



As the Garden Grows

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MG Training Class #9-REGISTER NOW!

Our upcoming MG training class will be starting on September 11, 2018. It promises to be another great year learning about gardening and horticulture practices. Come learn with the professionals. Classes start in September and continue through May 2019. We have a great lineup of speakers and field trips. Applications are available online at www.gonzalesmastergardeners.org or can be picked up at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office. Please return all applications to:

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Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

The teachers from East Avenue, first and second grade students, and Gonzales Elementary, third and fourth grade students, will be honored with a Breakfast hosted by Gonzales Master Gardeners on **Thursday, August 16 from 7:45-8:30 am**. Hope all of our MG's can come and welcome the teachers and show our appreciation for all they do for our school children. We are looking forward to another great year of gardening and learning with the GISD students and their teachers..

FALL TREE/PLANT SALE



The **Fall Plant Sale** is scheduled for **October 20, 2018 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm** on Texas Heroes Square in downtown Gonzales. Team leaders, Shirley Frazier and Donna Bell, are busy getting ready for the sale. They met after the member's meeting on August 2 to discuss the planning and operation of the sale. Contact them and let them know what you can do to help out with this fundraiser. All MGs are needed to volunteer for this fundraiser to be a success.

Peach, Plum and Pomegranate trees will be a few of the varieties available at the sale. Fall is a great time to plant trees so that their roots get established over winter and get ready for the spring. Blackberries and blueberries will also be available. There will be fall vegetables and herbs available along with cool season annuals and some perennial plants at the sale.

Field Trip to a Commercial Orchard

A field trip to a commercial orchard in Seguin, TX for Gonzales Master Gardeners will be held on Tuesday, **August 14**. The tour will be held from 6-7pm. If you want to car pool to the orchard, meet at PACE by 5:00PM. Contact Donna Bell for more information.

PACE CLEANUP DAY

August 21, 2018 starting at 7:30 am. Bring a weed eater, tools to complete garden bed, work gloves, etc. Let's make our grounds "Shine".

Lunch & Learn-Growing a Fall Vegetable Garden



The Gonzales Master Gardeners will offer a **Lunch and Learn Program on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at noon** at the Master Gardener Building at 623 N. Fair Street in Gonzales, Texas. **Open to the public.** Karen Gardener, a Master Gardener from Bexar County Master Gardeners, will discuss information for a fall vegetable garden. Learn what selections to plant and when to plant. There are many benefits of growing your own vegetables. Come learn with the experts and enjoy a free delicious lunch. The program will last about an hour. There will also be information about how to join the next Gonzales Master Gardener Training program starting on September 11, 2018.

Children's Garden Update



The children's garden got a much needed cleanup on June 28 with the help of eight teens and 2 adults from the Methodist Church group from Llano, Texas. These teens along with many others were in town the week of June 25 to help with various projects in our community. We were very blessed to have been selected as one of the organizations that the group wanted to help. They were a very hard working group and a delight to visit with. We thank them very much.

However, with the few showers we have had over the past 6 weeks, the weeds are once again growing. A maintenance day will be scheduled soon to get the beds cleaned up once again. This is ongoing and one of the pride and joys of Gonzales Master Gardeners. Let's keep it looking great. Many visitors pass by the gardens while visiting in our town.

The First Grade Children's Garden Schedule will start up again in late January and end in late April. Stay tuned for more information from leader, Arline Schacherl.

Second Grade GISD Class Sessions Scheduled

We will once again have several class sessions with the GISD second grade classes during the upcoming school year. The first session will be held on **September 20, 2018** starting at 7:30 am until noon. The children will learn about water cycles and how they work with plants. They will be making several terrariums to learn about how plants use water. David DeMent will be giving the program. Many volunteers will be needed to help with this class session. Contact Fran Saliger if you want to help. We will set up the room with tables and supplies on **Wednesday, September 19** at 3:00PM. **We are also in need of one gallon clear glass "pickle" jars for this class session.** Please drop off in the greenhouse or contact Fran. We need about 40-50 of these jars.

The second session will be held on **November 8**. The students will study insects with Molly Keck, entomologist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension service in San Antonio, Tx.

The third session will be held **January 31**. The children will be learning about products made from plants.

Stay tuned as dates may change.

Black Walnut Conservation Program

This is our fifth year to have the black walnut conservation program. Third grade students from GISD will learn about natural resource conservation and loss of species as a result of the depletion of the black walnut in Gonzales County. The Guadalupe Black Walnut was once the dominant tree in

Gonzales County but it was logged out in the 1880's. A tentative date has been set for **November 28, 2018** with an alternate date of December 5th when the students will plant walnut seeds. Stay tuned. Contact Donna Bell if you want to help with this program.

The fourth grade students will help with the distribution of the trees planted last fall (December 2017) when they were 3rd graders. The date has not been set. Some of these trees have been promised to the Gonzales Rotary Club to plant at Independence Park in Gonzales. These trees have been maintained by GMG at the "Gonzales Elementary Orchard" located at the south end of the PACE building.

Noon MG Lunch Meeting

Our next MG noon lunch meeting will be on **Thursday, September 6**. Come and enjoy a great lunch and visit with everyone. David DeMent is providing lunch. If anyone wants to help David with lunch, give him a call. We look forward to seeing everyone after a long hot summer vacation. Bring a door prize!

Area Events

Check out www.txmg.org for events around the state

New Braunfels area: <http://txmg.org/comal/events>

Austin Area: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/travis/>

San Antonio, Texas- <http://www.bexarcountymastergardeners.org>

DATES TO REMEMBER: (Check elsewhere in newsletter for details)

**Unless otherwise noted, all meetings/classes are at
623 N. Fair Street (Plantarium: A Center for Exploration-aka PACE)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 12	13	14 Orchard field trip in Sequin. Meet at Pace 5pm to carpool	15	16 GISD teacher Appreciation Breakfast 7:45-8:30 am	17	18
19	20	21 PACE cleanup workday 7:30 am	22 Lunch & Learn Noon - Fall Vegetable Gardening	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Board meeting 9:30 am	31 Volunteer hours due	SEPTEMBER 1
2	3 	4	5	6 Noon MG lunch meeting	7	8
9	10	11 MG Class 9-orientation 8:30 am-12:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Set up for 2 nd grade class session 3:00pm	20 2 nd grade Class Session 7:30 am -noon	21	22
23	24	25 MG Class- Botany 8:30 am-12:30 pm	26	27 Board Meeting 9:30 am	28	29
30 Volunteer hours due	OCTOBER 1	2	3	4 Noon MG lunch meeting	5	6



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