

As the Garden Grows

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President's Message

At dawn on April 9, Gonzales Master Gardeners were preparing for the Spring Plant Sale at Texas Heroes Square. GMG's annual plant sale was to begin at 8:30 am. Saturday turned out to be a glorious sunny day. That fact plus a selection of interesting plants brought out many public buyers.,

Months of hard work by our members resulted in attractive annual and perennial plants, herbs and native plants grown at home or in our greenhouse. These were supplemented by a selection of nursery grown roses, succulents, house plants, hanging baskets, citrus trees, blackberry, and blueberries.

The plant sale and silent auction raised \$13,598 in the 4.5 hours until closing. The proceeds will help to support GMG educational programs with Gonzales grade school students, community adults and master gardener students. It also supports the greenhouse activities, the PACE building as well as general operating expenses.

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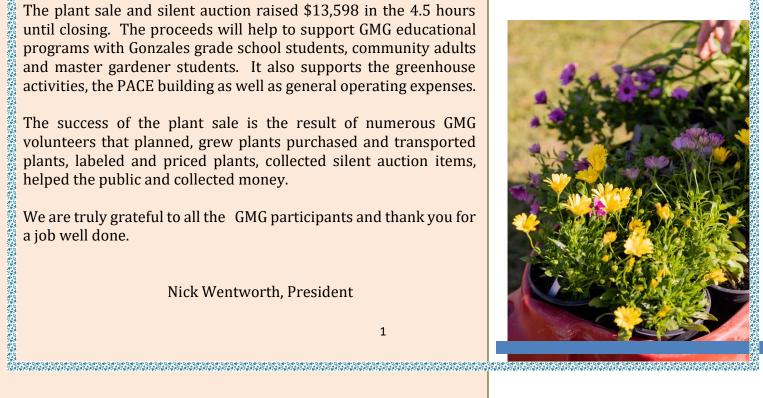
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In the Vegetable Garden with Master Gardeners.

Watering: Apply enough water to penetrate the soil at least
6 inches. Most gardens require moisture equal to 1 inch of rain a week during the growing season. Light sandy soils penerally need more frequent watering than heavier dark soils. If the water source contains high levels of salts, do not use sprinkler irrigation because salt can injure foliage, especially during the heat of the day. Drip irrigation is preferred. In addition. Arigh irrigation uses less water and is ideally suited for use with mulches.

Mulching can increase yield, conserve moisture, prevent weed growth, regulate soil temperature and reduce losses from soil rors. Straw, leaves, grass clippings, compost, bark and sawdust make excellent organic mulches. Organic mulch incorporated into the soil after a crop is harvested also improves soil rith fully levitable incorporated into the soil after a crop is harvested also improves soil rith fully levitable incorporated into the soil after a crop is depends upon the type, 1 to 2 inches applied to the surface around growing plants should be adequate.

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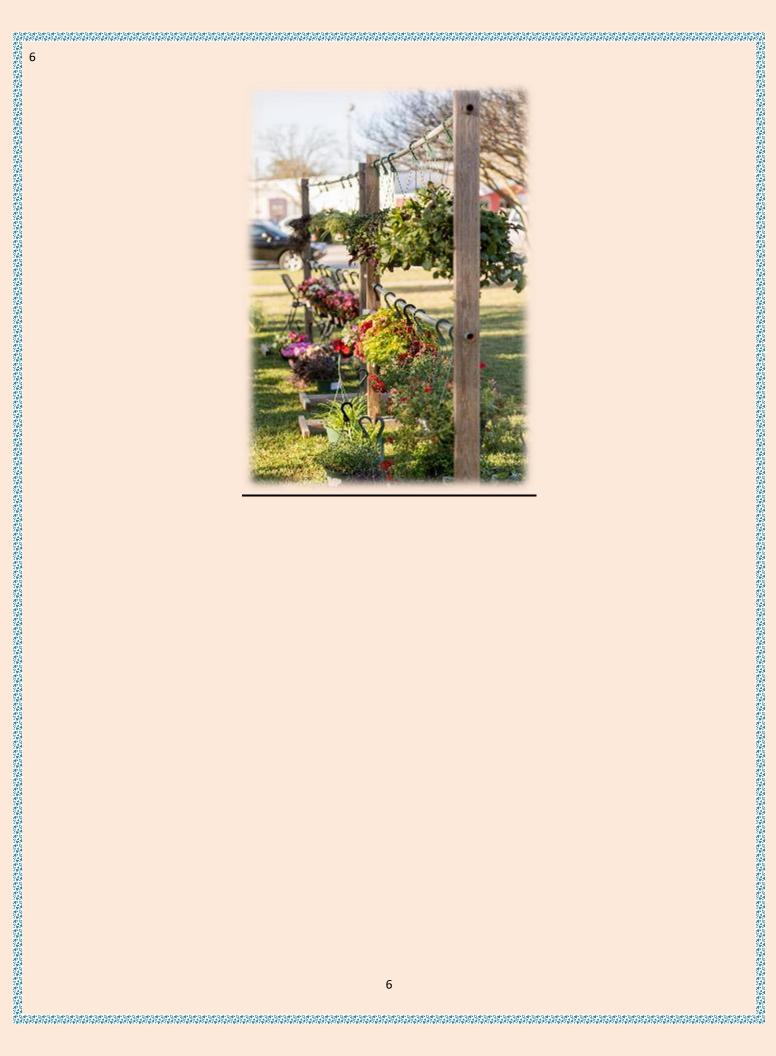
















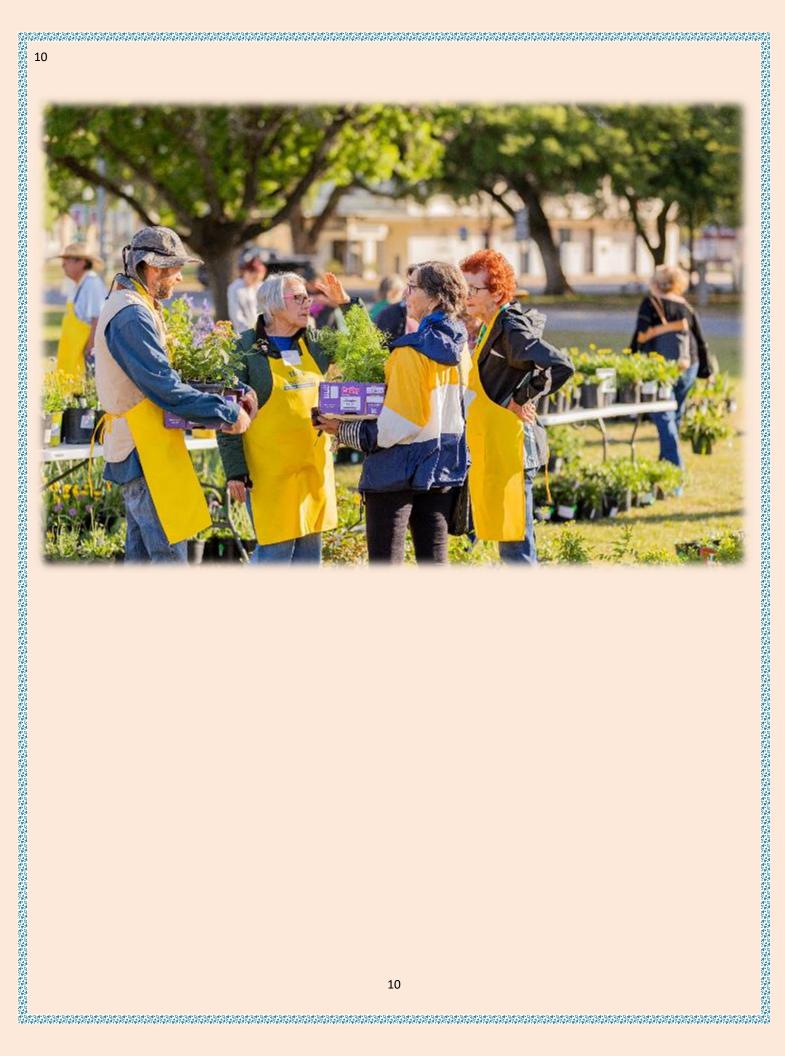


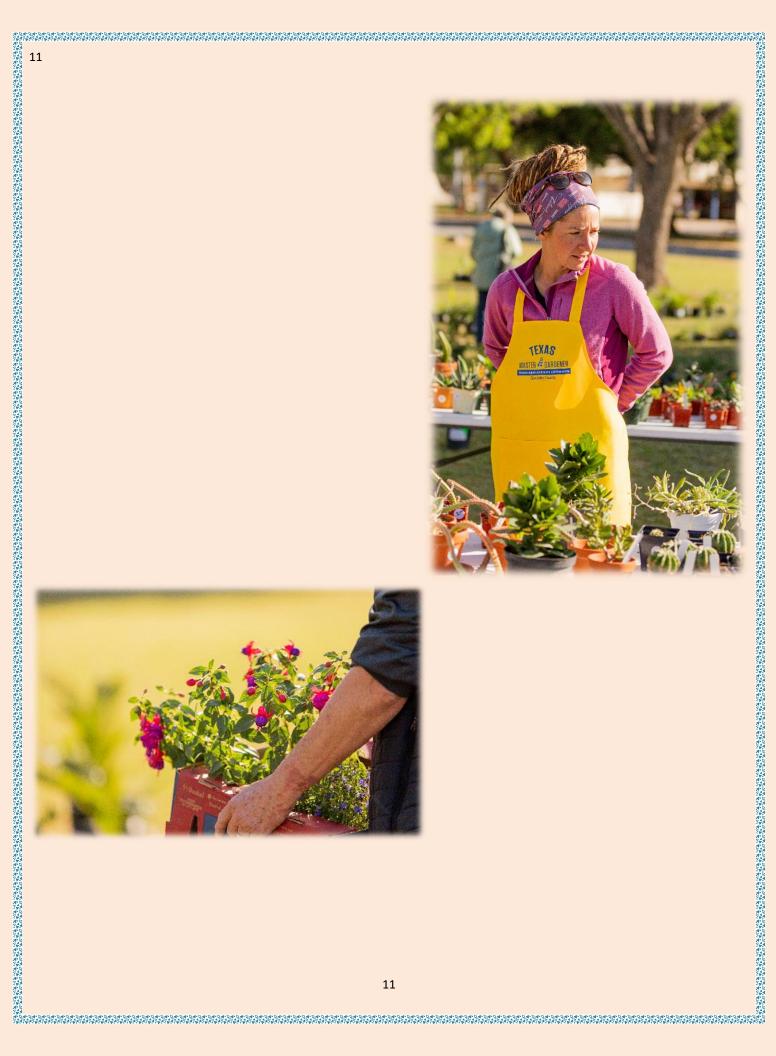






















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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Mednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 1 May Day	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4 Children's Garden Harvesting 12:40-2:45	Thursday 5 GMG Monthly Meeting @noon	6 Alternate Date for Children's Garden Harvesting	Saturday

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Congratulations to the 2022 GMG Graduating Class! We are excited to invite you to the 2022 Texas Master Gardener Virtual Conference! 15



