

The Blooming Bell

February 2021



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Photos submitted by Juan Anaya—see more on page 11.



Heart Health Month

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY	3 Feed the Birds Day Workday	4	5	6 Bell County Youth Fair (BCYF) 2/6—2/13
7 Super Bowl LV	8	9	10 General Membership Business Meeting 10 AM Workday	11 New Moon	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14  Happy Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day Washington's Birthday	16	17 General Membership Educational Session 10 AM Workday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 BCMGA Board Meeting 9AM Workday	25	26	27 Full Moon
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Wildflowers at Temple College Garden



Bluebonnet Seedlings

Photos by Marjorie Gillmeister

Remember to record volunteer service hours and education hours each month.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask, and as much as possible STAY AT HOME! We will see you all soon.

President's Corner

Glenn Melton



Hopefully, everyone's new year has gotten off to a great start. Although it is still early in the year many of us have already started planting onions and preparing the soil for potatoes next month. Spring will be here before you know it and if Mother Nature is kind, we can start our vegetable gardens in earnest in March. I always look forward to this time of year and eagerly await the opportunity to try planting something new and interesting. Last fall I planted several varieties of garlic and cannot wait to see how they perform in our central Texas weather.

Let's take some time here to talk about COVID and the required annual educational and service hour requirements. Last year these requirements were not waived or reduced, and we should expect that to be the case again this year. Simply by attending our monthly educational sessions and general membership meetings members will maintain certification as a Master Gardener. Please do not allow yourself to get caught short at the end of the year.

As of this writing, volunteers are still needed at the Bell County Youth Fair. Do not forget that Eldred's Nursery in Belton has service hour opportunities and volunteers are always needed on Extension grounds and at the McLane Children's Hospital. The Spring Plant Sale is still a "go" and members can earn several hours assisting with this project. The events calendar lists all these opportunities and members can sign up at any time. And of course, there is a multitude of educational sessions and literature on the various TAMU AgriLife websites.

So again, members must take advantage of the opportunities available if they wish to remain certified. I urge everyone to dedicate themselves to earning hours as soon as possible. And, importantly, enter all hours in the Volunteer Management System.

The following AgriLife COVID guidelines are in effect as of 1/19/21:

- ◆ Meeting facilities can be used up to 50% of capacity
- ◆ Masks must be worn
- ◆ Social distancing is still a rule
- ◆ Always provide masks and hand sanitizer at meetings, gatherings or events
- ◆ Meet virtually if possible

Just one more thing: Please pay your annual dues now if you have not already done so. Sherry Oermann is your point of contact.

Thanks for everything you do. Take care, and I hope to see you soon.

Glenn

Wayne's Page



Grow-Lights

Dr. Wayne Schirner

I was asked to write an article about grow-lights, so here goes. My initial impression was that this would be easy. Boy was I wrong. If you do a search on "grow-lights" you will get hundreds of links, most of which are trying to sell you a particular grow-light system. What I wanted was information specific to growing with the use of a supplemental light source. Even when I searched for .edu domain sites, I discovered something I didn't like. Of the three .edu links I found, only one indicated who the author of the article was and none of the articles provided any references to support what they were writing about, nor were they peer reviewed. These three articles were all written for different state extension services. If you can't see any information about the author and no scientific references are provided or the articles don't undergo peer-review, then you really don't know if the information is accurate or can be trusted. I suspect that this is a bigger issue than many of us realize. Our mission is to help educate the citizens of our county and state with research-based information. If we can't find articles that provide this, we are only guessing about how reliable the information is. Ok, I'll get off my soap box on that.

When making the decision about using supplemental light for plant growth, the first thing to decide is what you're trying to accomplish. Do you want a simple light source to get a few seedlings started for your own use or do you have a need for many plants because you have a large garden for growing produce to sell at a Farmer's Market. The setup you need for either of these situations can be very different. Do you want to just start seedlings for later transplantation, or do you want supplemental light to grow full sized plants? Only you can determine what your goal is. There are literally hundreds of systems available to help you reach your goal.

As you investigate supplemental light for growing plants, you quickly realize that there are several different bulb types. There are incandescent lights, fluorescent lights, LED lights, and more. Incandescent lights generally don't supply enough light in the best spectrum or color for plant growth, so don't even look at these. Fluorescent lights are usually labeled as T12, T8, or T5. The T12 bulbs are the older shop lights. Of the three, these are the least efficient and put off the most heat. They also frequently need to be replaced at least every 2 years to maintain the desired intensity. The advantage of T12 bulbs is they tend to be the least expensive initially, but that can quickly be overcome by frequent bulb replacement and higher energy costs. T8 bulbs are about 20% more efficient than T12 bulbs, and T5 bulbs are about 10% more efficient than T8 bulbs. Offsetting their higher initial cost is this increased efficiency and a longer effective life. T12 bulbs generally have a life of 10,000 hours while T8 and T5 bulbs generally have a life around 30,000 hours. The biggest difference between these three is the light output or intensity measured in lumens. T12 bulbs may only put out 1500 lumens while T8 bulbs put out 2800 lumens and T5 bulbs put out 5000 lumens. Because we are attempting to replicate sunlight as best we can, the higher the intensity the better. Sun light on a warm mid-summer day is around 10,000 lumens. The other parameter that applies to fluorescent bulbs is the color of the light, measured in Kelvins. Most plants use all levels of the light spectrum at different times in their growth. Light in the cool white spectrum produces more blue light. Seedlings need the cooler blue light waves to thrive and grow. Later in their life when the plant wants to set flower and grow fruits or vegetables, the warm light or red end of the spectrum is of higher need. It was previously thought that only blue and red waves were necessary, but now it is known that some light waves in the green and yellow spectrum are also important.

Wayne's Page



Grow-Lights

Dr. Wayne Schirner

For most home gardeners, supplemental light for seed starting or other indoor plant growing should provide the full-spectrum of light. The easiest way for most of us to accomplish this is to buy full-spectrum bulbs.

LED (light emitting diode) lights are becoming much more common. Their higher initial cost is regained over time because of a significantly lower operating cost and longer life (up to 50,000 hours.) LED lights can be customized to provide specific amounts of light in the different wavelengths that might be useful for specific plants but, as with fluorescent lights, most of us will do best with full-spectrum lights. While lumens are used to measure intensity in fluorescent lights, that term is not as useful when talking about LED lights. A better way to measure light for plant growth is PAR or Photosynthetically Active Radiation. This defines the relative amount of light plants use for photosynthesis in the range of 400 nm to 700 nm, or light quality. The amount of light is actually measured as PPF (Photosynthetic Photon Flux Density.) PPF is a better way to measure the quantity of light for LED grow lights than lumens. Unfortunately, most manufacturers don't yet provide this information except for the very high-end LED systems.

I'm sure I have confused you by now, but every time I read about the various options for grow-lights I have a better understanding. Hopefully you will too.

So, what am I using? I have a three tier grow station with 4-foot-long bulbs. One tier has three T5 fluorescent bulbs for higher intensity. Another tier has two T5 fluorescent bulbs and the third tier has two T5 LED bulbs. I still plan to do some comparisons between the two-bulb LED tier versus the two-bulb fluorescent tier to see if there is a detectable difference that would justify the increased cost of the LED bulbs.

Some other comments related to seed starting, since I have started tomato seeds for the plant sale. The optimum soil temperature for tomato seed germination is 80-85 degrees F. My grow station is in my garage where the air temperature is 68 degrees. The temperature of my moistened starting mix is 60 degrees. At that soil temperature, it would take 13 days for germination to occur. I use a heating mat with a thermostat set for 82 degrees. At that soil temperature, I should have germination in less than 6 days. Once my seeds have germinated, I no longer need the heating mat. I also place a dome over the tray until the seeds have germinated, then I remove it. Once germination has occurred, the lights are turned on. I adjust the height of my lights to keep them 2-3 inches above the top of the growing plants. I use a timer to keep my lights on for 16 hours and off for 8 hours. Please contact me if you have more specific questions and I will try to find the best answer for you.

Happy Gardening,
Wayne

References:

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<https://www.gardenmyths.com/led-grow-lights-color-spectrum/#more-5217>

<https://www.gardenmyths.com/18-led-grow-light-myths/#more-5276>

Boxelder bugs

Boxelder bugs are dark brownish-black insects with reddish-orange markings around the edges of the thorax and wings. These bugs are about ½ an inch long as an adult. Nymphs, or immatures, look like adults but are smaller and do not have fully developed wings which allows you to see their bright red abdomen.



While boxelder bugs typically do not cause damage to the landscape or structure, they may become a nuisance in and around homes beginning in the fall and continuing until spring. In fall, adults and large nymphs gather in large numbers and move to overwintering areas. Boxelder bugs spend winter in cracks and crevices in walls, around door and window casings, in tree holes and in debris on the ground. Sometimes boxelder bugs try to move indoors for overwintering. On warm days from fall until spring, adult boxelder bugs emerge from their overwintering location to warm themselves in the sun.

Removing female boxelder trees from the area may solve problems with large, repeated infestations of boxelder bugs. Hiding places can be reduced or eliminated by removing debris such as boards, leaves and rocks from the area as well as sealing cracks and crevices around the home with caulk or expanding foam. If chemical treatment is desired, treat overwintering areas with chemicals containing active ingredients such as pyrethrins, cyfluthrin, bifenthrin, carbaryl or acephate.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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General Membership Meeting Highlights



Agenda Items

- › Welcome
- › AgriLife COVID-19 Guidelines - Janice Smith, MD (certified Master Gardener)
- › Home & Garden Show 2021 - Cancelled
- › Bell County Youth Fair -February 8-11
- › Belton Market Days/BCMGA Plant Sale - March 20
- › Annual Financial Audit
- › McLane Children's Hospital Gardens
- › New Directors
- › Service Hours

› November and December income of \$1,737 was generated by new class fees, soil sales, donations

› November and December expenses of \$3,728 included utilities, new class books, member awards, correspondence

› 2021 budget and spending plan approved at November general membership meeting. Changes already being planned based on continued COVID restrictions

Financial Update

Bank Balance 1/1/20	\$40,479
Bank Balance 1/1/21	\$31,315
Total 2020 Income	\$20,062
Total 2021 Expenses	(\$29,226)

General Membership Meeting Highlights

Inventory of Members' Hours for Certification in 2020

45 members were short on either education or service hours, sometimes both. Out of those 45 members:

- 2 moved out of state
- 2 will not be returning to BCMGA
- 22 made up their hours to be recertified
- 6 members had 0 hours for the year
- 13 are still short as of 1/11/2021

Membership Dues

Dues are \$25 per year

Dues are pending from more than half of Membership

*If you have paid and have not received a receipt, please send email to Sherry Oermann, sherry@oermannfamilyfarm.com

Volunteer Agreement Form

Must be submitted annually

Application may be found in VMS

- Go to General Information, then click on Newsletter/Documents
- Under Documents, click on Membership Documents
- Click on TMG Volunteer Agreement, print and complete
- Send form to:
BCMG
ATTN: Sherry Oermann
1605 North Main, RM 102
Belton, TX 76513

General Membership Meeting Highlights

Buildings and Grounds: Needs

Grounds	Learning Center
Minimum 4 hours per month	Open during work days
Work Days on Wednesdays 8 to 12 Noon	General cleaning
COVID-19 Guidelines Maintained	Brooms, mops & buckets in corner near refrigerator
Specific tasks posted weekly at East gate	COVID-19 guidelines must be followed
Tools located behind wooden shed & inside East shed entry	Social distancing is a MUST

2021 Bell County Youth Fair February 8-11 Family & Consumer Science Division

Email will be sent to all BCMGA members

Members can sign up to volunteer on VMS

Contacts: Betty Nejtek (254)

Christy Reese

BCMGA 2020 AWARDS

By Stacye Parry

2020 Local Awards Committee Chair

Local Awards were presented at the first general membership meeting of 2021. Individuals were recognized for their years as certified master gardeners. Master Gardeners receive a designated year pin for maintaining their membership and certification for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years.

5 Years

Nestor Centeno	Claudette Hawkins	Jan Upchurch
Shellie Downing	Fran Henshoher	Ann Wagner
Ida Fair	Judith Hoelscher	Jan Watkins
Marjorie Gillmeister	Sylvia Maedgen	Gena Winston
James Halvorson	Carol Morisset	Joanne Zieschang
Rose Harris	Tom Rennels	Wayne Zieschang

10 Years

Karen Colwick	Carla Harmon
Peg Fleet	Larry Moehnke

15 Years

Barbara Beebe	Terri Hahn
Crystal Fisher	Joyce Richardson

20 Years

Kim Pringle and Jeanette Karr

Service hour certificates were presented to individuals who have volunteered over 100 hours in the following categories:

100 to 199 hours of volunteer service

Charlotte Nunnery	Randy Brown	Paul Carter	Virginia Bargas
Rachel Glass	Stacye Parry	Gail Christian	Gail Koontz
Susan Fogelman	Bob Gordon	Larry Moehnke	Jan George
Victoria Ezagui	Jack McSpedon	Carla Harmon	Mary Ann Everett
Barbara Ishikawa	Elaine McSpedon	Betty Nejtek	

BCMGA 2020 AWARDS

Local Awards cont'd

200 to 299 Hours of volunteer service

Wayne Schirner	Marjorie Gillmeister	Jan Upchurch
Christy Reese	Gary Slanga	Sylvia Maedgen

300 to 399 Hours of volunteer service

Dave Slaughter	Carol Morisset	Glen Melton
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400 to 499 Hours of volunteer service

Edie Campbell	Candice Morgan	Karen Colwick
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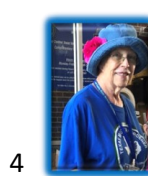
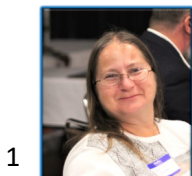
500 to 599 hours of volunteer service

Teri Marceau

The **Golden Shovel Award for 2020** was presented to Kathy Love for volunteering 818.5 hours to the organization.

We recognized some special people as **Friends of the Master Gardeners**. Thank you, David Quesinberry, David Morgan, and Allan Colwick for your help and support this past year.

The **Bell County Master Gardener Green Thumb Award** is given to individuals who have rendered noteworthy service to our organizations. Recipients recognized at the awards presentation were: ¹**Gena Winston** for her steadfast commitment to the Wednesday morning landscape and grounds work, ²**Virginia Bargas** for her work as the editor of *The Blooming Bell*, ³**Gary Slanga** for his work as our New Class Director, and work with Community Outreach and Speakers' Bureau, and ⁴**Karen Colwick** was recognized for her volunteer service as Co-Chair of our Grounds Committee, heading up the propagation training for the new class, and presenting rainwater harvesting classes to the community.



BCMGA 2020 AWARDS

Local Awards cont'd

The **Bell County Master Gardener Golden Trowel Award**, presented to individuals who have contributed in a noteworthy way to the community went to ¹**Candice Morgan**, ²**Rachel Glass**, and ³**Teri Marceau**. Candice has made significant contributions to the community through her work with the Bell County Youth Fair and Eldred Nursery Foundations. Rachel was recognized for her work as our webmaster and all the great improvements she has made to our website that enhance our mission to educate the public. Teri, our Communication Director, has taken on a new board position this year and has kept BCMGA active and relevant in our community, effectively carrying on our mission of offering relevant, research based horticultural education through her tireless virtual communications conducted primarily through our Facebook page and on our Help Desk.

The **New Master Gardener of the Year** is **David Slaughter**, David, with over 300 hours of volunteer service as a new Master Gardener, worked on several projects including landscape and grounds, help desk, Killeen Municipal Court Garden, the Bell County Youth Fair, Ask a Master Gardener events, and the *Blooming Bell*.



We also took the opportunity to recognize **Edie Campbell** and presented her with the **Meritorious Service Award** for her years of volunteer service as a volunteer and the leader of the Killen Municipal Court Garden project.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who were recognized. 2020 was a challenging year but the Bell County Master Gardeners continued to carry out their mission in spite of all the challenges. If we could meet, I would want us to give ourselves a standing ovation. WE ROCK!

I want to publicly thank the Awards Committee; Sylvia Maedgen, Jan George, Carol Morisset, Wayne Schirner, Glenn Melton, and Kathy Love.

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In The Garden....

Photos taken in Nov 2020 submitted by Juan Anaya



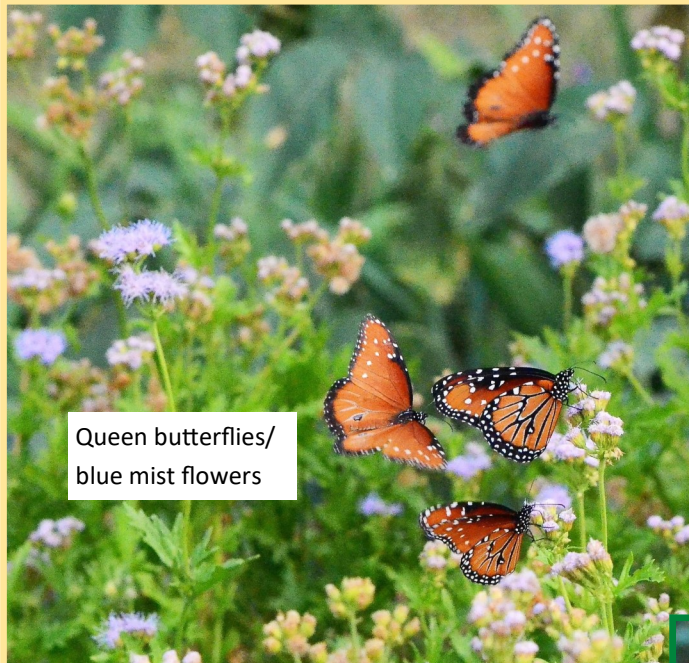
Queen butterflies/blue Gregg's Mist



Rufous hummingbird/Cape Honeysuckle



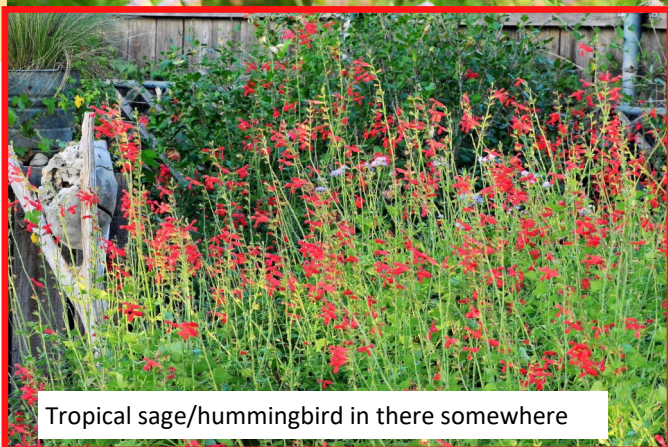
Pipeline swallowtail/Cape Honeysuckle



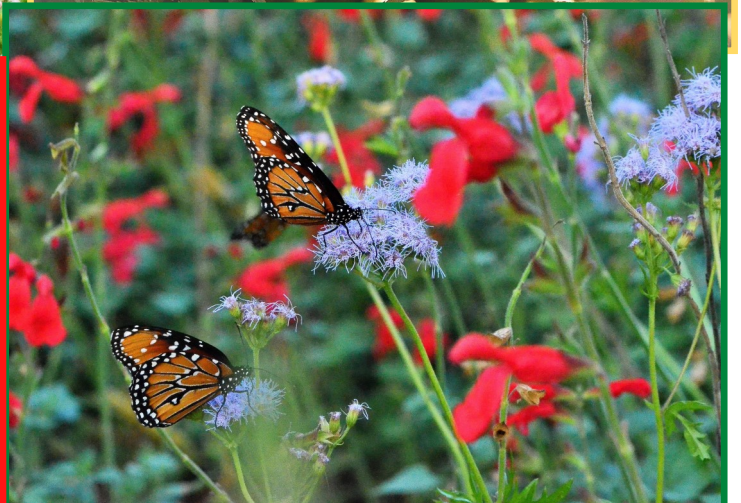
Queen butterflies/
blue mist flowers



Yellow Esparanza



Tropical sage/hummingbird in there somewhere



In The Garden....

Photo and text submitted by Juan Anaya, as well as those photos on page 1. "The house finch feeds on an apple leaving an opening for the Anna's hummingbird. Feeding on apples and tree sap is a trait I have mostly observed with hummingbirds probably born in the northwest US , Canada and Alaska. This year an Anna's and several rufous hummingbirds have decided to stick around."



Photo and text submitted by Glenn Melton.

"Here is a photo of some garlic and onions I have planted. The garlic is in the foreground to the right. It was planted in mid-November and is doing well so far. Several rows of onions are in the background under the hoop house and were planted the week of January 10th. Still too small to be noticeable. A layer of straw was applied to suppress weeds and keep the soil moist."



In The Garden....

Phi Theta Kappa Temple College Garden

by Marjorie Gillmeister

The garden is flourishing in so many ways from a continual harvest of fresh produce made available weekly at the Leopard Food Pantry to feed our home insecure students on campus. Since October of 2019 when the growth began, we have harvested about 600 lbs of fresh produce consisting mainly of a variety of greens such as Bok Choy, kale, lettuces, mustard greens, spinach and more. Since we are growing in a limited amount of a 200 square foot space, we have found that the produce never gets wasted and is shared amongst students in need, elderly neighbors when the pantry is closed for winter break for example.

Harvests also have been shared with a local restaurant, Meggs Cafe in Temple. Supporting a whole community with education, the importance of fresh food and growing together as each season passes. Temple college recently had a meeting with its board. Due to the garden's continual abundance and its impact on the community, it has been included in the 20 year plan of the school's expansion. The garden space was noted as the main entrance of the college and we foresee expansion with growing more food, fruit trees, a butterfly garden and green space for students to study outdoors. We hope to continue this growth and longevity as a whole with our wonderful BCMG Association for years to come through education and fulfilling a strong need at the college campus. Thank you to all of our Master Gardeners who have been so dedicated through these difficult times.

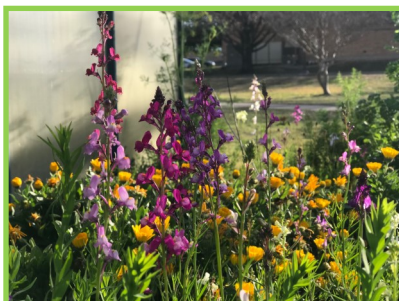
Marjorie Gillmeister harvesting Copenhagen
cabbage seed started in an eggshell pod

Copenhagen Cabbage's roots and not a sign of the eggshell
pod



Green globe artichokes started from
seed in eggshell pods by a PTK student
Theresa Anthony. The growth is phe-
nomenal 3 feet in height, 4 seedlings
were transplanted into a no dig garden
bed. Seeds started back in august

Sea of wildflowers blooming
even after the snowstorm



Bok Choy Rosette
Seeds from Botanical
Interests Seed Company



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In The Garden....

Phi Theta Kappa Temple College Garden

by Marjorie Gillmeister



Carla Harmon's harvest of a 6.5 lb Copenhagen cabbage started from seed in an eggshell pod



Row of chandler strawberries sprawling happily

Frost tolerant Little gem green lettuce & red sails lettuce still growing



In The Garden....

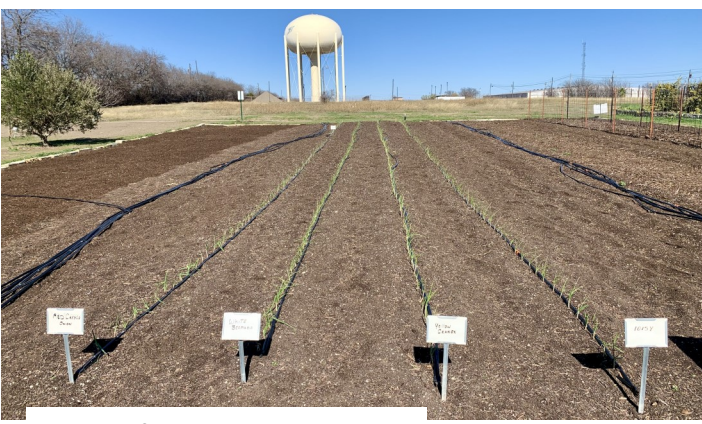
Killeen Municipal Court Community Garden

January 25, 2021

Photos by Randy Brown



KMCCG Entry



4 rows of onions coming along



Tomato Fences Relocated



Pano of the Farm

Is Having Slugs and Snails In Your Garden Good or Bad? - Pest Control Products

Link submitted by Crystal Fisher

<https://www.pest-control-products.net/3007/slug-snail/good-or-bad/amp/>

The Bell County Master Gardener Association does not endorse any products listed on this website.
This link is provided for informational purposes only.

What's Happening...

Educational Videos

[New YouTube shorts](#) is the link to the Master Gardener YouTube channel.

This channel is connected to the BCMGA gmail account and will include short videos as well as some longer educational videos.

These educational videos can be used towards your education hours. If you have any questions about how to log these hours to VMS, please contact Teri Marceau at terimmarceau@gmail.com.

The link below will take you right to the Grow Light video tutorial created by Wayne Schirner. It is 18 minutes in length and is perfect for those of us starting seeds for the plant sale.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdB33rl1R2Y>

If you would like to own one of the new Master Gardener coffee mugs, they are available at the Help Desk on Monday and Wednesday from 9am to noon and 1-4pm. We are accepting donations in whatever amount you feel is right. Thank you.

Glenn



What's Happening...

AgriLife Extension Service recognizes the importance of keeping your heart healthy. To help celebrate **Heart Health Month**, in partnership with Seton Medical Center Harker Heights, we are offering 2 virtual programs on keeping your heart healthy and strong. Both programs are the same, at different times of the day.

Jackie McLaughlin
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Bell County Family and Community Health Agent

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights
A partner of the Seton Healthcare Family

Living Heart Healthy

February 4 6:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

Celebrate a Heart Healthy Month with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Seton Medical Center Harker Heights

Join us online for an informative program beginning with a heart to heart testimonial. Featured speakers include Michael Moore, RN and Cindy Romero, RN with SMCHH Cath Lab. AgriLife Educators will provide health and wellness information

Registration fee \$10 – Virtual online via Zoom

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/heart-strong-tickets-135768552395>
Call Amy O'Brien-Glenn at 254-629-2222 or Jackie McLaughlin at 254-933-5305

Be Active Eat Healthy Stress Less Don't Smoke

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights
A partner of the Seton Healthcare Family

Living Heart Healthy

February 16 12:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

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Be Active Eat Healthy Stress Less Don't Smoke

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

What's Happening...

If you are not already growing plants for the Spring Plant Sale, it is not too late to get started. Plenty of 4-inch pots are available but the 1-gallon size is in short supply. If you have any pots to donate, please drop them off at the Help Desk on Mondays or Wednesdays, and keep in mind they should be clean and free of any soil debris. Potting soil is still available at the Belton Feed Store free of charge. The plant sale will be held in Yettie Polk Park on March 20th during the Belton Market Days.

Advanced Master Gardener Training *Trees and Tree Care*

February 12, 19 & 26, 2021

Virtual Course

TAMU AgriLife Extension Service, Tarrant County

Registration deadline: Feb 5

Form available on Tarrant County MG web site

https://www.tarrantmg.org/mg_training.htm

Announcements...

February General Membership Business Meeting

When: February 10, 2021

Where: [Via Online Meeting](#)

Time: 10:00 AM

February General Membership Educational Session

When: February 17, 2021

Where: [Via Online Meeting](#)

Time: 10:00 AM

Topic: To Be Announced

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 24, at 9 a.m. via tel-conference.**

Members are welcome to join the call.

Please submit your agenda items to Sylvia Maedgen, Recording Secretary, by **Wednesday, February 17.**

Grounds Work Days

Karen Colwick and Paul Carter

List of individual tasks are posted on the gate each week. Gate code is 2019 and extra tools may be found on back of the wood shed.



In the event of rain, there will be no work day.

Communications

While restrictions are in place, please send photos of your garden with a note about your photos to TeriMMarceau@gmail.com or to [Bell.mg@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:bell.mg@agnet.tamu.edu) and Teri will post them on Facebook.

If you know of someone in our organization who is ill, scheduled to have surgery, or has lost a loved one (including fur babies) please email Teri Marceau at bell.mg@agnet.tamu.edu, or our correspondence secretary, Debbi Harris, at dcharris99@yahoo.com.

An appropriate card will be sent.

~~Refreshment Committee General Membership Meeting~~

~~A minimum of 7 volunteers are needed for each meeting. Future meetings are on hold until further notice.~~



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Advanced Training

Virtual Training

Trees & Tree Care	February 12, 19 & 26, 2021	https://www.tarrantmg.org/mg_training.htm
Ongoing	Earth-Kind® On-Line Master Gardener Training modules	https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/

Extension Events



There are no upcoming Bell County Extension events at this time. Stay tuned!



Jack McSpedon on tiller at KMCCG

Photo taken by Paul Carter

Directors

Communications	Teri Marceau	2020-2022
Facilities	Paul Carter & Karen Colwick	2019-2022
Membership	Sherry Oermann	2020-2022
KMCCG	Larry Moehnke	2021-2021
Outreach	Crystal Mears & Rebekah Lackey	2021-2022
New Class	Gary Slanga / Gail Koontz	2019-2022
Projects	Wayne Schirner & Stacye Parry	2020-2022
Youth	Janice Smith	2020-2022

Executive Board

President	Glenn Melton	2019-2022
1 st Vice President	Jan Upchurch	2020-2022
2 nd Vice President	Bill Walker	2019-2022
Recording Secretary	Sylvia Maedgen	2020-2022
Treasurer	Barbara Ishikawa	2020-2022

AgriLife Agent Lyle Zoeller

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