

GUADALUPE GARDENER MAY 2021

A monthly publication of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension, Guadalupe County

President's Message

Happy May to all my fellow Guadalupe County Master Gardeners!

I like to find a quote each month that inspires my feelings about gardening and this month is no different:

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'" -- Robin Williams

Infrequent showers and a little artificial rain have yielded some nice surprises in my wildflower gardens, and I cannot wait to see the photos posted on our social media pages of your gardens/flowers.

It is great to see the membership start to venture out and visit/volunteer at our community gardens and recent plant sales. And it is just as nice to see members and future MG students attend our meetings where we have continued to exercise social distancing and mask utilization.

For our organization to continue its mission of educating the community about what we love, all aspects of gardening, the Board of Directors agrees we need you to resume/continue participating in our activities. We continue to follow Texas A&M AgriLife COVID guidance and continue to keep your safety at the forefront of our plans.

The Education Chair (Kay McElveen) and new Vice President (Gregory Haag) are doing an excellent job at lining up speakers that hit the highlights of our passion. Please venture out and join us. I am sure after being cooped up for nearly a year it will be refreshing to join YOUR group in an activity. We understand if you want to keep some distance, we get it. But we need you for our continued success.

Ideally, we will have a new tool for communication across the membership soon (replacing VMS). With that, our lines of communication will open again, but we are trying our best to get the word out to all members. I challenge you to check on your MG classmates to see if they received our communication and invite them to participate with you.

Finally, what a tremendous success our fund-raising plant sales have been this year. Kudos to the Plant Sales Team and Marty Carter for taking the reins and making it a success. The Team succeeded in our goal for 2021.

Your Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you at the next GCMG event.

Happy Gardening!

Barry
2021 GCMG President

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Note!

The following volunteer opportunities may be available with "social distancing" on an individual basis.

Please contact the coordinator of the activity to volunteer.

Echinacea Purpurea– Purple Coneflower

*Courtesy of Doug Sherman, Lady Bird Johnson
Wildflower Center*



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

At Your Convenience:

- Kingsbury** - Kingsbury Habitable Spaces Garden, 3050 FM 1104, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Cathy Medlin at cathmed2003@yahoo.com or 830-221-8596 the first time you go so she can meet you at the gardens and discuss what needs to be done. Bring tools (hoes, trowels, etc.), gloves, hats.
- Schertz** – Gutierrez Xeriscape Park, 1231 Borgfeld Rd. Contact Judy Stanley at 830-765-4613 or jstanley20@satx.rr.com for further information. (Need lots of help right now.)
- Seguin** – Rain Garden at the Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E US Highway 90 (just past the Geronimo Creek bridge east of town on HW 90). Contact Mag Holm-Roesler at mrhr816@gmail.com or 512-656-2360 to discuss what needs to be done.

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Scheduled Workday on Tuesday:

•**Marion** — Marion Veterans Community Garden. Contact Joyce Friesenhahn at 210-452-2404 or email her at omaannie2@gmail.com The park is located next to the old Schulz Nursery parking lot, 100 W Huebinger St.

Scheduled Workdays on Tuesdays & Fridays:

•**Schertz** — Guadalupe County Community Garden, 1101 Elbel Road, behind the County Annex Building. Start time is 8:00 a.m. Check with Ann Odvody at odvodyd@swbell.net or 210-994-9664. (Need lots of help right now.)

Scheduled Workdays on Wednesdays:

•**Seguin** — MG Office/Library, 210 E Live Oak, is open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. Ernestine Sykes ejackson.sykes@gmail.com or 210-544-0756. The office number is 830-379-2153

•**Seguin** — (Only 1st and 3rd Wednesdays) Park West Pollinator Garden, 600 Block of North Vaughn Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Maintenance of the pollinator garden and care of new plants. Bring gardening tools, water, hat, sunscreen, insect spray and wear appropriate gardening shoes. Contact Clara Mae Marcotte, rcm.marcotte@gmail.com or Liz Romero, fleurromero@gmail.com

Scheduled Workdays on Fridays:

• **Seguin** — Big Red Barn Gardens, 390 Cordova Road. Start time is 7:30 a.m. for the summer hours and 8:15 a.m. for the winter hours. Check with Janice Knobles at 830-379-6193 or e-mail jmknobles@yahoo.com

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Big Red Barn School Tours

Volunteers Needed

Monday, May 3, 2021– Homeschoolers ranging in age from PreK to 4th grade. A total of 25-30 students. Two to three volunteers needed.

Thursday, May 6, 2021– St. Peter and Paul. A total of 45 kindergarten student that will be broken into smaller groups. Two to three volunteers needed.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021– Southwest Prep. A total of 40 early primary students. Two to three volunteers needed.

Thursday, May 13, 2021-Seguin Christian Academy. A total of 10 students kindergarten - 2nd grade. One volunteer is needed.

The starting time for all tours is 9:30 and we should be finished by early afternoon at the latest.

Contact to volunteer:

Carol Calentine

Text 830.305.1715

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New YouTube Channel

Getting volunteer hours and continuing education hours has been challenging for many of our GCMG members.

Happily, we have great news if you need continuing education hours. Jerry McNulty and my husband, Frank Rippel, worked hard to create a YouTube Channel for the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners! You may now view recorded lectures and lunch & learns presented by our organization at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGCMq480CKbLSKER9_zz9vg/videos

View for free at any time that is convenient for you. The GCMG channel is kid-friendly certified. Enjoy!

April Rippel

Class 27

Check us out on

facebook

Nearly 100 new members on our Facebook page this month, we've now grown to 880 members! That's quite an achievement over the last few years. We can all agree, we like to watch things grow, and so it is with the GCMG's FB Group. With all our gardens growing crazily right now, you're bound to be busy so I'm keeping this month's article short!

The top 5 contributors for the GCMG Facebook Page in April were:

- ***Peggy Jones***
- ***Kim Holgate***
- ***Kathleen Avant Smith***
- ***Paula Cloud***
- ***Robin Muschalek***

Kudos to all of you!

Thanks, everyone for sharing. If you need help with joining The Guadalupe County Facebook Page, please feel free to contact me at (830) 379-7203 or e-mail me at adrippel@gmail.com and I'd be happy to walk you through the procedure. Thank you all for sharing! Stay active! Stay positive! Stay safe!

April Rippel

Class 27

Asclepias Asperula

Milkweed

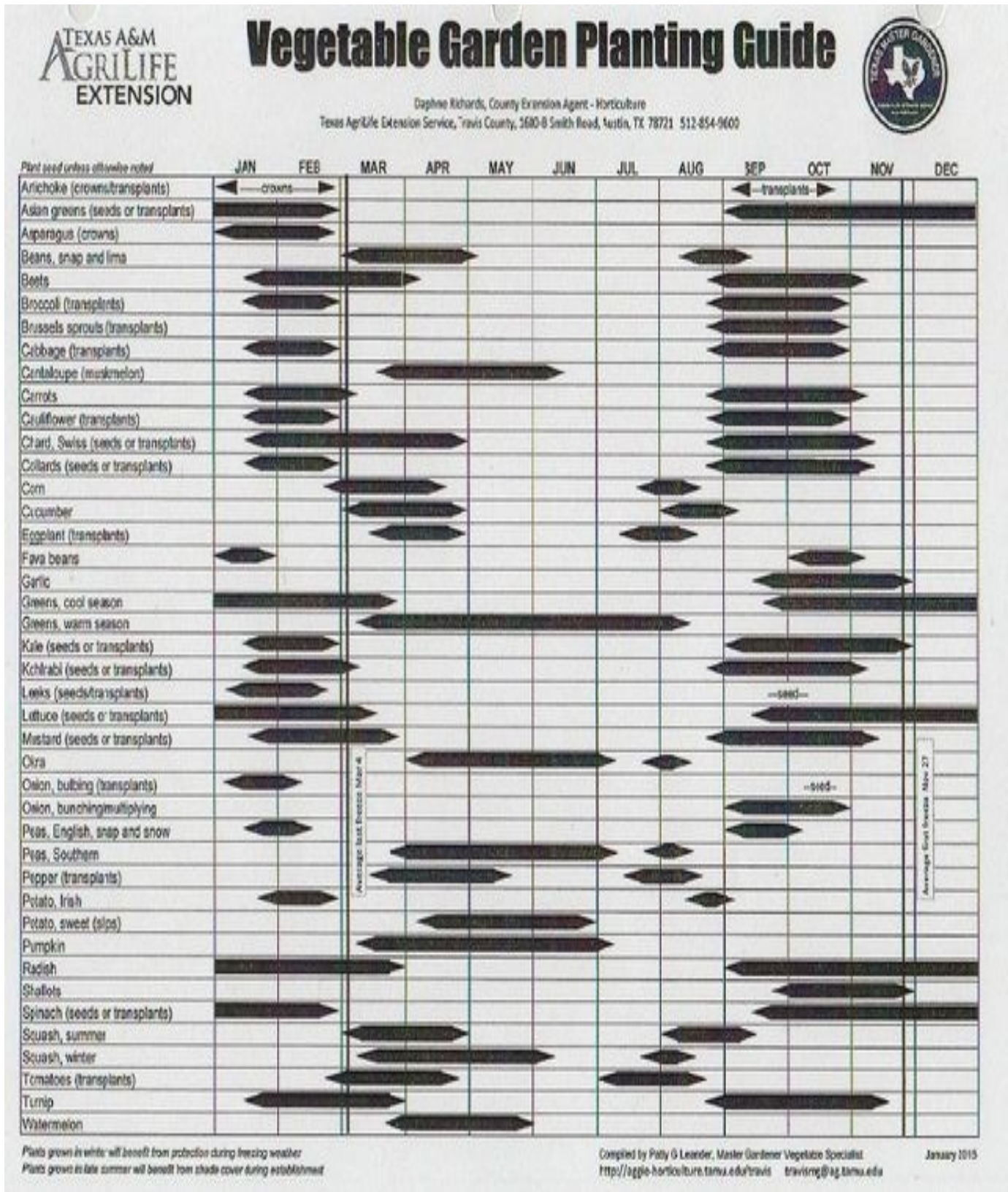
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Vegetable Planting Guide

<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/wp-content/>



Wandering Gardener

Marilyn Moltz

Magnolia Plantation and Gardens

Ashley, South Carolina

Located Northwest of downtown Charleston is the 390-acre complex of Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. It is partially on the Ashley River and is open almost year around. This is an incredibly beautiful, well-laid-out complex of gardens, with many walkways throughout and along the river, a wedding venue, zoo, house, and much more. They offer boat tours, tram tours, tours of the house, gardens, and more. It is one of those places you would want to come early and stay for most of the day.

As you walk along the paved trail beside the river, you might see an alligator or watch birds as they dry in the sun or swim in the river. The gardens have been open to visitors since 1870 and as your garden has changed over the years, so has this one. Many of the large oak trees have been here for years and are so large and beautiful with the Spanish moss hanging from them. There are many benches and seating areas along the paths so you can sit, relax, take in the beauty, and just notice all the little things, like birds flying in and out of the trees, bees on the flowers, and a dragonfly or two of different color flying around you.

I highly recommend you visit Magnolia Plantation and Gardens if you are in the Charleston, South Carolina area. There are probably enough places to see and things to do in and around this town that you can easily spend a week with. Also, the seafood and other restaurants in this area are worth the trip!







Continuing Education Events May 2021

Please be aware that due to the current COVID-19 situation all training from other organizations being offered is online. Notices from Bexar and Travis counties will be sent out to members as they are received, including reminders and updates. At the time of this writing, we have no information on scheduled May training from those organizations, but it will be sent to members as soon as it arrives.

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Wednesday, May 12, 2021: “Container Gardening” by Master Gardener Gail Johnson at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Wednesday, May 19, 2021: “Native Plants” by Guadalupe County Master Gardener Judy Stanley at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Wednesday, June 16, 2021: “A Landscape You Can Eat” by Guadalupe County Master Gardener April Rippel at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Wednesday, August 11, 2021: “Hibiscus & the Mallow Family” by Guadalupe County Master Gardener Jerry McNulty at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

Wednesday, September 15, 2021: “Butterfly Gardening” by Guadalupe County Master Gardener Keith Muschalek at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin. 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free. Check us out on Facebook and at www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org

(At present all training is scheduled “in person”, should that change, a notice will be sent to Master Gardeners.)

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Winecup

Courtesy Sally and Andy [Wasowski](#)
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

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