



February 17, 2010

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## Calendar

**Monday, Feb. 22**  
**Essentials Class**  
**12n-3p**  
**San Antonio Garden Center**

Session 1:  
*Freeze Recovery Workshop*  
*(panel)*

Session 2:  
*Rose Pruning Demonstration*  
*with Rosarian Ed Bradley*

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**Saturday, Feb. 27**  
**Leon Valley Earthwise Living**  
**Day**  
**10am-2pm**  
**Leon Valley Civic Center**  
6427 Evers Road

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**Saturday, Feb. 27** **NEW**  
**Grow Local Festival**  
**9am-4pm**  
**Schertz Civic Center**  
**1400 Schertz Parkway**

*IMPORTANT NOTE: This year, GVST will be participating in this event instead of the Encino Park Home and Garden Show. See page 3 for shift details.*

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**Saturday, March 6**  
**9am-12n (approx)**  
**Wounded Warrior Center**  
**Landscape Work Day**  
**Family Support Center**  
2010 Stanley Road  
Next to new BAMC on Ft. Sam Houston.

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### *Charles Bartlett, Botanical Garden Horticulturists Added To February 22 “Freeze Recovery Workshop” Class; Rose Pruning Demo to Follow the Panel*

Last week, we presented the preliminary line-up for the **February 22** Essentials of Gardening class—a panel of plant experts on perennials (**Tom Harris**), roses (**Ed Bradley**) and cactus and succulents (**Richard Blocker**). We’ve now confirmed that **Charles Bartlett**, who’s an expert on palms and tropical plants will also be joining us.

Today, we confirmed that **Whitney Connors**, who manages the BG formal gardens, and **Beverly Hayes** from the Conservatory, will also be available to answer questions.

After the panel (feel free to bring pictures), we’ll follow Ed Bradley to the rose bed in the front of Garden Center where he’ll demonstrate his technique for pruning rose bushes.

Volunteers are also invited to attend the Rose Society’s rose pruning workshop 9am-12n the following morning (Tuesday 2/23) at the BG rose garden for additional training. Bring your tools and gloves for this workday.

Also remember that you can bring your hand-pruning tools to class on Monday and have them sharpened by Tom Harris (aka Dr. Phix-It) for a \$2 donation per tool to GVST.

### *Two New Events Added to This Spring’s Schedule*

The GVST Board decided at their February 8 meeting that we would try these two new events:

**Saturday, February 27.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Grow Local Festival”, sponsored by the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners. We will sell plants and publications, and distribute info on GVST and SAWS water conservation materials.

This is the same date as Leon Valley’s Earthwise Living Day, but because the hours of the Leon Valley event have been shortened to 10am-2pm, and because we (almost) have enough volunteers to cover each shift (see page 3), we thought we would try the Schertz event as well. For more information about the Grow Local Festival: [www.growlocalfestival.com](http://www.growlocalfestival.com), or page 4.

**Saturday, March 27.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “International Olive Festival of Texas” at Sandy Winokaur’s Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard in Elmendorf. Last year, the event’s first year, there was a surprisingly high attendance of more than 1,000 people. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund sponsored by the professional women’s chef organization, Les Dames d’Escoffier, and 10% of our sales that day will benefit the fund. Watch future newsletters for more information about “Olives Ole” and Les Dame: [www.ldeisanantonio.org](http://www.ldeisanantonio.org).

Clip and save to contact us anytime  
with ideas, suggestions or questions!



## ***New Board Members Elect Officers***

The first item of business at the February 8 meeting of the 2010 Board was to elect officers.

**Cheryl Gorhum** is President.

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**Ron Csehil** is Vice President.

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**Anne Schiller**, Volunteer & Event Coordinator, will perform the duties of Secretary.

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**Nancy McClintock**, Bookkeeper, will act as Treasurer.

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Anne and Nancy will report to the full board that also includes:

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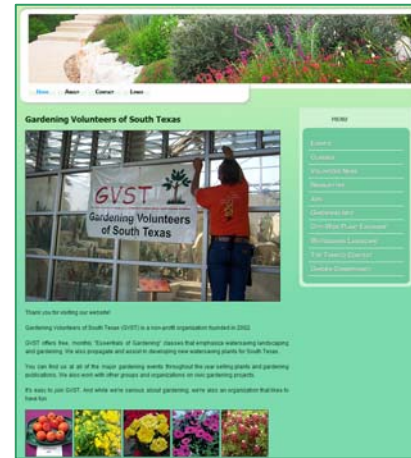
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## ***New GVST Website!***



Our all-new GVST website is making its debut today! A brand new look—at the same address:

[www.GardeningVolunteers.org](http://www.GardeningVolunteers.org)

**Andre Velthoen**, who designed our original website, has completely updated both the technical side and the design.

The new site features separate web pages for our major events, and will be easier to navigate. It will also be easier to keep updated and there's room to add new things.

The photo at the top of the page is a picture provided by **Marguerite and Richard Harthil**, first place winners of the 2008 Watersaver Landscape Contest, who gave us permission to use it. Their plant variety and design best illustrates our education mission of promoting watersaving gardening.

The picture of **Rob DeRocher** hanging our banner at a past Garden Jazz Party tells the other side of our story—participating in fun events.

The plant pictures at the bottom of the page represent the plants that our R&D team has assisted in developing.

Many thanks to Andre for the great work.

If you have suggestions about things that we can add to the site, send an E-mail to [anne@anneschiller.com](mailto:anne@anneschiller.com), or call me on the GVST phone at 251-8101.

Would anyone be interested in writing a regular blog (column) for the website? Do you have pictures you can contribute to a photo gallery? These are just some of the ways that we can make GardeningVolunteers.org even bigger and better.

--Anne Schiller

# Volunteer Bulletin Board



**Grow Local Festival** (sponsored by Guadalupe County Master Gardeners) Sat., Feb. 27  
Schertz Civic Center • 1400 Schertz Parkway, 9am-4pm

Shifts (so far): <b>8:30-11a</b> (includes set-up 8-9am) Anne Schiller <b>(need 2 more)</b>	<b>11a-2p</b> Anne S. Karen Stamm (11:30-2) <b>(need 1 more)</b>	<b>2-4:30p</b> (includes take down) Anne S. <b>(need 2 more)</b>
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**Leon Valley Earthwise Living Day** Sat., Feb. 27  
Leon Valley Civic Center • 6427 Evers Road, 10am-2pm

Shifts (so far): <b>9-11:30am</b> (assist with set-up) Dee Emory Rob DeRocher Josie Waddell Pete Mendiola Sharon Hughes	<b>11:30-2pm</b> (assist with take down) Dee Emory Rob DeRocher Virgie Vargo Terry Chandler <b>(need 1 more)</b>
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**Rob DeRocher ...**

**Look →**

...will need help transporting plants, etc. to BOTH of the above event locations on Friday afternoon / Saturday morning.

**Call Rob directly at 342-9976**

**Wounded Warrior Center Landscape Workday** Sat., March 6  
Family Support Center, next to BAMC • 2010 Stanley Road, Ft. Sam Houston, 9am-12n (approx)

**Signed up so far:**

Melody McMahon (on site contact)	Cheryl Gorhum	<b>More volunteers welcome.</b> Bring tools and gloves.
Jeanette Martin	Jo Genzer	
Bob Carter	Doug Tomasini	
Josie Waddell	Shirley Gebhardt	
Maggie Harlan	Jo Genzer	



**SAWS Spring Bloom** Sat., March 13  
SAWS Hdqs. • 2800 Hwy 281 at Mulberry

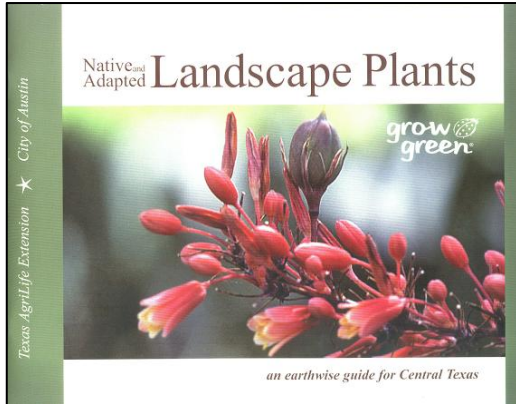
Shifts (so far):	<b>7:30-10a</b>		<b>10a-1p</b>
Dee Emory	Jo Fletcher	Dee Emory	Don Brooks
Rob DeRocher	Sandra Lyssy	Rob DeRocher	Sue Riggs
Melody McMahon	Josie Waddell	Douglas Tomasini	Ann Garcia
Sharon Hughes	Pete Mendiola	Maggie Harlan	
Manny Zamora	Bob Carter	<b>(need 2 or 3 more)</b>	

**7:30-9a:** Assist SAWS with unloading free plants and other set-up. Event opens at 9 but people begin lining up shortly after 8am.

To sign-up for any of these events, contact Anne at **251-8101** or [Anne@AnneSchiller.com](mailto:Anne@AnneSchiller.com)

## New Edition of 'Texas Native & Adapted Plants' Now Available...

..and on sale at GVST classes and events.



There is updated plant information and a section on rainwater harvesting. Cost of each book: \$2.

The Gro-Green Guide is published by the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department and the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service in Travis County.

**Cheryl Gorhum** picked up 3 boxes on a recent trip to Austin—and they'll be available at this Monday's Essentials of Gardening class.

### Welcome Our New Volunteer...

#### **Patti Eastman**

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*Patti is a friend of **Maggie Harlan** and came to the January Essentials class. She has three acres in the country that include gardens, a pond, and chickens!*

### *A Note from Hospitality....*

Coming to Monday's Essentials Class?

Your contributions to our refreshment buffet are always welcome. Please bring them to Garden Center between 11:30 and 11:45.

If you'd like more information, contact **Melody McMahon** at 481-2923 or [melodym1222@yahoo.com](mailto:melodym1222@yahoo.com)

## What is the Grow Local Festival?

Date: Saturday, February 27

Hours: 9am-4pm

Place: Schertz Civic Center  
1400 Schertz Parkway

Sponsored by: Guadalupe County Master Gardeners

Admission: \$5

Two seminars featuring:

**Patty Leander**, Travis County Master Gardener, on growing vegetables. 9:30-11:30am

**Molly Keck**, Entomologist with the Bexar County Extension Service, on "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs", 1-3pm

Admission to each seminar is \$5 and if you register on line at [www.GrowLocalFestival.com](http://www.GrowLocalFestival.com), you'll receive a \$1 off coupon.

Besides GVST, vendors include:

- Antique Rose Emporium
- Aqua Easy Garden Hydroponic Gardening
- The Dinner Garden
- Etter Tree Care
- Fanick's
- Guadalupe County Native Plant Society
- Medina Agriculture Products
- My Father's Farm
- Nematode Nick Landscape Company
- New Earth Soil & Compost
- San Antonio Botanical Garden
- Schulz Nursery
- Sipple True Value Hardware
- Subway
- Wild Birds Unlimited

### NEXT NEWSLETTER:

More Sign-Up for March, April Events  
Watersaver Landscape Contest  
Ideas from our Volunteers  
...and *Who Knew?*

### *Last But Not Least ...*



A note of thanks to our contributors. **Sarah Smith** of SAS Landscape Design spoke at our January Essentials class on *Rejuvenating Tired Landscapes*. **Mark Peterson** spoke on *Trees to Plant Now for Fall Color*.

And a special thank you to the Volunteers who brought refreshments and door prizes to what turned out to be one of our largest ever classes!