

Continuing Education Opportunities for NOVEMBER 2009

Please note: Where registration information is provided, please call to pre-register, even if there is no fee. Contact Ann Marie Pease at 824-7053, or annmariepease@mac.com, with suggestions and ideas for programs, or to volunteer for a presentation. Also: the BCMG website has a CEU Approval Form available for your use in securing CEA-Horticulture review of any CE proposals.

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location	Time	CEUs	Fees/ Registration
Mon, Nov 2	Haircuts for Your Plants. Plants need pruning to bloom, set fruit and prosper. Bring shears.	Dr. Tom Harris, Master Gardener & Gardening Columnist	Boerne Community Center 820 East Adler Rd, Rm 201 Boerne	1:30 – 3:30 pm	2	\$19 fee. Contact: (830) 895-4386: http://www.clubed.net
Tues, Nov 3	Native Plant Society of Texas-Boerne Chapter Meeting. To Be Announced.	Patty Leslie Pasztor	Cibolo Nature Center City Park Rd, Boerne	7 – 8 pm Presentation	1	http://www.npsot.org/Boerne/meetings.html
Weds, Nov 4	Easy Exotic Landscaping for San Antonio. Use common plants in uncommon ways & other easy-to-grow plants for an exotic landscape.	Kate Klein, Master Gardener	Reagan High School Rm. IND103 19000 Ronald Reagan	6:15 – 9:15 pm	3	\$33 fee. Register: 657-8866, or www.communityed.neisd.net
Thurs, Nov 5	Men's Garden Club of San Antonio Meeting. (Topic To Be Determined)	To Be Announced	San Antonio Garden Ctr, 3310 N. New Braunfels	7 – 9 pm Mtg & Presentation	1	Contact Cynthia Thompson, 655-1058 for information.
Fri, Nov 6	Watersaver Walk. Information about planning, planting & maintaining low water use landscape.	San Antonio Botanical Garden Guides	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	10 – 11 am	1	Free with admission to SABOT; receive free SAWS Landscape Care Guide; call 207-3261.
Fri, Nov 6	Alamo Orchid Society Meeting. (Topic To Be Determined)	To Be Announced	Lions Field Adult Comm Ctr 2809 Broadway	7 – 9 pm	1	Contact Jeanne Buchanan, Program Chair, (830) 446-9073, for details.
Fri-Sat Nov 6-7	Master Gardener Specialist - Plant Propagation. \$125 fee includes dinner, lunch, snacks, equipment & materials.	To Be Announced	TX AgriLife Ext, Svc Montgomery County Conroe, TX	12:30 pm Fri to 3:15 pm Sat	11	http://www.texasmastergardeners.com/ Contact Cody Ferguson at 936 539-7824 or ceferguson@ag.tamu.edu
Sat, Nov 7	Haircuts for Your Plants. Plants need pruning to bloom, set fruit and prosper. Bring shears.	Dr. Tom Harris, Master Gardener & Gardening Columnist	S.A. Botanical Garden Education Bldg 555 Funston	9:30 am – 11:30 am	2	\$31 fee, includes SABOT Admission Fee. Register: 657-8866, or www.communityed.neisd.net
Sat, Nov 7	Saturday Seminar at Shades of Green: Creating Cool Weather Containers.	To Be Announced	Shades of Green 334 W. Sunset	9:45 – 10:45 am (Coffee ready at 9)	1	Free; call 824-3772 for details.
Sat, Nov 7	Seminar: How trees benefit the environment & which trees benefit air quality & energy efficiency.	Mark Peterson, Urban Forestry Expert	Mitchell Lake Audubon Ctr 10750 Pleasanton	10 am – Noon	2	Free, but RSVP required: 628-1642, or email mlac@audubon.org
Mon, Nov 9	Why Didn't Momma's Roses Grow Here! Learn about soils, plants, fertilizers, plant problems, compost, pruning, turf grasses & Xeriscape.	Dr. Tom Harris, Master Gardener & Gardening Columnist	Boerne Community Center 820 East Adler Rd, Rm 201 Boerne	1:30 – 3:30 pm	2	\$19 fee. Contact: (830) 895-4386: http://www.clubed.net
Mon, Nov 9	San Antonio Rose Society Meeting. (Topic To Be Determined)	To Be Announced	San Antonio Garden Center 3310 N. New Braunfels.	7:30 – 8:30 pm	1	Call Ed Bradley, 658-8074 for information.
Tues, Nov 10	Guadalupe County Chapter, Native Plant Society of TX Meeting. A Different Approach to Gardening: Using Xerophytes in Containers & Landscapes.	Ann Black	The Library 798 Schertz Parkway Schertz, TX	6:30 pm Greeting 7 pm Program	1	Contact: Jennie Wilson; jenniew@felpsis.net
Thurs, Nov 12	Brown Bag Program: To Be Announced	To Be Announced	UNAM behind Schultze House	Noon – 12:40 pm	.75	\$2 Donation.
Thurs, Nov 12	San Antonio Bonsai Society Meeting. Lecture and Demonstration.	To Be Announced	Lions Field Adult Community Ctr 2809 Broadway	7 – 8 pm	1	Contact: JR & Marty Klajnowski, 650-4242 http://www.npsot.org/Boerne/meetings.html#Dec2007
Thurs, Nov 12	San Antonio Herb Society Meeting. Round Table Forum on uses of herbs.	SAHS Membership	San Antonio Garden Ctr 3310 N. New Braunfels	7 – 8 pm	1	For Info: 824-9981 or www.sanantonioherbs.org
Fri-Sat Nov 13-14	2009 TX Invasive Plant & Pest Conference. Professional level meeting with keynotes, concurrent sessions, posters, field trips and workshops.	Various	Ruth Taylor Recital Hall Auditorium Trinity University	8:30 am – Fri to 4 pm - Sat	Varies	Registration: \$120 (\$40/student) or \$150 (\$50 student) after Nov 2. http://www.texasinvasives.org/conference/coference09.php

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Fri-Sat Nov 13-14	Master Gardener Rainwater Specialist Training. Hands-on training to include collection system & drip irrigation installations.	Various	TX AgriLife Ext Svc-Tom Green County, 4-H Center, San Angelo, TX	9 am – Fri to 4:15 pm – Sat	12	\$200 fee includes 2 lunches, 1 dinner, shirt & materials. Contact Allison Watkins, 325-659-6528
Sat, Nov 14	Herbs for the Garden, Kitchen & Bath+ Incorporate herbs into your everyday life.	Diane Lewis	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	9 am – 1 pm	3.5	\$43 fee. Register: 657-8866, or www.communityed.neisd.net Also: \$10 snack & materials fee.
Sat, Nov 14	Rainwater Harvest Seminar. Learn about design and materials from someone who has done it himself.	John Kight, Engineer	Meet: Cibolo Nature Center City Park Rd, Boerne Caravan to Kight home	9 am - Noon	3	CNC Members \$20 (\$30-couple) non-members: \$30 (\$40-Couple) Call (830) 249-4616
Sat, Nov 14	Saturday Seminar at Shades of Green: Dressing & Decorating Seasonal Gifts.	To Be Announced	Shades of Green 334 W. Sunset	9:45 – 10:45 am (Coffee ready at 9)	1	Free; call 824-3772 for details.
Sun, Nov 15	San Antonio Daylily Society. (Topic To Be Determined)	To Be Announced	S.A. Botanical Garden Ed Bldg at 555 Funston	2 – 4 pm Mtg & Presentation	1	Open to the public; free program; contact Don Tuff, President: d_tuff@hotmail.com
Mon, Nov 16	GVST Essentials of Gardening. Field Trip to Fanick's Garden Center: nursery tour and learn how the "green" industry works.	Mark Fanick	Fanick's Garden Center 1025 Holmgreen	Noon – 3:15 pm	3	Call 251-8101 or email: info@gardeningvolunteers.com
Tues, Nov 17	San Antonio Chapter, Native Plant Society of TX Meeting: Restoration of native vegetation in the SA Missions National Historical Park.	Greg Mitchell	Lions Field Adult Community Ctr 2809 Broadway	6:30 pm Meeting 7 – 8 pm Program	1	Contact Diana Fox, 681-0375, for information.
Weds, Nov 18	San Antonio Cactus & Xenophyte Society Meeting. (Topic To Be Determined)	To Be Announced	San Antonio Garden Center 3310 N. New Braunfels	7 – 9 pm Mtg & Presentation	1	Contact: Cal Eichler, 828-0833 or Claude Townsend, 655-8959.
Thurs, Nov 19	Tour of Peterson's Nursery.	Dr Jerry Parsons and David Rodriguez	Peterson's Nursery 1630 Creekview Drive	10 am - Noon	2	Call Angel for information: 467-6575. RSVP not required.
Thurs, Nov 19	Bexar Co Master Gardeners Meeting: Native & Near-Native Plants.	Deedy Wright	TX AgriLife Ext Conf Rm 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr	Meeting: 6 pm Speaker: 7 pm	1	Call Angel for information: 467-6575.
Thurs, Nov 19	Guadalupe Co Master Gardeners Gen Mtg: Micro-organisms in the Soil.	Stuart Franke	AgriLIFE Extension Bldg 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin	Program: 7 pm Mtg ends 9 pm	1	Contact: Linda Bruno, 363-8380, or email: ilbruno@gvec.net
Sat, Nov 21	Alamo Begonia Club Meeting. (To Be Announced)	To Be Announced	St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1018 E. Grayson	1:30 – 3:30 pm Mtg & Presentation	1	For more information, contact Connie Saenz, 681-4062.
Sat, Nov 21	Watersaver Walk. Information about planning, planting & maintaining low water use landscape.	San Antonio Botanical Garden Guides	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	10 – 11 am	1	Free with admission to SABOT; receive free SAWS Landscape Care Guide; call207-3261.
Sun, Nov 22	Earth-Kind Landscape Series: Winter Landscape Color.	David Rodriguez	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	1 – 3 pm	2	\$20. To register, contact Sasha Kodet at 210.207.3270 or sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov .

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Fri, Dec 4	Watersaver Walk. Information about planning, planting & maintaining low water use landscape.	San Antonio Botanical Garden Guides	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	10 – 11 am	1	Free with admission to SABOT; receive free SAWS Landscape Care Guide; call207-3261.
Sat, Dec 5	Herbal Delights for the Eyes & Palate+ Tour the herb garden, learn best way to harvest herbs, learn some recipes and how to preserve herbs.	Diane Lewis	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	10 am – 1 pm	3	\$41 fee., plus \$10 lunch fee Register: 657-8855, or www.communityed.neisd.net
Sat, Dec 5	Growing Olives for Fun and/or Profit. Discussion on varieties, propagation, fertilizing & setting up a grove. Tour included.	Sandy Winoker	Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard; IH 37 South, Exit 120 (Hardy Rd)	10 am - Noon	2	\$27 fee. Register: 657-8855, or www.communityed.neisd.net

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Sat, Dec 12	Earth-Kind Landscape Series: Preparing for the Spring Vegetable Garden.	David Rodriguez	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	1 – 3 pm	2	\$20. To register, contact Sasha Kodet at 210.207.3270 or sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov .
Thurs, Dec 17	Bexar Co Master Gardeners Seminar: Herbs, Hints on How to Grow Them, Their Uses and Other Interesting Herb Information Sprinkled In.	Carole Lee Fisher	TX AgriLife Ext Conf Rm 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr	1 - 3 pm	2	Call Angel for information: 467-6575.
Sat, Dec 19	Watersaver Walk. Information about planning, planting & maintaining low water use landscape.	San Antonio Botanical Garden Guides	S.A. Botanical Garden 555 Funston	10 – 11 am	1	Free with admission to SABOT; receive free SAWS Landscape Care Guide; call 207-3261.
Mon, Dec 21	GVST Essentials of Gardening. (Topics To Be Determined)	To Be Announced	San Antonio Garden Center 3310 N. New Braunfels	Noon – 3:15 pm	3	\$5 Donation for Gardening Volunteers of South Texas. www.GardeningVolunteers.org

ONLINE CEU OFFERINGS:

<http://earthkind.tamu.edu/MGtraining.html> TAMU Agri-LIFE Extension's *Earth Kind* program is designed to provide information on a variety of environmentally friendly practices for use in home landscape and garden. Although Earth Kind addresses numerous landscape management topics, the on-line curriculum presents core information on environmental stewardship with twelve on-line training modules, covering water conservation & irrigation, pesticides and fertilizers, composting, landscape design, roses and pest management. Progress is tracked automatically; results are forwarded to MG Coordinator.

<http://www.gardeninginstitute.com/> Horticulture Gardening Institute at Michigan State University has partnered with Learn 2Grow to offer three online gardening courses: **Getting Green**, **Creative Containers**, and **Amazing Annuals**. Fees range from \$19.99 to \$29.99 per course.

<http://store.yahoo.com/nga-gardenshop/lg.html> National Gardening Association's horticulturists created the **Learning Garden**, a series of online courses on plants and gardening for every gardener. The course fees range from \$19.95 (for Perennials, Vegetables & Annual Flowers) to \$35 (for Botany I, Botany II,).

<http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/hortdl/> Dept of Horticulture at Cornell University offers on-line lectures, virtual field trips, discussion, & quizzes to engage you in history, botanical principles, & horticultural applications.

<http://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/hgpo/hgpo.htm> Dr. Leonard Perry, Ext Prof at University of Vermont, designed this online, non-credit course, "**Herbaceous Garden Plants Online**," which covers common annual & perennial flowers of temperate climates and herbaceous garden plant groups (ornamental grasses, roses, aquatics, ferns, bulbs, & wildflowers). Self-paced & available for one year following receipt of access codes. Course fee: \$99; notes CD: \$10.

<http://alumni.iddl.vt.edu/course.php?id=325> Virginia Tech Alumni Net (VTalumnNET) offers a variety of online courses to include one on **Annuals and Perennials** which costs \$25. The course is self-paced and is available for one year following registration.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/botany/> Online **Botany Module** offered by Oregon State University Extension Service; excellent Basic Botany refresher.

<http://irrigationtutorials.com/> Free **Irrigation Tutorials** provide information on sprinkler/drip irrigation design, installation, filters, pumping systems & scheduling.

<http://www.lifelearner.iastate.edu/learners/hortOnline.htm> Iowa State University offers an online, non-credit course **Horticultural Series**; see website for dates.

<http://www.greenindustries.org/> Green Industries Institute is an educational partnership between North Florida Community College, Florida A & M University, University of Florida, and the Green Industry. This institute is currently reorganizing.

<http://plantpath.osu.edu/extension/outreach/online/index.html#courseoptions> Ohio State University is offering an online course targeted to Master Gardeners. "Sick Plants and a Hungry World" explores plant diseases from both historical and scientific perspectives. The courses can be done on your own computer, at your own pace. The content is not heavily technical but rich in information about plant diseases. Topics range from basic concepts and history of plant pathology to famine issues, bioterrorism and more. Cost is \$35.