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June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grounds Work Day Burger Wednesday	2	3	4
5	6	7 Backyard Composting Presentation at Harker Heights Library	8 Grounds Work Day General Mtg.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Grounds Work Day	16 Outreach Seminar	17	18
19	20	21	22 Grounds Work Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Grounds Work Day	30		

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June."
- L. M. Montgomery

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 and wear a mask where appropriate.

President's Corner

ON BEHALF OF KATHY

Teri here for our association president, Kathy Love. As many of you know she has suffered a fairly acute injury to her back and has been on bed rest. She will take it slowly as she begins to engage in her normal activities. Until then we will continue to stand in the gap, although she has big shoes to fill. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as her body heals.

Each year in the month of May, our interns advance from the position of intern to fully certified master gardeners. This year was no different. The class of 2022 graduated on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Many master gardeners were present, as well as Lyle Zoeller our county agent, to celebrate with our newest graduates. We are very excited to partner with each graduate as they spread their wings in serving the citizens of Bell County.

Twenty-three interns earned over 1500 hours of education and over 1300 hours of services by their graduation day. They have set a high bar for all of us and are an example of putting in the effort to meet the purpose and mission of our association. I know the all the officers and directors are very proud to have each graduate as our partners and we look forward to the coming years in service with the class of 2022.

The entire board is grateful to the leadership of Pat Johnson and Betty Nejtek, Gary Slanga and all the class monitors. Your leadership and mentorship is reflected in the success of the class of 2022.

To the class of 2022, **CONGRATULATIONS!**

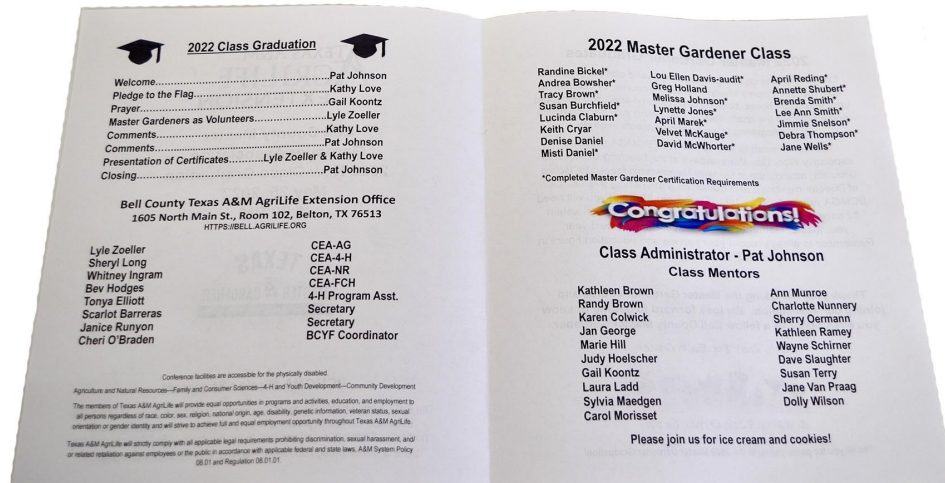
BCMGA Graduation

BCMGA conducted the 2022 Master gardener graduation on May 25, 2020 at the Extension Center Classroom.

County Extension Agent, Lyle Zoeller gave opening remarks followed by remarks from Class Administrators Pat Johnson and Jan Upchurch.

Each graduate was presented their certificate, Name Badge and Gift Basket.

A class photo was taken followed by an ice cream and cookie refreshments.

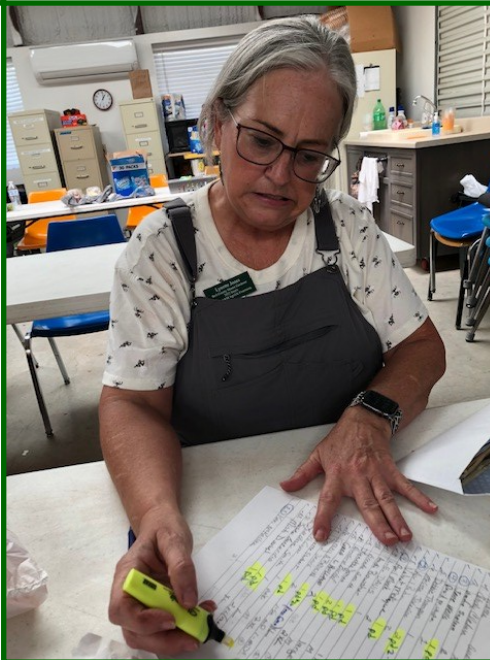


Interns!



Denise Daniel and Brenda Smith moved lots of compost as Community Volunteers.

Jimmy Snelson really enjoyed working at the Help Desk, a requirement of all Master Gardener Interns.



Lynette Jones kept track of the Intern T-shirt orders

Youth Corner

Here is a picture of our LGEG graduating class at Hector Garcia Elementary students in Temple.

The students were 5th graders and learned about vegetables, plants and their parts, My Plate and nutrition, composting, water conservation, eggshell seed starting and experienced several taste tests of various fruits and vegetables.

Two guest presenters included Whitney Ingram AgriLife County Extension Agent who talked on water conservation and MG Teri Marceau who talked on composting with worms. The students also planted vegetables and herbs in raised beds.

The students attended the afterschool program for 12 weeks from February to May. The students received certificates and a Harvest Bag with onions, radishes, cucumbers, and squash plants for them to take home and plant in their own garden. The final taste test included radishes, zucchini and a strawberry salad and then they were treated to watermelon and lemonade. I really feel the students enjoyed the class as they told us various things that they learned about and liked in the classes.

A big thank you to MG's Susan Fogleman and Marie Fuchs-Hill for assisting me with the class and to Beverly Hodges, AgriLife F&CH Extension Agent and Tonya Elliott, 4-H Program Assistant for their assistance and support and providing the learning materials for the class.

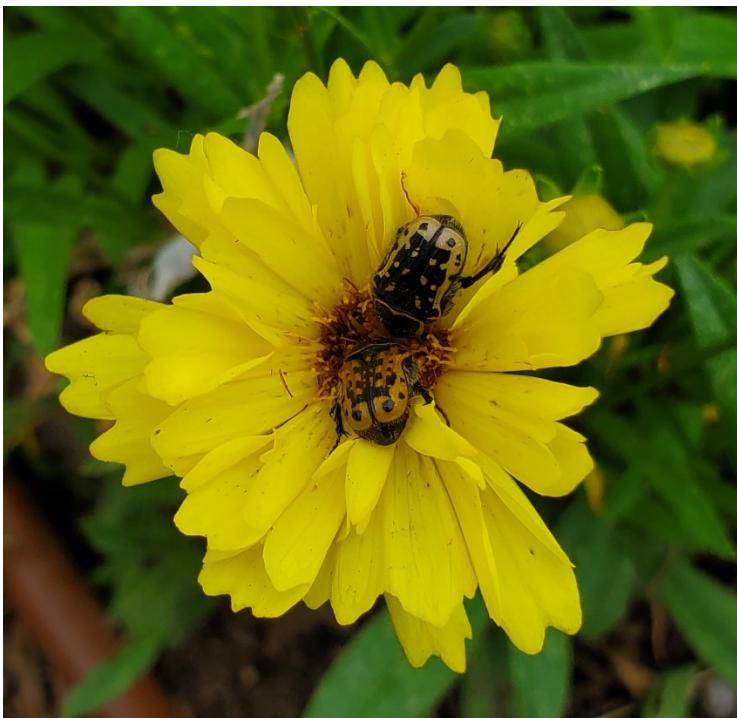


Educational Article By Wizzie Brown



Kern's flower beetles

Kern's flower beetles are a type of scarab beetle, closely related to May and June beetles. These are medium sized beetles, reaching about 1/3 inch in length. There are multiple color variations ranging from all black, to brownish-orange or creamy white with black markings.



These beetles are pollen feeders and can be found in multiple types of flowers. Often you will find numerous beetles in a single flower. Treatment of these beetles is optional as they feed on pollen and typically do not eat the flower itself. If you feel the need to remove the beetles, you can hand pick them and dump them into a bucket of soapy water.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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Spring Fling

On 19 May the Association conducted what may be the 1st Annual Spring Fling. It had a short business meeting and many greats; attendance, venue, food, fellowship, fun, and conversation. A tremendous success!



Projects in the community

KMCCG

4th May 2022

Cool, foggy early morning, turned into a hot, muggy but beautiful day in the garden. The rains made a big, positive impact on the gardens. The first big harvest today of 196.8 lbs of new potatoes and cabbage. Added to 75 lbs of garlic, onions, turnips, zucchini harvested earlier brought the weekly total 271.8 lbs.



Bob Gordon gave a short but insightful class on onion harvesting during our break-time.

Projects in the community

KMCCG

HOT but wonderful day in the garden. Was a Master Gardener Workday as it was a student holiday. 342.8 lbs of potatoes, onions, zucchini, squash, turnips, peppers, and tomatoes were harvested. While last week the garden production went over 1000 lbs for the year, today we went over 1000 lbs for the month!! Good maintenance, weeding, watering, and deer fencing work.



Help Needed / Announcements

COVID19 restrictions have been lifted and most projects could use your help. You can find a complete list of projects in VMS; there you can email the project manager for volunteer opportunities. For help with finding an active project to volunteer in you can contact Stacye Parry at stacye1120@gmail.com.

HELP DESK: Beginning in 2022 the HELP DESK will be open 5 days a week. We are looking to fill 3 hour shifts with 2 people per shift. There is a morning shift, 9:00 am to noon and an afternoon shift, 1:00-3:00 pm. We are already starting to take volunteers. Working in the new Education Center is a great way to learn. getting your continuing education hours and to fill you service hours.

NEW OFFICE NAME & HOURS: Beginning January 2022, the MG office will be called The Education Center. We will have displays for the public both from MGs and from the Master Naturalists, along with our education materials being displayed and available for the public. The Education Center will be open Monday through Friday (closed on Holidays) 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (closed for lunch noon-1:00 pm). The Education Center is located in the first office on the left as you enter the Extension Building. Stop by and see us. We are currently working on the display plans while we are working at our new help desk.

ADVANCED TRAINED MEMBERS MEMO FROM TERI MARCEAU

I am compiling a list of MGs who have gone through any advanced training to keep handy at the Help Desk so we can start to share the wealth of inquiries we receive. Just in May with all the rain we received over 80 calls/emails. It would be very helpful to be able to spread the work load out as the summer approaches, so will the calls/emails increase. Just send me a quick email with your name, preferred phone number, email and what your advanced training is in. Thanks so much. Teri Marceau

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Communications

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.

BIRTHDAYS: The communication committee is looking for your birthday (month and day) so we can celebrate with you. Please send the date to Teri Marceau at ter-immarceau@gmail.com. We LOVE to celebrate our Master Gardeners.

Board of Directors Meeting

TBD

Grounds Workdays

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.



Refreshment Committee General Membership Meeting

A minimum of 7 volunteers are needed for each meeting.



Directors

Communications	Teri Marceau	2020-2022
Facilities	TBD	2019-2022
Membership	Sherry Oermann	2020-2022
KMCCG	Dave Slaughter	2021-2022
Outreach	Crystal Mears & Rebekah Lackey	2021-2022
New Class	Pat Johnson	2019-2022
Projects	Wayne Schirner	2020-2022
Youth	Janice Smith	2020-2022

Executive Board

President	Kathy Love	2022-2024
1 st Vice President	Jan Upchurch	2020-2022
2 nd Vice President	Louann Hight	2022-2024
Recording Secretary	Gail Koontz	2022-2023
Treasurer	Barbara Ishikawa	2020-2022

AgriLife Agent Lyle Zoeller

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<https://txmg.org>

Bell County Master Gardener website

<https://txmg.org/bell/>

Texas Master Gardener Volunteer Management System

<https://vms.texasmg.org/>

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Email your documents and pictures to Julian at julianhancock61@gmail.com.

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