

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension—Guadalupe County**  
**Application for Master Gardener Class 38**  
**August 3rd thru Nov 16th, 2023**

**Thursdays**  
**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Application**  
**Deadline**  
**July 14, 2023**

**Location:**  
 AgriLife Extension  
 210 East Live Oak  
 Seguin, TX 78155



By making this application you state your pledge to become a Certified Member of Guadalupe County Master Gardener (GCMG). Understand that in doing so you make a substantial commitment to further the mission of educating others in sound horticultural practices. Your obligations are summarized in items 3 and 4 below.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**1. Your Contact Information** (Please print legibly.) The information you provide in section 1 will be included in a roster given to fellow classmates and the general GCMG membership. You too will receive these rosters. This information is not to be shared with others.

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

**2. Additional information.** This information is not included in rosters

<b>Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one</b>	<b>And tell us a little more...</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed	Where?
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	Profession you retired from
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Please explain

**3. What GCMG Requires You to do between **August 3-Nov 16, 2023** in order to become a certified Master Gardener:**

<b>Initials ↓</b>	<b>By initialing each item below I agree, that as a GCMG Student/Intern, I will:</b>
	a. <b>Pay tuition of \$250. Or \$420 for two applicants SHARING ONE MANUAL. <u>Second person must also complete a separate application form &amp; attach.</u></b> Payment must accompany the application(s). See payment methods below.
	b. <b>Undergo a personal background check</b> as required by Texas AgriLife Extension (cost is included in tuition fee).
	c. Attend a <b>minimum of fifty (50) hours of classroom and field instruction.</b>

	d. <b>Complete open-book, take-home tests</b> given on specific subjects.
	e. Give a <b>minimum of fifty (50) hours of volunteer service</b> in GCMG approved projects within one year ( <b>Nov 2024</b> ) of completing the training program;
	f. <b>Report volunteer hours worked</b> monthly, using the Volunteer Management System (VMS).

**4. What GCMG expects of you once you become a Certified Member:**

<b>Initials ↓</b>	<b>Once I become a certified Master Gardener. I further commit to:</b>
	a. <b>Use the knowledge I gain to educate the public on sound horticultural practices</b> and do my best to accomplish the GCMG mission and goals.
	b. <b>Continue as an active member</b> of GCMG by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Performing a minimum of twelve (12) hours of volunteer service annually;</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Attending six (6) hours of approved continuing education annually;</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Reporting volunteer hours</b> on a regular basis;</li> <li>▶ <b>Paying annual local dues (dues were \$20.00 for 2024)</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Updating a personal background check</b> every three years, or as required</li> </ul>

**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 quality training** and associated materials;

**6. Maintain accurate records** of the volunteer hours you report;

- ▶ **Facilitate your continued learning** through regular meetings, activities and newsletters;
- ▶ **Provide opportunities for you to become a certified instructor** in an array of specializations;
- ▶ **Create opportunities for you to practice what you learn**
- ▶ **Provide opportunities for volunteer services** at GCMG approved projects;
- ▶ **Welcome your full participation** in the business affairs of the organization
- ▶ **In the event of a major shutdown (such as during COVID-19), classes “may be” postponed and rescheduled. In the case of a prolonged shutdown, arrangements will be determined.**

We want you to understand that you are signing up for more than just taking gardening classes.

If you need more details, visit our website, [www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org](http://www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org), to see the **GCMG Mission, Bylaws, and Operating Guidelines**...and current and archived issues of our **Guadalupe Gardener Newsletter**, see the newsletter for upcoming topics and presenters.

**We truly want you to feel welcomed! Be our guest at our monthly membership meetings,**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and Lunch & Learns 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month.

**Please sign below** and complete the rest of the application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guadalupe County  
AgriLife Extension/Master Gardeners office  
210 E. Live Oak Street  
Seguin, TX 78155

## **How to Apply**

- A. Carefully consider the requirements of the Master Gardener Program.
- B. Fill out this application in legible print, answering each question as thoroughly as possible.
- C. Mail or deliver your completed application with a \$250 (or \$420 for two) check made out to “Guadalupe County Master Gardeners,” money order or credit card by using: [www.gcmgtx.org/class\\_38/index.html](http://www.gcmgtx.org/class_38/index.html) (copy and attach your on-line receipt), or by using a credit card in person by contacting Paul Carter (see contact info below).
- D. Payment and application **MUST** be received by Friday, **July 14, 2023**.  
Mail or bring to:

**Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**  
**Class 38 Registration**  
**210 E. Live Oak**  
**Seguin, Texas 78155**

- E. Questions? Contact the Class 38 Coordinators:

**Paul Carter**

[mepcarter11@gmail.com](mailto:mepcarter11@gmail.com)

Cell: 830-481-0817

or

**Tim Steele**

[tlscowboys@hotmail.com](mailto:tlscowboys@hotmail.com)

Cell: 210-385-2219

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 meeting are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office at (830) 303-3889 at least 5 days prior to determine how reasonable accommodation can be made.**

**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 A&M AgriLife Extension.**

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