Secretary 210-273-5025, or e-mail hwburris@ctxu.net.

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GCMG Outreach

Virginia Biggs is GCMG's Outreach Chairman. If anyone knows of a GCMG who needs a meal, please let her know 830-560-1976.



GARDENING EVENTS

Future State Master Gardeners Conferences

2016 State Conference - Buds & Bark - Earth-Kind® in the Park. Learn from renowned garden experts at the May 17-19, 2016 event to be held at the beautiful Myers Park and Event Center in McKinney, Texas. For information on registration, dates, presenters, Collins County MGA speakers and workshops, local hotels, and more, email txmg2016@ccmgatx.org or call [469-859-5934](tel:469-859-5934). Find up-to-date information on Facebook: Texas Master Gardener Annual Conference, or Instagram – txmgstate-conf2016.

Register by Dec 31st for Discounted Rate!

2018 Master Gardener State Conference will be held in College Station.

Anniversary of Gutierrez Xeriscape Park Dedication

April 2016

1300 BORGFELD, SCHERTZ

See the new artwork by Steele High School

Listen to a mariachi band

Get free food and drinks

Visit:

The Guadalupe County Native Plant Society

Master Gardener Information Tables

The Butterfly Garden and Monarch Way Station.

"Holiday Tasting Luncheon"

San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels @ Funston

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 10 a.m.

The San Antonio Garden Center Clubs' annual "Holiday Tasting Luncheon" will have entertainment featuring holiday songs by the award-winning Sweet Adelines quartet, "A La Carte." Bring your Christmas spirit and your favorite dishes to share. For more information, go to www.sanantoniogardencentre.org or call (210) 824-9981.

A New Beekeeping Club

A new Beekeeping Club is in the works Their first meeting was in Marion on November 14th. If you are interested in joining, networking, and learning from other beekeepers of all degrees of experience, please contact:

Mark de Kiewiet - 210-863-8024

Molly Keck, Bexar Extension Office - 210-631-0400

Carol Calentine, Guadalupe Extension Office - 830-303-3889

Mike Cole - 210-778-3126



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On **Monday January 11 2016** the next Lunch and Lean will be held in Schertz at the GVEC Meeting Room by Jim Johnson on "**Starting Your Spring Vegetables from Seed and How to Build Your Own Grow Light**".

Preserving Your Garden Vegetables

January 16, 2016

Saturday 9am-12pm

210 East Live Oak Street, Seguin

Extension Agents Charla Bading and Connie Sheppard Will present a food preservation workshop hosted by Guadalupe County Master Gardeners and the AgriLife Extension Service. This workshop will teach you the basics of canning, including how to use pressure canners and water bath canners to preserve pickles, jam, and vegetables. There will be free handouts to attendees. Preregistration fee \$20 per person and \$25 at the door

For further information see www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org or call 830-303-3889

**Fifth Annual Comal Master Gardener Association Spring Seminar
Plants for all Seasons - The Marvelous Monocots, A to Z
Friday, February 21, 2016, from 8:50 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

The seminar will include well-known speakers, as follows: "Introduction to Monocots" by Flo Oxley, Ph.D., Austin Community College, Department of Biology. "Bulbs" by David E. Will, Texas Certified Landscape Professional and Owner of Landscape Details. "Daylilies" by Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, American Hemerocallis Society, Region 6 Daylily Judge. "Ornamental Grasses" by Joanne Hall, Vice President of South Texas Growers, Inc. "Rain Gardens" by Dotty Woodson, Water Resources Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Check-in is 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Please register early. Seating is limited. For further information please email seminar@ComalMasterGardeners.org.

Beekeeping Workshops at Gretchen Bee Ranch in Kingsbury

Over the next several weeks we are offering a series of free one-hour beekeeping workshops on Saturday mornings from 8 to 9. Here are the upcoming topics:

- November 28 — Late fall mite treatment using Apiguard (Demo on actual hives, weather permitting.)
- December 5 — How to store your empty honey supers and brood boxes for winter
- December 12 — How to mix sugar syrup and pollen patties to feed your bees
- December 19 — Bee box assembly demonstration
- December 26 — Closed
- January 2 — Honey House open but no program
- January 9 — Bee suit evaluation and care
- January 16 — Evaluating your queens as your hives build-up in late winter

We'd be delighted to see you at one or more of these free workshops at the Bee Ranch. We'll provide free coffee and opportunity for questions and information sharing. I would also like to let you know that we now sell beekeeping supplies. We have a large retail area inside the honey house and you are welcome to come by to browse and shop. All of our equipment comes with experienced advice, and we work to keep our prices competitive.

Mark Gretchen, Gretchen Bee Ranch <http://www.gretchenbeeranch.com>
2745 W. Kingsbury, Seguin, TX 78155 [210-464-7436](tel:210-464-7436)



December 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 GCCG Workday	2	3	4 GCCG Workday 9 AM Red Barn 9 AM	5 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9 a.m.
GCCG - Guadalupe County Community Garden						
6	7 Master Gardener Office/Library\ 8:30-Noon	8 GCCG Workday	9	10 <u>GCMG</u> <u>Board</u> <u>Meeting</u>	11 GCCG Workday Red Barn 9 AM ● NEW MOON	12 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show
13	14 Master Gardener Office/Library\ 	15 GCCG Workday	16	17	18 GCCG Workday Red Barn	19 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show Christmas Social 5 PM
20	21 Master Gardener Office/Library	22 GCCG Workday	23	24	25  O - Full Moon	26 KWED Radio Lawn & Garden Show <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u>
27	28 Master Gardener Office/Library	29	30	31 	 	



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Christmas Social

December 19th, 2015 - 5 PM

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