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President's Message New Beginnings

The start of a new year is a time for reflecting on past events and looking to the future with great expectations. We should not forget the past or those in it, but neither should we let it limit our future endeavors. With this in mind, I hope everyone has had a safe and pleasant holiday season and are ready to embrace the new year with open arms.

As your incoming president, let me introduce myself. My name is Marvin Borth. I am from Class 25 and I live in Schertz. While working full time for the San Antonio fire department and working part time running my own business, I am also finishing up my BA in Horticulture. My goal for this organization will be to continue in the paths of the many successful presidents before me and perhaps move us a little further along as an organization in the coming year.

I would like to thank the presidents and board members before me for leading us to where we are today. I would also like to thank the members that have chaired a position this past year and would ask you to keep up the good work and continue moving us forward. For anyone that has not been on a committee before, I encourage you to sign up and become an active participant in your organization.

With that thought in mind, there will be plenty of opportunities in the immediate future to volunteer: Rodeo, GC Community Garden, Gutierrez Xeriscape Park, and Big Red Barn to name a few. These volunteer events are a perfect time to meet and work with other members of our organization.

I am looking forward to working with everyone this coming year. Feel free to contact me, by text or email, if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support.

Marvin

January Meeting Thursday

January 21st - 7 PM
Agrilife Building

Social & Refreshments 6:30 PM

Program at 7 PM
Scooter Cheatham
Useful Wild Plants

Followed by Business Meeting

**Don't forget your name tags and
plants for plant exchange.**

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Association News



Great News: Join me in congratulating Betty Hughes and all who volunteered to help make decorations for and decorate this year's first place winner.

Jose Contreras

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Jose Contreras



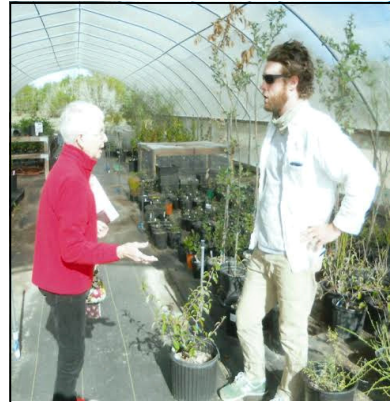
Hall of Texas Heroes Gets Addition

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center received a new addition to its Hall of Texas Heroes area of its developing Texas Arboretum. Pictured below is Iris Seale presenting a sapling that she grew from an acorn collected from The Deaf Smith Oak Tree to Phillip Schulze, Arboretum Site Manager. There is a sapling from Deaf Smith at the Museum. It was planted first. The Mollie Steves Zachry Texas Arboretum will also soon feature an oak collection of all 50 species of oak trees native to Texas.



Iris Seale presenting the Sapling to Phillip Schultze.

The Deaf Smith Oak Tree is located just outside of La Vernia and overlooks Cibolo Creek. Erastus “Deaf” Smith reportedly climbed this tree in 1835 to spy on a Mexican troop camp. Deaf Smith was well acquainted with the area between San Antonio and Gonzales and therefore was selected as a scout for the Army of Texans formed under their elected Commander Stephen F. Austin. Deaf Smith also raised and Captained a company of Texas Rangers that fought in Laredo. Iris recently visited the original Deaf Smith Oak Tree and verified it is still alive despite the rumors that it had died. She also planted a Sapling from the Deaf Smith Oak at the La Vernia Primary School where it has grown to over 8 feet tall and is located in the Wildflower Median at the front of the school.



Phillip showing Iris the Arboretum's greenhouse.



The Hall of Texas Heroes is a dedicated site “. . .where Texas history comes alive and the past is celebrated through the propagation of historically significant trees. The trees that you will see on this circle are descended from trees that played a significant role in Texas' past. This collection helps conserve the heritage of culturally significant trees while providing a tangible and living connection to historic events, persons, and places.”

Article and Photos submitted by **Iris Seale** and **John Lewicki**

Guadalupe County Community Gardem

Now, two opportunities to help at the Garden: Tuesday and Saturday mornings. As you know, there is a standing workday on Tuesday mornings. Because many of you indicated that Saturday would be a better day for you to help in the Garden, we will also be working on the **2nd Saturday of each month**. We will start at 8:00 a.m. Please remember to wear a hat and bring lots of water.

Our harvest for 2015 was 3,890 pounds for a five-year total of 19,462 pounds.

Report from the Big Red Barn



This will be our last report for the year 2015. It's been a productive year in the garden and the school tours have been a learning experience for the students and the tour guides. I'm never quite sure who learns the most the questioner or the person answering.

On the work side, we got a lot of things accomplished this month that was on our to do list. Primary among them was putting new mulch on the walk ways. This was more complicated than it sounds as it encompassed lowering the level of the paths before we put new mulch down. Over

the years the pathways had formed berms as additional mulch was added, causing the beds to be flooded when it rained. We manually moved old mulch and the really good soil that had been produced into the beds. After that we put new mulch on the paths with the help of Stan's handy tractor.

We also completed the new bed layout for Plot 3. This consists of 4 ft. wide beds separated by 2.5 ft mulched paths, so that the growing soil is not compacted by walking on it (Plot 1 is already set up this way). Our next step will be getting some mushroom compost for the beds and tilling it in. That is scheduled for January.

This last work Friday of the year we set up the new composting bins that were built by Mike Chandler and Bob Cox. This is part of Bob's certification as a composting specialist. He is going to make sure we do this right! We also did the (almost) final harvesting of broccoli, tomatoes, cauliflower, mustard greens, lettuce, etc. If this weather holds, we will have more lettuce, broccoli florets, etc., not to mention brussel sprouts which aren't ready to harvest as yet.

In other words, we will have plenty of work to keep up busy after the first of the year until it's time to do spring planting. Meantime all of the volunteers at the Big Red Barn hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Article and photo by **Kay McElveen**

Class 27 – FINAL REPORT

December 9 was both a very happy day and, in some ways, a sad day. It was the last day of class for the 14 members of Class 27 (and the class coordinators). So this will be my final article on “how the class is going”. It is really strange not to tell people that “I can’t do that, it’s on a Wednesday”.

I think I can confidently say it went very well. All of the instructors showed up – always a major concern when coordinating a class – and did a great job. When we did the final day evaluation round table, it was very interesting to find out which instructors/topics were favorites, based either on usefulness of the subject matter or skill of the instructor.

Other high lights worth mentioning:

The class was small but they really bonded – they got so loud that a coaches’ whistle was needed at times to bring them back from break.

The quality of the “snacks” provided by the participants was outstanding (you need to prioritize and I’ve found food is a major priority for Master Gardeners), another reason it was hard to get them back from breaks

Despite much groaning, all tests and other home work was completed and every one passed!

All joking aside, the class performed in an outstanding manner. Not only did they participate but the level of questions showed an informed interest in the topics discussed.

In addition, I am proud to report that Class 27 really got into the commitment that Master Gardeners exhibit doing volunteer work that is integral to our organization. As a result, **ten of the fourteen class members have completed their required 50 hours of volunteer work to become Certified Master Gardeners**. The number may be higher by the January meeting, when graduation will occur. All of them will be great Master Gardeners!

I want to thank all of you who helped make Class 27 such a great success. We had several great instructors from our membership – you know who you are. There were also a number of people who helped with the logistics, from organizing sponsors to grading tests, who made the wheels turn. A special thanks to my co-coordinator, Cindy Waechter, who was essential to the success of the class.

The end (no, **the BEGINNING**)

Article by **Kay McElveen**, Class 27 Coordinator, Photos by **Bob Cox**



More Photos on following page.



More from
Class 27

Report from Class 27

Hi all, this is Jason from Class 27, the best class to this date! The people in this class are wonderful and all the Master Gardeners I've met are so very helpful. I would recommend this class to anyone, in fact, I recommend it to everyone I talk to.

I came into this class thinking I knew the basics of gardening. Oh boy, was I wrong. I've learned a whole lot here and I know this is just the tip of the iceberg. The number of roses out there alone was enough to shock me. And plant propagation, I mean, we all know it can be done, but to do it yourself, I'm like "oh, I like you so much pretty little plant, I'm going to cut you and morph you into two, or four, or six, or however many I want because (insert evil voice) I am your god!!!! Okay, I'm done with that rant now.

Another thing I like is the amount of bugs and how many are beneficial. Molly Keck was a wonderful speaker. I learned more about bugs than I thought I would, I never knew there were so many and that only around 5% of them were bad guys.

And then there's soil and all the different nutrients that are present, or not.....and the bacteria and fungus, oh, and the biology of the plant - learning how all that works. It's all just amazing.

I really enjoyed how to harvest, store, and reuse rain water taught by Liz Romero, Dave Elder, and Jim Johnson. These people have a plethora of information. Rainwater has so many benefits for use in the house, the garden, and on the lawn. You can filter it to drink, but I prefer to feed it to my veggies, who then feed me in return.

The fruits and nuts lesson with Dr. Larry A. Stein was interesting, so many different fruits and vegetables! To learn that I can just grow them on my own instead of donating so much of my money to the corporate bigwigs at the local grocery store!

Our latest class was all about trees. I can sure tell you that I will never look at a tree the same way again after the very knowledgeable lecture from Nancy Masterson. Before leaving class that day, I had already thought of a few friends that I will be annoying about how they are not taking care of their trees. I'm sure they will stop inviting me over or, they may not leave me alone and barrage me with question after question about trees, "come on man, leave me alone!" - I kid, I kid, I love to spread any and all knowledge that I have.

I am so glad to be sharing this experience with the wonderful group of people that are Class 27. Thank you for reading, you all God Bless.

Submitted by: **Jason Edwards**, Class 27

Why Do My 2014/2015 Hours Show in VMS?

When I view my hours in VMS, my 2014 and 2015 hours are included in the totals. Is this correct? Yes, it is. As currently designed, VMS contains a cumulative total of all hours reported in VMS regardless of the year earned. When you report 2016 hours in VMS, the totals will include your 2014 and 2015 hours.

How can I see how many hours I've reported in 2016? Go to Your Information, Viewing Your Hours. At the top of the page under Volunteer Hour History for (Your Name), you will see a Start Date Box and an End Date Box. Input the dates for which you want your hours report and select the SUBMIT KEY. For example, if you want to know how many hours you earned in January the Start Date would be 1/1/2016 and the End Date would be 1/31/2016. Scroll to the bottom of the page to see your hour totals for the dates input. If you want a written report of your hours, select the CREATE EXCEL key and VMS will place an Excel Spreadsheet of your hours in your Downloads Files.

Texas Master Gardener
VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Hello, Cindy Waechter! Guadalupe County

Your Information

- Edit Your Profile
- Add New Hours
- Viewing Your Hours

Volunteer Hour History For Cindy Waechter

Start Date: End Date:

Date	Activity	Project Name	Miles Driven	CE Hours	Vol. Hours
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When Will I Receive My 2016 Master Gardener Membership Card

2016 Master Gardener Membership Cards will be available for members to pick up at the January membership meeting. If you don't attend the January meeting, you can obtain it in one of three ways.

- You can pick up your membership card at any monthly Membership Meeting.
- You can drop by the AgriLife Extension office at 210 E. Live Oak Street in Seguin and pick up your membership card from Carol Calentine (you might want to call first, 830-379-2153, to be sure Carol is in the office)
- You can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, 210 E. Live Oak Street, Seguin, TX 78155 requesting that your Membership Card be mailed to you.

GCMG 2016 Approved Project List (For Reporting Hours in VMS)

Following is the Board approved GCMG Project List for Recording Volunteer Hours in VMS as of January 2016.

Changes for 2016 are as follows:

Activities involving **Publicity** and the **Seguin Christmas Tree Decorating** were moved to **(c) MG Organizational Support** from the Outreach to Public category.

The **AgriLife Extension Garden** was deleted from **(g) Approved Gardens**, as the garden was turned into a parking lot with the building renovation.

(h) Outreach to the Public was changed to **(h) Public Education/Outreach** to better define the types of activities included in this project.

Project **(hh) LaVernia Primary School** was added to the project list to allow reporting of volunteer hours specifically contributed to this project.

Project **(j) Master Gardener Booth** was changed to **(mm) Master Gardener Booth** for better placement within the project list and more accurate reporting by members.

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Project Name	Description
(a) Membership Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting to Include Speaker Presentation Continuing Education Hours: Speaker Presentation Volunteer Hours: Travel Time & Business Meeting
(b) Continuing Education	Educational seminars/classes
(c) MG Organizational Support	Committee Duties & Meetings Executive Board Duties and Meetings Facebook Master Gardener Office/Library Membership Outreach (Notifications, phone calls, cards, letters, etc.) Newsletter Publicity Seguin Christmas Tree Decorating Socials, hospitality, refreshments (planning, set up, clean up: NOT attendance or cooking) Volunteer Hours Program Volunteer Recognition
(d) Guadalupe County Community Garden	
(e) Gutierrez Xeriscape Park	
(f) Red Barn	
(g) Approved Gardens	Park West
(h) Public Education/Outreach	Answering questions for the public Ask a Master Gardener KWED radio (Researching, preparing, presenting) Library Gardening Series (Lunch & Learn) (Researching, preparing, presenting) Public education programs/seminars (Researching, preparing, presenting) Speaker's Bureau Website
(hh) LaVernia Primary School	
(i) Youth Education Gardening	Ag Days Schertz/Cibolo AgFest Big Red Barn Buckaroo Days at SASS&R School gardens, not otherwise listed Water Fairs
(ii) Fund Raisers (Plant Sales, Garage Sales, etc.)	
(iii) Earth Day	
(k) Master Gardener Class	All activities associated with the preparation for, delivery of, and the conclusion of the Class for Master Gardeners.
(l) San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo	
(m) Guadalupe County Fair	
(mm) Master Gardener Booth	Pecan Fest Wilson County Garden Day
(n) Texas State Master Gardeners Association	Conferences Directors meetings
(o) Other	

Thank You November Volunteers

GCMG volunteers reported 1225 volunteer hours in November. A special shout out goes to our Top Volunteers reporting 25 or more volunteer hours during November: Jose Contreras, John Lewicki, Kay McElveen, Cindy Waechter, Dale Odvody, Jim Johnson, Iris Seale, Kathy Bennett and Ann Odvody. Thank you for your service!
 Members Reporting 5 or More Hours in November 2015

December Volunteer Recognition Drawing						
	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME			LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME
1	Anderson	Marilyn		24	Masterson	Nancy
2	Bennett	Kathy		25	McElveen	Kay
3	Biggs	Virginia		26	McIntyre	Elaine
4	Bowe	Mary		27	Micheli	Hughlene
5	Cantergiani	Nancy		28	Montalvo	Maria
6	Carroll	Kathy		29	MyCue	Carol
7	Chandler	Mike		30	Odvody	Ann
8	Christian	Holly		31	Odvody	Dale
9	Cottingham	Ryla		32	Patterson	Karen
10	Cox	Robert (Bob)		33	Preston	Jerilyn
11	Darrough	Kim		34	Romero	Liz
12	Delcambre	Sharon		35	Ruppert	Polly
13	Elia	Debra		36	Schultze	Pat
14	Friesenhahn	Joyce		37	Seale	Iris
15	Grafe	Compost Bob		38	Shanafelt	Joanne
16	Henry	Beth		39	Styblo	Mary
17	Jones	Peggy		40	Suchan	Carol
18	Kjohede	KJ		41	Taylor	Katheryn (Kat)
19	Knobles	Janice		42	Turner	Pam
20	Lang	Ray		43	Viriden	Nancy
21	Lewicki	John		44	Weber	Walter
22	Magee	Janet		45	Wilson	Jennifer
23	Martin	Cindy				

45 Certified Master Gardeners qualified for the December Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing. Having done so, all 45 also qualify for one entry into the \$150 Annual Recognition Drawing. The December winner as well as the 2015 annual winner will be drawn at the January membership meeting.

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 January 2016 to be eligible for the February Membership Drawing.



2015 – 100 Volunteer Hours



- Kathy Bennett
- Mary Bowe
- Welta Burris
- Mike Chandler
- Jose Contreras
- Bob Cox
- Kim Darrough
- Joyce Friesenhahn
- Bob Grafe
- Beth Henry
- Barbara Heuerman
- Treva Hicks
- Jim Johnson
- Peggy Jones
- KJ Kjolhede
- 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

What's happening this week throughout the state with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service?

<http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/>

Future Programs

July 30 - Nolte Park booked for what will be our July 30th Social.

REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact: Janice Jadwin, Secretary, 210-416-2477, or e-mail jmjadwin@yahoo.com

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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.



Native Plant Society of Texas Guadalupe County (Schertz-Seguin) Chapter

What's NICE about Natives?

By popular demand this evening will explain and answer all your questions about NICE (Natives Instead of Common Exotics), the scheme of working with local nurseries, HOAs and other groups to promote the sale and use of Texas native plants. Come and learn how our chapter has operated and will expand NICE to suit the unique Guadalupe County area. And perhaps find your own niche there!

We will also install our new officers and, and will heap thanks, praise, and cookies on everyone who donated time, expertise, and stamina to make 2015 our most successful year ever.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:00 PM

St John's Lutheran Church, FM 465, Marion, TX

Meetings are open to the public. Visitors are welcome. There is a plant/seed exchange and greeting at 6:30 PM followed by the program at 7:00 PM. For more information, directions or membership applications see our website at: <http://www.inpsot.org/wp/guadalupe/>

The purpose of the Native Plant Society of Texas is to promote research, conservation and use of native plants and habitats through education, outreach and example.

Earth-Kind Landscaping

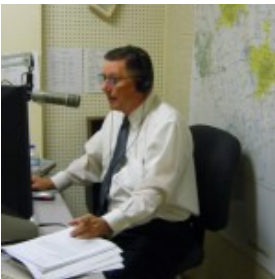
Earth-Kind Landscaping uses research-proven techniques to provide maximum garden and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting the environment. The objective of Earth-Kind Landscaping is to combine the best of organic and traditional gardening and landscaping principles to create a horticultural system based on real world effectiveness and environmental responsibility. Earth-Kind Landscaping encourages:

- [Landscape Water conservation](#)
- [Reduction of fertilizer and pesticide use](#)
- [Landscaping for energy conservation](#)
- [Reduction of landscape wastes entering landfills](#)

Individuals using Earth-Kind landscaping principles and practices can create beautiful, easy-care landscapes, while conserving and protecting natural resources and the environment.

For more information go <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/>

Join the Master Gardeners Every Saturday on the Radio!!!!



Tune in to Compost Bob Grafe and the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners every Saturday morning at 9 am for the Lawn and Garden Show on KWED 1580 AM. Bob and his guests talk about everything from Trees to Compost and take your calls to answer your gardening questions – just call the listener line, 830.372.1580. If you don't have an AM radio receiver convenient, you can tune in over the internet. Just go to KWED's website and tune in!!!!!!

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 2nd Saturday 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**.

Let's RODEO San Antonio!

Another year has gone by and Rodeo 2016 will soon be upon us, beginning Thursday, Feb 11 and running through Sunday, Feb 28. Plan to be part of the excitement. Check your calendar, and think about how you want to participate. The sign up sheets will be coming out soon.

Leaders Needed - Contact Marvin Borth

We need someone to step up and serve as:

Volunteer Chair
Education Chair

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 – txmgstateconf2016.

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

EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

TMG Specialist Training - Plant Propagation **12:30 pm April 21 - Noon April 23, 2016**

Sponsored by Tarrant County Master Gardeners in Fort Worth, Texas. Deadline to register is April 1, 2016. Registration fee is \$200. For additional information go to <http://mastergardener.tamu.edu/master-gardener-specialist/plant-propagation-specialist/> or contact Billie Hammack at 817-884-1296 or email blhammack@ag.tamu.edu

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 Hemericallis 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.

2 Free Fruit Tree Seminars

Two free seminars on citrus will be presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Both programs will cover the basic steps of selecting appropriate fruit tree species, how to properly plant, train and maintain the trees, and how and when to harvest the fruit.

The first of the two seminars, called **Plant an Orchard Now**, will be presented by David Rodriguez, AgriLife Extension horticulturist for Bexar County. It will be from **10:30-noon Jan. 16 at Milberger's Landscape Nursery**, 3920 N. Loop 1604 East in San Antonio. 1.5 continuing education units will be awarded to Master Gardeners who attend.

The second seminar will be presented by **Dr. Larry Stein**, AgriLife Extension horticulturist based in Uvalde. It will be from **9 a.m.-noon Jan. 23 at Fanick's Garden Center**, 1025 Holmgreen Road in San Antonio. 3 continuing education units will be awarded to Master Gardeners who attend this program.

Preserving Your Garden Vegetables **January 16, 2016. Saturday 9am-12pm**

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

"Water: Where Are We Going in 2016?"

San Antonio Garden Center Clubs will meet Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 10 a.m. at 3310 N. New Braunfels @ Funston. Program will feature Mark Peterson, Conservation Project Coordinator for SAWS, whose topic is "Water: Where Are We Going in 2016?" Come hear about problems, plans and predictions for our most important resource. Join us for coffee at 9:30; meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, go to <http://www.sanantoniogardencenter.org/> or call [\(210\) 824-9981](tel:210-824-9981).

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:

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)

January 11, 2016 Lunch and Learn

On January 11, 2016 Guadalupe County Master Gardeners will present a Gardening program from noon to 1pm at the GVEC Service Center Community Room in Schertz. Jim Johnson, Vegetable Specialist will present "Grow Spring Vegetable Transplants from Seed". Mr. Johnson will explain how you can save money by growing your own spring vegetables from seeds, how to make your own grow light, and the right vegetables for the season.

The Program will be at the GVEC Service Center Community Room, 908 Curtis Street, Schertz, TX is free and open to the public. Attendees are welcome to bring lunch and handouts will be available.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF A POPULAR SPECIALTY

Steve Chaney and I will be co-hosting a state vegetable specialist training session on March 10, 11, and 12, 2016. The program will be held in Tarrant County since they have the best facilities. Steve and I will be developing the program and other arrangements in the near future.

Stephen J. Hudkins, County Extension Agent/Horticulture, Master Gardener Program Coordinator
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January 2016

January 10th
is
Houseplant
Appreciation
Day



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



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