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Thank you to MG Dale Odvody, Class 29, and all who have volunteered many laborious hours to help make the HEB Buckaroo Farm and the BCMG Plant Booth at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo a success.

On another note, I recently had the opportunity to attend the Fruit & Nut Specialist class in Gonzales along with Master Gardeners Kim Darrough and Ernestine Sykes. Our learning experience was awesome. We each left with an assignment to create a presentation to share this Fruit and Nut information with others, as part of our specialist certification process. Coming soon will be our presentations on berries, fruit, citrus, and pecan trees. We do have one year to complete this assignment though.

It was emphasized that more Master Gardeners need to become specialists and help in educating the public, as our AgriLife horticulture specialists are being overwhelmed with speaker and training requests, in addition to their already busy work schedule. Have you ever considered a specialist training? If you are a specialist, have you ever considered putting together a presentation for our Lunch & Learn program? Helen Walton once said, "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter."

Our annual plant sale is March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Center located at 510 Court Street, Seguin. Please consider growing and donating some plants.

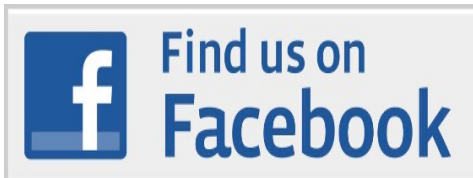
Happy Gardening,  
Cynthia Lyssy

### *March Meeting*

**Date:** Thursday, March 16th  
**Time:** 6:15 p.m. Social  
7:00 p.m. The Gretchens from the Gretchen Bee Ranch in Seguin  
8:00 p.m. Business meeting

### *Future Meetings*

**April:** Meredith O'Reilly will speak on creating a wildlife habitat in your yard.  
**May:** TBA  
**June:** TBA



Show us your blooms! The Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Group on Facebook is a great place to share photos of what's blooming in your garden. The warm temperatures are enticing all sorts of growth and we'd love for you to share what you've got planted or what you are doing to prep your gardens for spring planting.

Jan Parro recently shared some beautiful blooming cactus photos and Jerry McNulty showed how he is dividing plants for the upcoming plant sale, good job Jerry! To keep us up to date, Peggy Jones, Isabel Sigala, and Cindy Waechter have been great about posting upcoming events, encouraging us to get those continuing education hours in subjects that we really love. A big thank you to all of you!

You too can be part of the fun. To join our FB group, just type in "Guadalupe County Master Gardeners" and the Group will show up. Go to the group and request to join, you're guaranteed to be approved right away. Still need help joining? Just give me a call at (830) 379-7203 or e-mail me at [adrippel@gmail.com](mailto:adrippel@gmail.com) and I'd be happy to walk you through the procedure to join the group or even how to sign up for Facebook, all questions are welcome.

April Rippel

## Getting to Know Your Master Gardener Library

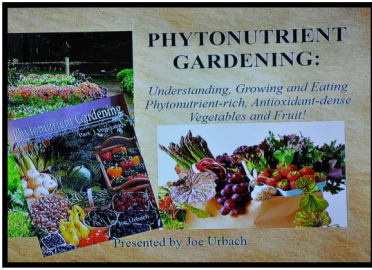
Cathy Kirk

Recently I visited our Master Gardener Library and found a wealth of information along its shelves. The Library is open Mondays from 9 am to noon. Master Gardeners and Interns are on hand to help find reference material and answer gardening questions. Books are available for Master Gardeners to check out and open to the public for browsing.

The books in the library are organized under these topics: General Gardening (167 books), Animals (13), Organic Gardening (16), House Plants (27), Herbs (20), Propagation (5), Soils and Compost (26), Botany and Plant Taxonomy (19), Mushrooms (5), Landscaping (22), Roses (10), Weeds, Insects, and Diseases (23), Cacti & Succulents (7), Shrubs & Trees (9), Grasses and Lawns (26), Water Gardening & Water Harvesting (7), Field Guides (19), Texas Gardening (89), Children's Books (8), and Pruning (5). I was told that the books on Texas gardening are the most popular.

Consideration is being given to expanding the Library hours so that more of us can take advantage of its services. We'll keep you advised.

Stop by and view the information available in our Master Gardener Library. If you want to donate gardening books, the Library is a good destination for them.



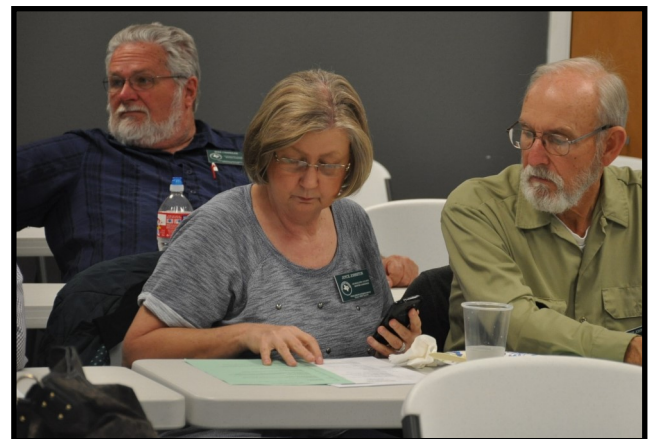
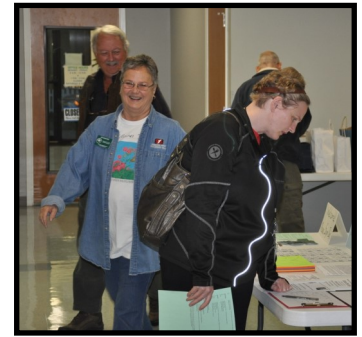
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# Class 29 Report

## Kay McElveen, Asst. Class Coordinator

Class 29 is really off to a great start. As most of you know, the class is being held on Tuesday evenings in the Schertz Civic Center. It is a wonderful facility and the staff have been extremely supportive.

Despite all of Cynthia's worrying, we have 21 people in the class (I, of course, never worry about this). They are a very diverse group in terms of age, gardening experience, etc. but the one thing they have in common is enthusiasm for the Master Gardeners class. Most of them even got over the glazed look that results from getting a manual you can use for weight lifting and the first couple of topics/tests.

Speaking of topics, at this writing we have completed four sessions – Orientation & Small Area Gardening (done by Marvin Borth), Botany, Soils & Nutrients and Insects, Bugs and IPM. By the time you read this Dr. Greta Schuster will have presented Plant Diseases. I want to give special mention for going above and beyond to one of our members. Molly Keck was unable to make the presentation on Insects, Bugs & IPM and our own Laura Dylla stepped in and did a great job. Laura is working on her Specialist Certification in Entomology and she took Molly's material and did a good presentation to the class – in spite of some computer issues that took a few minutes to resolve. Thank you, Laura.

Class 29 has adopted the usual class mantra – “do I get hours for that”. Many of them worked very hard at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and have already volunteered for other activities, including the upcoming Artsfest in Seguin. In fact, one of the class members, William Nodine, has already completed his 50 hours of volunteer work. Way to go Bill!

Bottom line, we have a great class. When you have an opportunity, please thank them for joining us.



Class 29 & Dr. Jake Mowrer



*Thyme to ... garden, water,  
weed.*

**Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**

## **Spring Plant Sale**

Vegetables, Ornamentals,  
and Native & Adapted Plants

**Saturday, March 18**

**Parking Lot of the Silver Center**

**510 E Court, Seguin**

**8 am – 2 pm or till sold out**

**(Rain Date March 25)**





# Join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Clean Up Day!

**When: Saturday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Choose a meeting location:**

- 1) **Parker's Building Supply Parking Lot**  
**Or**
- 2) **Navarro High School Parking Lot**  
**Or**
- 3) **The New Braunfels Airport (corner of Entrance Drive and Airport Road)**

**Register online at [www.GeronimoCreek.org](http://www.GeronimoCreek.org)**

**for any location to receive a free T-shirt, breakfast taco, supplies, instructions and maps to clean up nearby locations! Come out for a fun time and help clean up your creeks! Contact Ward Ling at 979-845-6980 or [wling@tamu.edu](mailto:wling@tamu.edu) for more information.**





## **Guadalupe Chapter Presents**

### **To Populate, We Pollinate**

Pollinators – creatures that transfer pollen from plant to plant - are essential to plant reproduction, and our own. They are responsible for the survival and continuity of over 80% of the world's flowering plants. Our survival depends on pollinators' health; without them, most humans and animals would starve.

From 1963 until 1998, Don Tuff (PhD Entomology, Texas A&M) served as a professor of biology at Texas State University, teaching introductory botany and zoology; upper level classes in entomology, parasitology, comparative anatomy; and graduate classes in medical entomology, parasites of wildlife, and wildlife diseases. Don has now turned his attention to our native bees, the flowers they pollinate, and the threats to their survival.

**Tuesday March 14, 2017, 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/>

# Bob Cox Wins January Volunteer Recognition Drawing

17 Certified Master Gardeners qualified for the January Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing. Congratulations to **Bob Cox** who won a \$20 gift certificate.

January 2017 Volunteer Recognition Drawing					
Hours Reported 1 - 31 Dec 2016					
	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME		LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME
1	Bennett	Kathy	10	Heuerman	Barbara
2	Bowe	Mary	11	Miller	Mary
3	Burton	Rodney	12	Odvody	Ann
4	Calentine	Carol	13	Odvody	Dale
5	Cover	Kay	14	Seale	Iris
6	Cox	Robert (Bob)	15	Suchan	Carol
7	Darrough	Kim	16	Tremaine Black	Sandy
8	Grafe	"Compost" Bob	17	Woodlee	Mike
9	Guiles	Toni			

All 17 also qualify for one entry into the \$150 Annual Recognition Drawing.

## January 2017 Volunteer Recognition Corner

- ◆ GCMG volunteers reported **793.45** volunteer hours in January, almost 100 hours more than in 2016
- ◆ Master Gardener, **Clara Mae Marcotte**, was the first volunteer to report 2017 hours in VMS
- ◆ GCMG's volunteered **118.5** hours at the **San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo**. Thank you **Ann Odvody, Dale Odvody and students William Nodine and David Taylor** for your service
- ◆ **Mary Bowe, Kim Darrough, Peggy Jones, Cynthia Lyssy, Kay McElveen, William Nodine (Student), Dale Odvody and Iris Seale** reported 25 or more volunteer hours in January 2017
- ◆ **Dale Odvody** is our first Master Gardener to report 100 or more volunteer hours in 2017

# Janice Knobles Wins February Volunteer Recognition Drawing

24 Certified Master Gardeners qualified for the February Volunteer Recognition Program Drawing. Congratulations to **Janice Knobles** who won a \$20 gift certificate.

February 2017 Volunteer Recognition Drawing					
Hours Reported 1 - 31 Jan 2017					
	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME		LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME
1	Beaudoin	Liliana	13	Odvody	Ann
2	Bennett	Kathy	14	Odvody	Dale
3	Bowe	Mary	15	Richardson	Elizabeth
4	Briscoe	Joyce	16	Rosas	Carmen
5	Burton	Rodney	17	Schultze	Pat
6	Cover	Kay	18	Seale	Iris
7	Cox	Robert (Bob)	19	Skorupa	Sylvia
8	Darrough	Kim	20	Slomka	Gaye
9	Hicks	Treva	21	Suchan	Carol
10	Knobles	Janice	22	Teweles	Robert
11	Miller	Mary	23	Tremaine Black	Sandy
12	Mullen	Mark	24	Zies	Beth

All 24 also 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 31 March 2017** to be eligible for the April Membership Drawing.

## VMS Membership Information

The Volunteer Management System (VMS) we use to record our Volunteer and Continuing Education Hours also has a wealth of information for our members.

Under the **General Information Tab**, members can access:

- The Membership Roster
- The Approved Project List
- Our Newsletter Archive
- Informational Documents
- Our Photo Album

•If you need to contact another GCMG member, the **Membership Roster** is your go-to document. The roster contains the:

- Name
- Address
- Phone numbers
- Email address
- Background check information for our membership.

The **Documents Section** contains information for our Membership:

- 2017 Meeting Program Schedule
- Approved Gardens Application
- Approved Gardens Policy
- By-laws
- Policies & Procedures Manual
- Reimbursement Policy
- Request for Check/Reimbursement Form
- TMG Volunteer Agreement
- Volunteer Consent for Criminal Background History Check

## Continuing Education and General Events March 2017

**Wednesday, March 1st** - San Antonio Garden Center - Lets Grow Lilies - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m. – free

**Wednesday, March 1st**- Alamo Orchid Society Meeting - Lions Field - San Antonio – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - free

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**-Men’s Garden Club Meeting - San Antonio Garden Center - Phillip Pavaglia, Docs Tree Farm - 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - A Savory Taste of TX - San Antonio Botanical Garden - 9:30 a.m. to 11a.m. - \$20

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Pond Building 101 - Water Garden Gems - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – free

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Wildscaping Native Plants - Mitchell Lake Audubon Center - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - \$10

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Soil Building - Rainbow Gardens – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Monarch Fest - San Antonio Zoo – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Maintenance - Shades Of Green Nursery - 9:45a.m. – free

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** -Herbal Infusions, Vitamin Waters and other Herbal Drinks - San Antonio Herb Society- San Antonio Garden Center- 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – free

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**- San Antonio Bonsai Society Meeting – Lion’s Field - San Antonio –7:00 p.m.to 8:30 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Garden and Landscape Care - Spring Blooms - San Antonio Water Systems Building – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - free

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Vegetable Garden - Milbergers Nursery - San Antonio - 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** -Japanese Garden Experience - San Antonio Botanical Garden – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - \$20

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - The Spring Vegetable Garden - Shades of Green Nursery - San Antonio - 9:45 a.m. – free

**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** -Landscape Themes and Native Plants Lunch & Learn - Guadalupe County Annex Building - Schertz – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. – free

**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** -Pollinators - Guadalupe County NPSOT - Marion – 7:00 p.m. – free

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** -San Antonio Cactus & Xerophyte Society Meeting - 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – free

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Bees - Guadalupe County MASTER GARDENER Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Guadalupe County MASTER GARDENER Plant Sale – Silver Senior Center - Seguin – 8:00 a.m.to 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Vegetable Seminar - Fanick Nursery - San Antonio - 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Mitchell Lake Audubon Center Open House – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Using Colorful Annuals - Shades of Green Nursery - San Antonio - 9:45 a.m. – free

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** -San Antonio Garden Center Annual Plant Sale – 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** -MASTER GARDENER Irrigation Efficiency Specialist Training – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - San Antonio Botanical Garden - \$200

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** - Hill Country Natives - Lindheimer Chapter NPSOT - 6:30 p.m.to 7:30 p.m. – free

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Creating Awesome Containers - Bexar County MASTER GARDENER Meeting – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** -Spring Fling - Maldonado Nursery - Seguin – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – free

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** - Creating Containers That Last - Shades of Green Nursery - San Antonio - 9:45 a.m. – free

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** – San Antonio Growth and It's Impact on the Environment – San Antonio NPSOT - Lions Field San Antonio - 6:30 p.m. -8p.m. – free

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** - Harvesting Rainwater - San Antonio Botanical Garden - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – free

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**-Revealing Fruits Lunch & Learn - San Antonio Botanical Garden - 11:30 a.m.to 1:00p.m. - \$15

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** -Beekeeping Basics - TX Agrilife Ext Office - San Antonio – 9:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. - \$65

## 2017 Lunch & Learn Seguin

**Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>** Gail Johson’s topic is Practical Fruit for the Home  
Growing fruit as part of your landscape and keeping it simple. Sizing production to your space & family size and selecting types based on practical considerations

**Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>** Jim Johnson’s topic is Seed Propagation for the Fall Garden

**Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>** Cindy Martin’s topic is Stump the Master Gardener  
Are you a little competitive? Like a challenge in a laid back environment? This is a chance to review your knowledge on a wide variety of gardening topics and collaborate with friends to “Stump the Master Gardener”

## Comal Spring Seminar



### 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](mailto:ehughes5@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) 210-994-9664 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.



*South Texas*

# Home, Garden & Environmental SHOW

## March 11 & 12

Sat. 9-4 • Sun. 10-3

### Floresville Event Center

South Texas Landscape School  
Sun., Mar. 12, 9 am-3 pm  
Tuition for one - \$25  
Tuition for two in same family - \$40

### Gardening South Texas Radio Show

- Noon-2 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Ask Calvin Finch and Jerry Parson  
gardening questions in person

### LECTURE SERIES

*Tomato Gardening*  
*Old Fashioned Roses*  
*Attracting and Producing Monarch Butterflies*  
*Gardening Floresville Style*  
*Texas Super Star Plants*  
*Enjoying the San Antonio River*

- Rain Barrel Workshop by Youth- Saturday 2pm-4pm
- Last Chance Forever Raptor Show  
-1pm-2pm Both days
- Plant Exchange- Saturday 9am-4pm
- Youth Fishing Activity- Sunday 1pm-3pm

*Free  
Admission  
both days!*

Youth Activities – Home Depot Birdhouses,  
Planting Milkweeds for Butterflies,  
and other activities both days

### EXHIBITS

Arts, Crafts,  
Gardening Supplies,  
Environmental Agencies,  
Master Gardeners - Both days

#### Plant Sales

Rodeo tomato, vegetables,  
old-fashioned roses, native  
plants, milkweed for but-  
terflies, herbs and other  
plants! **Both Days**

#### Music

County Line  
Community Band, 10-12  
Food and Snacks  
available both days

#### Silent Auction

Closes Sunday at 2 p.m.  
Garden items and other  
bargains.

#### Bring motel receipt

to receive a  
\$10 Gift Certificate.

### SPONSORS

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Gardening Volunteers of South Texas, Master Gardeners in Guadalupe, Comal, Bexar, and Gonzales Counties

### 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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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

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

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