



Nueces Master Gardener Gazette



The mission of the association shall be to organize and promote volunteer efforts that support the AgriLife Extension programs that are advancing sound horticultural practices in Nueces County (nueces.agrilife.org)



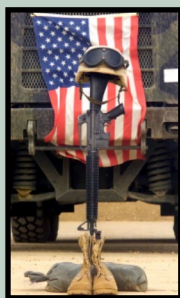
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**Monday May 31:
Memorial Day**



**~~April 15:~~ June 15: Tax Day
For 2021 TX Storm Victims**

Sunday, June 20:





**Meeting & CE
Start Times!**

Nueces Master Gardeners Monthly Meetings
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Minutes from Last Meeting

Garden Senior Center remains Closed
Via Zoom Only—check your email for the invitations

6 P.M.—Board of Directors Meeting (4th Monday) (Via Zoom)
6 P.M.—General Meeting (4th Tuesday) (Currently via Zoom only)
7 P.M.—Presentation (4th Tuesday) (Currently via Zoom only)

The New VMS has launched!

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

Username is: the beginning of your email address
 listed in VMS (*before the @ sign only*)

Temporary Password is: **Garden4Life\$**
 (type it as shown; it's case sensitive)

**MORE WAYS TO
ACCEPT PAYMENTS!**
Nueces MGs Now Offer:

In-Person



Or

Online



@NuecesMasterGardener





MAY

5/26 Theresa Stelzig—class 20

JUNE

6/1 Huxley Smith—class 16
6/2 Barbara Moses—class 28



WANTED:

Someone who is passionate about horticulture, young people, and their education.



*If that's please
er being*

*you, consid-
NMG's*

*Scholarship Committee
Chairperson!*

The recipients need you.

Email [Vince](#).

**INTERNS
WANTED**

NMG Class 32 Registration is NOW OPEN!

Click the Registration [link](#) & select the NMG 2021 Application from the dropdown menu.

Please provide your personal contact info, not job/work

See *tentative* class outline on next page.

Orientation is Monday, July 26, 2021

Classes start August 2nd through 2nd week of November.

Education is every Monday via Zoom 6:30PM - 8:30PM.

Labs every Saturday morning at STXBG 10:00AM-Noon.

Fees: \$250/Student - \$310/Student+1 - \$375/Student+2

1 Handbook & 1 Set of Handouts per Family

Each Intern will receive a Shirt and Badge upon completion of all requirements at Graduation Ceremony

Pay here: **PayPal**



2021 Master Gardener Trainee Class Schedule



Orientation	7/26/2021 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Review of Schedule, expectations, and paperwork	Nueces Master Gardeners and Kevin Gibbs CEA Horticulture	Virtual - Zoom
Week 1 Aug 2-7	8/2/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Intro/Overview MG Committees Overviews	Nueces Master Gardeners Project Gardeners Project Chairs, Betty Rogers & Kevin Gibbs	Virtual - Zoom
	8/7/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Plant Science/Botany	Dr. Michael Womack, Exec. Dir. South Texas Botanical Gardens	Virtual - Zoom
Week 2 Aug 9-14	8/9/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Plant Science/Botany	Dr. Michael Womack, Exec. Dir. South Texas Botanical Gardens	Virtual - Zoom
	8/14/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Plant Science/Botany Lab	Carol Krank Nueces Master Gardener	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 3 Aug 16-21	8/16/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Soils & Fertility/Composting	Shanna Dunn, Resource Soil Scientist USDA-NRCS	Virtual - Zoom
	8/21/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Soils/Composting Lab	Deb Holliday Nueces Master Gardener	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 4 Aug 23-28	8/23/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Plant Diseases/Pathology	Dr. Kimberly Cochran Extension Plant Pathologist	Virtual - Zoom
	8/28/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Diseases/Plant Pathology Lab	Beth Spirko, Nueces MG	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 5 Aug 30 - Sept 4	8/30/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Weeds	Dr. Joshua McGinty, Texas A&M AgriLife	Virtual - Zoom
	9/4/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Weeds Lab	Grace Lopez, South Texas Master Naturalists	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 6 Sept 7-11	9/7/21 Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm	IPM/Entomology	Kate Harrell, CEA Integrated Pest Management	Virtual - Zoom
	9/11/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Entomology Lab	Beth Spirko, Deb Holliday Nueces Master Gardeners	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 7 Sept 13-18	9/13/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Trees	Bill Green, Forest Service	Virtual - Zoom
	9/18/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Tree ID Lab	Cindy Straub	City Parks
Week 8 Sept 20-25	9/20/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Herbaceous and Tropical Plants	Kevin Gibbs, CEA	Virtual - Zoom
	9/25/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Herbaceous and Tropical Plants Lab	Kevin Gibbs, CEA, Nueces	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 9 Sept 27- Oct 2	9/27/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Turfgrass Management	Rebecca Grubbs, Turfgrass	Virtual - Zoom
	10/2/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Grasses Lab	Beth Spirko Nueces Master Gardener – trip to Turfco grass farm	Turfco Grass Farms, Robstown, Texas
Week 10 Oct 4-9	10/4/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Fruit Crops/Pomology	Dr. Larry Stein, Associate Dept. Head/Professor & Ext. Agronomist Specialist	Virtual - Zoom
	10/9/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Fruit Crops Lab	David Nuss, Exec Dir. GROW Local South Texas	Downtown Farmers Market
Week 11 Oct 11-16	10/11/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Home Vegetable Gardening	Dr. Juan Anciso, Professor & Extension Vegetable Specialist	Virtual - Zoom
	10/16/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Vegetable Lab	Norma Hernandez, Mary Lambert, Carol Barragy and Thorunn Kelley	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 12 Oct 18-23	10/18/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Palms	Ginger Easton-Smith, CEA, Aransas	Virtual - Zoom
	10/23/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Field Trip/Volunteer Sites	Kevin Gibbs, CEA, Nueces	Various locations
Week 13 Oct 25-30	10/25/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Propagation	Sandra Williams, Nueces Master Gardeners	Virtual - Zoom
	10/30/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Propagation Lab	Sandra Williams, Nueces Master Gardeners	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 14 Nov 1-6	11/1/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Irrigation/Rainwater Harvesting	Dr. Becky Bowling, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist for Urban Water	Virtual - Zoom
	11/6/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Rainwater Harvesting Lab	Joanne Salge, Ron Maxwell Nueces Master Gardeners	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 15 Nov 8	11/8/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Wrap Up & Post Test	Kevin Gibbs/Master Gardeners	South Texas Botanical Gardens

NMG CALENDAR

Nueces Master Gardener Meetings/Events

- ♦ Tues 5/25/21 **Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting** via Zoom (see [page 2](#) for details)
- ♦ Sat 6/5 Submissions from Gazette contributors due. gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com
- ♦ (Every 2nd) Wed 6/9 @ 1:00pm—**Plant Sale Sub-Committee Yard Art Workshop** to be held on Joan Whitmire's back patio; 757 Meadowbrook. Contact [Agnes Hamilton](#) 852.5285 or Joan FMI. Here's the schedule:
 - June....Cement finish hardened projects (**please register for supply list & location**)
 - July.....Bottle painting and decorating
 - Aug.....Garden poles (4x4) paint and decorate
 - September .. Building Succulent Pumpkins with Kathie Fernandez
- ♦ (Every 2nd) Thurs 6/10 @ 1:30pm (**No July**)—**Plant Sale Committee Meeting** via Zoom. **Sub-Committees need Volunteers!** Contact [Gloria VanZante](#) 994.8274 for more info (FMI) or to sign up!
- ♦ Tues 6/22/21 **Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting** via Zoom (see [page 2](#) for details)

FEATURING...

IN THE ZONE - 9a-b that is!

Gardenia
Camellia sasanqua



NMG PLANT SALE SPONSORS



Helping Here®

More to come....



You've been Accepted into Cornell University!

To assist with
[Downy Mildew Disease Monitoring](#) on
Cucumber (and other cucurbits) & Basil!



Outdoor Volunteer Options:

Masks-Distance-Work Gloves-Own Tools



LEARNING TO GROW RAISED BED BUILDING—The Nueces Master Gardeners work together with the staff and students on the campuses of Corpus Christi Independent School District to learn how to grow store-bought produce from farm-to-table. Contact Education Chair, [Beth Spirko](#) FMI



EARTH-KIND BEDS AT BOTANICAL GARDENS—Each of the five beds is maintained by a team comprised of NMGs, whose day to work may vary. The group meets Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to get involved contact [Paul Parr](#) for information at . ***Sign in at the gift shop upon arrival & add your volunteer time before you leave.***



SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS & NATURE CENTER



(STXBOT)—NMGs can help out at the STXBOT any time during business hours. There is always something that needs to be done within your abilities. Check in at the Gift Shop for assignments & to record your volunteer hours.



Renee Brown has 5 un-adopted rose beds. Two volunteers per rose bed is ideal to trim the roses and keep the bed weeded. Call/Text 361.443.2719



XERISCAPE GARDENS— Monthly Saturday workday 8:00 am-12:00 pm on random dates. Located next to the Museum of Science & History, 1900 N. Chaparral St. **Tools ARE provided. VMS code: Ext-Office-Other Projects** (ALL interns & members add your travel time to your hours; mileage is separate)



LOCAL ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION

Coastal Bend Meetings/Conferences/Training/Volunteers/Group Participation

- Every Wednesday 10:00 am - **Gardening in the Gulf Coast Series** presented by your Coastal Bend extension offices. Check out the [April/May Schedule!](#) **PRE-register** through the Eventbrite website by selecting a date and getting a “ticket” to attend online . Do it early and save your ticket, as there is a limited number of online attendees. If you missed any, here are the [video presentations](#).

Grow Local South Texas

Summer Educator 1 (5 weeks)



Take a
Virtual Tour
of The 23rd
World
Orchid
Conference
[Here!](#)



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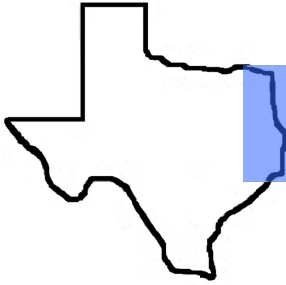
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ATTRA/NCAT Sustainable Agriculture— [Newsletters](#)

Newsletter





REGIONAL Activities

State-Wide Meetings/Conferences/Training/Education/Events

- ♦ Every Monday at 6:00 pm—Aggie Turfie Tuesdays Talks on their [Facebook](#) page for live Q&A.



- ♦ **Mondays @ 4:30 p.m.— June 7 thru August 2 (8 weeks)** [Beginner Birding For Fun](#) via Zoom courtesy of Texas Master Naturalists & the Rosenberg Library. Register for all or some classes by emailing [Mr. Ash Welborn](#). Hurry! Space is limited!

- ♦ Every Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm—Aggie Horticulture [Facebook Live Events](#)
- ♦ Every Thursday at 12:12 pm—Chat with TAMU Green Aggies. [Register](#) to attend via Zoom, one or all their talks! [April-June Schedule](#) include turfgrass & weeds, native perennials, irrigation, edible landscapes/trees. All previously recorded chats are available here: [\(27\) TX Plant Clinic - YouTube](#).



- ♦ **Friday May 21 (11:45am)—July 15 Walk Across Texas!** [Info!](#) [Register !](#)

- ♦ **Friday, May 28 at 8am-12pm—Black Soldier Fly~ Quick & Easy Composting Method.** Open this [Flyer](#) for information & Zoom link.



- ♦ One day every Third Week of the Month - Webinar at 6:30pm-7:30pm—[Texas Waters Specialist Program](#). Register for any/all 2021 webinars or view past webinars for CE hours, or become a Texas Water Specialist!
- ♦ Monthly—2nd Friday of each month 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm [Landscaping Lecture Series](#) (Freeze Damage Update-Trees-Waterwise-Palms-Turfgrass-Plant Disease-IPM-Good Insects)
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 23rd at 10am-11:30am Plant Party 3 “The Lowdown on Invasives.”** See [flyer](#) for more info. [Register](#) to receive Zoom link the day prior.



DRIP IRRIGATION

NMGs

CLASS 31 Graduation & Awards Fiesta!

Event Coordinators



NMGs

A HUGE Thank You to Your Audit Leadership!

L-R: Finance Chair-Ronnie Munoz, Treasurer-Leigh Green, State Director-Mary Lambert, VP1-Mary Helen Johnston, VP At Large-Gloria VanZante, VP2-Linda Lamprecht & Treasurer Elect ProTem-Norma Hernandez



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else but me
think "Ronnie
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It's his mask!

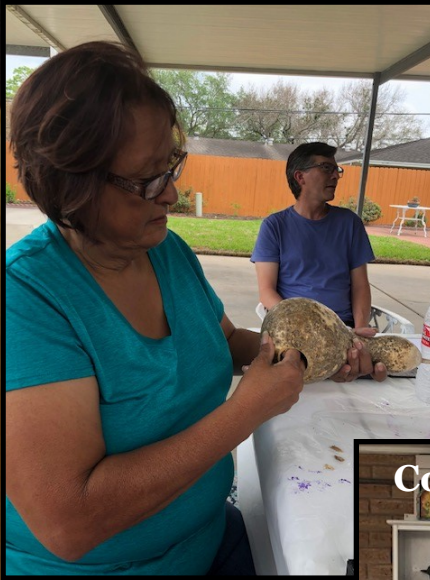


**NMG EARTH
DAY BANNER
APRIL 17, 2021**



NMGs

Yard Art Workshop—Gourds-ious!



Co-Chairs - Agnes & Joanie



NMGs

Metro-E Garden Club



Vaccines & Testing for Coronavirus/COVID-19

- **Go to the City's website for current Corpus Christi info:**
www.cctexas.com/coronavirus.
- **While there, sign up to receive news updates via email & go to**
nuecesknows.com **for vaccine availability.**
- **Call the Hotline with questions, if you think you are sick, or to make an appointment to be tested: 361.826.7200.**



For General Info:

Individuals with Disabilities

who require auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any extension event are encouraged to contact their County Extension Office at 361.767.5217 at least one week in advance of the program in order for proper arrangements to be made.

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We welcome your submissions, comments, corrections or suggestions!

Send them to
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