



# The Guadalupe Gardener

A monthly publication of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Texas A&M *Agri*LIFE Extension, Guadalupe County



## President's Message

### Rain, Rain, Go Away

It's not that we don't need the rain but... Geeez. We got 5 inches in this last rain cycle. It is easy to understand why. With the heat of August and the first rain we got, we get caught in a moisture cycle. The rain comes in, the humidity goes up because of the heat, and when it reaches the upper atmosphere, the moisture condenses and comes back down as more rain.

You can already see that it is a good year for established natives. This is a good thing. Moisture means growth, growth leads to maturity and seed production, which means we should have an excellent crop next season.

A final thought... seasons come and seasons go, but the memories of friends who have touched our lives live on forever. John, you will be missed.

Marvin

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## September Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, September 15

**Social & Refreshments** 6:30 p.m.

**Presentation at 7:00 p.m.**

**Topic:** Aquaponics by Steve Sumrow

**Business meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

## Future Meetings

**October 20 - Bats** by Judit Green

**November 17 - Guadalupe County Soils** by John Watkins

**December 9- Christmas Social** at Faith Lutheran Church

**January 19th - Shade Plants** by Liz Romero



Find us on:  
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For all you Guadalupe County Master Gardeners out there that are on Facebook, we have a new Group! It's called "Guadalupe County Master Gardeners." Just do a search on FB and it should come up. Send a request to join and all members in good standing will be added.

Students, this includes you!

Join now to begin discussing, learning, sharing ideas, and showing off photos of your wonderful gardens. It's also a great forum for things like plant's problems, post a picture with a brief description of what's wrong, be sure and tell us your soil type, when the photo was taken and, hopefully, you'll get lots of ideas on how to deal with that problem plant. I'm anxious to see all kinds of garden discussions including bugs, fungi, plant diseases, as well as success stories in your gardens.

Don't have a Facebook Account? Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) You'll see "sign up" on the right.

Fill in all the blanks and hit the green "Sign Up" button. It's free! If you're unsure about how to do it, I'd be happy to help you set up your account with the appropriate privacy settings. Just give me a call at (830) 379-7203 during our business hours of 9am - 4pm most any day of the week and either myself or my husband Frank will walk you through setting up an account..

Or you can e-mail me at: [adrappel@gmail.com](mailto:adrappel@gmail.com) for advice about Facebook. I hope to see all of you on Facebook real soon!

April Rippel  
Class 27

## *LVISD Primary Gardens*

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners were invited to attend the LVISD newcomers open house to tell parents about our Primary gardens and to recruit volunteers for the coming school year.

Pictured left to right:: Barbara Heuerman,  
Kay Covers and Iris Seale





# August Meeting



Presenter: Deddy Wright– Ornamental Trees

Photos by Marvin “T” Taylor



## Highlights from the 8/13/16 Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors Meeting at Texas A&M in College Station.

**The Gardens at Texas A&M** continue to receive donations from Master Gardeners for the Earth Kind Gardens that is to be one of 26 gardens located within the Teaching Gardens. To date the 6000 Master Gardeners in Texas have donated \$136,000. Dr. Doug Welsh gave an update on the construction progress. Groundbreaking took place on June 17<sup>th</sup> for Phase I of the Gardens which includes the Teaching Gardens, White Creek Restoration, the Event Lawn and the Pavilion. Completion is scheduled for spring of 2018. For a detailed description of the Gardens please go to <http://gardens.tamu.edu>

Dr. Welsh is retiring at the end of 2016. Joseph Johnson a 1988 graduate of Texas A&M is taking over the Gardens project.

The Awards Committee presented the Awards Handbook for 2016. See it on the TMGA website at <http://txmg.org/awards/awards-program/> The time period for submitting an award entry is January 1, 2017 to January 31, 2017 for activities that took place in 2016. The Award Winners for 2015 projects were presented at the TMG State Conference in Collin County in May 2016. See the winners and the entries at <http://txmg.org/awards/2015-award-winners/>

**“Technology for Master Gardeners” by Jim Ewoldsen.** This was an overwhelmingly detailed program about the technology and applications Collin County Master Gardener uses. From Genius.com for sign-up sheets instead of passing it around at the Master Gardener meetings, to Dropbox.com for placing all their presentations and homework from the MG Classes. Developing U Tube videos with the help of Techsmith.com/Camtasia. Survey Monkey for on line surveys. Mail Chimp.com for all the email addresses they gathered at events to send notices to non-members (free for up to 2000). The list goes on. The complete presentation will be posted on the Collin County MG website.

The upcoming Master Gardener Conferences are the **Southern Region Master Gardener Conference in Ft. Worth, November 1-4 2016.** <https://2016southernregionmg.com/>

**2017 Texas Master Gardener Conference April 27-May 1.** *Galveston to Cozumel Cruise. All but sold out. A handful of rooms were purchased for last minute attendees.* <http://texasmgconference.com/>

**2018 Texas Master Gardener Conference dates are set for April 4-6 in College Station for the opening of the Gardens at Texas A&M.** The theme will be *“Honoring the Past, Present and Embracing the Future”*. This will also be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Texas Master Gardener Program.

**The Nominating Committee presented their recommended Slate of Officers for 2017.** They are: President - Peggy Rogers, Wood County; 1st VP - Nicky Maddams, Waller County; 2nd VP - Jack Downey, Bexar County; Secretary - Pat Allen, Bell County; Treasurer - Elisabeth Castro, Montgomery County; and Past President - Mary Means, Collin County

The next Directors meeting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Peggy Jones GCMG Class 18.





# NATIVE LANDSCAPE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

presented by The Lindheimer Chapter of The Native Plant Society of Texas

## Level 1: Introduction to Native Landscapes

- Appreciate the benefits of including and preserving native plants in landscapes and building wildlife habitat
- Distinguish between sustainable and conventional development
- Understand your Texas ecoregion, including soil type
- Become familiar with 45 native Texas plants recommended for your landscape and 5 invasive plants to avoid



**Saturday, September 24, 2016 8am - 4pm**

**Tye Preston Memorial Library, Canyon Lake**

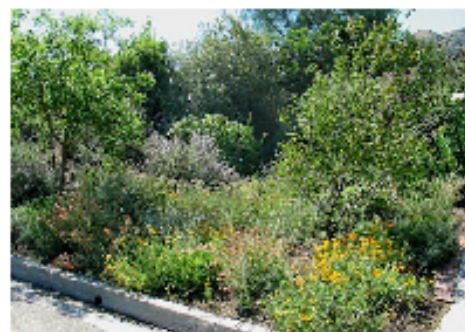
**Native Plant Sale for class participants**

**\$37 cost includes snacks & beverages**  
(<sup>\$</sup>10 box lunch available by pre-order)

**[NPSOT.org/wp/NLCP](http://NPSOT.org/wp/NLCP)**  
for more information and to register

**[NPSOT.org/Lindheimer](http://NPSOT.org/Lindheimer)**  
for chapter meeting information

Questions? Contact Sara Riggs at [Riggs\\_571@msn.com](mailto:Riggs_571@msn.com) or 571-236-8571



# SECOND STEPS IN BEEKEEPING

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If you have attended the Beekeeping Basics program or already have bees and are ready for some more in depth information, this course will cover those needs! We will discuss the next steps in beekeeping once you have installed your bees. Topics subject to change and may include registering bees, a recap of bee biology, what you should see inside your hive, how and when to re-queen, how to split, how to extract honey, diseases and pests and a commercial beekeepers perspective.

- September 23, 2016
- 9am-3:30pm
- Bexar Co. AgriLife Extension Office:  
3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208,  
SATX 78230
- Cost - \$40 (lunch included)

For more information,  
contact Molly at:  
[mekeck@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:mekeck@aq.tamu.edu)  
210-631-0400

You may pay by check, see registration form below OR online at  
<http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>

If paying by **check**, please return with payment by September 19<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special concerns or dietary needs:



## **Guadalupe County Chapter Presents**

### **From Wildscapes to Formal Landscapes: Natives Can Do Them All**

Do you want your front or back yard to look like Nature's Paradise? Like a Japanese tea garden? Like the Jardins du Chateau de Versailles? Texas native plants are ready to serve in all these roles and more. Come and learn how the magic can happen, as Deedy Wright shows us the versatility, adaptability and splendor of our native Texas plants.

Deedy is a founding member of our NPSOT chapter, a current member of the Lindheimer Chapter, a Master Gardener, and the NPSOT Vice President for Education. In this last role, Deedy will also update the chapter on what the state organization is promoting in the realm of education.

**Tuesday September 13, 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 to St John's Lutheran Church, or membership applications see our website at: <http://npsot.org/wp/guadalupe/>



### *Wilson County Maker Faire*

Time is getting short. We are looking for makers for our maker faire on Saturday, September 17 at the Floresville Event Center. We have a few makers who have applied but we need more. Please help support our library and our maker faire by planning to be an exhibitor.

Commercial exhibitors do have a \$25 fee. You are considered commercial if you sell anything. Non-commercial exhibitors have no fee.

The application can be found at <http://www.wilsoncountymakerfaire.com/>

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### *Class 28 Update*

The 2016 Class 28 started on August 17th with a strong group of students, a fabulous support group of Master Gardeners and Dennis Hale leading off with landscape design and soil testing. This fall class has 15 students from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. We all remember our first few classes and how much information is provided in a short time frame. I remember how much I enjoyed being a student again and the fun of learning. I see that interest in the faces of this group of students as well. Several of the students have expressed that the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners they've met are warm and welcoming. This makes me proud of our organization and the awesome members who share our love of gardening and nature.

At the second class, Dr. Jake Mowrer taught soil and water nutrients and students met Master Gardeners who volunteered as sponsors. This fall, the class is meeting from 12:45-4:45 in Seguin. The class coordinators are Kay McElveen and Cindy Martin. Class helpers are Cindy Winkleman, Mary Miller and Cynthia Lyssy. Cynthia is coordinating a night class in Schertz in the spring of 2017. The fall course schedule is in VMS and members are welcome to sit in on classes with the exception of the Propagation class and the field trip to Kitchen Pride.

Cindy Martin



## *The Wandering Gardener: Our National Parks*

I hope by now that you have heard that our National Parks are 100 this year. Of course, not all are 100 years but some are. You all know that I am a traveler and love the outdoors so I have traveled to many National Parks. I have been to Acadia in Maine, The Everglades in Florida, Denali in Alaska, Joshua Tree, Yosemite, the Redwoods and Death Valley in California. Also I have seen Arches, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, The Grand Canyon (from the south, east and north rims), the Badlands, Olympia, Saguaro East and West, Yellowstone, Teton and our own Big Bend. There are others which will come to me later, but you can see I have seen many of our protected lands.

I do not know if you've enjoyed our National Parks but if you haven't you really should give them a try. I have enclosed pictures of Joshua Tree, Acadia, Denali (the picture does not do the mountain justice) and Arches. These four show a variety of the beauty of nature.

Marilyn Moltz



## August Volunteer Recognition Drawing

**23** Certified Master Gardeners qualified for the July and **22** for the August Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing. Since there was no membership meeting in July, we drew names for both months at the August Membership Meeting. Congratulations to Janice Knobles who won a \$20 gift certificate to Maldonado Nursery for the July drawing and to Judith Johnson, who won a \$20 gift certificate to Maldonado Nursery for the August drawing. Congratulations to Marvin Borth who won the door prize of a \$10 certificate for Maldonado's. Noel Barrientez won \$23.50 of the \$47 that was collected for the raffle.

## Members Reporting 5 or More Volunteer Hours in June 2016

July Volunteer Recognition Program					
	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME		LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME
1	Bowe	Mary	1 3	Martin	Cindy
2	Burton	Rodney	1 4	McIntyre	Elaine
3	Chandler	Mike	1 5	Micheli	Hughlene
4	Cover	Kay	1 6	Odyssey	Ann
5	Cox	Robert (Bob)	1 7	Odyssey	Dale
6	Darrough	Kim	1 8	Rosas	Carmen
7	Friesenhahn	Joyce	1 9	Schultze	Pat
8	Heuerman	Barbara	2 0	Seale	Iris
9	Kjohede	KJ	2 1	Suchan	Carol
10	Knobles	Janice	2 2	Taylor	Katheryn (Kat)
11	Lewicki	John	2 3	Turner	Pam
12	Magee	Janet			

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5	Cox	Robert (Bob)	6	Schultze	Pat
6	Darrough	Kim	1	Seale	Iris
7	Davis	Robert (Bob)	8	Styblo	Mary
8	Johnson	Judith	1	Suchan	Carol
9	Kjohede	KJ	2	Tremaine Black	Sandy
10	Knobles	Janice	2	Turner	Pam
11	Lewicki	John	2	Wright	Deedy

All **55** qualify for one entry into the \$150 Annual Recognition Drawing.

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 30 September 2016** to be eligible for the October Membership Drawing.



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*or Tia Moen at (210)222-8430 ext. 302*

## 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 [chughes5@satx.rr.com](mailto:chughes5@satx.rr.com).

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

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

### 3rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

On Saturday, September 24, from 9:30 - 2:30 pm, the 3rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair will be held at the Guadalupe County Community Garden at 1101 Elbel (behind the Tax Office) in Schertz. Please invite potential vendors to contact Mary Bowe 210-317-6202 or Terri Virost 210-659-3315. Tables are \$25.

In addition to the vendor booths, there will be garden demonstrations, tours and raffles. Free Parking and Free Admissions. Purchase your raffle tickets at our September meeting.

### Big Red Barn School Tours

We now have the schedule for the fall school tours at the Big Red Barn and need volunteers to be tour guides for the garden part of the tours. For those of you who have not previously done this, the tours usually run from about 8:30 to 2:00 with lunch provided. You will also receive a script to use as a guide for the tours. Below are the dates of the tours currently scheduled:

Sept. 26, 27 & 28 - Guadalupe County

Oct 3 - Karnes County

Oct. 4 Lavaca County

Oct 5 & 6 - Wilson County

Oct. 10 - Comal & Caldwell Counties

Oct. 11 & 12 - Caldwell County

Oct. 13 - Goliad

If you would like to volunteer please email the date(s) that you can help to [hkaymcelveen@gmail.com](mailto:hkaymcelveen@gmail.com). I will have the signup sheets at the Sept. 15 membership meeting but I want to get started filling the volunteer slots as Sept. 26 will be here quickly. It is good to have at least two people each day, if at all possible. That allows you to split the classes into smaller groups for better learning. You may also have a student(s) from Class 28 as they are ready to get started on their volunteer hours. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks for helping! Kay

### **REMINDER**

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact: Janice Jadwin, Secretary, [210-848-3634](tel:210-848-3634), or e-mail [jmjadwin@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## **Members in Service**

### **Texas Master Gardener Board of Directors**

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**2016 County Fair** - Cindy Martin

**Class 28 Coordinator** - Cindy Martin & Kay McElveen

**Spring 2017 Class Coordinator in Schertz** - Cynthia Lyssy

**Christmas Tree Decorating** - Betty Hughes

**Newsletter Editor** - Mary Miller

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