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June Happenings

I saw a meme on FaceBook the other day that said Texas was just pre-heating. Boy oh boy were they right! It's June and it's HOT! It's a great reminder to protect yourself in this Texas heat especially when you are working outside in your garden or out at BEES. Here are a few tips to stay cool:

1. Wear a hat and sunscreen.
2. Stay hydrated and drink lots of water.
3. Take regular breaks in the shade or inside.
4. Limit your physical activities to the cooler part of the day.
5. Be aware of the signs of heatstroke and take action.



What's Growing On...

June Board Meeting
06/06/23 @BEES

June General Meeting
06/09/23 @AgriLife

Cooking in the Garden
Keep Pearland Beautiful
06/11/23

Brazoria Co. Horticulture Committee Meeting
06/13/23

Wild About Wildflowers on
Keep Angleton Beautiful
06/13/23

Hurricane Expo @Brazoria Co. Fairgrounds
06/17/23

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BEE in the Know- Heat Exhaustion

If you suspect heat exhaustion:

Untreated, heat exhaustion can lead to heatstroke, which is a life-threatening condition. If you suspect heat exhaustion, take these steps immediately:

- Move the person out of the heat and into a shady or air-conditioned place.
- Lay the person down and elevate the legs and feet slightly.
- Remove tight or heavy clothing.
- Have the person sip chilled water, a decaffeinated sports drink containing electrolytes or other nonalcoholic beverage without caffeine.
- Cool the person by spraying or sponging with cool water and fanning.
- Monitor the person carefully.

Contact a health care provider if signs or symptoms worsen or if the person doesn't improve after taking first-aid measures.

Call 911 or your local emergency number if the person's condition gets worse, especially if he or she experiences:

- Fainting
- Agitation
- Confusion
- Seizures
- Inability to drink

Source: MayoClinic.org



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Nominate a Horticulture Hero

I may have only been here since September 1st, but boy, oh boy have I been impressed by all the hard work, drive, and dedication of our Master Gardeners in Brazoria County. We truly have an amazing group of individuals. I wanted to make sure that we recognize and fully appreciate our volunteers on more than just a yearly basis. That's where this program comes in to play. I would love for you to send me your nominations for a monthly Horticulture Hero. The requirements are simple. Just send me an email with a paragraph explaining why this individual should be nominated for this award. I will make the final decision each month and then award that person at the General Meeting. Some examples could be: above and beyond service at an outreach event, behind the scenes planning and coordinating, or even an outstanding presentation to a local group, The possibilities are endless. Get your nominations to me by June 30th. Email me : kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu



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June Horticulture Hero: Sandy Henderson

CONGRATULATIONS!



Photo Source: Joy Hargett

Here is what the nominator said about our June Horticulture Hero:

I would like to nominate Sandy Henderson as a Horticulture Hero.

1. Sandy is an invaluable member of the Herb Garden Committee, which currently consists of 2 members! She is constantly cleaning up weeds from the various sections of the Herb Garden, as most of the weeds in Brazoria County end up this very fertile garden (since it is so highly composted)! It's chore every week to deal with all the weeds, but Sandy takes it in stride and just gets to work. She spent a lot of time earlier this year putting compost and mulch into all of the sections.
2. Besides weeds, she continually cleans up some of the garlic chives that seem to take over the herb beds. These weeds have very deep roots that and it takes quite a bit of effort to dig them out. It's a constant battle to keep the garlic chives at bay before they take over all of the beds.
3. Sandy gets her herbs planted early each season and grows a number herself in the greenhouse from seed. Last fall, along with her husband Al, she grew lots of vegetables as well, which she gave out to many of the master gardeners (I know I received several great tomato plants, some which are still doing well in May 2023). Sandy also makes sure her plants are labelled in the Herb Garden.
4. She's eager to discuss information about any of the Herbs growing in the garden and to let other MG's or visitors know which grow well, taste good, don't taste good, culinary uses.
5. Earlier this year, the irrigation system for the Herb bed had leaks and not only did Sandy facilitate getting it fixed, but constructed the instructions for the system, including printing and placing them by the controller as well as getting those instructions placed on the BCMGA website. She has taken on the responsibility for monthly maintenance and checking the irrigation system regularly.
6. Anytime Sandy reports an issue with the Herb Garden, the very next text or email is how it's been fixed.
7. She also facilitates getting help from her husband Al to help in the Herb Garden, even though he has a myriad of responsibilities in other BEES locations. He is an honorary member of the Herb Garden and planted some really beautiful zinnias in an unused area.
8. This past spring, Sandy helped for many hours with the Tree and Plant sales. There were several pictures of her on Facebook helping with the sales in both the prep work as well as on actual sales days.
9. If anyone needs help, she will stop what she is doing to help them. I've personally observed this on several occasions and have also been a beneficiary of these actions.
10. A couple of years ago, a young female cat showed up at BEES. She gave it water and she stayed with the cat until I was able to go to the store and bring back some food. (fortunately, the cat was taken later that day to an animal shelter).
11. In April and May, wild sunflowers took over many of the Row Garden beds. Sandy helped remove those plants, so the vegetables could get light. She has other rows she helps manage, so it was awesome of her to help others get their rows in better shape. This is a daunting task as the roots of these sunflowers are somewhere in Asia.
12. I'm probably forgetting a lot, but all in all she makes for a great working partner in the BEES Herb Garden.

NOT ALL
Heroes
WEAR
CAPES

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Upcoming Education

**COMPOST
ADVANCED TRAINING**

Save the date!

DECEMBER 6-8, 2023
More details coming soon!

For questions, contact
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Upcoming Education
 I'll be speaking at this event on **Preparing Your Yard for Hurricane Season**

ATLANTIC HURRICANE NAMES FOR 2023

Arlene	Don	Gert	Jose	Margot	Phillipe	Tammy
Bret	Emily	Harold	Katia	Nigel	Rina	Vince
Cindy	Franklin	Idalia	Lee	Ophelia	Sean	Whitney

Hurricane & Disaster Preparedness Expo
 SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023
 BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 901 S. DOWNING, ANGLETON
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Presentations Topics On:

- NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
- GENERATOR SAFETY
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR PETS
- PREPARING YOUR YARD FOR HURRICANE SEASON

ACTIVITIES

- Emergency Preparedness Exhibitors Booths
- Free Hot Dogs *While Supplies Last*
- Free Admission and Parking
- Emergency Vehicle Displays
- Door Prizes & Goody Bags *While Supplies Last*

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Expo Provided By:
 City of Alvin, City of Angleton, City of Lake Jackson, City of Clute, Velasco Drainage District, Homeland Preparedness Project, Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management

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Upcoming Education

9am -12pm | September 29th

Strawberry Jamboree

Save the Date

- Speakers
- Booths
- Recipes
- Canning Demo
- Plants for purchase
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Judging

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*More on this berry soon!

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Agent's Corner

Interpretation at Brazoria County Courthouse

On May 9th, I presented information to our Brazoria County Judge and Commissioners during Commissioner's Court. I shared with them the impact that our organization makes on this community and what a great resource we are to the residents of Brazoria County. I also presented the Intern Class of 2023 and shared with the Court what an amazing group of go getters they are. Interpreting to our County partners is vital to keeping our working relationship strong. Thank you @Brazoria County for supporting Horticulture in our area!



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Agent's Corner

Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters

On May 12th, I hosted John Smith and Dean Minchillo at our AgriLife Extension Building. They are Extension Specialists based out of College Station and The Dallas Center, respectively. We learned about Rainwater Harvesting, Turfgrass Selection, Irrigation Management and Soil Analysis. It was an information packed morning and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.



Healthy Lawns

Healthy Waters



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Healthy Lawns
Healthy Waters

Bastrop
Bayou
WATERSHED

May 12th from 8:30am -12:30 pm
Brazoria County AgriLife
Extension Office
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kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu

Register Here: <https://hlhw.tamu.edu/workshops/2023/may-12-bastrop-bayou-watershed-brazoria-county/>



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Monthly Blooms

"Grow in Grace" at the Sweeny First Methodist Prayer Garden



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Grow in Grace at the Sweeny First Methodist Prayer Garden



"Going through the MG intern program really instilled a love for Texas Superstars, which replaced plants that received freeze damage this past winter. The garden shed has these words painted on it: Grow in Grace, and it's a great place to do just that. The garden is open to the public and is not just for church functions such as baptisms, prayer, quiet time, and family pictures, but I enjoy teaching others about plants, design, and care."

-Mary Koether

*Certified Master Gardener
Class of 2023*

*First Methodist Church of Sweeny
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Sweeny TX 77480
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Feel free to call or text Mary at 979-479-5242 if you would like a tour or have questions.



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Writers wanted!



If you enjoy writing about gardening and would like contribute an article or two to our newsletter, please feel free to reach out and let me know. I'd love to have you participate in this newsletter. I am looking for short but informative articles that speak to a variety of interests. It can be a question that you get quite often from friends and neighbors or maybe a subject that is near and dear to your heart or we can do something like a plant or tree of the month and share some great information on that. If you are interested, email me at kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu.

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