

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)



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2021 NMG LEADERSHIP

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VP 3-Sandra Williams

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Mary Lambert & Elva Steiner

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Alene Burch & Huxley Smith Extension Agent-Kevin Gibbs

Past President-Beth Spirko



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 27, 2021

Via Zoom Only—check your email for invitation

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**

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 28, 2021

First In-Person Meeting & Garden Sr. Center
5325 Greely Dr., Corpus Christi, TX
Via Zoom —check your email for invitation

6 - 7:30 P.M.—General Meeting (now 90 minutes for questions & discussion) No Minutes from Last Meeting

MONTHLY CONTINUING EDUCATION

Next Class: Tuesday, Oct 5, 2021

In-Person @ GSC: (VMS Project Code: CE-NMG)
5325 Greely Dr., Corpus Christi, TX
Via Zoom: (Project Code: CE-ONLINE)
check your email for invitation

6 - 7:00 P.M.—CE Presentation Fall Centerpiece Arrangements

SEPTEMBER

9/15 Patsy Pratt –Intern class 32

9/16 Tara Buffington – class 31

9/16 Iris Klanecky –class 10

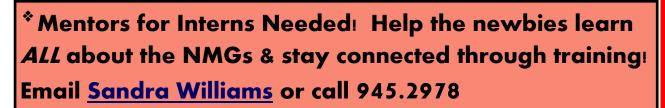
9/22 Jack Harris -class 31

OCTOBER

10/4 Thorunn Kelley -class 22 10/5 April Martensen -class 31



*URGENT! NMGs & Interns! Need your Headshot/Selfie for the NMG Picture Roster. We CAN'T download from VMS. Email to president.nuecesmg@gmail.com



*INTERNS! earn Volunteer Hours by Recording monthly CE Presentations & post on YouTube.
Call 361.767.5217 or Email kevin.gibbs@ag.tamu.edu

- *Submit nominees for Nominating Committee to chairwoman Beth Spirko at education.nuecesmg@gmail.com
- *Earn volunteer hours being a NMG Telephone Tree caller.
 Contact Linda Lamprecht 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



TEXAS COSTOR SERVICES

2021 Master Gardener Trainee Class Schedule

AGRILLIFE EXTENSION
Virtual - Zoom
Michael Zees

	MARIE THE AMERICAN SECTION.			EXTENSION
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	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
Aug 2-7	B/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
	B/14/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Plant Science/Botany Lab	Carol Krank Nueces Master Gardener	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 3	B/16/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Soils & Fertility/Composting	Shanna Dunn, Resource Soil Scientist USDA- NRCS	Virtual - Zoom
Aug 16-21	B/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	B/23/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Plant Diseases/Pathology	Dr. Kimberly Cochran Extension Plant Pathologist	Virtual - Zoom
	B/28/21 Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm		Beth Spirko, Nueces MG	South Texas Botanical Gardens
Week 5 Aug 30 -	B/30/21 Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm	Weeds	Dr. Joshua McGinty, Texas A&M AgriLife	Virtual - Zoom
Sept 4	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 Week 7 Sept 13-18	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
	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		Virtual - Zoom
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NMG CALLENDAR

Nueces Master Gardener Meetings/Events

- Tues 9/28/21 Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting First in-Person meeting or via Zoom (see <u>page 2</u> for details)
- Tues 10/5 Submissions Due for Gazette (articles, pictures, etc.) Send to: gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com
- Tues 10/26/21 Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting via Zoom (see <u>page 2</u> for details)
- No future Plant Sale Sub-Committee Yard Art Workshops will be held, but if you have unique or cool objects that can be used for future projects, please see Joan Whitmire or contact <u>Agnes Hamilton</u> 852.5285.



For Nueces County AgriLife Reporting Purposes
Please enter your Volunteer & CE hours into VMS
https://vms.texasmg.org/ prior to each month's end
or more frequently! Agent Gibbs thanks you!

Find all VMS Project Categories & Symbols HERE!

Horticulture Therapy Institute Newsletter

National Audubon Society <u>Publications</u>

National Gardening Assoc Weekly Newsletters

Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles Monthly Newsletters

South Texas Chapter-Texas Master Naturalist <u>Newslet-ters</u>

TCEQ-Take Care of Texas Publications

Texas Nursery & Landscape Assoc Publications

Texas Gardener Magazine Current Issue

Texas Master Gardener September 2021 Newsletter

Texas Chapter ISA (Int'l Society of Arboriculture)

Newsletters

ATTRA/NCAT Sustainable Agriculture— Newsletters

CALL LOCAL OFFICIALS IF YOU SEE THIS

"KISSING BUG"

Carries parasite that causes fatal Chagas Disease!



Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities:



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.



GARDEN SR. CENTER PATIO REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE-

As our meeting & 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, click to email **Carlos Valdez** or call 688.6545



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





RAY HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE— NMGs help coordinate student work | in the garden area and offer hands-on gardening instruction. To get involved contact Alene Burch Welcome new Botany Program & Greenhouse Project leader, and tennis coach Kyle Bowers!



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 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. NEXT work day: TBD





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-registering 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.
- South Texas Botanical Garden & Nature Center classes. Free to members and

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Planting Guide



NMG Plant Sale Preparation

*The deadline to submit your plant donation list is Friday, 9/24/2021. Here is the "2021 Plant Donation form" in <u>Excel format</u>. and in <u>WORD format</u>. 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. Leave the column for pricing blank Return your list by email to

plantsalechair.nuecesmg@gmail.com or atlarge.nuecesmg@gmail.com



Information for plant drop-off at the Jewish Community Center 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. Next year the plant sale will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

NMG PLANT SALE SPONSORS



More to come....

REGIONAL Activities

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

- Tues 9/21 11:00 am to 12:00 pm <u>Harris County Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures Permaculture</u> Watch on Facebook facebook.com/harriscountypl/live
- ◆ Saturday, 9/25 Angelina County Master Gardeners Annual Fall Plant Sale
- Tuesday, 9/28 10:00 am TexDot Roadside Chat-Those Bloomin' Wildflowers Register here
- Monday, 10/11 10:00 am to 11:30 am <u>Harris County Green Thumb Series Plant Propagation</u>
- Tues 10/19 11:00 am to 12:00 pm <u>Harris County Green Thumb Series Plan Propagation</u> Watch on Facebook facebook.com/harriscountypl/live
- SEE ALL EVENTS ON THE TXMG.ORG WEBSITE
- Every Monday at 6:00 pm—Aggie Turfie Tuesdays Talks on their <u>Facebook</u> page for live Q&A.
- Every Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm—Aggie Horticulture <u>Facebook Live Events</u>
- First & Third Thursdays at 12:12 pm-Chat with TAMU Green Aggies. Click to Register for the <u>1st</u> Thursday & <u>3rd</u> Thursday. Sept. 16 Preventative care for lawns—Oct. 7 Turfgrass field day special edition—Oct 21 Fall Favorites
 All previously recorded chats are available here: (1) Chat with Green Aggies 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!
- Third Wednesdays (starting 9/15) 6:30 pm-8:00 pm— **Water Wednesdays**. To receive the meeting link, register <u>here</u> by 3:00 pm on class dates or before. <u>Flyer</u>
 - One day every Third Week of the Month Webinar at 6:30pm-7:30pm—<u>Texas Waters</u>
 <u>Specialist Program</u>. 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 <u>Landscaping Lecture Series</u>



West Oso ISD Summer Bridge Program

Nueces Master Gardeners came out in strength to support the West Oso ISD Summer Bridge Program over two Wednesdays in July. The students were 7th to 12th grade ESL, Economically and Socially Disadvantaged Students who were specifically selected to receive the enrichment outing. None of the students nor the educators had ever visited the sites selected for the two field trips.

On Wednesday, July 21, thirteen students were transported to the Corpus Christi Xeriscape Gardens for an interactive presentation on the principle of design requiring little or no irrigation or other maintenance, used in arid regions. Joan Salge, NMG and Project Coordinator and Vince Muscarello provided handouts, discussion and Q&A for the 45 minute excursion. They then boarded the school bus and headed across town to the 2nd Baptist Church Raised Bed Gardens located off Timbergate and Staples.

They were welcomed there by Daisy Castillo, Community Gardens Coordinator for the Texas A&M AgriLife Program and Vince, who gave a presentation and tour of the gardens answering many questions. The students, educators and bus driver were treated to a fresh vegetable salad bowl with balsamic dressing which none had ever had. The students thought the dressing was chocolate dressing. They were hesitant at first, but quickly went back for seconds. All took extra bowls home with a greater appreciation for fresh vegetables and balsamic dressing thanks to Mary Helen Johnston (1VP) and Jim Johnston.

The 2nd Field Trip was conducted on Wednesday, July 28 at the South Texas Botanical Gardens. Sixteen NMGs and Interns welcomed the students and educators for a multifaceted, interactive tour of the gardens and exhibits. NMGs and Interns were: Paul Parr, Patty DeGlopper (I), Carol Barrgay, Gloria VanZante, Angie Corley (I), Jack Harris, Renee Brown, Ronnie Munoz, Marie Privott (I), Tom Andrews (I), Rebecca Stalcup, Vince Muscarello, Donna Gonzales, Linda Frost, Kevin Gibbs, and Huxley Smith.

Plans are being made to host the program next year. Click here to view all pictures!



It's not Easy being a Seen Bean. But Iowa Master Gardener and winter Texan, Marian McNabb, has seen lots of Sea Beans and knows about them too!

What is a Sea Bean? Sea Beans are seeds and pods that float into our shores that have grown in other areas. You'll find them in the sand, along the shoreline, and in the litter and sea weed that washes into our shores all along the Gulf Coast.

Three Sea Beans that I've been told are washing up on shore right now, the Heart Bean, the Brain Bean, and Nickernuts.

The Heart Sea Bean, Entada Gigas, is usually plentiful and easy to find. It's Native to the Tropics and grows in a long pod that can be as long as 6 feet, they grow on a vine. There can be as many as 15 or more Heart Beans in a pod.

The Brain Bean, Andira galeottiana, grows on trees in Mexico. Along the Texas Gulf Coast is one of the only areas you'll find it complete. When they travel further they have a tendency to disintegrate due to the distance they travel and the softer outside compared to other Sea Beans. Last winter, 2020/2021 wasn't a good year for them. I think they produce like many trees, producing well every other year.

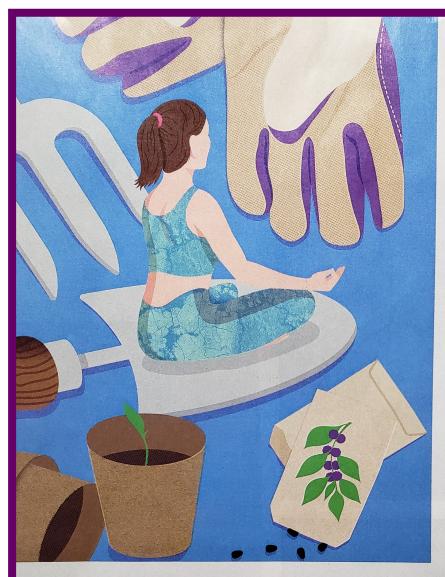


I've heard there are a lot of Nickernuts, Caesalpinia, this year, we also found a lot last year, 020/2021. There are 3 different species of Nickernuts that I'm aware of, the Brown Nickernut which is easy to find due to it's color.

The Gray Nickernut that seems to blend in with the sand easily, and the Yellow Nickernut. I haven't found a yellow one yet but have found plenty of Brown and Gray ones. They grow on spiny bushes that are Native to the Tropics.

A little about me, I'm a Master Gardener from NW Iowa, in growing zone 4. PeeWee, our dog and I spend our winters in Texas volunteering at Padre Island National Seashore. My husband was retired U.S. Navy, he passed away in 2017 but PeeWee and I still come to Texas, she hunts Tennis Balls while I hunt Sea Beans. I served on the National Board of the National Garden Clubs, for 16 years, am presently serving as Bird and Butterfly Chairman for the Central Region Garden Clubs which consists of 7 States. I love Flowers, Gardening, and hunting Sea Beans along our Gulf Coast in Texas and most anything related to the great outdoors. I call us "All Americans" as we continue to serve our Country as Volunteers.

Click Marian's name above to send her an email for questions, comments or conversation!



Sowing Perspective

Getting outdoors grants long-awaited inner peace

BY BABS RODRIGUEZ
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clike so Many Americans, as I've gotten older and with grown and flown children, I've found myself filling my time with more hours of my "day" job. When the pandemic had me stuck at home, I almost never left my desk. It was as if I came to believe that my industry—manacling nouns to verbs—was needed to keep the world ticking on.

Meanwhile, the backyard I worked so hard to tame when I first bought my house was manicured by a crew of strangers and less and less often enjoyed by loved ones. After winter's brutal last blast, I decided it was time to change all of that. I forced myself to put my phone down, turn off the cable news channel and wander outside.

I found the dandelion digger, eschewed gardening gloves and, for two hours, stretched my back, legs and

arms pulling and twisting handfuls of weeds from the beds of drought-resistan natives. I was grateful for the gentle surrender the damp, soft soil afforded. I spoke to the pink buds of my Mexican buckeye and welcomed back the desert willow while whispering words of encouragement to the freeze-traumatized American beautyberry.

I did not curse the agave when it stabbed me, and I took the time to salute the bright yellow dandelion blossoms and profusion of purple buds on the henbit. I apologized that they had to go and acknowledged that in another world or age or garden, they might be the stars. Being assigned the status of weed seems subjective, after all. "Clover," I said, "the luck is not yours today." It offered up no four-leaf rebuttal.

And when my labor was done, I sat in my most seasoned lawn chair and listened to the birds. I tilted my head back and, with my eyes closed, I watched the patterns of clouds dart across my inner eyelids. I heard an ambulance siren in the distance and, without thinking, said the prayer the nuns taught me 50 years ago to say for those in need.

I took deep breaths and sat still for a long time, grateful that I have such a spot in which to gather myself. And I followed that mental garden path to plant seeds of gratitude for lessons learned in this past year, corners turned, memories recovered and priorities reorganized.

Now I am vowing to reap daily the harvest fruits of that day's labor, whether for 10 minutes or an hour of outdoor time on my creaky deck, watering my herbs, learning the names of the birds who visit. Sowing perspective has me harvesting an inner peace that had proved elusive while I labored so long without looking up.

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