



A Message from the

PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners –

Well, we did it! The great leadership team of **Anna Vogler** and **Liz Campanella** led us to a wonderfully great success with our first ever **CULTIVATE!** Our speakers in nine classes received outstanding reviews from participants and the twenty-minute quick stops were very popular. Each of the vendors won plaudits because they were using hands-on teaching techniques instead of just handing out paper. Thanks to all the Master Gardener volunteers, organized by **Liz Davenport** and **Ruth Rea**, everyone felt welcomed and assisted. Great job, all!

Next up are two good events:

- **“San Antonio Home & Garden Show”** finishing up today, October 1st, is a major opportunity to reach the public. Our traditional plant sale is complemented by a series of speakers on the Gardening Stage. If you haven’t visited our booth yet, please do so.
- **“Dinner Tonight”** hosted by AgriLife on October 17th brings a notable chef to highlight healthy recipes at Our Lady of the Lake University. Master Gardeners, led by **Betty Hyman** and **Lyn Wells**, will sell herbs and vegetables that will be used in the recipes demonstrated by the chef. Betty and Lyn could use a few more hands to help set-up, sell and tear-down so please give a helping hand.

Our September 21st monthly meeting was an exciting event showcasing the improvements to our www.bexarmg.org website. The new digital Speaker Request form which allows requesters to fill out the form online was demonstrated as was the Gardening Library and the Speakers Bureau Presentation Library. Also, the addition of the PayPal button for use in paying annual dues, purchasing clothing and extending our plant sale reach by allowing people to order online were explained. Our newly purchased “Square” and iPads which now gives us the ability to take credit cards at our plant sales and other activities with the public were shown – and used to great success at CULTIVATE!

These new improvements to our website were steered and worked by **Ann Marie Pease**, **Lynn Cox** and her husband, **Billy Cox**, **Anna Vogler** and **Ann Vargas**. Lots of hours and work were put in by these folks and we owe them a big THANK YOU!

Thanks for all you do –

Jack Downey, President
Bexar County Master Gardeners



We are aligning our Fiscal Year so that all financial accounting, hours reporting, recognition and leadership terms occur on a Calendar Year (CY) basis (Jan to Dec).



Email [President Jack Downey](#) if you are interested in serving on the Board for CY 2018, or if you know a BCMG member who would do a great job on the Board. Remember that serving as Vice President is intended to provide experience for a nominee to potentially serve as President for the coming year (that would be CY 2019).

The election will take place during the December BCMG Christmas Party.

BCMG MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 19, 1:00 p.m.

Our speaker this month is **Karen Guz, SAWS Director of Water Conservation**. Prior to joining SAWS, Ms. Guz worked with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. She has a B.S. in Anthropology-Zoology from the University of Michigan and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina. She has focused much of her effort on the residential conservation programs, including the Seasonal Irrigation Program (SIP) and WaterSaver Landscape Rebate Program. Equally important, Ms. Guz is distinguished by her knowledge of irrigation practices - she is a TCEQ licensed irrigator and licensed irrigation auditor. Learn all about current and coming water conservation programs for our community. BCMG CEU Code: 003; 2 CEUs.



Junior Master Gardener Page

Hello All! Welcome to the **Junior Master Gardener Monthly Updates Page**. Here you will find what our special JMG trained volunteers and Bexar County Master Gardeners have done for the Youth Gardens Program and some new volunteer opportunities with kids.

Learn Grow Eat and Go!

We have started our Learn Grow Eat and Go! Program! Volunteers are needed to support the Learn Grow Eat Go JMG curriculum in Perales and Heritage Elementary. Volunteers might assist with teaching, garden activities with students or preparing simple recipes for tastings from vegetables in the garden. Volunteers may work on a regular schedule or for specific occasional projects. For more information on projects and schools participating in youth education programs contact Ruby Zavala at Ruby.Zavala@ag.tamu.edu

Crestview Science Day

Thank you to Kelly Hechler and Mike Lytle for coming out to Crestview Science Day. Mike taught a lesson on insects and Kelly taught 4th graders about Medicinal Herbs! Way to go guys ☺



2017 Fall Youth Garden Educator Training

Thank you to Nancy Black, Linda Sierra, Joyce Austin, Ling Yin Liu, Lyn Komada, Peggy Love, Marlene Hawkins, Pat Tiner, Barbara Lutz, Linda McLaughlin, Susan Hudnall, Joan Cornell, Lou Kellogg, Deva Brown, Karin Foote, Donna Armstrong, Gladys Baker, Donna Kadilis, Judie Frisch, Shirley Conrad, Julie Kroniger, and Vicki Jamvold. We also had Mr. Lou Kellogg give a presentation on Raised Beds. We had 88 teachers representing 55 different schools in Bexar County attend this day. Because of your help and support, these schools will have some amazing school gardens and lots of fun experiences for over 4,000 students!

The Stars at Night are Big and Bright

at the
Comal Master Gardener Association's Auction

2017 Annual Education & Scholarship Fundraiser

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017, 6 - 9 P.M.

DINNER SERVED FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

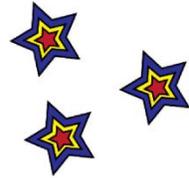
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**Silent Auction
Live Auction**



**Great Food!
Great Wine!**



Selecting Wine

Bidding at the Silent Auction

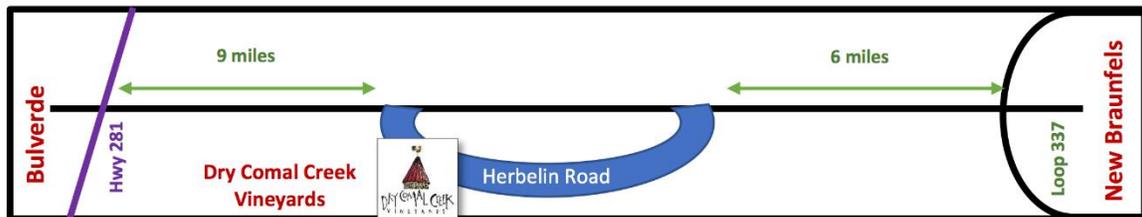


Eating a Great Meal

Tickets are \$25 and include dinner, non-alcoholic beverages and a chance to win several door prizes valued at \$25 or more. A cash Wine and Sangria bar is available.

The Public is Invited! Bring your Friends!

To purchase tickets, go to Eventbrite.com, then "Dollar\$ for Scholars" and complete the information required. Tickets must be purchased before the Auction Date.



NEXT MONTH:

Master Gardener of the FALL!

HELP REINVENT OUR SCION!

As we improve the BCMG website to efficiently house more of our frequently-used resources and references, we have been able to pare the Scion down in size. Quality is the goal, not quantity. We'd like to make the Scion a MUST-READ, special monthly publication with unique items of particular interest and importance to our members.

What's important to YOU?

Do you have an area of expertise that you think other members would like to learn about and that you're willing to share?

Please send your feedback to: scion.editor@bexarmg.org

Thanks for your interest in helping us be a stimulating mirror of our Bexar Master Gardeners community!

Marybeth Parsons, Editor

Happy Halloween!

