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2024 Guadalupe County Master Gardener Training Class 39

Conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

January 23rd, 2024 - May 7th, 2024, Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Course fee is \$250.00 - Applications are accepted until the class is full - Free GCMG T-Shirt!

By making this application you state your pledge to become a Certified Member of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners (GCMGs). Understand that in doing so you make a substantial commitment to further the mission of educating others in sound horticultural practices. Obligations are summarized below.

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1. Contact Information (print legibly, a “fill-able” application is also at www.gcmgtx.org): The information you provide in this section will be included in a roster given to your Classmates & the Certified GCMG membership. You will receive a copy of this roster. Information is not shared with the general public.

Name:			Preferred phone number: Cell <input type="checkbox"/> or Home <input type="checkbox"/>	
Home Address:			Number:	
City	State	Zip	County	
Email address:				

2. Additional Information. This information is for administrative purposes only and not included in rosters or shared. Please tell us a little more about yourself:

Employed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Where?
Retired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Profession you retired from?
Other garden related experience/training/special skill/talents?	
Active in other volunteer organizations? Which ones?	

3. Requirements for you to become a Master Gardener, please read and initial each item:

Initial below	By initialing each item below, I agree that as a Guadalupe County Master Gardener (GCMG) Student/Intern, I will:
	a. Pay tuition of \$250 or \$420 for 2 applicants SHARING ONE MANUAL <u>Second person must also complete a separate application and send the 2nd application in a separate email.</u> Payment must accompany the application(s). More info & payment methods on pg 3. T-shirt size: Sm <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Lg <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts are 100% cotton, sizes can be exchanged at first class. Note: If paying for 2 applicants, please have the 2 nd person put their t-shirt size on the 2 nd application.
	b. Undergo a personal background check/required by TX AgriLife Ext. Instructions will be given during class. (Cost included in tuition)
	c. Attend a minimum of fifty (50 hours) of classroom and field instruction.
	d. Complete open-book, take-home tests, given on specific subjects on class days.
	e. Give a minimum of fifty (50) hours of volunteer service at GCMG approved projects within one year of completing the training program; and record the volunteer hours worked monthly, using the Volunteer Management System (VMS).

4. Requirements to maintain Master Garden Certification status in the future:

Initial Below	Once I become a certified Master Gardener, I further commit to:
	a. Use the knowledge I gain to educate the public on sound horticulture practices and do my best to accomplish the GCMG mission and goals.
	b. Continue as an active member of the GCMGs by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performing a minimum of twelve (12) hours of volunteer service annually; 2. Attending at least six (6) hours of approved continuing education annually; 3. Reporting volunteer hours on a regular basis (i.e. monthly); 4. Paying annual local dues, currently \$25.00, prorated (\$12.50) if certification occurs for a partial year; 5. Applying for and completing the Extension Volunteer Standards Course (EVS) and your personal background check every 3 years, or as required by the Texas AgriLife Extension.

5. Master Gardeners’ commitments to you. Now and in the future, Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc. and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will:

- **Make you feel welcome** as part of the GCMG family;
- **Provide you with quality training** and associated materials;
- **Keep you informed** of upcoming GCMG events, volunteer, and continuing education opportunities.

6. Maintain accurate records of the volunteer and continuing education hours you report;

- **Create opportunities for Master Gardeners to:**
SHOW WHAT WE GROW! AND SHARE WHAT WE KNOW!
- **Facilitate your continued learning** through regular meetings, activities and monthly newsletters;
- **Provide opportunities for you to take Advance Training** in an array of horticulture specialties;
- **Provide opportunities for volunteer services** at GCMG approved projects;
- **Welcome your full participation in the business affairs** of this 501c3 non-profit organization;

We want you to understand that you are signing up for more than just gardening classes. This is a welcoming, active, non-profit organization that provides education programs in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and that we are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Texas Master Gardener Association and Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc. are volunteer service organizations under guidelines established by Texas A&M University and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

If you need more details, visit our Texas AgriLife website at: www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org to see the **GCMG Mission Statement, Bylaws, and Operating Guidelines**. You will also find current and archived issues of our **Guadalupe County Master Gardener Newsletters**. The latest newsletter lists all upcoming events, lecture topics and presenters.

We truly want you to feel a part of our gardening family! Our monthly membership meetings are on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month with social time starting at 5:45 pm, and the Lunch & Learn Lectures are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 12-1 pm. These meetings and lectures are all free and open to the public. Please come!

Finish this application by signing below and following the instructions on the next page.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If applicable, print name of joint applicant: _____ **A separate application must be filled out by the joint applicant and, if emailed, must be emailed separately.**

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How to Apply

Carefully consider the requirements of the Master Gardener Program.

Fill out this application in legible print, answering each question as thoroughly as possible.

Mail, hand deliver, or email your completed application(s) with a \$250 (or \$420 for two applicants sharing one manual) payment or proof of payment using one of the following methods:

1. Mail your application(s) with enclosed check, money order, or printout of your on-line payment* to:
Guadalupe County Master Gardeners/Attn: Class 39
210 E. Live Oak St.
Seguin, TX 78155
2. Hand deliver your application(s) with check, money order, cash, printed proof of on-line payment*, or pay by credit card at our monthly membership meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 5:45 pm, or at our monthly Lunch & Learn Lecture on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 12-1 pm, both are at the address above.
3. If you wish to receive an Invoice to pay by credit card, send us your email Requesting an Invoice for Class 39. Please specify if you are paying for 1 person only, or the 2 seats for one handbook offer.
4. Email, subject: Class 39 application, your application(s) with proof of your on-line payment* to: gcmgtx@gmail.com For those paying \$420.00 to do the class with a classmate & share a manual, please mail the applications in separate emails and include the name of the joint applicant.

*To pay on-line, go to our secure GCMG website: www.gcmgtx.org You will also find a “fill-able” class application at this site to use if you prefer.

More Questions? Please contact one of the GCMG Class 39 Coordinators:

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or

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Cell (830) 433-2218

Please leave a message if we are unable to answer your call.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its' programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office at (830) 303-3889 at least 5 days prior to determine how reasonable accommodation(s) can be made.

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit organization.