

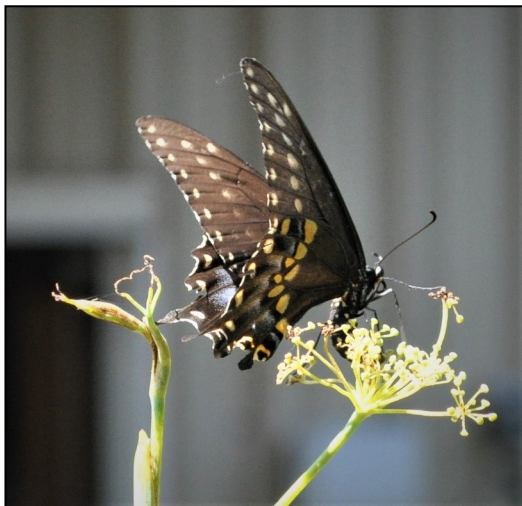
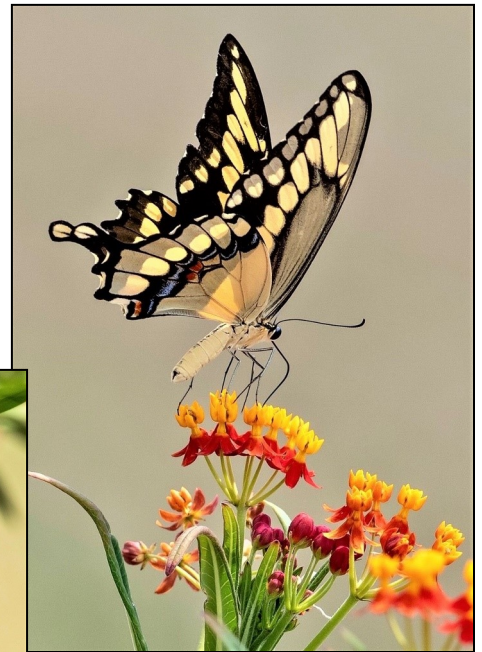
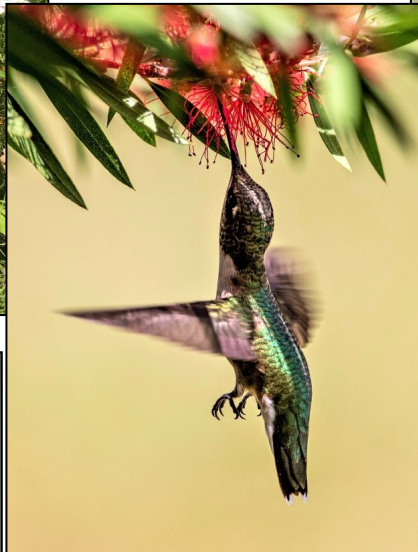
# The Blooming Bell

August 2019

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**SUMMER  
FUN!**  
Coming to an end!



Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister (upper left), Sylvia Maedgen (lower left and lower right) and Ray Carroll (above and upper right).



# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 Work Day-8 am * Burger Wed.-11 am	8	9	10 Nat'l Lazy Day
National Farmers Market Week						
11	12	13	14 Work Day-8 am* General Mtg-10 am, Social-9:30 am, Expo	15 Gardening Series- Fall Vegetable Gar- den, 6:30 pm	16	17 Back to School/ Back to Basics, Temple, 8:30 am McLane Children's Hospital, Temple, 9 am
18	19	20	21 Work Day-8 am* Nat'l Senior Citizens Day	22	23 Full Moon	24
25 Deadline for Bloom- ing Bell submis- sions	26	27	28 Work Day-8 am* BOD Mtg-9 am	29	30	31

**Upcoming events:**

- ◆ Gardening Series-Fall Lawn Care, Sept. 19, Belton, 6:30 pm

- In the event of rain, there will be **No Workday.**

**Mark your calendar:**

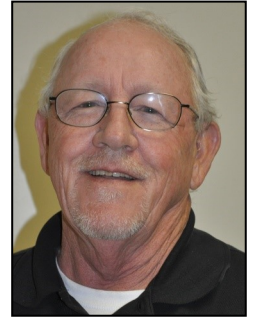
- ◆ Fall Plant Sale, Oct. 18-19, Expo Center Assembly Hall
- ◆ Annual Meeting/Christmas Party, Dec. 10, Expo Special Events Room



Remember to record volunteer service hours and education hours separately each month. You may include your travel time to meetings and work projects as service hours. You can input your hours on the MG office computer on Wednesdays.

# The President's Corner

**Glenn Melton**



Good news, everyone. We have approval from the Board of Directors to proceed with the proposed upgrades to the Learning Center and Greenhouse. Work on the two facilities will proceed as soon as final details are worked out. This has been a long, labor intensive process and we our sincere thanks go to Paul Carter, Carla Harmon, and Mike Butts for their perseverance and patience in seeing this project through. This is a great day for the BCMGA, and we look forward to providing more educational opportunities for the public as well as for our own membership.



We also have approval to partner with the Bell County Youth Fair to award a \$2,000 scholarship to a qualified high school student attending a 2-year Community College or Technical School. The student must take horticultural related classes and maintain a designated GPA. The award will be designated as the Bell County Master Gardener Bell County Youth Fair Scholarship and will be awarded over a two-year period. This award not only benefits our county residents but provides great PR for the BCMGA.



We have found a new location for our monthly General Membership Meetings and will hold our September monthly meeting at the Harris Community Center on 401 Alexander St, Belton. This facility is about half the price of the Special Events Room at the Expo Cen-



ter and only about two miles from the Extension Office. The room we intend to rent can accommodate up to 200 people, is handicap accessible, with a kitchen, two large pull-down projector screens, with a furnished projector and sound system. Restrooms are in the hallway and Center staff will set up and take down tables and chairs. This is a very good value and should meet our needs perfectly.

The Spring Conference Steering Committee has met and established some guidelines for next year's event scheduled for March 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Spring Conference*

The committee will meet again on July 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss sponsorships, attendance, speakers, and various other requirements. We are all looking forward to this noteworthy event and anticipate a high level of public interest.

As you can see, we have been quite busy trying to adjust schedules, make improvements, and upgrade facilities. We have accomplished a lot and it is due entirely to the members and the BOD working together. For this I am extremely grateful and offer my sincere thanks to you all.



# Wizzie's Wonderful World of Insects

## Yucca Plant Bugs

**Wizzie Brown,  
Travis County AgriLife Extension  
Entomologist**

Yucca plant bugs are a type of true bug (order Hemiptera) related to sucking pests such as stink bugs and leaf-footed bugs. Hemiptera have a gradual life cycle with three life stages—egg, nymph, and adult. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to adults, but do not have fully developed wings, which makes them appear more orange in color. Adult yucca plant bugs have a reddish-orange head and thorax and dark bluish-black wings.



Immature and adult yucca plant bugs feed on plants by using their piercing-sucking mouthparts to suck out plant juices. This results in yellow spotting on foliage. Heavy infestations that are left for long periods of time can weaken or even kill infested plants.

Yucca plant bugs can sometimes be a challenge to manage because when someone approaches an infested plant, the bugs move quickly into the center of the yucca to hide. Make sure to get thorough coverage of pesticide on the plant to ensure that the insects come in contact with the pesticide. Treatment should begin with insecticidal soap as this product should handle the bulk of the



problem without harming beneficial insects. Other pesticide choices include active ingredients such as horticultural oil (during cooler times of the year), azadirachtin (neem), pyrethrins, bifenthrin, or cyfluthrin.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

This work is supported by Crops Protection and Pest Management Competitive Grants Program [grant no. 2017-70006-27188 /project accession no. 1013905] from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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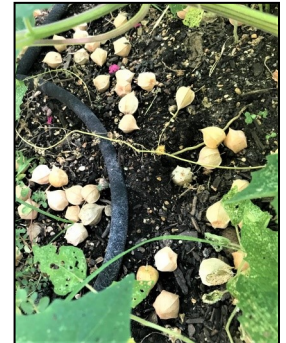
# ***What's Been Happening...***

## **Meridith Dunbar Early Childhood Academy**

**Marjorie Gillmeister**

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

The Texas heat has brought an abundance of Japanese eggplant and pineapple tomatillos that have self sowed into the garden on its second year. Excited for the school year ahead to work with our youth and enrich their lives through horticulture education.



## **Montessori Temple**

**Marjorie Gillmeister**

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

The butterfly garden is blooming with love from the seed sowing hands of the students at Montessori. Many sowed seeds earlier in the year and many flowers self sowed from last year's garden. The bed has not needed water since the last few weeks. The rainfall we received this year provided enough moisture for its beautiful habitat.



## **4-H Garnishing Workshop**

**Sylvia Maedgen**

Photo by Laurie Veatch

On July 30th, I presented a class on Meal Garnishing to 4-H students at the AgriLife Extension meeting room. My talk included using various herbs and edible flowers, and sugar coating the flowers.



# What's Been Happening...

## VA Medical Center—Nutrition Class

**Kathy Love**

Photo by Kathy Love

BCMGA member Wayne Zieschang lectures 18 veterans at the Olin E. Teague VA Medical Center during a July 2nd nutrition and diet class titled How to Grow Your Own Salad as fellow Master Gardeners (left to right) Karen Colwick, Jane Van Praag, Ann Wagner, Joann Zieschang (not shown) and Joan Bumgarner look on.



## Lazy Days of Summer—Fort Hood

**Gail Pierce**

Photo by Joann Zieschang

BCMGA was invited to participate in the Lazy Days of Summer event on Fort Hood on June 22nd, sponsored by ACS (Army Community Service), Doris F. Arnett, ACS Resilience Training Coordinator. There were many other Fort Hood community agencies participating.

About 120 people (soldiers and their families) came to our tables who recently PCS'd to Fort Hood. Most wanted to know what they could grow here. It was fun talking to families that were new and wanted to know what they could grow. One lady came to our table asking "will anything grow here". We told her all the different types of vegetables, annuals and perennials and gave her the vegetable planting chart. We gave out a lot of the planting charts. We had kids interested in gardening and we talked about their favorite vegetable, which surprisingly was broccoli.

We had all kinds of information available from water conservation, growing vegetables, composting, kid pamphlets and much more. Doris Arnett also expressed to Glenn that she would like us to provide some hands on demos next year. Maybe even offer a plant or two as door prizes.

I put vegetables from my garden in a basket to show people some of the vegetable they can grow.

I want to thank Wayne and JoAnn Zieschang, Ann Wagner and Glenn Melton for participating in this event. It really made it more fun, each one shared their expertise.

We were all kept very busy talking and interacting with all the families that came through.

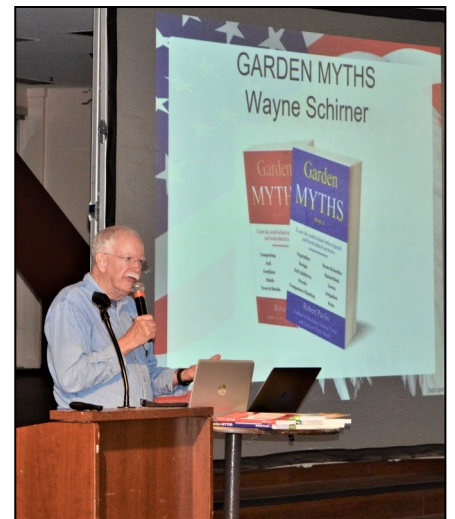


# ***What's Been Happening...***

## **July General Membership Meeting**

### **Sylvia Maedgen and Jane Van Praag**

The monthly membership meeting was held at the Expo Center Special Events Room. Wayne Schirner provided the educational program on "Garden Myths".



Photos by Randy Brown and Sylvia Maedgen

Not just a round of applause but an entire standing ovation to the clever cooks--Janice Smith, Bette Gilmore, Elaine Passman, Jan George, Sherry Oermann, and Glenn Melton--who prepared our July General Meeting Refreshments !!!! (Did you notice Elaine was wearing a blouse and hat with the watermelon motif?)

## **Reminder!**

**The August 14th membership meeting will be at the Expo Center, but in the new Equestrian Center's Champion Room.**

**The September 11th membership meeting will be at the Harris Community Center near downtown Belton. We will continue to meet here for the remainder of the year and hopefully this will be our new meeting site for 2020.**

# What's Been Happening...

## Herb Study Class

**Sylvia Maedgen**

Photos by Sylvia Maedgen

We held our final class/graduation party (or so we thought) on Herb Study at the Natural Grocers. Helena Linzy, Nutritionist, presented a program on essential oils of Lavender, Tea Tree, Eucalyptus, Peppermint, Cinnamon, Peppermint, Rosemary, Lemon, Sweet Orange, and Chamomile. She discussed how they are made, how to use them, what to use them for, etc. Helena then showed us the store's display of essential oils and items for purchase for use with the essential oils.

At the end, we all enjoyed some delicious treats that everyone brought.

**Note:** The group made a decision to continue the Herb Study Class starting in September. It will remain the 1st Wednesday of each month with the social beginning at 9 am and the program starting at 9:30 am until 11 am. We will meet in the Extension Office meeting room. Members will take turns facilitating the programs each month.





# What's Happening In Your Yard?

## Juan Anaya

Photos by Juan Anaya

Batface Cuphea and queens butterflies in my yard.



## Edie Campbell

Photos by Edie Campbell

Check your Citrus trees. I found this one on my Lime tree yesterday. Looks like bird poop and releases a very foul smell when touched and the red antennas come up.



# What's Happening In Your Yard?

## Sylvia Maedgen

Photos by Sylvia Maedgen

Lots of activity on our property at home in July. We saw a pretty rainbow on July 3rd, a butterfly that flittered around my herb garden for several days, caterpillars eating up my fennel, and a bird's nest with baby birds waiting for their momma to bring them some food under our front porch. The momma bird did not like my presence near the nest and started dive bombing around me and chirping very loud. My garden is still producing many vegetables. My friends, family, and neighbors are enjoying the bounty.



# Tidbits of Info...

## Texas Lawn Companion, Summer 2019 Edition

Check out the latest information on the following in the Texas Lawn Companion, Summer 2019 Edition from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Aggie Turf, Soil & Crop Sciences of Texas A&M University:

**General Turfgrass Management Tips for Summer  
Recommendations on Watering, Mowing & Fertilization  
and a Few New Publications to Help You**

Dr. Becky Grubbs, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - College Station

**Summer Pest Considerations and New Herbicide Selection Guide for Homeowners  
On Insects, Diseases, & Weeds**

Dr. Becky Grubbs, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - College Station

**The Need to Overseed**

Dr. Chrissie Segars, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Dallas

You can find this information at the link below—

[https://aggieturf.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/TLCSummer\\_19.pdf](https://aggieturf.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/TLCSummer_19.pdf)

## A Helpful Video

Texas A&M's Water University group at the Dallas Center created a useful video guide for conducting a catch can audit which can be found by clicking the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nIwZ\\_imn9w&t=56s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nIwZ_imn9w&t=56s)



## The Cole Crop Family

### Crystal Fisher

Gardeners often group broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and kohlrabi together as "cole crops". Cole is the German word for cabbage, hence the term "cole slaw". Cole crops are hardy and grow best in cool weather. An easy way to remember this is to think how much "cole" sounds like "cold" or "cool".

<https://garden.org/learn/articles/view/583/>

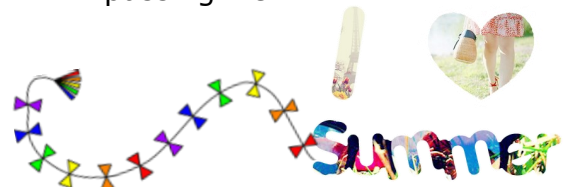
## Summer Passing by Thomas L. Reid (*Garden Blessings*, June Cotner)

The soft silence of this  
afternoon,  
the light breeze, the  
bright skies  
suggest that summer will  
soon pass;  
and the world, clothed  
to her somber  
beauty, will again know

the glory that  
time alone creates.

For time  
continues her rush to  
the past with  
life ever drawn to  
the new;  
and we, each aware of

our journey  
and flight, are awed  
by the fast  
passing view.



# Tidbits of Info...

## Lantana Attractiveness to Butterflies

### Crystal Fisher

#### Question sent to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center from Crystal Fisher:

I know you cannot address questions about hybrid lantanas. But, maybe you can answer my question as it does relate to the native Texas lantana. I NEVER saw any butterflies on the hybrid called "New Gold" trailing lantana.... to the extent that I gave a couple of plants away. I've got the native lantana bush roughly 4' tall x 5' wide. It is a fertile lantana. Hybrids are infertile which is part of their draw because they won't continue to drop seeds and spread. So, what I'd be interested in finding out is... Which lantana attracts them the most? If they are going to feed on it, does sterile blooms produce the pollen they need?

#### Response from: Joe Marcus, NPONA Program Coordinator Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

The University of Texas at Austin  
o:512.232.0108 | [wildflower.org](http://wildflower.org)

The question of lantana attractiveness to butterflies is complicated and to this point has not been fully investigated.

While butterflies do pollinate plants by transferring small amounts of pollen from one flower to another on their legs, they are not particularly efficient pollinators, especially when compared to various bee species and some flies and beetles. Moreover, adult butterflies do not utilize pollen as a food source to any great extent. All food consumed must be in a liquid state that can be sipped through their long, tubular proboscises.

A hybrid lantana can be one of several genetic types. Many commercially available cultivars are triploid hybrids with very low pollen viability. That is, their pollen has a very low potential to pollinate a receptive flower – low, but not zero. So-called sterile lantanas are not 100% sterile. That is why you can almost always find from one to a few fruits on these plants. *Lantana* 'New Gold' is among the triploid lantana hybrids.

The absence of butterflies on one plant may or may not be related to the amount of nectar they produce, or of the comparative qualities or attractiveness of those nectars. For example, a group of tiny native bees are known as "nectar robbers". Unable to reach lantana nectar through the "throat" of their flowers, the bees cut tiny holes in the bases of lantana flowers and access the nectar in that way. Their strategy seems to be to do this early in the flowers' nectar production, thus leaving the flowers without nectar and unattractive to butterflies. Nectar robber bees have flower preferences like every other insect that utilizes nectar and may prefer 'New Gold' nectar over others. I'm not saying that is the reason you're not seeing butterflies visiting your 'New Gold' lantana, but it is one possibility among many. The reason could also be that butterflies themselves simply prefer the native species' nectar to that of the hybrid. In other cases, the preference could be reversed. Some hybrid lantana cultivars are known to be very attractive to butterflies.

In general, we would like to see much less utilization of hybrid lantanas and more use of the six species of *Lantana* native to North America. If you live in Texas, [\*Lantana urticoides\*](#), [\*Lantana achyranthifolia\*](#), [\*Lantana canescens\*](#) and [\*Lantana velutina\*](#) are all native to our state. *Lantana urticoides*, Texas Lantana is beautiful and widely available commercially.

# Tidbits of Info...

## Yellow Butterfly Vine Named Texas Superstar

**Adam Russell, Texas A&M AgriLife Research**

Yellow butterfly vine, also known as yellow orchid vine, a perennial, twining evergreen vine, has been named a Texas Superstar selection for its low maintenance requirements and beauty.

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You can find more information at the link below:

<https://today.agrilife.org/2019/06/09/yellow-butterfly-vine-named-texas-superstar/>

Yellow butterfly vine gets its name from the seed pods which resemble butterflies. Notice the green, immature seed pods and browned, mature butterfly shaped seed pods.

(Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. Jerry Parsons)



# *Announcements...*

## **Herb Study - To Be Continued**

### **Jane Van Praag**

Good news for Bell County Master Gardeners wishing to continue our Herb Study Group!

After taking August off, we'll be back in the Ag Extension Office Classroom every first Wednesday morning of each month, starting off each session with thirty-minutes of socializing beginning at 9 am, then promptly at 9:30 am begin sharing what we've learned from our respective homework about each topic until we adjourn at 11:00 am.

The one noticeable difference for the future is that, instead of relying solely upon Connie Rivera, Kim Pringle, and Vivian Rush to lead us, each of us will take turns doing the honors. It takes courage to follow in their most able footsteps, and I, your humble servant, Jane Van Praag, still with some trepidation but holding onto their examples to follow, will start us off.

Here are four items for us to research: Elderberry (and, as its name implies, its berries), Juniper (and its berries), Pomegranate with its jewel-like seeds, and then let's concentrate on how to distinguish Water Hemlock--the most poisonous plant in North America!--from other similar-looking plants, whether also toxic or not.

We well recall that a beverage laced with Water Hemlock is what citizens who'd found Socrates annoying forced him to drink; death usually comes within 15 minutes from ingested Water Hemlock, which might sound merciful, except that the victim's last quarter-hour is inevitably one of sheer agony. You can see why it behooves us to know what to avoid, no matter how pretty, should it pop up in our gardens.

Right now we have the classroom reserved through December. If we want to keep this most worthy project ongoing, please be thinking about which herbs you want to know more about, along with which of the months remaining in 2019 you'd like to lead and/or which in 2020. I'll have a handy sign-up sheet for you, even if you don't immediately know which plants to discuss.

Please mark September 4th on your calendar as 'taken'! Plus, you might want to make some dish to share, not only with us but other diners at Burger Wednesday!

## **Gardening in Central Texas - Fall Vegetable Garden**

### **Carol Morisset**

Are you planning on having a fall garden this year? If so, you will be glad you attended the upcoming Gardening in Bell County class on Thursday, August 15th from 6:30 to 8pm in Belton at the AgriLife Extension Classroom located at 1605 N. Main. Jerry Lewis and Bob Gordon, two of our most experienced Bell County Master Gardeners who manage the Killeen Municipal garden which donates thousands of pounds yearly to food banks, will present "Fall Vegetable Garden". Expect to be entertained and learn how, what and when to plant and have a successful bounty of fresh vegetables. Seminars are free of charge but a \$5 donation is accepted. Registrations are limited so preregister at [bellspeakers76513@gmail.com](mailto:bellspeakers76513@gmail.com) or if a BCMG in VMS. Snacks, handouts, and a drawing for prizes will be provided.

# Announcements...

## Master Gardener Breakfast Fundraiser

**Jane Van Praag**

WHEN: August 14, 2019, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Longhorn Steakhouse  
4507 S. General Bruce Drive, Temple, TX 254/774-1248

WHAT: A full pancake breakfast with bacon, sausage all the fixings, coffee, juice etc.

WHY: For our August general membership social time and to raise funds to support our many community projects including, but not limited to events at Olin E. Teague VA Medical Center, Killeen Municipal Court Community Garden, McLane Children's Hospital Healing Garden, Outreach programs & more.

WHO: This event is open to Master Gardeners, your family, friends, neighbors, etc. but again, everyone will need to get their tickets in advance.

COST: Tickets are free but we will accept donations of \$5.00 or more per ticket-Cash or check only.

CONTACT: Jane Van Praag at [jlvanpraag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlvanpraag@sbcglobal.net)  
Or pick up your tickets from The AgriLife Extension office  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed noon) Monday-Friday  
1605 N. Main Street, Belton 76513



## Coordinator Needed for McLane Children's Hospital Healing Garden

**Stacye Parry**

We are currently looking for someone to take over the lead on the McLane Children's Hospital Healing Garden. The primary responsibilities for this position are organizing the Master Gardener volunteers to plant the containers. In the past, we have done this four times a year. Additionally, the lead organizes (or has a committee volunteer organize) the watering schedule in the summer and communicates with the hospital point of contact if necessary. All of the administrative processes are in place, the design work is completed, and the containers were recently re-planted so we won't need to do this again until later this summer or in the fall.

If you think you might be interested and would like more information, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 254-289-2010 - [stacye1120@gmail.com](mailto:stacye1120@gmail.com), Thank you.

## Upcoming Elections

Bell County Master Gardener Association Elections are coming this Fall. Several positions will be available for election. Refer to the June Blooming Bell newsletter for a description of duties for those positions. Also, some committee leader positions may also be available.

If you are interested in any of these positions, contact Louann Hight at [lehrhh@aol.com](mailto:lehrhh@aol.com).

# Announcements...

## Youth Committee 2019/2020

### Marjorie Gillmeister

We are looking to create a wonderful group of Master Gardeners who are committed in serving on our committee. If you love working with children of all ages, have fun ideas for age appropriate activities, have an expertise you'd like to share and teach, and help to prepare materials for youth events/school we would love for you to join us. If you are able to contribute your time in any ways mentioned please do reach out to BCMG Youth Director Marjorie Gillmeister. We are looking for 10 or more Master Gardeners to support our youth projects and work as a team. Once we've acquired those interested, we will set up a meeting to go over the school year calendar and work together to prepare for all the events that works for you. Thank you!  
Email Marjorie at: [mjgillmeister@me.com](mailto:mjgillmeister@me.com)



## Master Gardener New Class for 2020

The 2020 Master Gardener Intern class starts in January. Start inviting family and friends to join our group. Orientation is on January 8th and the first class is on January 15th.

The application and application information can be found on the Bell County Master Gardener's web site and Facebook page.

The class size will be limited to 20. The cost is \$250.

Deadline for applications is November 30th.

If you would like to be a personal mentor, please contact Sherry Oermann.



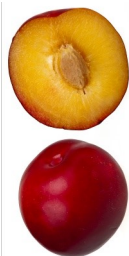
## Bell County Youth Fair - Superintendents Needed

### Betty Nejtek

We are looking for an additional Art Superintendent (or two). If any of you know of someone who might be interested in being an Art superintendent for us, please let me know! Contact me at [enejtek@hotmail.com](mailto:enejtek@hotmail.com)

## Fruit of the Month - Plums

The genus domestica has been traced back to East European and Caucasian mountains, while Prunus salicina and simonii originated in Asia. Plum remains have been traced back to Neolithic age archaeological sites.



## Flower of the Month - Gladiolus

The genus comprises 250 species native to sub-Saharan Africa and 10 species to Eurasia. It is a corm and not a true bulb, and also known as Sword Lily or Corn Lily. Some parts of the Gladiolus plant are poisonous if ingested or may cause skin irritation. Perennial





# Announcements...

## August General Meeting

**Kathy Love**

**When:** August 14th

**Where:** Expo Center-Equestrian Center

**Time:** Social starts at 7:30 am\*  
Program starts at 10 am  
Business meeting follows program

**Program Presenter & Topic:** Louie McDaniel, McLennan County Master Gardener, Hydroponic and Aquaponic Gardening

**\*Refreshment host:** Fundraiser breakfast at Longhorn Steakhouse  
4507 S. General Bruce Drive, Temple, TX

A full pancake breakfast with bacon, sausage all the fixings, coffee, juice etc.

## Board of Director's Meeting

The August Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 9 a.m. in the class/meeting room of the AgriLife Building. Please submit your agenda items to Janice Smith, Recording Secretary by Wednesday, August 21st.

## Grounds Workdays

**Karen Colwick**

Here is the workday schedule for August.

August 7, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday  
August 14, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday  
August 21, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday  
August 28, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday

In the event of rain, there will be No Workday.

## Refreshments

**Jane Van Praag**

We still have volunteer spots open for October and November. You can sign-up in VMS, or at the monthly meetings on the sign-up sheets.

First person to sign-up for a month is the lead and selects the theme, unless you assign someone else to lead the group. Volunteers are allowed to earn service hours for food preparation for 1-3 hours.



# Upcoming Events

## Upcoming Advanced Training

- Aug. 13-15 Vegetables Advanced Training  
San Antonio - Cost \$200  
Deadline to register - Aug. 6
- Sep. 9-12 Entomology Advanced Training  
Georgetown - Cost \$225  
Deadline to register online - July 31  
<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/organizationListings/52>
- Sep. 23-24 Landscape Design School Series XXVI  
Course III  
College Station - Cost \$135  
Deadline to register - Aug. 1
- Sep. 24-26 Junior Master Gardener Training  
Corinth - Cost \$ ?  
Deadline to register - ?
- Oct. 17-19 Greenhouse Management Advanced  
Training  
Fort Worth - Cost \$225  
Deadline to register - Oct. 7
- Ongoing Earth-Kind On-Line Master Gardener  
Training modules  
Go to - <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>

## Upcoming Conference

### Texas Fruit Conference

**When:** October 28-30, 2019  
**Where:** New Braunfels  
**Cost:** \$85 by 9/15; \$100 after 9/15  
**Online registration:** <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>



College Station, TX

## Upcoming Extension Events

### Learn, Grow, Eat, Go!

Classes in Nolanville on Thursdays  
4 pm to 4:45 pm  
June through August

Volunteers are needed to assist with these classes. Contact [Andrea.Haubner@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Andrea.Haubner@ag.tamu.edu) or by phone at 254-933-5305, ext. 5311

## Upcoming Event

### Southern Garden Symposium

**When:** October 18th-19th  
**Where:** St. Francisville, LA  
**Cost:** \$80-\$280  
**Online Registration:** <https://bontempstix.com/events/2019-southern-garden-symposium>

## Upcoming Texas A&M Events

### Turfgrass Field Day

**When:** Wednesday, October 9th  
**Where:** Scotts-MiracleGro Lawn and Garden Research Facility in College Station, TX  
**Cost:** \$55 (early registration) - Lunch is included.  
**Registration information:** Coming soon. We will post more information on our website in the coming weeks and send another email out when registration is open.  
**Description:** The Texas A&M Turfgrass Field Day offers an opportunity for members of industry and the general public to see and hear about current research activities in the Texas A&M turfgrass program and select related programs in entomology, pathology, and soil science. Attendees will have the opportunity to **earn CEUs** for professional development, visit the trade show floor to see some new products from industry, and enjoy a delicious lunch alongside fellow turf professionals and enthusiasts!

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