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## Comal Master Gardeners Plan 2019 Speaker Series at Westside Community Center

**New Braunfels, TX** — The Comal Master Gardeners — the group behind growing the vegetable garden and starting the monarch way station at the Westside Community Center (WCC)— will continue their community outreach at the WCC with a Saturday speaker series beginning on January 12, 2019.

"The Westside Community Center has had the privilege of working closely with Comal Master Gardeners through garden programs, local elementary programs, and various presentations in the community," said Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Hernandez. "The Comal Master Gardeners continue to positively impact the community of New Braunfels with this outreach."

The sessions will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month, from January through May and September through November. Registration is appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome to attend. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Projected speaker schedule:

- Jan. 12: Gary Johnstone, "Soil Amendments and Composting"
- Feb. 9: Donna Welch, "Vegetables"
- March 9: Richard Vonder Embse and John Cruikshank, "Drip Irrigation"
- April 13: Patty Godfrey, "Bees, Butterflies and Other Earthlings"
- May 11: Kathleen Scott, "Small Space Wildlife Gardening"
- Sept. 14: Gene Carnicom and Clare Helminiak, "Medicinal Plants and Herbs"
- Oct. 12: Diane Jones, "Propagation"
- Nov. 9: Mary Helen Phillips, "Gardening with Children"

Comal Master Gardeners is a non-profit educational and charitable association working with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to improve gardening skills throughout the community. For questions about the Comal Master Gardeners, call 830-620-3440.

For more information about the speaker series, call the WCC office at 830-221-4630 or the main library at 830-221-4300.