



As the Garden Grows Volunteer Edition

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President's Message

Maintaining GMG and individual activities was hindered during COVID Imposed restrictions. Now that they have been removed, we are focused on regaining the lost momentum.

The challenge to GMG members now is to renew their volunteer obligation that came with certification as a Master Gardener. Recertification of each member occurs in January. Each year members are required to achieve and submit a minimum of twenty volunteer hours and six continuing education hours.

There are numerous ways of volunteering. For example: attending monthly member luncheon meetings, submitting an article for the newsletter, working with the grow teams, participate in the school projects, auditing a student class, helping at the plant sale are a few of the possibilities.

Volunteering is the way that member's share their horticulture knowledge. Rededicating to volunteer and to submit hours each month is the objective and commitment requested of each member.

Nick Wentworth

GMG President

August 2021

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**Pollinator
Citizen Science
Project**

If you have seen
pollinators in your own
flower garden: Learn about
pollinators and Volunteer
to report for this Project.

You can earn CEU and
Volunteer Hours.

<https://sixleggedaggie.com/research/pollinator-project/>

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Volunteering : Members Together



A Gonzales Master Gardener must complete a minimum of 20 hours a year to maintain good standing. There will be plenty of volunteering opportunities once the GMG activities resume in late Summer and all the way to the Spring Plant Sale, but for now, here are a few.

1. Coordinator wanted to enlist volunteers for monthly meeting lunches as well as help with lunch supplies and set up on the day of meeting.
2. Volunteers wanted to provide lunch for monthly meetings. Suggest 2 people share responsibilities per meeting.
3. We have a need for a person with good computer skills to learn the plant labeling and database information of individual plants.
4. If you are a member specializing in growing vegetables or plants or if you go on vacation and visit a notable garden, let other GMG know by submitting an article and photos for this newsletter.
5. If you like facilities management, you can oversee the grounds around PACE.

Contact: Vice-President/Volunteer Coordinator: Cheryl Hillman.

What Counts Toward GMG Volunteer Hours:

Include travel time to and from events except where noted

- Serving on Board-hour for hour of work performed.
- Attendance at GMG Member's Meetings: limited to ½ hour; no travel time.
- Refreshments for MG Training class and Noon MG lunch- limited to 1 hour, no travel time.
- Contributions to Newsletter/Website.
- Participating in Planning Committee meetings for various projects.
- Participating in school programs to include preparation work for class leaders and others.

- First grade children's garden, maintenance at children's garden.
- Second grade class sessions
- Third/fourth grade Black Walnut Program
- Participating in other educational programs/projects as approved by the Board.
- Working in the Greenhouse, maintenance around the building, landscape maintenance.
- Propagation of plants for Spring Plant Sale and Tree Sale (working on Grow Teams).
- Working at the Spring Plant Sale or Fall Tree Sale Event.
- Presenting programs to GMG or other MG groups to include preparation time.
- MG Training Class Coordinator and Co-Coordinator, Class Assistants.
- Leading Adult Education Programs.

Continuing Education Units

- Attendance at MG Training Sessions, programs offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Forest Service.
- Online programs offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension such as EarthKind and Tomato 101 learning modules.
- Attendance at MG Educational Programs presented by other MG groups.
- Attendance at other programs that enhance your gardening and horticulture skills.

If you are not sure, contact your Volunteer Coordinator: Cheryl Hillman



WEBSITE INFORMATION: If you schedule an event, inform Jo Swiger, website administrator, and Carolyn Parratt, GMG Secretary so that they can add it to our calendars. Keep up to date on events by checking the website regularly. www.gonzalesmastergardeners.org.

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

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| August 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 GMG Monthly Meeting!! (++see sidenote) | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Board Meeting | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Volunteer Hours Due | | | | |

++There will be a Fall Class Assistant meeting following the monthly meeting.
Earn Volunteer Hours!



Master Gardener Fall classes begin September 14
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