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## 2027 Guadalupe County Master Gardener Training Class 42

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

**Classes run January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2027 - May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2027, Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Course tuition of \$275.00 until the class is full - Free GCMG T-Shirt guaranteed!

Early Bird special discount, now through October 31, 2026 - Single tuition = \$250.00

Discounts for First Responders, Teachers, Law Officers, Military Active/Veterans/Spouses/Dependents, or discount on 2 seats with one manual, see rates below.

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.

### CONFIDENTIAL

**1. Contact Information** (print legibly, a “fill-able” application is also at [www.gcmgtx.org](http://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: Nickname or Name preferred on name badge:		Preferred phone number: Cell <input type="checkbox"/> or Home <input type="checkbox"/>	
Home Address:		Number:	
City:	State: <b>Texas</b>	Zip:	County:
Email:	Are you new to this gardening area? Yes _____ No _____		

**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?	Military Affiliation Yes <input type="checkbox"/> First Responder (active or retired) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Law Officer (active or retired) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Educator/Teacher (active or retired) Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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 organization(s)? Which one(s)?		

**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:
	<p>a. Pay applicable tuition for 1 applicant, or 2 applicants <b>SHARING ONE MANUAL</b> <u>Second person must also complete a separate application and send the 2<sup>nd</sup> application in a separate email.</u> Payment must accompany the application(s). More info &amp; payment methods on pg 3.            T-shirt size: Sm      Med      Lg      XL      2XL      3XL      T-shirts are 100% cotton, sizes can be exchanged at first class.  <input type="checkbox"/>      <input type="checkbox"/>      <input type="checkbox"/>      <input type="checkbox"/>      <input type="checkbox"/>      <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Note: If paying for 2 applicants, please have the 2<sup>nd</sup> person put their t-shirt size on the separate 2<sup>nd</sup> application.</p>
	b. Undergo a personal background check/required by Texas AgriLife Extension. Instructions will be given during class. (Cost included in tuition)
	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 on class days.
	e. Give a <b>minimum of fifty (50) hours of volunteer service</b> at GCMG approved projects within one year of completing the training program; and <b>record the volunteer hours worked</b> in a timely manner, using the Volunteer Management System (VMS).

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

<b>Initial Below</b>	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.
	<p>b. <b>Continue as an active member</b> of the GCMGs by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performing a minimum of <b>twenty (20) hours of volunteer service annually</b>;</li> <li>2. Attending at least <b>ten (10) hours of approved continuing education annually</b>;</li> <li>3. <b>Reporting volunteer hours</b> in a timely manner (at least once a month before the end of each month);</li> <li>4. <b>Paying GCMG Annual local dues</b>, currently \$25.00, after all volunteer and C.E. hours have been completed;</li> <li>5. Applying for and completing the Extension Volunteer Standards Course (EVS) and your <b>personal background check every three years</b>, or as required by the Texas AgriLife Extension.</li> </ol>

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

- **Welcome you** 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. Master Gardeners will 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 501(c)(3) non-profit organization;

Understand that you are signing up for more than gardening classes. This is a welcoming, active, non-profit organization that provides education programs in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service & 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 Assoc. & Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Inc. are volunteer service organizations under guidelines established by Texas A&M University and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

More details? Visit our Texas AgriLife site at: [www.guadalupecountymastergardeners.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of each month with social time starting at 5:45 pm, and the Lunch & Learn Lectures are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Survey, how did you find out about this course?** Newspaper  County Fair  Friend  Event   
 Other -Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

