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)

Friday, October 11: Plant drop off outside 11 am. Set up 1:30 – 4:00 pm
If you have a dolly, cart or wagon, please drop it off.
Collect and bring empty boxes too!
Saturday, October 12th: Set-up 8:00 am. Clean-up 2:00 pm

PLANT SALE

NUECES MASTER GARDENERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 10:00 AM --- 2:00 PM
GARDEN SENIOR CENTER 5325 GREELY DR. CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Esperanza

Lantana

Mexican Flame Vine

XERISCAPE PLANTS, NATIVE PLANTS, TEXAS SUPERSTARS, TROPICALS, FALL BEDDING PLANTS, PERENNIALS, SUCCULENTS, HOUSE PLANTS AND MUCH MORE.

FALL PLANTING FOR SPRINGTIME BLOOMS !

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Master Gardener Plant Sale Info

Seed Packets – can be included in the sale. There will be small envelopes available for you to use. The seed packets should be neatly marked with the necessary seed germination specifics and general plant growing information.

Prepare your plants – The Nueces Master Gardeners should only offer sale plants that are in a respectable condition – keep in mind our policy – **"If you would not buy it don't bring it".**

Water your plants 2 – 3 days before they are dropped off. This will ensure they are fully hydrated, this will avoid having dripping plants and puddles in the display areas.
Plants should present a good appearance. Trim off any dead, diseased or deformed parts of the plant. Prune and stake if necessary.
Ensure there are no weeds or debris visible.
Avoid unsightly pots if possible, we want to present a professional image.
If pots have been sitting on the ground they may have had dirt splash, hose the pots off a few days before sale.
If pots have been sitting in trays, it's a good idea to pull them out rinse the tray and wipe pots if necessary.

Parking – it is requested that all MGs and other volunteers park in the old Cullen School parking lot.

Plant Sale 10 am – 2 pm
Master Gardeners will be present to assist customers with plant information
Master Gardeners with extended knowledge of certain plant type (bromeliads, succulents, trees etc.) will be designated to assist with specific questions.
There will be three cashier positions (accepting cash, check and charge) and a plant holding area for customers to stage plants if they want to continue shopping after making some selections.
There will be cardboard boxes available for carrying out plants and volunteers will be needed to assist. If you can gather cardboard boxes for use at the sale they would be appreciated.
If you have a wagon or tote cart, bring them as they can be used to assist carrying out plants.

Plant Sale Clean-up 2pm – 3:30 pm
Clean up. Volunteer assistance needed.

Nueces Master Gardeners Monthly Meetings

Next Mtg: Tuesday, October 15, 2019

11:00 a.m.—Board of Directors Meeting (Open to Members)

11:30 a.m.—Meet & Greet Brown Bag Lunch (Open to Public)

12:00 p.m.—Presentation/Education (Open to Public)
Michael Womack "Shrubs"

Location: Garden Senior Center—5325 Greely Drive

REMEMBER to record your Volunteer & Educational Hours each Month!
Here: **https://texas.volunteersystem.org/UniversalLogin.cfm**

Maximum recordable time for Monthly Meetings are as follows:

*Board of Directors—1 hour *Presentation-30 minutes *General Meeting-1 hour

NMG Ongoing Projects

EARTH-KIND BEDS AT BOTANICAL GARDENS—Each of the five beds is maintained by a team, whose work day may vary. The group meets Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to get involved contact Paul Parr for information at paulnorman4910@aol.com

FOOD BANK PROJECT—The group meets Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. (except MG meeting day, then Wednesday) to maintain the vegetable beds and plan for the upcoming growing season. FMI contact Mary Lambert at 813.7596 or cwlmel@yahoo.com

GARDEN SENIOR CENTER COURTYARD—The 1st Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m. begins the work session during which MGs prune, weed, and generally shape up the courtyard. FYI contact Jessica Latimer at 563.6008 or 429paloma@att.net

RAY HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE—Student activity time in the garden starts at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. MGs help coordinate student work in the garden area and offer hands-on gardening instruction. For class times or to get involved contact Alene Burch at lenahope9@yahoo.com

SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS (STBG)—MGs can help out at the STBG 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.

BIRTHDAYS:

19 Oct - Gloria Van Zante - class 25

5 Nov - Gina Sanchez - class 28

15 Nov - Sofia Flores - class 28

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Clubs & Societies

- ⇒ **Tues 10/14. 6:30 pm @ STXBOT—TX Master Naturalists meet the third Tuesday of the month (except Dec/Jun/July) 6:30pm at the Botanical Gardens, for info: https://txmn.org/st/**
- ⇒ **Wed 10/23. 6:30 pm @ GSC—The Plumeria Society meet the fourth Wednesday of the month 6:30pm at GSC, for info contact 361-813-9616**
- ⇒ **Thurs 10/24. 7 pm @ GSC—The Bonsai Society meet the fourth Thursday of the month 7pm at GSC, for info contact 361-992-0009**
- ⇒ **Thurs 10/24. 7 pm @ STXBOT—The Bromeliad Society meet the fourth Thursday of the month 7pm at the Botanical Gardens, for info contact 361-658-8650**
- ⇒ **Wed 11/6. 7 pm @ GSC—The Coastal Bend Cacti & Succulent Society meet the first Wednesday of the month 7pm at Greely Senior Center (GSC), for info contact 361-852-7700**
- ⇒ **Tues 11/12. 10 am @ GSC—Garden Council meet the second Tuesday of the month Sept thru May at 10 am @ GSC, for info contact 361-443-1821. Receive CE hours for this club's presentations & make new**

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Nueces Master Gardener Meetings/Events

- ~~Mon 10/7 @ 8am—~~**CANCELED DUE TO NO CITY WATER** Monthly Gardening Maintenance of Greely Senior Center (GSC) Courtyard
- Tues 10/15—Monthly Nueces Master Gardener Meetings at GSC (see page 2 for details)
- Fri 10/11 @ 11:00 am—Plant Sale Drop-off Outside
- Friday 10/11 @ 1:30 pm-4:00pm Set-Up Inside
- Sat 10/12 @ 8:00 am-Plant Sale Set-Up
- Sat 10/12 @ 10:00 am –2:00 pm-Nueces Master Gardener Plant Sale
- Mon 10/14 @ 10 a.m.— Finance Committee meeting at GSC re: 2020 Budget. All committee and group chairpersons are requested to submit any 2020 fund requests to Deb Holliday (956-433-7110 dholliday@mygrande.net) so it can be reviewed during the meeting.
- Tues 10/22. Bus trip to San Antonio Botanical Gardens. **See flyer on next page.** Registration is **CLOSED**, but talk to Dawn Bissell, 361.960.2151 if you're interested.
- Tues 10/29. 7:30 am -9:00 am NMG Activity Presentation for Ag Awareness Week @ Exhibit Hall B, Robstown Fair Grounds. Come for breakfast and tell the rest of the AgriLife groups what the Master Gardeners do and are doing.

COME ONE AND COME ALL!!!

NUECES MASTER GARDENERS FALL TRIP

SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019

DEPARTURE:
6:15 A.M. SAM'S PARKING LOT
CORPUS CHRISTI
7:00 A.M. WALMART - CALALLEN

BUS TRIP COST: NCMG - NO COST
GUESTS: $25.00

GARDEN FEES: STBG MEMBERS WITH CARD NO FEE
NON MEMBERS: $10.00-$12.00

LUNCH AND SHOPPING ON YOUR OWN!!!

REGISTRATION: DAWN BISSELL
BISSELLS@SWBELL.NET
DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE 9/23/2019

NMG WILL PROVIDE MUFFINS AND WATER ON THE BUS

UPDATED 2019 NMG Intern Schedule

2019 Master Gardener Trainee Class Schedule

Week 1 Aug 5-7	8/5/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Intro/Overview MG Committees Overviews	Nueces Master Gardeners Project Chairs, Betty Rogers & Kevin Gibbs	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 117	
	8/7/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Plant Science/Botany	Dr. Michael Womack, Exec. Dir. South Texas Botanical Gardens	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 117	
Week 2 Aug 12-14	8/12/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Plant Science/Botany	Dr. Michael Womack, Exec. Dir. South Texas Botanical Gardens	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 118	
	8/14/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Plant Science/Botany Lab	Carol Krank Nueces Master Gardener	Botanical Gardens & Nature Center 8545 S. Staples	
Week 3 Aug 19-21	8/19/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Soils & Fertility/Composting	Shanna Dunn, Resource Soil Scientist USDA-NRCS	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 118	
	8/21/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Soils Lab	Deb Holliday Nueces Master Gardener	AgriLife Extension Service 710 E. Main Ave., Suite 1 Robstown	
Week 4 Aug 26-28	8/26/19 Tuesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Plant Diseases/Pathology	Dr. Kimberly Cochran Extension Plant Pathologist	Rockport Extension Service 892 Airport Rd., Rockport	
	8/28/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Diseases/Plant Pathology Lab	Beth Spirko, Nueces Master Gardener Tour volunteer sites	Botanical Gardens & Nature Center 8545 S. Staples	
Week 5 Sept 4	9/4/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Weeds	Kevin Gibbs, CEA, Nueces	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	
Week 6 Sept 9-11	9/9/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	IPM/Entomology	Kate Harrell, CEA Integrated Pest Management	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 118	
	9/11/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Entomology Lab	Beth Spirko, Deb Holliday Nueces Master Gardeners	AgriLife Extension Service 710 E. Main Ave., Suite 1 Robstown	
Week 7 Sept 16-18	9/16/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Trees	Bill Green, Forest Service	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	
	9/18/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Tree ID Lab	Cindy Straub	Local parks	
Week 8 Sept 23-25	9/23/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Herbaceous Plants	Kevin Gibbs, CEA	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	
	9/25/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Pruning/Herbaceous Lab	Kevin Gibbs, CEA, Nueces	Botanical Gardens & Nature Center 8545 S. Staples	
Week 9 Sept 30-Oct 2	9/30/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Turfgrass	Rebecca Grubbs, Turfgrass	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	Joint Class
	10/2/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Insect Identification and Integrated Pest Management	Beth Spirko Nueces Master Gardener	Botanical Gardens & Nature Center 8545 S. Staples	
Week 10 Oct 8-9	10/8/19 Tuesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Fruit Crops/Pomology	Dr. Larry Stein, Associate Dept. Head/Professor & Ext. Agronomist Specialist	Rockport Extension Service 892 Airport Rd., Rockport	Joint Class
	10/9/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Fruit Crops Lab	Aislynn Campbell, Exec Dir. GROW Local South Texas	Farmers Markets	
Week 11 Oct 14-16	10/14/19 Monday 1pm-4pm	Home Vegetable Gardening	Dr. Juan Anciso, Professor & Extension Vegetable Specialist	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	
	10/16/19 Wednesday 1pm-3pm	Vegetable Lab	Norma Hernandez, Mary Lambert, Carol Barragy and Thorunn Kelley	Corpus Christi Food Bank	
Week 12 Oct 21-23	10/21/19 Monday 1pm-4pm	Woody Plants	Ginger Easton-Smith, CEA, Aransas	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	
	10/23/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Field Trip/Volunteer Sites	Kevin Gibbs, CEA, Nueces	Meet at Garden Senior Center 5325 Greely	
Week 13 Oct 28-30	10/28/19 Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Propagation	Sandra Williams, Nueces Master Gardeners	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	
	10/30/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Propagation Lab	Sandra Williams, Nueces Master Gardeners	Botanical Gardens & Nature Center 8545 S. Staples	
Week 14 Nov 4-6	11/4/19 Monday 1pm-4pm	Irrigation/Rainwater Harvesting	TBD	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 141	
	11/6/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Rainwater Harvesting Lab	Joanne Saige, Ron Maxwell Nueces Master Gardeners	TBD	
Week 15 Nov 13	11/13/19 Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm	Wrap Up & Post Test	Kevin Gibbs/Master Gardeners	Del Mar Center 3209 S. Staples, Room 118	

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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

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

- Fri 10/11. 5:30 pm @ Solomon P. Ortiz Int'l Center. **"Moonlight in the Tropics"** benefitting the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center. For Press Release & more info click here:https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B4gFAWatFSIUeU5ab0Vza19fR3NSNFVhUGNJcFo0VGxMVlFj
- Sat 10/19 @ 8:00 am-12:00 pm-Xeriscape Garden Work Day at 1900 N. Chaparral St. (Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History)
- Weekly Educational Classes 10am-11 am at Gill Nursery. For more info call 361.992.9674 or click here for more info plus October classes : https://gillnursery.com/garden-talks/
- Weekly Educational Classes 10:30 am-11:30 am at South Texas Botanical Gardens For more info call 361.852.2100 or go to their website http://stxbot.org/ and click the "education and events calendar" for a specific month or the full year.
  10/19 - Fall Clean-up & Composing 10/26 - Herbal Holiday Cooking
  First Thursday @ 7pm, 11/7 & 12/5, Orchid-ology with Carol Krank
- The Port Aransas Garden Club has requested pictures of local plants for their book "Gardening in Port Aransas." Email them directly to jpeters44@mygrande.net or advise Kevin Gibbs, who will forward your submissions. The goal is to complete the project by Christmas.

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

- Texas Happenings! Texas Master Gardener Association https://txmg.org 979.845.3308
- **October is Fall Plant Sales across Texas!** Click here for all events: https://txmg.org/events
- Tues-Thurs 5/12-14/2020 @ Waco Convention Center. Waco/McLennan County—Texas Master Gardener Annual Conference "Bloomin' on the Brazos." Hilton Waco and Courtyard Marriott are now accepting reservations. The agenda will have Leadership Training on the afternoon of May 11th, with conference registration opening at 7:00am on May 12th. The conference will close at 5:00pm on the 14th. Special hotel rates are valid for three days before, and three days post-conference. Come, enjoy all that Waco has to offer! More info to follow:

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

* October Week-End Adventures at Mustang Island State Park include **star gazing, ask a ranger, shipwrecked; can you survive?, resin casting.** For more info: https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mustang-island

* Wed 10/16 - Every Wednesday of the Month 5pm-8pm. Corpus Christi Downtown Farmers' Market, 100 North Shoreline Blvd at The Art Center of Corpus Christi. Featuring fresh, local produce, eggs and meat, you will also find locally-created breads, jams & jellies, honey, artisans, live music, beverages and more. Everything at the market is grown, raised, or made within 200 miles of Corpus Christi, TX. FYI: https://growlocalstx.com/access/corpus-christi-downtown-farmers-market/

* Sat 10/19 - Every Saturday of the Month; Rain or Shine, 9am until sold-out. Southside Farmers Market, 5800 block of Everhart near Holly in the parking lot. Featuring home-grown/made produce, beef, eggs, honey, jellies, sweets, coffee, kombucha, juices, jewelry, wood art, pottery, greeting cards, plants. Get on the email list: southsidefarmers-marketcc@gmail.com.

* Fri 11/1. **EARLY-GOING ON VACATION** Submissions from Assigned & Volunteer contributors are due for Newsletter to Kelly Denson (kellyfdenson@gmail.com). ***The Gazette will be published without submissions if not received on time.*** Normally due by the 5th.

* Sat 11/2 - First Saturday of Every Month 8am-5pm. The Market at Bay Area Landscape Nursery includes unique arts, crafts, jewelry, fashions, home decor, great foods and a whole lot more! https://www.mybayarealandscapes.com/

* Tues 11/19 - NMG Monthly Meeting Presentation**: "**Holiday Decorations"

  Date TBD-December NMG Meeting & Award Dinner

A Message from the TMG President

By the time everyone reads this, it will officially be fall. As I write this, it's mid September and things are certainly falling here in central Texas on my place north of Waco. It's neither the temperature nor the rain nor leaves (yet), but the big limbs from trees on the place. With the early rains and favorable temperatures in the first part of the year, the pecans put on a good yield. But because of being weakened from earlier and current droughts, the limbs just can't hold up to strong winds. I've noticed this in other trees as well. Not sure about your part of the state, but it's dry around here. Trees and plants are showing signs of stress. When the tough Texas native weeds in the pasture are looking bad, you know it's hot and dry!

Some say it's climate change - and it may well be. We all remember what the weather was like growing up and that would be pre-climate change debate. I remember we used to get more snow in central Texas. Tornadoes and monster thunderstorms would come through, not to mention flooding, droughts and extreme cold. We have all heard about the dust bowl years and the Galveston hurricane, etc. Could be it's just the natural course of nature. Remember, things run in cycles from weather to fashion to gardening. Rainwater collection isn't anything new; it's just the importance of doing it became "fashionable" again.

So what do we do? Well, we just make the necessary changes needed for the conditions we are presented with. We try different plants; change our watering habits, etc. We adapt and keep on doing what we always do, in a different fashion. We keep learning, teaching and gardening. So, no matter what the changes are, we just change with them to accomplish the same end results and keep on gardening! That's what we do.

Now I would like to introduce you to the new Master Gardener state newsletter editor, Becky Trammell, from Wichita County. She's introducing herself later in this newsletter.
Louie McDaniel, Interim TMGA President. louiejamesmc@gmail.com cell: 254-405-4019

Click here for entire Texas Master Gardener Newsletter & Events: http://

Bloomin' on the Brazos TMG Conference 2020 - Tours More to Come!

Pollinator Teaching Garden
Miss Nellie's Pretty Place

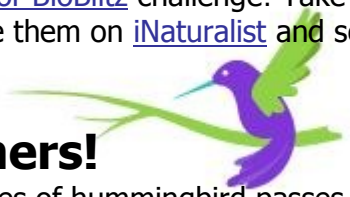
Lake Waco Wetlands

The Butterflies Are Coming! Got Nectar?

The monarchs are headed this way. Their numbers are up, and they'll need to refuel on nectar when they get here, so now is a good time to water your butterfly-friendly autumn blooms and maybe plant a few more.

If you don't have a butterfly garden, Oct.-Dec. is the best time to plant in most of Texas. Your flowers also support other migrating pollinators, like the nosy American snout – read about them in our blog post, A World Full of Butterflies.

Fall migration means it's time to kick off the Texas Pollinator BioBlitz challenge! Take photos of butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and other pollinators, then share them on iNaturalist and social media (#TXpollinators) from Oct. 4 - Oct. 20.



Return of the West Texas Hummers!

Each year, from July through Oct., almost every U.S. species of hummingbird passes through West Texas, fueling up on nectar and tiny insects as they head south for the winter. Watch the West Texas hummingbird cam to see these frisky birds in action.

If you care about birds and your community does too, encourage your city to apply to be an official Bird City Texas. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) have partnered with Audubon Texas to create this program that will help people protect birds and their habitats where they live. The Bird City Texas certification program is accepting applications through Nov. 29, 2019.

7 Simple Actions to Help Birds

The findings of an extensive study released in Sept. 2019 show that the overall bird population has gone down 29% since 1970 – nearly 3 billion birds. And a surprising amount of common, backyard bird species have been hard hit.

Here are a few of the simple actions you can take to support birds in your area: Make windows safer, keep cats indoors, avoid pesticides; avoid single-use plastics Click here to See all 7 Simple Actions

5 Fall Tree Planting Tips

Plant a tree – it's is an excellent way to support wildlife long-term. Even when they've died, trees continue to host a variety of wild things. National Arbor Day is in spring, but in Texas, it's the first Friday of Nov. This is so that newly-planted trees can establish roots before the summer heat cranks up. Which brings us to tip #1:

*Plant trees in Oct., Nov. and Dec.
*Choose a native tree species that grows well in your ecoregion.
*Place the tree the appropriate distance from a house.
*Distribute compost directly underneath the top mulch.
*Water deeply but infrequently to help your new tree develop an extensive root system.

For more tips, watch the short video, How to Plant a Tree.

MGs In Action

Corpus Christi Area Gardening Council (CCAGC) Meeting

Michael Womack, Executive Director
South Texas Botanical Gardens

Jermel Stevenson, Director
Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Dept.

2019 Fall Home & Garden Show

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Youth Plant Show & Floral Winners

Workin' It!

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