



## Nueces Master Gardener Gazette

Nueces County, Texas



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](http://nueces.agrilife.org))

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### 2021 NMG LEADERSHIP

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—21st Annual—  
**HOME &  
 GARDEN  
 SHOW**  
 — CORPUS CHRISTI FALL —

**Sept 10, 11 & 12—**

**American Bank Center Expo Hall**

Fri 9/10—2:00 pm—6:00 pm

Sat 9/11—10:00 am—5:00 pm

Sun 9/12—11:00 am—5:00 pm

Set-up Wed 9/8 a.m.—Time TBD

Tear-down Sun 9/12—5:00 pm or sooner

**See page [10](#) for more info...**





## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 23, 2021**

Via Zoom Only—check your email for invitation  
(Garden Senior Center remains closed Weekdays)

**6 - 7:30 P.M.—Board Meeting**

*Interns & NMGs are welcome to attend,  
but not participate, and earn 1.5 Volunteer Hours  
VMS Project Code **NMG—MTGS***

4th MON

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

Via Zoom Only—check your email for invitation  
(Garden Senior Center remains closed Weekdays)

**6 - 7:30 P.M.—General Meeting**

*(now 90 minutes for questions & discussion)*

**Minutes from Last Meeting**

4th TUES

## MONTHLY CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Next: Tuesday, September 14, 2021**  
*(Sept. class only-held on 2nd Tues)*

In-Person: (Code: CE-NMG)

Via Zoom: (Code: CE-ONLINE)—check your email  
for invitation

(Garden Senior Center remains closed Weekdays)

**6 - 7:00 P.M.—CE Presentation**

**Mary Sherwood—Fall Gardening/Planter Options**

**\*\*DOOR PRIZES!\*\***

1st TUES



**AUGUST****8/20 Brenda Bishop - class 15****8/21 Carol Roth - class 24****8/21 Elva Steiner - class 29****8/23 Kelly Munguia - class 30****SEPTEMBER****9/6 Betty Whitt—class 9****9/9 Norma Hernandez—class 28****9/9 Pat Parr—class 10****9/15 Robin Cohea -class 30****SEEKING...**

❖ **INTERNS!** earn Volunteer Hours by Recording monthly CE Presentations & post on YouTube. Call 361.767.5217 or Email [kevin.gibbs@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kevin.gibbs@ag.tamu.edu)

❖ **URGENT! NMGs & Interns!** Need your Headshot/Selfie for the NMG Picture Roster. We CAN'T download from VMS. Email to [president.nuecesmg@gmail.com](mailto:president.nuecesmg@gmail.com) **THANK YOU!!**

\*Submit nominees for Nominating Committee to chairwoman Beth Spirko at [education.nuecesmg@gmail.com](mailto:education.nuecesmg@gmail.com)

\*Need 2-3 people for NMG Telephone Tree notification system. Contact Linda Lamprecht [vms.nuecesmg@gmail.com](mailto:vms.nuecesmg@gmail.com)

\*Editor for NMG Gazette starting January 2022! Using Publisher, express your creativity & keep the NMGs updated! Contact Kelly Denson [gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com](mailto:gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com)

UPDATE



## 2021 Master Gardener Trainee Class Schedule



UPDATE

<b>Orientation</b>	7/26/2021 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Review of Schedule, expectations, and paperwork	Nueces Master Gardeners and Kevin Gibbs CEA Horticulture	Virtual - Zoom
<b>Week 1 Aug 2-7</b>	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
<b>Week 2 Aug 9-14</b>	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
<b>Week 3 Aug 16-21</b>	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
<b>Week 4 Aug 23-28</b>	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
<b>Week 5 Aug 30 - Sept 4</b>	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
<b>Week 6 Sept 7-11</b>	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
<b>Week 7 Sept 13-18</b>	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
<b>Week 8 Sept 20-25</b>	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
<b>Week 9 Sept 27- Oct 2</b>	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
<b>Week 10 Oct 4-9</b>	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
<b>Week 11 Oct 11-16</b>	10/11/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Home Vegetable Gardening	Dr. Juan Andiso, 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
<b>Week 12 Oct 18-23</b>	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
<b>Week 13 Oct 25-30</b>	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
<b>Week 14 Nov 1-6</b>	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
<b>Week 15 Nov 8</b>	11/8/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Wrap Up & Post Test	Kevin Gibbs/Master Gardeners	South Texas Botanical Gardens

Individuals with disabilities who require an 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. 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.

# NMG CALENDAR

## Nueces Master Gardener Meetings/Events

- ♦ Sat 8/21/21 **Incorporating Natives into Existing Landscapes** in-person (30 people max) or Zoom available. Call 361.852.2100 to Reserve a seat or Zoom link. Free to members and with garden admission, or \$5 for class only. See their October [Calendar](#).
- ♦ Tues 8/24/21 **Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting** via Zoom (see [page 2](#) for details)
- ♦ Sun 9/5 Submissions Due for Gazette (articles, pictures, etc.) Send to: [gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com](mailto:gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com)
- ♦ (Every 2nd) Wed 9/8 @ 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. Last Workshop:  
September .. Building Succulent Pumpkins with Kathie Fernandez
- ♦ (Every 2nd) Thurs 9/9 @ 1:30pm —**Plant Sale Committee Meeting via Zoom**. Find the June Agenda [here](#) and April meeting minutes [here](#). Contact [Gloria VanZante](#) 994.8274 for more info (FMI) or to sign up!
- ♦ Tues 9/28/21 **Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting** via Zoom (see [page 2](#) for details)

**For Nueces County AgriLife Reporting Purposes  
Please enter your Volunteer & CE hours into VMS  
before each month ends or more frequently!**



**New VMS has launched!**


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

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

**Temporary Password is:**

**Garden4Life\$**

## Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities:

																
	<p><b>EARTH-KIND BEDS AT BOTANICAL GARDENS</b>—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 <a href="#">Paul Parr</a> for information at . <b><i>Sign in at the gift shop upon arrival &amp; add your volunteer time before you leave.</i></b></p>															
																
	<p><b>GARDEN SR. CENTER PATIO REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE</b>—As our meeting &amp; activity location, the Nueces Master Gardeners have been responsible for the maintenance and beautification of the patio's garden areas. A Committee is being formed to get back to work on this project. If you'd like to participate, contact Carlos Valdez.</p>															
																
	<p><b>LEARNING TO GROW RAISED BED BUILDING</b>—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, <a href="#">Beth Spirko</a> FMI</p>															
																
	<p><b>RAY HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE</b>— NMGs help coordinate student work in the garden area and offer hands-on gardening instruction. To get involved contact <a href="#">Alene Burch</a> Welcome new Botany Program &amp; Greenhouse Project leader, and tennis coach Kyle Bowers!</p>															
																
	<p><b>SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS &amp; NATURE CENTER (STXBOT)</b>—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 &amp; to record your volunteer hours. <a href="#">Renee Brown</a> 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</p>															
																
	<p><b>XERISCAPE GARDENS</b>— Monthly Saturday workday 8:00 am-12:00 pm on random dates. Located next to the Museum of Science &amp; History, 1900 N. Chaparral St. Tools ARE provided. <b>NEXT work day: TBD</b></p>															
																
																

**Find all VMS Project Categories & Symbols [HERE!](#)**

**Special Note:** The Texas Master Gardeners Board reduced the required number of volunteer hours to re-certify for 2021 from 12 hours to 6 hours. It is anticipated that they will revert back to the 12 hours starting the first of 2022. Additionally, our Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, Kevin Gibbs, allowed CE hours above 6 hours to be credited as NMG-Other Projects to Volunteer Hours. This will no longer be allowed starting Jan 1, 2022.



## 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. No schedule to post. See what's next by **PRE-register**ing 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](#).
- 2nd Friday each Month 2:30 pm - **Port Aransas Landscape Lecture Series**. **IN-PERSON**. UTMSI Seminar Room, 750 Channel View Drive, Port Aransas, TX. Register [here](#). Online attendance available.



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### EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS!

**Volunteers are needed in the NMG Info Booth, Kids Corner & Presentation Stage for Set-up, Tear Down and During the Show!**

**To earn volunteer hours at one or more of the NMG areas below, please email the Venue Coordinator and cc: Beth.**

**Event & Booth Coordinator: Beth Spirko**  
[Education.NuecesMG@gmail.com](mailto:Education.NuecesMG@gmail.com)



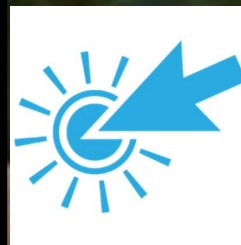
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**Kids Corner Coordinator: Agnes Hamilton**  
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**When you attend a stage presentation, you earn CE hours!**



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## NMG Plant Sale Preparation

**The deadline to submit your plant donation list is 9/24/2021.** Here is the "2021 Plant Donation form" in [Excel format](#) and in [WORD format](#). Please complete either form by entering those plants you plan to donate. If you know the pot size of the plant(s) you are donating, enter the information. The column for pricing will be completed by Jessica and her team. You may return your list by email to [plantsalechair.nuecesmq@gmail.com](mailto:plantsalechair.nuecesmq@gmail.com) or [atlarge.nuecesmq@gmail.com](mailto:atlarge.nuecesmq@gmail.com).



Information for plant drop-off will be provided later. Jessica and her team will have a process to check in, label, and price the plants. **Your assistance on adhering to the deadlines will be appreciated**, as the turnaround time will be very short to provide Jessica with a list of all anticipated plants, checking them in, labeling and then compiling a master list for the rest of the group.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and donating plants! Let's make this another successful plant sale!

Gloria VanZante & Agnes Hamilton

***P.S. In 2022 we will be holding the plant sale some time in March or May; closer to the spring planting season.***

## NMG PLANT SALE SPONSORS



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More to come....



## REGIONAL Activities

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

- ♦ August 17 - Tuesday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm [Harris County Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures - Gardening for Beginners](#) **Watch on Facebook [here](#)**
- ♦ August 21 - Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm [Collin County - Tree Care Held at Chambers Tree Farm](#)
- ♦ August 28 - Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am [Galveston County Master Gardener - Small Trees for Small Yards](#)
- ♦ August 28 - Saturday from 1:00 pm to 2:30pm [Galveston County Master Gardener - Growing Strawberries](#)
- ♦ September 2 - Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm [Fort Bend County Master Gardener - Become a Master Gardener and Serve Your Community](#)
- ♦ September 5 - Sunday from 12:00 pm to 6:00pm [Lubbock Master Gardener - Hub City Garden Tour](#)
- ♦ September 11 - Saturday from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm [Texas A & M AgriLife Center - Fall Landscaping Symposium](#) **Must Pre-Register**
- ♦ September 13 - Friday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am [Harris County Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures - Permaculture](#) **Virtual Event - Preregister for Link**
- ♦ Every Monday at 6:00 pm—**Aggie Turfie Tuesdays Talks** on their [Facebook](#) page for live Q&A.
- ♦ 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! No schedule available at this time. All previously recorded chats are available here: [\(27\) TX Plant Clinic - YouTube](#).
- ♦ Second Tuesdays at 12pm-1pm—**Tx Master Naturalists: #TMNT Tuesdays** online via WebEx. [WebEx 101 Guide](#). Click [here](#) to see previous month's presentations, and watch when next month's date turns **green**, then click it & register for the class!
- ♦ 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—2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm [Landscaping Lecture Series](#)



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**Farewell [Vance Dawson IV](#)**  
**Keep Nina Dawson (class 27)**  
**in your thoughts & prayers!**

Get NMG Info:



**FEATURING...**

**IN THE ZONE - 9a-b that is!**



[Mlini & Dwarf Vegetables](#)  
[for Pots & Plots](#)



# NMGs

## 2021 NMG Student Scholarship Recognition Award



**Alegria  
Hinojosa**

**JULY CE  
Presenter:**  
Danessa Yaschuk  
Damon, TX



## West Oso 7th-12th Graders Visit 2nd Baptist Beds



## NMG Class 32 Orientation

# NMGs

## July CE Door Prize Winner! Marie Privott



## June CE Door Prize Winner!



**Edith Gonzalez**



**Plant Sale Committee**



## August Yard Art Work- shop





## Vaccines & Testing for Coronavirus/COVID-19

- **Go to the City's website for current Corpus Christi info:**  
[www.cctexas.com/coronavirus](http://www.cctexas.com/coronavirus).
- **While there, sign up to receive news updates via email & go to**  
[nuecesknows.com](http://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.**



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We welcome your submissions, comments, corrections or suggestions!

Send them to

[gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com](mailto:gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com)



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