

# The Blooming Bell



November 2019

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The Fall Plant Sale was held at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall on October 19th. It was a huge success and we broke another record on attendance.



Photos by Randy Brown

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Fall Festival of Roses, Antique Rose Emporium, Brenham	<b>2</b> Fall Festival of Roses, Antique Rose Emporium, Brenham
<b>3</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends Fall Festival of Roses, Antique Rose Emporium, Brenham	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Election Day	<b>6</b> Work Day-8 am * Bell Co. Water Symposium, TXA&M, Killeen	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Holiday	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> World Kindness Day Work Day-8 am* General Mtg-10 am, Social-9:30 am, Harris Comm. Ctr.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> McLane Children's Hosp. Education program, 9 am
<b>NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK</b>						
<b>17</b> National Take a Hike Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Work Day-8 am* BOD Mtg-9 am	<b>21</b> Gardening Series-Vermiculture, 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Blooming Bell deadline	<b>26</b> Full Moon	<b>27</b> Work Day-8 am*	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day Holiday	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> National Mason Jar Day

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

**Upcoming events:**

- ◆ McLane Children's Hospital, Flower arrangements & gift bags, Nov. 16, Temple
- ◆ Gardening Series-Vermiculture, Nov. 21, Belton, MG Learning Center Bldg., 6:30 pm
- ◆ Herb Study, Persimmons, Dec. 4, Belton, Ext. mtg. room, 9 am

**Mark your calendar:**

- ◆ Annual Meeting/Christmas Party, Dec. 10, Expo Special Events Room - get your meal tickets at November General Meeting on Nov. 13
- ◆ Spring Plant Sale and Conference, March 7, 2020, Bell County Expo



National Gratitude Month November

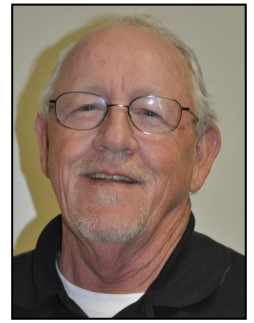
[www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)

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**



Although activities have slowed down for fall and winter, we still have some events to consider for the remainder of this year. First and foremost, we must elect new officers for the Board of Directors. The slate of nominees will be presented at our November monthly General Membership meeting and we will vote to replace those officers who have served out their terms. And I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank them all for their dedication and tireless efforts in ensuring the continued success of our organization. We could not do it without them. If any of you are "on the fence" about volunteering for any of these positions, this is your last opportunity to submit your name for consideration. It is my fervent desire that many more members step up and offer their talents and expertise in helping steer this organization into the future. I am convinced that we have a huge pool of potential candidates.

As most of you have observed, we are growing steadily. We are reaching out to the community with ever increasing, impactful projects. Our website has been updated and is maintained regularly, as has our Facebook Page. We need new people with fresh ideas to ensure this trend not only continues but expands to encompass all cities of our county and in some cases, beyond the county. This is our mission. When all our members contribute, the easier it gets, and the rewards become greater. We need the support of our entire membership and I am asking you to get out of your comfort zone and participate in as many activities and events as you can manage. The VMS page lists volunteer events and you can always see me for more information.

Don't forget:

- Annual Water Symposium at Killeen Texas A&M campus on 11/06/19
- BOD meeting scheduled for Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Learning Center
- No BOD meeting in December
- Christmas Party on December 10th

This has been an eventful year and I sincerely appreciate all your efforts in helping to make it as successful as it has been.



# Wizzie's Wonderful World of Insects

## Cricket Invasion

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

Field crickets seem to be popping up in large numbers in Central Texas lately and the big question that I receive is WHY? Adults are out and about in the fall because it's mating season and they need to mate and lay eggs before they die from old age or cold winter temperatures. Crickets overwinter as eggs in the soil.

Field crickets are about 1" long when fully grown and dark brown to black in color with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen (see image below). The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.



Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:

- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- Seal cracks & crevices where insects can enter with sealant
- Remove debris stacked near the structure
- Keep lawn & surrounding areas mowed
- Stuff weep holes with copper mesh

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)

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

## **Killeen Municipal Community Court Garden**

**Randy Brown**

Photos by Randy Brown





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

## **City of Belton Tree Dedication Ceremonies**

**Teri Marceau**

Photos by Teri Marceau & Sylvia Maedgen

The third week of October proved to be a very busy week for the BCMGA with our annual Fall Plant Sale, our monthly Education Class and just before that we had a tree dedication ceremony at the Belton Police Department.

At the September 11, 2019 General Membership meeting, BCMGA presented both the Belton Police Department and Fire Department with certificate dedicating a Chinquapin Oak tree to be planted in a designated spot chosen by each department.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:50 a.m. the tree was presented and planted to the Belton Police Department. There was a short and memorable ceremony dedicating the tree to the brave men and women of the police department. Police Chief, Gene Ellis along with 8-10 officers were on hand to receive our gift in honor of those who served on that fateful day, September 11, 2001, and who continue to dedicate their lives to the service of protecting the citizens of Belton, Texas. BCMGA President, Glenn Melton presented the tree along with a temporary plaque to Chief Ellis and his officers. There were several staff members of the Park and Rec Department, BCMGA First VP, Kathy Love, along with a half a dozen master gardeners on hand to witness this special occasion.

There is always a little back up story to every event and there was no exception this time. While preparing our plants for the plant sale Glenn and Kathy had the great idea to pick out the chinquapin oaks and bring them back to the extension office with the load of plants purchased by the master gardeners on Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. The tree for the PD and the Fire Department were set aside, to keep them from being taken by mistake while the master gardeners picked up their plants. All was good, so we thought. Thursday (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>) morning when Glenn went to the extension office to pick up the tree for dedication ceremony, but it was gone, both trees just disappeared. A quick call to Christy Reece and the mystery was solved, they were inadvertently sold to a master gardener. First thought was go get the tree and reimburse our member, but they live in Gatesville and there were only minutes to spare. Park and Rec was at the site digging the hole, but we had no tree. Thankfully, Christy made a quick call to our friend's at Eldred's Nursery and they had two chinquapin oaks on hand. Glenn rushed over to the nursery picked out the tree and made it to the ceremony just in time. BCMGA face was saved and the ceremony went off without any more hiccups.

You will find the tree in the lot next to the PD's parking lot on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Muelhouse Street in downtown Belton. Currently there is a temporary plaque. The Park and Rec Department will order and place the plaque in front of the tree at the expense of the BCMGA. By having the Park and Rec Dept. order the plaque it will be consistent with all their other designated gifts around town. This will make it easier for the citizens to recognize the importance of the site. Also, currently the chinquapin oak is the only tree in the lot, but the city has plans to plant more trees in the same location.



At Belton Police Station



At Belton Fire Station



# What's Been Happening...

## October General Membership Meeting

Sylvia Maedgen

Photos by Sylvia Maedgen

The monthly membership meeting was short and sweet and full of treats. Christy Reese provided an overview of the Fall Plant Sale. The Christmas Party committee met afterwards to finalize plans for the big event in December. Members were able to sign-up for various jobs for the Fall Plant Sale.



Hosts for the meeting included: Candy Morgan, Ray Machovsky, Lorraine Brown, Sophia Gomez, Virginia Bargas, Bill Walker, and Sylvia Maedgen.



Kathy Love provided information regarding the criteria for the upcoming awards that will be presented at the December meeting/party and encouraged nominations.





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

## **Learn, Grow, Eat, Go - Raye Allen Elementary**

**Gail Koontz**

Photos by Gail Koontz





# What's Been Happening...

## Learn, Grow, Eat, Go - Hector Garcia Elementary

Sylvia Maedgen

Photos by Sylvia Maedgen

Sixteen students at Hector Garcia have been enjoying the Garden Club and learning about gardening, and eating healthier, taste testing different fruits and vegetables and doing different exercises. On October 9th, the students planted their garden in raised beds. MG's helping with the planting included Sandra Mikesell and Laura Bridges. Other MG's assisting with the classes included Barbara Richey and Claudette Hawkins. On October 30th, Karen Colwick gave a great presentation to the students on water conservation and they checked on their garden. The students will feast on the produce harvested from the garden on November 13th.





# What's Been Happening...

## Temple College Community Garden Project (Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society)

Marjorie Gillmeister

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

Our initial transplanting of cool season plants with the students, staff and community took place on Friday, September 27th, and after only two weeks of growth on October 11th, Friday, we harvested 25 servings of Asian greens joi choi & buttercrunch lettuce for the food pantry. On Friday, October 18th, we harvested 22 servings of mustard greens and buttercrunch lettuce. The students learned about different cool season plants, harvesting, weighing and preparing one serving bags of fresh produce to share at the on campus food pantry. On October 25th, Friday we harvested 14 servings of Italian kale and buttercrunch lettuce. We have fulfilled a need to educate and feed the students at Temple College. We look forward to the growth of this wonderful project for the students, staff and community. Marjorie Gillmeister, Carla Harmon, Mike Butts & Janice Smith will give a brief update on the Temple College Garden at the November General Membership meeting.





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

## **Temple College Community Garden Project (Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society) and Meridith Dunbar**

**Marjorie Gillmeister**

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

Special thank you to our BCMG Association for the abundant donation of cool season greens and herbs to Temple College and Meridith Dunbar gardens. Many Thanks to our Master Gardeners Janice Smith, Mike Butts & Barbara Ishikawa for helping me plant that day.

The Fall Festival at Meridith Dunbar Early Childhood Academy was held on October 17th. 110 children planted eggshell pods to take home and learned the benefits of eggshells in the garden along with their parents.





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

## **Marlandwood Nursing Home - Horticulture Therapy**

**Marjorie Gillmeister**

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

A beautiful day spent with the residence elderly patients learning about the needs of plants, planting a thriller, filler & spiller pots for the beautification of the home entrance, garden beds were planted for all to enjoy and spark joy when sitting outside. Claudette Hawkins is the wonderful coordinator for this project and I highly recommend joining her as she is making an impact for these appreciative patients. Thank you Claudette for taking the time to share your gifts with others.





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

## **Youth Outreach - Montessori - Temple**

**Marjorie Gillmeister**

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

On October 3rd, a beautiful day was spent with two classes of students, ages 3-9.

25 students learned how to space different types of cool season seeds from The LGEG curriculum. The students prepped the garden beds with compost and garden soil mix then direct seeded cool season vegetable seeds such as carrots, spinach, lettuce, bok choy, radishes and edible flowers.

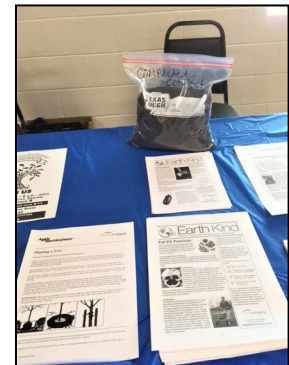


## **Ecco Harvest - Temple**

**Gail Pierce**

Photos by Gail Pierce

The BCMGA was invited to participate in the Eco Harvest Festival on Saturday 12 October in Copperas Cove. Glenn Melton and Gail Pierce provided year round vegetable planting chart, compost information, sample compost, fall vegetable garden information and of course plant sale fliers. We had quite a few inquire about the Master Gardener class. It was quite successful, we had over 50 people stopped at our table. BCMGA was asked to return next year.





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

## **Fall Plant Sale - Bell County Expo Assembly Hall**

**Kathy Love**

Photos by Randy Brown & Pam Dragoo

The 2019 Annual BCMGA Fall Plant Sale was another record breaker! At our new location, the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall, we greeted 1,225 customers, exceeding the record breaking attendance at our Annual Spring Sale, generally a larger and better attended event! Over 3,500 plants from trees, to vegetables to herbs, to berries and more went to new homes along with Master Gardener advice and instructions on how to plant and raise our customer's new adoptees! The Ask A Master Gardener booth answered horticultural questions from 99 citizens and at the booth, we heard multiple times that our customers were happy to be at our new location where they had more room to shop, lines were MUCH shorter and for the first time we were able to accept credit card payments. Pre-potted plants with autumn themes were very popular and were sold out. The Kids Zone was also popular as always and our 4H concessions completely sold out of their hot dogs and most other offerings. Vendors were well received and provided even more shopping opportunities for our many customers. Copious thanks go out to Phil Everett and his boy scout troop who assisted our customers with moving and loading their purchases. And speaking of spring, mark your calendar for the 2020 Annual Spring Plant Sale, March 7th, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall, 401 W. Loop 121, Belton.





# What's Been Happening...

## Fall Plant Sale - Bell County Expo Assembly Hall

Jan George

Photos by Randy Brown, Pam Dragoo & Jan George

One of the highlights of the plant sale was 35 members getting together for hamburgers & relaxed fellowship after unloading the tables, chairs, & equipment used at the plant sale. We had a great time patting ourselves on the back for having another successful plant sale! Thanks Wayne Z for doing the cooking!!





# What's Been Happening...

## Fall Plant Sale - Bell County Expo Assembly Hall

Jan George

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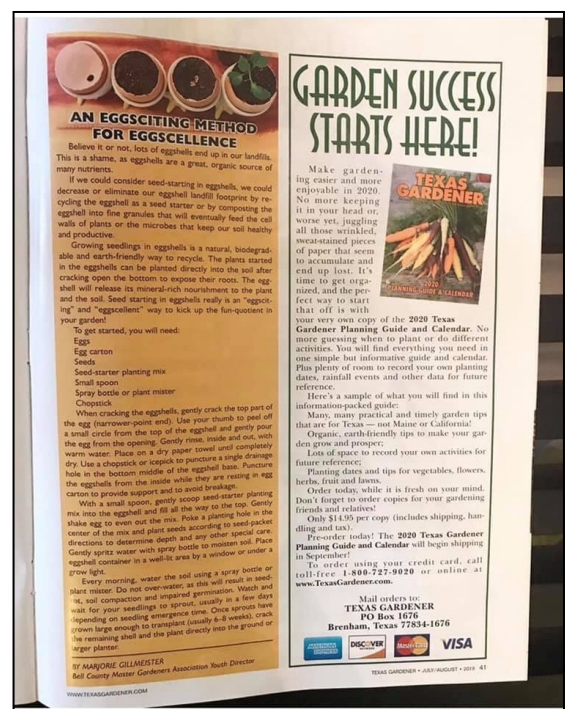
# What's Been Happening...

## Fall Plant Sale - Bell County Expo Assembly Hall - Kids Camp

Marjorie Gillmeister

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

A Special Thank You to Lorraine, Kelby & Janice and other MG's who assisted at the booth. 75 Happy attendees of adults and children learned the benefits of eggshells in the garden and received an educational seed catalog, vegetable planting guide and an eggshell gardening guide written by Marjorie Gillmeister in The Texas Gardener Magazine.





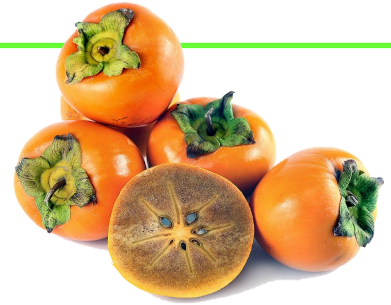
# ***What's Been Happening...***

## **Herb Study Class**

**Jane Van Praag**

On December 4th, Jeanne Richard will start us off with Persimmons.

If you'd like to know more about a particular herb or herbs, please let me know soon at [jlvanpraag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlvanpraag@sbcglobal.net). Perhaps you're not ready to lead on the topic (s) but chances are some of the rest of us will have the time/inclination.



## **Tagging Monarchs**

**Jan George**

Photos by Jan George

Had a great time & learned a lot about tagging Monarchs & their migration habits at the Wildseed Farm Monarch Celebration in Fredericksburg!



## ***Tidbits of Info...***

### **Roundup (glyphosate), Cancer and the Courts – What Does It All Mean**

#### **Garden Myths**

You can find more information on this subject matter at the link below -

<https://www.gardenmyths.com/roundup-glyphosate-cancer-court/#more-6160>

Information provided by Wayne Schirner



# What's Happening In Your Yard?

**Gail Pierce**

Photo by Gail Pierce

Root Knot Nematodes on Okra Roots.

This past week we cut down and dug up our okra. We had four separate beds of okra three of the beds the okra roots were nice and health as shown below:



In the fourth okra bed, the roots had root knot nematodes. This okra didn't produce as much okra and was smaller and this was why. Below is a picture of okra with nematodes. (Above photo: okra root from my garden. Photo below: on line photo, but okra root from fourth bed looked like this).



I contacted TX A & M Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab and received the following link I think you will find interesting. We can't plant okra in that fourth bed for a couple years. Please read the link for more information on the Root Knob Nematode.

<https://plantdiseasehandbook.tamu.edu/problems-treatments/problems-affecting-multiple-crops/root-knot-nematodes/>

I wanted to pass on this information, because when I first learned about the nodes on the okra root I was given misinformation. This prompted me to investigate further. I enjoyed putting on my investigators hat. Happy Gardening.



# Announcements...



## Annual Meeting & Christmas Party

### Stacye Parry



The Annual Meeting and Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at the Bell County Special Events Room at 6 pm. You will need to purchase your meal tickets no later than Wednesday, November 13th at our monthly membership meeting. After the 13th, there will be a late charge for reservations. The meal choice is chicken cordon bleu or brown sugar glazed pork loin, cost is \$15 a person.

We are in need of silent auction items for that night. Items should be new and a bid sheet needs to be filled out. Betty Nejteck is chairing the silent auction.

The Christmas Party is also an opportunity for our members to bless others in our community by "adopting" a few of the many worthy charitable organizations and collecting donations that they have specifically requested.

This year we are once again collecting items for the Killeen homeless and domestic violence shelters, **Friends in Crisis** and **Families in Crisis**. Families in Crisis also has a Temple location. They are in need of the following items: towels and wash cloths; laundry detergent; plastic spoons and forks; heavy duty paper plates; paper coffee cups and tea glasses; men's and women's socks; new men's and boy's boxer shorts; new women's underwear; and Pampers or other diapers. The domestic violence shelters house 65 in Killeen and 14 in Temple each night and the homeless shelter in Killeen serves 75 per night. The shelters include housing for men, women and children. Please contact Larry Moehnke with any questions on these shelters.

Our second organization is **Food for Friends**. A totally voluntary 501(3)c charity which prepares and delivers delicious and nutritious meals each Friday to **224** frail elderly, housebound amputees, lonely veterans and families with young children. Families in Bartlett, Holland, Davilla, Granger, Weir, Walburg, and Jarrell all benefit from this program which has served this rural population since 2007. Supplemental food is delivered throughout the week to those who cannot cook themselves. Financial contributions would be much appreciated in 2019 to continue this wonderful program. Please see Jane Van Praag if you have any questions about Food for Friends.

We will have a collection container at our November General Membership Meeting as well as one on the evening of the Christmas party. Financial contributions are always needed and appreciated.



A giving heart is a loving heart! God Bless you!

## Texas Parks and Wildlife Public Comment Website

The public is invited to comment on proposed Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission regulation changes without having to drive to Austin to attend the Commission Meeting.

### Two of the proposed changes affect plants and animals in and around Bell County:

"Endangered, Threatened, and Protected Native Plants"  
"Threatened and Endangered Species Rules"

Here's the link to the Public Comment website:

[https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/feedback/public\\_comment/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/feedback/public_comment/)



# Announcements...

## 25th Annual Herbal Forum at Festival Hill - Round Top

### Kim Pringle

The 25th Annual Herbal Forum at Festival Hill at Round Top is scheduled for March 20th and 21st, 2020. The theme is "Going Native!" The cost of the Herbal Forum on Saturday is about \$80 with optional workshops on Friday. Many of us book accommodations at Festival Hill for Friday evening, the cost is about \$95 including continental breakfast (three people share a dorm room). We average about 18 people in our group.



Registration commences in January with details about speakers. I collect funds for overnight accommodations and coordinate room assignments. Participants must call or register on-line directly with Festival Hill for the Herbal Forum and the optional workshops. Of course, you can also drive down Saturday for the Herbal Forum. The plant sale held both Friday and Saturday is open to anyone (and more than just herbs).

Many of us bring a sack lunch for Friday noon so we can spend more time at the plant sale, workshops and touring the grounds at Festival Hill. Others choose to have lunch at Royer's Cafe (famous for their pies) and shop in downtown Round Top. Or you can squeeze in a little bit of everything.

We hold our traditional gourmet picnic on Friday evening (each person brings an herbal dish to share - for those who have not attended, this is really a sampling). There are no kitchen facilities, a refrigerator or stove. If you need refrigeration, you will have to use a cooler. For heating, we have used crock pots. And you are welcome to bring wine or your favorite beverage. Many of us walk to the Chapel for a movie after the picnic. We arrange carpools to the Herbal Forum.

If you are interested in attending the Herbal Forum or have questions, please email me at [kimberpringle@icloud.com](mailto:kimberpringle@icloud.com) (please note NEW email address) or call or text 254-421-2593. You are not committed, I just want to be certain to reserve enough rooms at Festival Hill.

## Gardening in Central Texas - Vermiculture

### Carol Morisset



On November 21st, our final Thursday evening class for 2019 will feature Vermiculture (beneficial worms for your garden). Class will be presented from 6:30 to 8 pm in Belton at the Bell County Master Gardeners Learning Center located at 1605 N. Main Street at the Bell County Extension office grounds. Our two master gardener speakers for this event are Rebecca Caldwell and Teri Marceau. These ladies have different methods of increasing the worm population in your soil and this should be a very interesting discussion. Both speakers have presented this topic on multiple occasions and are experts in this field. To register, email us at [bellspeakers76513@gmail.com](mailto:bellspeakers76513@gmail.com) or if a BCMG you may sign-up in VMS. It is important if you register and cannot attend to let us know so materials can be obtained only for those attending and to ensure everyone can come and we don't have to turn down attendees due to room occupancy...Snacks and drawings for prizes will be part of program plans. Seminars are free of charge, but a \$5 donation is accepted to cover costs.



# Announcements...

## November General Meeting

**Kathy Love**

**When:** November 13th

**Where:** Harris Community Center  
401 Alexander St, Belton  
You can park either south or east of the building and also enter from either direction but we hope you will only use the eastern entry to the building...this will help us maintain a comfortable temperature inside.

**Time:** Social starts at 9:30 am  
Program starts at 10 am  
Business meeting follows program

**Program Presenter & Topic:**  
Gary Slanga will present the program on Soils in Bell County.

**Elections:** We will vote on Executive Officer and Board of Directors for 2020-2021 .

## Board of Director's Meeting

The November Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20th at 9 a.m. in the class/meeting room of the AgriLife Building. Please submit your agenda items to Janice Smith, Recording Secretary by Friday, November 15th.

## Grounds Workdays

**Karen Colwick**

Here is the workday schedule for November.

November 6, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday  
November 13, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday  
November 20, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday  
November 27, 2019 8:00 a.m. Workday

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

## Refreshments

**Jane Van Praag**

Virginia will also head up November's refreshment committee; those helping her will be Candy Morgan, Kathy Love, Kim Pringle, Sharon Hardin, Sherry Oermann, and Vivian Rush. Their theme will be Giving Thanks.

We do have all manner of reasons for giving thanks: we're here, for one thing, and we will have had 11 bountiful tasty repasts throughout this year. Invariably camaraderie ensues from working with one another around food, another bonus.

Now, who will join Claudette Hawkins to prepare January's refreshments? Respond soon to [jvanpraag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvanpraag@sbcglobal.net)





# Upcoming Events

## Upcoming Advanced Training

Ongoing Earth-Kind On-Line Master Gardener Training modules  
 Go to - <https://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>



## Upcoming Extension Events

- Nov. 6 Bell Co. Water Symposium  
Texas A&M-Central Texas  
Killeen
- Nov. 13 Texas Riparian and Stream  
Ecosystem Training for the Big  
Elm Creek Watershed  
Oscar Store, Temple
- Dec. 14 Bell Co. Youth Fair Christmas Ball  
Bell Co. Expo Center  
Belton
- Dec. 16-18 Earth-Kind Landscape Short  
Course  
Somerville—Extension Office  
Cost—\$295 or \$150 each day
- Dec. 17 Bell-Williamson Co. Pecan Show  
Extension Office  
Belton
- Jan. 14-15 Blackland Income Growth Conf.  
Convention Center  
Waco
- Jan. 21 Bell Co. Crops Conf.  
Bell Co. Expo Center  
Belton
- Jan. 23 Professional Grounds Conf.  
Bell Co. Expo Center  
Belton
- Jan. 31-  
Feb. 8 Bell County Youth Fair  
Bell Co. Expo Center  
Belton



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Second Vice President	Bill Walker	2019-20
Recording Secretary	Janice Smith	2019-20
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**AgriLife Agent**     **Lyle Zoeller**

## Board of Directors

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KMCCG	Edie Campbell	2019-20
Membership	Gail Christian	2019
New Class	Gary Slanga	2019-20
Outreach	Christy Reese & Carol Morisset	2019-20
Projects	Barbara Ishikawa & Stacye Parry	2019-20
Youth	Marjorie Gillmeister	2018-19

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Kathy Love	Wayne Schirner	

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[txbikerchic7@gmail.com](mailto:txbikerchic7@gmail.com)

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