



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

President-Vince Muscarello
 VP 1-Mary Helen Johnston
 VP 2-Linda Lamprecht
 VP 3-Sandra Williams
 At Large-Gloria VanZante
 Secretary-Betty Whitt
 Treasurer-Leigh Green
 Treasurer Elect Pro Tem-
 Norma Hernandez
 State Directors-
 Mary Lambert & Elva Steiner
 Alternates-
 Alene Burch & Huxley Smith
 Extension Agent-Kevin Gibbs
 Past President-Beth Spirko

Sunday, November 7
Daylight Savings Ended



Thursday,
November 11
Veteran's Day

Thursday,
November 25



Tuesday, December 14
Class 32 Celebration!





**MONTHLY
BOARD
MEETING**

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov 22, 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*

4th MON

**MONTHLY
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 23, 2021

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
(90 minutes for questions & discussion)
NO Minutes from Last Meeting

4th TUES

**MONTHLY
CONTINUING
EDUCATION**

No Class in December 2021
NMGs & STXBOT have Teamed Up!

**Register for the Next
Winter Lecture: Wed., Jan 19, 2022**

**In-Person Meeting @ South Texas
Botanical Gardens Educational Center**
8545 S. Staples St, Corpus Christi, TX

Via Zoom: (Register, STBOX will email you access)

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.—CE Presentation
Balcony & Patio Gardening – Beth Spirko

WEDNESDAYS

APPROVED NOMINEES

for NMG LEADERSHIP 2022:

President: Mary Helen Johnston
First Vice President: Linda Lamprecht
Second Vice President: Gloria Van Zante
Third Vice President: Elva Steiner
Member at Large: Conchis Villafranca
Treasurer: Leigh Green
Treasurer Elect: Renée Brown
Secretary: Sandra Williams
State Director: Mary Lambert (yr 2)
State Director: Mary Johnson (yr 1)
State Director Alt: Huxley Smith (yr 2)
State Director Alt: Liz Yzaguirre (yr 1)

Election To Be Held During November 23rd Membership Meeting

**Thank you Nominating Committee
& Chairwoman Beth Spirko!!**

Class 32 Celebration!

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 6:30-8PM

Jewish Community Center - 750 Everhart Rd

Email [Mary Helen Johnston](mailto:MaryHelenJohnston@gmail.com)

or call her at 361.658.7587

to Sign Up to bring A Pot Luck Dish

Volunteer Hours Due in VMS by November 30, 2021.

This year Master Gardeners need 30 volunteer hours and 6 CE hours to certify, if they are members in good standing

(i.e. dues paid for 2021 & 2021 Volunteer Agreement submitted).

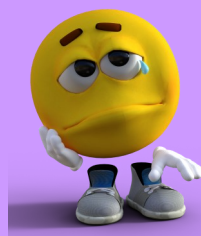
Excess CE hours are to be entered in VMS under **volunteer** hours using code "NMG-Other."

Additional CE hours can be obtained online from approved videos recommended throughout this year.

Need Help? Contact VMS coordinators [Linda Lamprecht](#) or [Sandra Williams](#).



And now...a moment of silence
for all the Birthdays to be Ignored
the next 6 Weeks!



NOVEMBER

11/12 Susan Gonzales—intern
11/17 Jessica Latimer -class 4
11/23 John McElroy—class 14
11/25-Laura Rodda—class 30
11/29 Paul Parr—class 13

DECEMBER

12/4 Marie Privott—class 31
12/6 Kelly Denson—class 27
12/8 Mary Ochoa—class 28
12/9 Carol Barragy—class 21
12/12 Carlos Valdez Sr—class 22

❖ Earn volunteer hours being a
NMG Telephone Tree caller.
Contact [Linda Lamprecht](#)

❖ **ALL NMGs & INTERNS! PLEASE**
Submit Your Picture for the Roster!
to [Vince Muscarello](#)

❖ **NO ONE** has been found to serve as the Gazette editor.
Are there 2-3 co-editors willing to work together to continue our
organization's newsletter in January 2022? If not the Gazette will
cease to be published for a minimum of six months if not indefi-
nitely. Express your creativity & help keep the NMGs updated!
Contact Kelly Denson gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com

NMG CALENDAR

Nueces Master Gardener Meetings/Events

- * Tues 11/16/21 1:30 pm—**Yard Art Pouring Meeting** (for stepping-stones) at Joanie Whitmire's, 757 Meadowbrook.
- * 1st & 3rd Tues (1/4 & 1/18 & 2/1 & 2/15/22) **Annual NMG Spring Plant Sale Meetings**. Contact Chairwoman [Gloria Van Zante](#) for more info
- * Tues 11/23/21 **Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting** **in-Person meeting** or via Zoom (see [page 2](#) for details)
- ♦ Sunday 12/5/21 Submissions Due for **FINAL EDITION OF GAZETTE** (articles, pictures, etc.) Send to: gazette.nuecesmg@gmail.com
- ♦ **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**
- ♦ Tues 1/25/22 **Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meeting** via Zoom (see [page 2](#) for details)
- ♦ Sat 3/5/2022—New Month for **Annual NMG Spring Plant Sale!** Contact Chairwoman [Gloria Van Zante](#) . She needs co-chairs, and chairpersons for PR, Sponsorship & Food !



Horticulture Therapy Institute [Newsletter](#)

National Audubon Society [Publications](#)

National Gardening Assoc [Weekly Newsletters](#)

Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles [Monthly Newsletters](#)

South Texas Chapter-Texas Master Naturalist [Newsletters](#)

TCEQ-Take Care of Texas [Publications](#)

Texas Nursery & Landscape Assoc [Publications](#)

Texas Gardener Magazine [Current Issue](#)

Texas Master Gardener [November 2021 Newsletter](#)

Texas Chapter ISA (Int'l Society of Arboriculture) [Newsletters](#)

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



Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities:

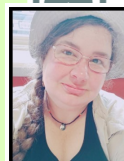
EARTH-KIND BEDS AT BOTANICAL GARDENS—Each of the five beds is maintained by a team comprised of NMGs, whose day to work may vary. The group meets Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to get involved contact [Paul Parr](#) for information at . ***Sign in at the gift shop upon arrival & add your volunteer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

- NMG Volunteers Needed! Sat 11/20/21 10am-2pm—[Coastal Bend Volunteer Connection Launch Party](#). CC Museum of Science & History, 1900 N. Chaparral St.
- 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** 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 & Online**. UTMSI Seminar Room, 750 Channel View Drive, Port Aransas, TX . szaa
Register [here](#). Online attendance available.
- ♦ **South Texas Botanical Garden & Nature Center classes**. Free to members and with garden admission, or \$5 for class only. See their [Calendar](#).

Master Naturalist GRACE LOPEZ'S WEED GUIDE

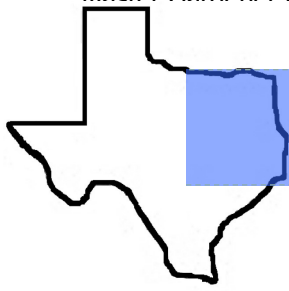
(classified in her garden)

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Weeds are plants too; they're just where you don't want them to grow.

Dr. Michael Womack



REGIONAL Activities

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

- ♦ Friday December 17, 8am to 12pm [Williamson and Bell County Pecan & Food show](#)
- ♦ **SEE ALL [EVENTS ON THE TXMG.ORG WEBSITE](#)**

- ♦ 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](#)
- ♦ First & Third Thursdays at 12:12 pm—**Chat with TAMU Green Aggies**. Click to Register for the [1st](#) Thursday & [3rd](#) Thursday. All previously recorded chats are available here: [\(1\) Chat with Green Aggies - YouTube](#).
*Nov 18 Preparing for winter *Dec. 2 Year-end summary
- ♦ 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 6:30 pm-8:00 pm—**Water Wednesdays**. To receive the meeting link, register [here](#) by 3:00 pm on class dates or before.
- ♦ One day every Third Week of the Month - Webinar at 6:30pm-7:30pm—[Texas Waters Specialist Program](#). Register for any/all 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](#)



NMGs

Port Aransas Arbor Day Tree Give-Away



NMG had 20 members present at the Aransas Pass Arbor Day event; 13 of those were Interns.

Volunteers started showing up about 15 minutes before 8:00 AM and remained for the wrap up leaving around 12:30 PM.

We had guests arriving around 8:30 AM and it was a steady flow the remainder of the event.

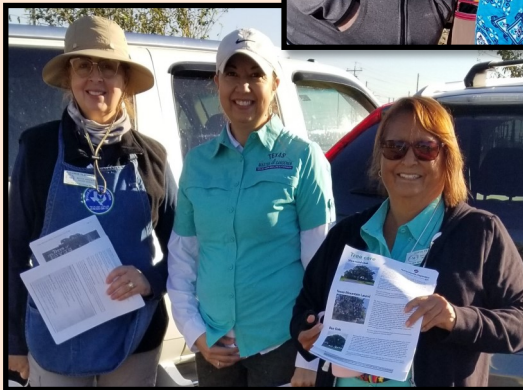
A special shout out to Beth Spirko for the really nice signs she produced which helped identify which plants were on display.

Our members explained the characteristics of the trees and shrubs, helped guests get them to their vehicles and labeled the plants.

It was an enjoyable time.

NMGS

NEC Arbor Day Tree Give-Away

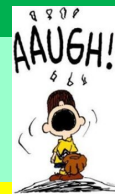


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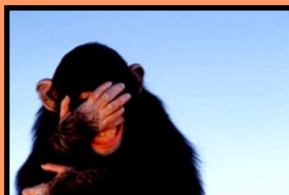


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ATF—After the Freeze



FHL—Faith, Hope & L♥ve it!

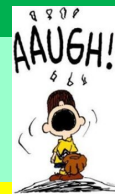


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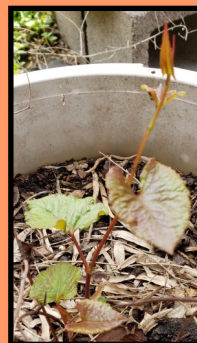
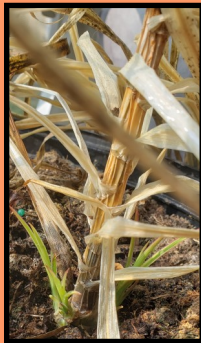


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Vaccines & Testing for Coronavirus/COVID-19

- **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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**TEXAS A&M
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is produced monthly with submissions due to the Editor, Kelly Denson (class 27), by the 5th of each month.

We welcome your submissions, comments, corrections or suggestions!

Send them to

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