

Each year we renew our membership in the Bexar County Master Gardeners. This involves recertifying in the Master Gardener program (30 volunteer hours, 6 CEUs, and attending 2 meetings) and paying \$25 in dues.

Ever wonder what the dues are used for?



In a club or organization, dues are how members share in covering the expenses of the organization. For the Bexar County Master Gardeners these expenses included, but are not limited to, the following:

- Texas Master Gardener dues
- Fees for services, including Square (credit card acceptance capability) and PayPal
- Insurance – property, auto, accident
- Permit to sell plants
- Officers and Directors liability coverage (on Board members)
- Office Manager salary
- Other expenses including postage, storage unit rental, hospitality supplies, service pins, Holiday Party

As you can see, there are a lot of behind-the-scenes expenses for our Bexar County Master Gardener organization. Our dues help offset these expenses and allow most of our income from other sources, such as plant sales and proceeds from our work with SAWS, to be focused on meeting our mission of providing unbiased, researched-based, and locally relevant gardening information to the community. In addition, we also provide college scholarships to the next generation of horticulture professionals.

So there you have it! Your BCMG dues help us run an organization that is perhaps more complex than you realized.

By paying dues and giving volunteer time, you are how BCMG makes a difference...

THANK YOU!

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