

Corpus Christi Fall Seminar Schedule

Garden Stage

Friday September 12th Seminar Schedule

Seminar Title: Preserving Food Safely: Canning & Storage Tips for the Home Gardener

Speakers: Megan Glidden & Karen Lyssy, Family & Community Health County Extension Agents

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Description: Love the idea of preserving your garden harvest? Join County Extension Agents Megan Glidden and Karen Lyssy for an informative session on safe, effective home canning and food preservation techniques. Whether you're a beginner or looking to brush up on the latest best practices, this seminar will give you the confidence to stock your pantry with safely preserved produce all year long.

Seminar Title: Falling for Flavor: Cooking with your Autumn Harvest

Speaker: Kayla Butts MS, RDN, LD

Time: 3:00pm-3:30pm

Description: Join Kayla for a fun and flavorful cooking demo that celebrates the very best of fall's garden harvest. Come hungry and leave inspired—with delicious recipes, seasonal cooking tips, and a true taste of autumn on your plate.

Saturday September 13th Seminar Schedule

Seminar Title: What Is This on My Plant? Diagnosing Common Garden Problems

Speaker: Renee Brown, Nueces Master Gardener

Time: 1:00-2:00pm

Description: Spots on the leaves? Wilting stems? Mysterious holes? Don't panic—learn to diagnose what's really going on in your garden! Join Nueces County Master Gardener Renee Brown for an informative session on identifying plant damage caused by insects, viruses, and fungi. Gain practical tips on how to spot the signs early and take the right action to keep your plants healthy and thriving.

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Seminar Title: Home Composting: Turn Waste into Garden Gold

Speaker: Donna Gonzales, Nueces Master Gardener

Time: 3:00-4:00pm

Description: Learn how to transform your everyday kitchen scraps and yard clippings into nutrient-rich compost that your garden will love! In this hands-on seminar, Nueces County Master Gardener Donna Gonzales will walk you through the basics of home composting—what to compost, how to maintain your pile, and how to use compost to boost plant health and soil fertility. Perfect for beginners and green thumbs alike!

Sunday September 14th Seminar Schedule

Seminar Title: Gardening with Terrariums

Speaker: Norma Hernandez, Nueces Master Gardener

Time: 1:00-2:00pm

Description: Want to garden but you have no space? Consider gardening with an open or closed terrarium. Discover how these miniature ecosystems can bring beauty, greenery, and creativity into even the smallest of spaces.

Seminar Title: Fall Pruning and Planting of Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials

Speaker: Dr. Michael Womack, Director, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

Time: 2:00-3:00pm

Description: Join Dr. Michael Womack, Director of the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, as he shares expert guidance on proper pruning techniques and timing to shape and strengthen your trees and shrubs. Learn why fall is the ideal season for planting in South Texas and how to get the most out of your new trees, shrubs, and perennials. Perfect for both seasoned gardeners and newcomers looking to improve their landscape.

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Seminar Title: Fruit Trees for South Texas

Speaker: Renee Brown, Nueces Master Gardener

Time: 4:00-5:00pm

Description: Learn how to successfully grow fruit trees in South Texas! Master Gardener Renee Brown will cover the best time to plant, how to properly fertilize, prune, and care for your

trees, and tips for keeping them healthy and productive in our unique climate. Whether you're planting your first tree or expanding your backyard orchard, this session will set you up for sweet success.

Celebrity Stage

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Seminar Title: How to Grow Tomatoes: Secrets to Flavor, Yield & Success

Speaker: Justin Butts

Time: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Description: Want to grow the juiciest, most flavorful tomatoes right in your backyard? Join Justin Butts—creator, writer, and host of the popular regional radio show *Your Wholesome Heritage Garden*—as he shares expert tips on soil prep, variety selection, trellising, mulching, pest control, and more. With firsthand experience from small farms around the world and deep knowledge of historic Native American and pioneer growing techniques, Justin brings a unique and practical perspective to tomato gardening for both beginners and seasoned growers.

Seminar: How to Grow a Fall Kitchen Garden: Fresh Harvests into the Cooler Months

Speaker: Justin Butts

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Description: Discover how to keep your garden thriving well into the fall! Justin Butts—host of the acclaimed radio show *Your Wholesome Heritage Garden*—will guide you through every step of creating a productive fall kitchen garden. Learn where to plant, what seasonal vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers to choose, and how to adapt to changing weather. Justin will cover soil prep, organic fertilizers, watering techniques, and natural pest control—everything you need for a successful cool-season harvest.

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Seminar Title: Hurricane Prep with Chief Meteorologist Alan Holt!

Speaker: Alan Holt

Time: 1:00-2:00pm

Description: Get ready for an exciting and informative seminar with Alan Holt, Chief Meteorologist at KIII-TV! Known for his expert tropical forecasts and trusted coverage during major storms like Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Beryl, Alan will be sharing his top tips on hurricane preparedness—just in time for peak storm season. Live Q&A included! Bring your questions and get insights straight from one of the Coastal Bend's most trusted weather voices. Whether you're a weather buff or just want to protect your home and loved ones, this is one event you don't want to miss!

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