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## BOBBY FLETCHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Bryan Haley was awarded a \$2000 Bobby Fletcher, Sr. Memorial Scholarship at the May Meeting. Bryan has just graduated from Covington High School with a 3.49 GPA with plans to attend McNeese State University in Lake Charles in the Fall. He will be majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. Bryan has been showing cattle at Livestock Shows for six years and became interested in veterinary medicine when he realized that there were no vets to tend the cattle at these shows. In 9<sup>th</sup> grade he started volunteering with an equine veterinary practice and began working for another local veterinary practice as a vet tech in January, 2012.

He has been involved with FFA throughout junior and senior high school, was in 4-H in junior high school, is the current state Parliamentarian for FFA and was named King of the District Livestock Show in 2012. Additionally, he was on the Covington High School football and wrestling teams. Shown above are Denise Fletcher King, Mrs. Bobby Fletcher, Sr., Bryan Haley, Lisa Haley and Julie Deus.

## *President's Message*

School is out and the heat is settling in. Must be summer! We've had some spectacular weather recently but I expect the sauna to begin very soon. Get out the sunscreen and the sprinklers! Now is the time to make sure the irrigation system that Art and Bernard taught us about is in place and the timers are set.



We had such a lovely meeting this past month. Many thanks to Lyn Monteleone and the Scholarship committee for their efforts in finding a wonderful recipient for the Bobby Fletcher, Sr. Memorial Scholarship in Bryan Haley. He was gracious and deserving. The feast that we enjoyed afterward was also quite remarkable thanks to all of the fresh dishes brought by so many of our Master Gardeners. Thanks Barbara Moore and the entire Hospitality committee for organizing this event and the beautiful decorations. Nancy McDonald's Cajun daylilies were spectacular!

In the wake of Cecelia Drennan's death, I am in need of a volunteer to take on the chairmanship of the Slidell Senior Center. This project was near and dear to her heart as well as that of the Keep Slidell Beautiful director, Bill Mauser. We have worked in conjunction with KSB and the planning, building and initial planting of the vegetable, flower and herb gardens is complete. I need someone to oversee this project and schedule several educational talks for the seniors over the year as well as help coordinate harvesting the vegetables and herbs and planning what will be planted this Fall. If someone from the eastern side of the parish is interested in this challenge, please contact me. There is a committee already at your disposal and Bill will be a great resource, also. Thanks.

Our second annual Vegetable Festival is scheduled for next month and Joan Gagliano and her committee have been working diligently to make it not only educational but delicious as well. So, bring the good, the bad and the ugly vegetables from your garden and we can all learn from these experiences so that we'll have the best crops around! If you want to make a little tasting from your garden, you know we'll be happy to sample.

Julie Deus  
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# Top Ten Tomato Tips

By  
Rusty Batty

Tomatoes are the most common vegetable grown in our gardens. There are home grown tomatoes, hydroponic tomatoes, green house tomatoes, container grown tomatoes, and even tomatoes grown upside down. After deciding on the right place (full sun), right time (after danger of frost) and right varieties (so many to choose) you'll still need to consider many of these tips when growing the prized vegetables.

## **Planting**

- 1) Rotate your planting area within your garden. Don't plant more than twice in the same spot.
- 2) Plant deep. Put the transplants in the ground so the stem is covered up to the first leaves.

## **Watering-**

- 3) Consistent soil moisture is a big step toward having healthy tomatoes. Too much can suffocate the plant, too little can stress the plant allowing other problems to show up.
- 4) Avoid overhead watering, if possible. Soaker hoses put water where it's needed. One or two inches of water per week are about right.

## **Mulching-**

- 5) Use of organic mulch help prevent weeds, insulate the soil temperature, conserves moisture, and helps the soil as it breaks down.
- 6) Dark plastic mulch help heat up the soil, an advantage in early planting. Reflective plastic mulch help with some insect damage prevention.

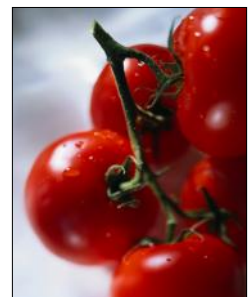
## **Fertilizing-**

- 7) Ideally, you should add fertilizer to your soil 2 weeks before planting. Apply 6-8 pounds of 8-24-24 per 100 ft of row. Too much nitrogen will cause deep green leaves, but no tomatoes.
- 8) After the first fruit sets, add calcium nitrate at 3 pounds per 100 ft. of row as a side dressing. A tomato spike, as a slow release, is another alternative.

## **Staking -**

- 9) Use a trellis system for tomatoes in a row. Support the tomatoes at planting or before they reach 12 inches in height.
- 10) For individual plants, consider cages or stakes. Use metal stakes with loose ties.

Growing tomatoes is one of the true joys of the vegetable gardener. Following these tips can provide some tasty rewards.



Hi Everyone,

We returned home from a late spring vacation and found parched August weather had arrived early in the garden. Thanks to hose friendly gardening friends there is moisture in the garden. I believe this gardening season to be one of the most challenging ever. We started with a bang. No cold temperatures allowed an early start in the veggie garden.



This was offset by the beet army worms who skeletonized every plant except the chicory weed. Armed with sevin dust, (which you can no longer buy in the five pound bag) in one pound containers, I blanketed the few remaining leaves and sent the army worms marching. Next to arrive were the squash bugs and stem borers. They took out two beautiful zucchini plants before I could defeat their attack. I have had help with the insect invasion from a cardinal who has made her nest in the rattlesnake pole bean row. The eggplants are holding their own at this time. The tomatoes are a disaster. Few tomatoes, early blight and plants that have failed to thrive are making this the one of the worst gardening seasons ever. The peppers are in the same condition as the tomatoes. The potatoes were a smaller crop. I elected to dig them early because of the weather. I have not had my usual tomato lust. The army worms enjoyed my first tomatoes. The weeds however, persist. The weather is not conducive to garden productivity. The insects and diseases are here to stay the season. I think for the first time ever Mother Nature has given me a season of malcontent. I had hoped never to experience such a season. On the bright side, clearing brush is easier when there is no rain to encourage new growth. Jim and I have been reclaiming areas overgrown since Katrina. Hardscape projects seem to be the best way to handle the weather. Old yellow and Mr. Greenjeans are working overtime in the artificial rainmaking capacity. We have added to our hose collection in order to battle the drought. Patiently waiting for better conditions so I can get back into the garden, aj

PS The heat wave is in Holland also. The tulips were bloomed out two weeks early. Their day temperatures were 40 degrees above normal and their rainfall was non-existent during our entire trip. We were told repeatedly how abnormal the weather was for this time of year. I am glad I do not have stock in the umbrella market!!!!



## STPMG Programs 2012

Month	Speaker	Topic	Hint	Problem	Share	Hours
January 18 Covington	Ed Goodwin Kim Walsdorf-Shockley	Caring for Garden Tools Gardening Exercises	No	Yes	Yes	1
February 15 Covington	Art Scott Bernard Ory	Irrigation  Presentation of Awards	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
March 14 Covington	Henry Harrison	Growing Watermelons in the Home Garden	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
March 29 Thursday	Field Trip	St. Martinville Jefferson Island	No	No	No	3
April 18 Covington	No Speaker	Spring Plant Swap Lunch at Cheri Hall's	No	No	No	0
May 16 Covington	Sheila Stroup	Scholarship Award	No	No	No	0
June 20 Covington	Joan Gagliano Chairperson	Vegetable Festival	No	Yes	No	
July 18 Covington	Derek Moore Dana Moore	Plants from KatKaw Landscapes & LA Ag Nursery Inspecting	Yes	Yes	Yes	
August 15 Covington	Diane Quinn	Aquatic Gardening	Yes	Yes	Yes	
September 19 Covington	Dr. Guihong Bi	Hydrangeas: the how, when, and where	Yes	Yes	Yes	
October 10 Wednesday	Field Trip	Bracy's Nursery Covey Rise Farms	No	No	No	
October 17 Covington	John Klipsch	Organic Plant Foods and Organic Controls  Fall Plant Swap	No	Yes	Yes	
November 14 Covington			Yes	Yes	Yes	
December ? Location	No Speaker	Christmas Party	No	No	No	

Judy Wood

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## **Vegetable Festival**

*A time to share and learn about growing vegetables*

The program at the June 20th meeting of STMG will be a Vegetable Festival- a time to share and learn. We want to celebrate all those vegetables grown in your garden.

Please bring your vegetables, the perfect specimens as well as those vegetables that exhibit problems. A Diagnostic table will be available. We want to see it all. That is how we learn.

There will be tables set up around the perimeter of the meeting room at the Armory for you to display the produce.

Each plate used will have a card below it, which the MG will write the vegetable name. Those tasting, will rate the vegetable. The instructions are on the card. Also, if you wish, please bring a dish using the vegetables so that other MGs may taste how you prepare the vegetable, since some vegetables only taste good if they are cooked.

The first fifteen minutes will be spent viewing the many vegetables brought by fellow MGs. After the viewing there will be discussion about good and bad so we can learn what went right and what we may try differently next year.

Any questions, you can email me at [joan70435@yahoo.com](mailto:joan70435@yahoo.com) or call 985-892-7827.

See you at the Festival!

Joan Gagliano



# St. Tammany Master Gardeners' 2012 Vegetable Festival—June 20th

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of plant and variety (e.g. tomato -- celebrity) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ heirloom ☐ hybrid ☐ not sure

Started ☐ from seed ☐ as a transplant

Grown in ☐ containers ☐ raised beds/rows ☐ beds ☐ square-foot garden ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you plant this variety again? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Irrigation method

☐ garden hose

Handheld \_\_\_\_\_ soaker hose \_\_\_\_\_ sprinkler \_\_\_\_\_  
an automatic timer set for 1 hour \_\_\_\_\_ 2 hours \_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ customized irrigation system (from Lowes or Drip Works or Ewing or other manufacturer)

pre-installed emitters \_\_\_\_\_ emitters placed by you where needed;

an automatic timer set for 1 hour \_\_\_\_\_ 2 hours \_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Irrigation frequency (assuming it hasn't rained)

☐ daily ☐ every other day ☐ every third day ☐ once weekly ☐ other

## Fertilizer

☐ never use the stuff

☐ granular 8-8-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 13-13-13 \_\_\_\_\_ 8-24-24 \_\_\_\_\_ 15-5-10 \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ slow-release such as Osmocote \_\_\_\_\_ fertilizer spikes \_\_\_\_\_ other (list): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ water soluble crystals like Miracle-Gro \_\_\_\_\_ Peters \_\_\_\_\_ other list → \_\_\_\_\_

☐ side dress with

calcium nitrate \_\_\_\_\_ ammonium nitrate \_\_\_\_\_ ammonium sulfate \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you side dress & amount per plant **OR** per 100 feet of

row \_\_\_\_\_

☐ liquid such as fish emulsion \_\_\_\_\_ worm tea \_\_\_\_\_ other list: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Aged manure cow \_\_\_\_\_ horse \_\_\_\_\_ chicken \_\_\_\_\_ rabbit \_\_\_\_\_ other list: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fertilizer Frequency

☐ Never ☐ weekly ☐ every two weeks ☐ monthly ☐ other frequency

## Insecticides/fungicides

☐ Never ☐ as needed ☐ as a preventative spray applied weekly \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all you have used Sevin \_\_\_\_\_ Ortho Max \_\_\_\_\_ chlorothalonil (Daconil) \_\_\_\_\_ maneb \_\_\_\_\_ neem  
oil \_\_\_\_\_ sulfur \_\_\_\_\_ BT (or other biological control) \_\_\_\_\_ miticide \_\_\_\_\_ other chemicals/  
controls: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Did you have a recurring problem with a specific insect or disease? Problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Diseases, slugs and bugs wilt diseases** \_\_\_\_\_ leaf spotting diseases \_\_\_\_\_ mildew (downy or powdery) \_\_\_\_\_ rust \_\_\_\_\_

slugs \_\_\_\_\_ spider mites \_\_\_\_\_ worms or caterpillars \_\_\_\_\_ sucking insects \_\_\_\_\_ chewing insects \_\_\_\_\_ other

(list → \_\_\_\_\_)

**Soil amendments** – check all you used

☐ compost ☐ manure ☐ sand ☐ topsoil ☐ peat ☐ commercial garden soil ☐

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Mulch** ☐ None ☐ fabric ☐ leaves ☐ pine straw ☐ wheat straw ☐ newspaper ☐ plastic ☐

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Yield** ☐ Minimal ☐ enough for family ☐ plenty to share with neighbors and food bank.

**Additional comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 2013 PLANT SHOW

We have seen our Plant Show grow and blossom over the last twelve years under the leadership of A.J. Heinsz-Bailey. The numbers of vendors have risen, the numbers of visitors soared and the amount of scholarship money given increased. I am grateful to A.J for her years of service.

As we look forward to the future, I am pleased to announce that Ty Guidroz will be the chairman of the 2013 St. Tammany Master Gardener Plant Show that will be held on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16, 2013.

Ty and I would like to hold a brainstorming session where all ideas for improving and growing our Plant Show will be entertained. Judy Wood will lead the meeting and all members of the St. Tammany Master Gardener Association are welcome to attend. It will be held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at 2:30 pm at the Ag Center and will last one hour or less. As this is an information-gathering meeting, all ideas will be noted, but there will be no discussion at this time with regards to the viability of the ideas. In July, a Steering committee comprised of the Plant Show committee chairmen and the Board of Directors will get together and decide on the plan for the next Plant Show. This plan will be presented at the first Plant Show meeting in October.

If you are unable to attend this meeting please feel free to e-mail any and all ideas you have to Ty at [tyguidroz@charter.net](mailto:tyguidroz@charter.net) or to myself at [jdcalla@aol.com](mailto:jdcalla@aol.com).

Julie Deus, President



## **FALL SEMINAR, 2012**

It's time to start planning for our next educational event! The Fall Seminar committee will hold its first meeting at the Ag Center on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 10:00. The half-day seminar will held in mid-September. The exact date, place, theme and speakers will be determined by the committee at this meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the May meeting, but if you were unable to attend and want to help, please come to the Ag Center on the 14<sup>th</sup> to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to get some of those much needed hours! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. See you there!

Julie Deus

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## **Monogram Apparel Order**

If anyone is interested in placing an order for monogrammed Master Gardener apparel, please contact Dee Middleton - [doloresmiddleton@ymail.com](mailto:doloresmiddleton@ymail.com). Items available are shirts / aprons / hats / visors.”

Dee Middleton

## **What to do with all those empty garden pots?**

Do you have a favorite use for all the empty pots from the nursery? Or do you have a way to recycle them? Please share your ideas or recycling locations.

Slidell Nursery on Lawes Street in Slidell will take the empty pots. They pass them onto anyone who requests them. I can take them to Slidell Nursery, if you get the empty pots to me. Slidell Nursery has been a supporter of the Spring and Fall Herb Festivals.

Judy Wood  
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# MAY MG ACTIVITIES



Donna DiCharry and the Hospitality Committee served a great buffet luncheon at our Scholarship Meeting.



Congratulations Brian Haley on winning the 2012 Bobby Fletcher, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Camille Schwandt gave a talk on oregano at the May Herb Gathering.



Glenda Spano at the MG Appreciation Day in Hammond



Right: Judy Wood and Sheila Stroup at the May Meeting. Left: Peggy Goertz, Gail Hinkley, Julie Deus, Kathleen Guidry, Camille Schwandt, Barbara Moore, Susie Andres and Sandy Arnoult at the Master Gardener Appreciation Day in Hammond.

## **STPMG MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **5/16/12**

The May general membership meeting was held at the National Guard Armory on 5/16/12 at 10:30 a.m., the later time allowing Rusty to attend the Scholarship presentation ceremony afterwards.

Julie led the group in the pledge and Sandy Arnoult gave the prayer. Lyn Monteleone motioned to accept last month's minutes as read; June Taffaro seconded. Motion carried.

Details were given for the upcoming State Conference to be held in Lake Charles on 10/24 to 10/26. Registration fee will be \$150, room rate \$99, and the deadline for registering (which should be by mail) is 9/15/12. It will be held at the casino in Lake Charles.

A committee has been formed to nominate new officers for the club for 2013. Nancie Munn, Kappy Goodwin and Chris Stellingworth will comprise the committee this year and will give us their recommendations by September.

Judy Wood gave us updated information on the speakers and field trips for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Donna Dicharry that we secure the October 10<sup>th</sup> date for the field trip to Bracey's and Covey's. Motion seconded by Joan Gagliano and carried. Cost to members will be \$30.00. If there are any seats remaining, they will be opened up for non- members at a cost of \$40.00.

Project chairmen gave their monthly reports including Sandy Arnoult reporting on the successful Herb Festival at the Slidell Library and Debora Nolan on the successful Abita Springs Library project.

A new donation policy is in effect for money that has been given to the club and earmarked for a particular project. The new policy states that the chairman of the project will be contacted and the treasurer will hold the funds for that project for one full year and then turn it over to the general fund if not used. If money is donated in a particular person's name, that person will decide how it should best be used. The one year rule will also apply to these funds.

We were honored to have Sheila Stoup , long-time columnist for the Times Picayune, as our guest speaker. Sheila entertained us with gardening stories from her own personal experiences and kept everyone smiling the entire time. If you missed her Muscovy duck story you really missed a lot.

The business meeting was adjourned and immediately afterwards the STPMG scholarship ceremony was held. The 2012 scholarship was presented to Bryan Haley who intends to pursue his education in the field of veterinary medicine. Following the ceremony, members stayed and enjoyed delicious food and drink and conversation.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kathleen Guidry, Secretary



## **MAY 2012 BOARD MEETING**

### **5/17/12**

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, 5/17/12, at City Hall in Slidell. In attendance were Julie Deus, Judy Wood, Kathleen Guidry, Sandy Arnoult, Camille Schwandt, Nancy Berulis and June Taffaro. All members are welcome to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. No new treasurer's report as Jay was on vacation. Judy reported on upcoming programs including the Vegetable fest in June. Judy also looked into the possibility of securing a bus for the State meeting in October, but found the cost was prohibitive.

Nancy Berulis suggested a possible plant sale in Slidell , just for one afternoon each year, since all the evaluations from the Slidell Herb Festival indicated that the general public was interested in seeing and buying more plants. A discussion followed on the feasibility. The library location is not suitable due to library rules. Suggestions are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by an organizational meeting to work on a procedure manual for future fest chairmen on "How to plan an herb festival".

Respectfully submitted by  
Kathleen Guidry, Secretary



## STPMG Garden Glove Sales

Garden gloves sold at STPMG events will be \$5 per pair to whoever is purchasing at that event.

STPMG members may purchase garden gloves at \$4 per pair at STPMG monthly meetings only. (There may be meetings where gloves may not be for sale.)

Members who wish to purchase gloves should email Peggy Goertz, Glove Chairperson, [peggpegg@aol.com](mailto:peggpegg@aol.com), indicating the size and number of gloves they wish to purchase at \$4 per pair. The gloves will be packaged for the member and ready for pick up at the designated meeting. The member will have a check in the correct amount made out to **STPMG**.

Submitted by:  
Judy Wood



**AGENDA**  
**STPMG Membership Meeting**  
**June 20, 2012**

***“Vegetable Festival”***

***Everyone will have a chance to read about and look over the vegetables  
on display before the meeting***

**1. Call to order and report quorum present**

**2. Opening Ceremonies**

***BREAK: Q & A with Rusty and the MG Vegetable Specialists and tastings***

**3. Comments by Rusty Batty, County Agent and MG Advisor**

**4. Minutes from May meeting**

**5. Officer's reports**

**President: Julie Deus**

**Vice President: Judy Wood**

**Treasurer: Jay Rose**

**6. Committee Reports**

**7. Project Committee Reports**

**SMH Rehab Garden: Leslie Landeche**

**Fall Seminar: Julie Deus**

**8. Adjourn**

# Calendar of Events

June, 2012	
8	Brainstorming meeting for the Spring 2013 Plant Show. 2:30 at the AgCenter. For more info contact Ty Guidroz at <a href="mailto:tyguidroz@charter.net">tyguidroz@charter.net</a> or Julie Deus at <a href="mailto:jdcalla@aol.com">jdcalla@aol.com</a> . <i>See page 8.</i>
11	Vegucator seminars begin at the AgCenter 9-12. An email blast will be sent with more info on these seminars. Contact Jerry Ballanco at <a href="mailto:gballanco@bellsouth.net">gballanco@bellsouth.net</a> .
14	Fall Seminar planning meeting 10a.m. at the AgCenter. If you are interested in working on the Fall Seminar, please attend. <i>See page 9.</i>
20	Monthly MG Meeting. 10 a.m. Festival of Vegetables. <i>See page 6.</i>

July, 2012	
11	Slidell Library Herb Committee Herb Gathering at the meeting room of the Slidell Library. 1 p.m. June Taffaro will give a talk on an herb of her choice.
18	Monthly Meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speakers: Derek Moore and Dana Moore. Plants from Kat Kaw Landscapes and LA Ag Nursery Inspecting.

August, 2012	
1,2 or 4	“Growing Fall Vegetables: Cooler Temps and Extended Harvest” taught by Dr. Gerard Ballanco. Folsom, Aug. 1, 2-3:30pm, 796-9728; Covington, Aug. 2 from 6-7:30, 893-6280; Slidell, Aug. 4, 10:30-12, 646-6470. Free but registration is required. Call to register or register online at <a href="http://register.stpl.us/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp">http://register.stpl.us/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp</a> .
15	Monthly Meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speaker: Dianne Quinn on Aquatic Gardening.

September, 2012	
12	Slidell Library Herb Committee Herb Gathering at the Slidell Library Meeting room. 1 p.m. Kathleen Guidry will give a talk on ginger.
19	Monthly Meeting at the National Guard Armory. 10 a.m. Speaker: Dr. Guihong Bi on Hydrangeas.

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*Notes From the Editor:*

*Hi MGs,*

*I'd like to thank Dennis Koepp, Pattie McGinnis and Susie Andres for sharing their photos of the MG Appreciation Day with us. Their photos are posted in the Picasa online album. Thank you so much for all of the great photos! They made me feel like I was there.*

*Planning is underway for a fall seminar and next year's Plant Sale. Please share your ideas and get involved in the early stages.*

*I won't have any veggies for the Vegetable Festival but I'm coming anyway. I want to know what I'm doing wrong! Please come out to the next meeting and enjoy the growing efforts of our MGs. You'll enjoy some great tasting vegetables and see some examples of bug infestations and diseases of vegetables.*

*Don't forget to log in your hours for April. Here is the link to post your hours:*

[http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn\\_garden/master\\_gardener/Reporting+Volunteer+Hours/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/lawn_garden/master_gardener/Reporting+Volunteer+Hours/)

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