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October 2, 2022

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Two bees by Iris Slevin

Two Bee Species

Iris Slevin captured an image of two species of bees while gardening last week. The honeybee and carpenter bee were foraging on passionflower. This image was also posted on Sunshine's social media.

Upcoming Event: Earth-Kind Gardening Field Day

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Travis County Master Gardeners announce their fall 2022 Earth-Kind Gardening Field Day to be held Saturday, October 22nd from 9 am to 1 pm at the Travis County AgriLife Extension office located at 1600 Smith Road, Austin, TX 78721. The event includes hands-on activities for both youth and adults. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your questions as you stroll through the native plant, herb, vegetable, and butterfly gardens. Learn about beneficial insects and view demonstrations on building self-watering grow boxes, rainwater harvesting, and lots more. Plants will also be available for purchase.

The hands-on workshops schedule is:

9:00 a.m. Raised Bed Construction Workshop.

11:00 p.m. Compost Workshop

For more information please visit: <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/event/earth-kind-gardening-field-day-2022/>. Or call the Master Gardeners Help Desk at (512) 710 7098.— *Submitted by Dawn Friesen*



FREE Basil!

Easy to make Pesto & Freeze. Basil was planted in spring time for the tomatoes, peppers and oregano. It is beautiful now. Please feel free to harvest from my plots. My plots are easy to find. They are on the right side of the driveway with 2 inch round 6ft to 8 ft tall white PVC pipes sticking up. No need to contact me. When you harvest please leave enough for other gardeners.

And now that the free basil grabbed your attention: here is a lovely harvest photo with three days of tomatoes. Advice from Bob: Consider planting regular and large cherry tomatoes next spring. When spring harvest time is over, shade plant after 1 PM during the last of June, July, August, keep watered and they will produce in Sept, Oct, Nov and up to Dec if no freezes.



Blessings. — *Submitted by Bob Easter*

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

[Check out advice about vegetable farming in October!](#)

Resources for Sunshiners

- [ACGA's most recent Cultivator newsletter](#)
- [Austin Sustainable Food Center](#)

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Greetings SCG Gardeners!

It's time to rejoin the garden community! We need your help mowing, trimming around the entire garden. I would like every member of this COMMUNITY GARDEN to at least come out and take a look at their plot.

I'm not saying do anything if you don't feel like it but look at it and make future plans. If you feel like you can't manage it anymore, please let us know. We do have a waiting list.

I think that by now all have heard or read the new directives involving plant waste. I want to thank all of you that are participating for not putting anything but plant waste in our compost pile. While loading the container we found virtually no trash.

We have new Zone Coordinators!

Piper Ward And Brianna will be co-coordinating Zone 7.

Piperdraw@gmail.com

Cathy Camp will be co-coordinating with Steve Uecker in Zone 8.

Cathycamp621@yahoo.com

There will be no more IOUs accepted as payment in the lockbox. Checks or Cash in an envelope would be great.

If you can't remember the last time that you had a Tetanus shot, it's time to get one! There are plenty of opportunities to be exposed to it at the garden. My doctor has recommended once every 7 years.

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY

TBD

Workdays often evolve into social events! SCG is a fantastic place to meet new friends and learn both new and old gardening techniques. There's a wealth of knowledge here and experienced people that love to share it.

NEW GARDENERS

There are several new gardeners at SCG! Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and y'all get to know each other a little and share garden knowledge and tips. Let's emphasize the COMMUNITY in Community Garden.

Please read handbook and site rules. Any hardware (hoses, sprayers, nozzles, splitters etc.) attached to garden faucets and maintenance of said items are the responsibility of individual gardeners.

ROADS AND PARKING

- Speed limit is 3 MPH. (Primarily for safety, but also to keep the dust down.)
- Sunshine's roads provide access to plots and common areas. Gardeners should not 1) park on roads except to unload a heavy

load from vehicle, 2) drive on roads when wet, 3) drive around barriers, 4) drive into another gardener's plot, or 5) put plants or other items in the road.

- Cars may not be left idling while at the garden.
- Park only in the front parking area or your common area. On weekends there are parking spaces on Sunshine and 49th Street.

Handbook and Site rules specifically state that **PARKING ON GARDEN ROADS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Park in the parking lot or common areas only. When the emergency vehicle enters SCG, they may (I hope not) be coming to assist YOU. How inconvenient it would be for them to have to wait for folks to move cars.

PRIORITY TASKS

- Mowing/trimming between fence and Sunshine Drive
 - Khaki weed
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TSVBI

- Weeding paths in TSVBI garden and wood chip areas on west side. (This is normally needed. Try to get out roots. Be sure to smooth out paths after weeding to facilitate TSVBI students (who are blind) moving around garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.
- Khaki weed removal.
- Cleaning the street curb gutters of dirt and debris buildup. (At places in the curb gutter along Sunshine Dr. And 49th St. soil has built up and grass is beginning to grow. Scrape off with shovel and put in wheelbarrow. If debris is gravel it can be put in low places in the parking lot, otherwise, destination is dumpster.

Note: TSVBI hours can also count as regular hours.

REGULAR

- Mowing, edging (Please check area around trailer and greenhouses). The mowing season is picking up (if it ever rains, it will pick up exponentially.) It's way easier to keep it mowed than try to catch up when it gets overgrown.
- Maintaining common paths. (Gardeners are required to maintain a 2' strip of common paths adjacent to their plot.)
- Mowing and cleaning up overgrown/messy places in common areas.

Your Zone Coordinator may have more tasks than are listed here. Contact them or campinthearden@yahoo.com if you feel that you have run out of things to do.

Slow Down (3 MPH!) You're on Garden Time! Enjoy!

Contact both [Kristin Phillips](#) & [Maria Beach](#) to contribute the Weekly Weeder.



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