**Backyard Basics Expo**

Session Descriptions

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| PRESENTER | SESSION TIME & DESCRIPTION |
| cid:image002.png@01CE9457.800945C0  **Martha Joyce**  County Extension Agent  Comal County | 9:30-10:15 AM  **Making Soft Cheese at Home**  Imagine fresh fruit with your homemade yogurt. Join Martha to learn how to make buttermilk, yogurt and more! |
| Marilyn Magaro | 10:35-11:20 AM  **Flavored Vinegar and Herb Mixes**  Flavored Vinegars are expensive to buy. Learn how to use herbs from your “pots” to make easy and tasty vinegars and herb mixes. |
| cid:image002.png@01CE9457.800945C0  **Martha Joyce**  County Extension Agent  Comal County | 1:30-2:15 PM  **Drying Fruits and Veggies**  Dried berries, banana chips, peppers…sounds good! Get tips on making dry fruits and veggies using fresh and local produce. |
| **Mark Fanick**  Fanick’s Garden Center  San Antonio, Texas | 9:30-10:15 AM  **Patio & Landscape Citrus**  Come and visit with Mark Fanick, the owner of San Antonio’s oldest family garden center, on selecting, planting, and maintaining delicious citrus on your patio landscape. |
| cid:image003.png@01CE9457.800945C0  **David Rodriguez**  County Extension Agent  Bexar County | 10:35-11:20 AM  **Fall & Winter Vegetable Gardening**  Come and learn the basic Do’s and Don’ts concept of growing a successful backyard family vegetable Garden |
| **Larry A. Stein, Ph.D**.  Professor and Extension Horticulturist | 1:30-2:15 PM  **Home Fruit Orchards**  Wouldn’t growing your own fresh fruit be amazing!  Come and visit with Dr. Larry Stein on how to select, plant, and maintain a home fruit orchard. |
| Fancy Feathers | **Backyard Laying Hens** – Step out your back door for your morning eggs! Find out ways to keep your hens happy and healthy. |
| Desiree Rucker | **Backyard Rabbits** -- |
| Molly Keck | **Beekeeping Basics –** This session will cover the basics of bees and beekeeping, including bee biology, laws, and regulations of beekeeping, diseases and viruses of bees. |
| Lou Kellogg | **Rainwater Collection 101** – come learn how to set-up and use a home rainwater catch-system. Maybe you will be the lucky one to leave with a ready-to-use rain barrel. |
| ??? | **Hydroponics & Aquaponics 101 –** Learn about growing plants without soil and raising fish to nourish plants. |
| Vince Vita | **Drip Irrigation** -- "Good to the Last Drop!" Come find out how you can save time, money, and water installing your own drip irrigation system in your landscape. Weather you have a vegetable garden or a flower bed, you will gain the confidence to plan, purchase, and install your own drip system! |
| Dr. Charla Bading | **Water Bath Canning Jams and Jellies** – Use the newest information to keep jams and jellies safe. Water bath canning will be used to demonstrate fast jellies! |
| Dr. Connie Sheppard | **Pressure Canning** – The pressure canner will not explode! See the pressure canner in action and learn the basics of canning low acid foods. |
| Dr. Connie Sheppard | **Pickle Perfect** – Carrot, green beans make great pickles. Think out of the box as we teach the basics of pickle making. |
| Travis Franke  Stephen Zoeller | **Making Jerky** – Drying meat was one of the first food preservation methods. And you can dry meat to make your own jerky. Join Travis to learn how. |
| Jacob Coppedge | **From Coop to Freezer** – Backyard laying hens are great, roosters not so much. Find out what is involved in home processing chickens for your freezer. |
| Travis Franke  Stephen Zoeller | **Making Sausage** – Nothing is more gratifying than having every one line up for your homemade sausage. Find out how to make your sausage safe and tasty. |
| Edwin Marty | **Considerations in Urban Gardening –** |
| Brady Yecker | **Container and Vertical Gardening** – Think outside the box. You can grow on the fence as well as up to give you more space in a small area. Brady will have ideas and examples for you to use in your garden! |
| John Sells | **Home Composting** – |
| Ron Schell | **Building Raised Beds** -- |
| Bryan Davis | **Building Chicken Coops** -- |
| Bryan Davis  Lou Kellogg | **Building Rain Barrels** -- |

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