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Newsletter September 2008

Next Meeting

Friday, Sept. 12, 9:30 am (2nd Fri. of month)

Exit Teen Center, 1600 Rock Prairie Road, C.S.
Program - "Beyond the Window - Creating
Interesting Vistas in Your Yard" by Marlene
Gillman, TGC District 5 Director, Killeen.

Activities: a) Horticulture Sales, b) Activities/
Blooms in My Garden - Suzanne Milstead, c) Design
- Idalia Aguilar, d) Exhibitor - Producer's Coop

Hostesses: Sandra Lawrence, Mary Staffel, Gladys
Stone, with Norma Jean Stokes.

Landscape Design School

GC members interested in furthering their
knowledge of landscape design are encouraged to
attend the National Garden Club's Landscape
Design School, Course II, presented by Texas
Garden Clubs - "Charlie" Marr, and Texas AgriLife
Extension - Dr. Bill Welch, Sept 15-16, at the CS
Christ United Methodist Church, 4201 State Hwy 6.
Registration \$90 (two lunches included). Mary
Palmer Dargan, ASLA of Dargan Landscape
Architects, Atlanta, GA, will speak on "Timeless
Landscape Design". Request registration materials:
Cynthia Mueller, Dept. of Extension Horticulture,
MS 2134 TAMU, CS, TX 77843-2134, 979-845-
7344, or c-mueller@tamu.edu. TGC members who
pass the exam for all four courses are eligible to
become nationally accredited Landscape Design
Consultants. Sign up now; the course often fills up.

The A&M GC will assist with the TGC Landscape Design
School by staffing the refreshments for breaks and
lunch. Sign up with Committee Chairs Claire Bredthauer,
Kay Hamn, Ellen Pullen and Mary Ann Taylor to help Sun.
evening to ice the beverages and Mon. & Tue. with breaks
& lunch. You may attend some lectures, when we are
between "kitchen duties". We will be paid \$200 for
staffing the tables. Information: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/sglandex2.html>

President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends,

The Opening Social was so special. We started the
year with a "Tradition", getting to meet on campus,
where our A&M Garden Club started in 1936.

Thank you for bringing all the "Treasures" - the
goodies to eat, the seeds collected through name
tags, and the fun of visiting with long-time friends
and meeting new members - a special event! Norma
Jean Stokes did the lovely centerpiece for the
table, Eugenia Williams did many name tags and the
welcoming remarks, Jo Ann Cermin shared lovely
music, Sally Koestler did the yearbook, and so many
of you helping to make the event flow smoothly.
Thank you to everyone!

Another "Together" - 45 attended the opening
social on Aug 22. Welcome to the new members -
listed in this newsletter.

We appreciated Pat Boleman and Elaine Cross
hostessing for President Elsa Murano. Having Dr.
Peter Murano stop by to bring us greetings and
welcome us was very much appreciated. We
certainly enjoyed having our social in their lovely
home. Sheran Riley in the President's Office was
very helpful in scheduling the event.

Be sure and invite your prospective members and
new members to the meetings. We have some
great programs planned by Suzanne, a variety of
activities toward our objectives, and great sharing.

Please let me know your ideas and suggestions.

Jane Cohen, President 2008-09

Happy Birthday - September

2 - Mary S., 22 - Kris W., 23 - Lenora P.

New Members

Mary Ann Brannen, 3522 Graz Drive, CS 77845,
979-595-6161, mandtfirefly@aol.com, July 13
Kathleen Dudley, 1106 Van Horn Dr., CS 77845, 979
693-0402, kathi.amberdawn@gmail.com, Aug 22

Horticulture Sales Table

Bring your gardening items for the horticulture table each month. Bring potted plants, seeds, books, cuttings, design materials, etc., that another member might enjoy. Price each item you bring - shouldn't potted plants be at least \$2.50 to start the sales? Sales will be at the break. If there are items left at the end of the meeting, buy them reduced. Sales go toward our Cheer Fund, for memorial trees for members and for cheer plants and cards and stamps. Contact Heather White, ways and means chair.

Lost

- 1) Please check your yearbook for a yellow sheet, the yearbook printing bill. Call Angelika if you find it.
 - 2) Have the blue and white stripe case with the US and Tx flags from the May meeting? Bring to Sept. mtg.
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TGC Fall Convention in San Angelo

Pre-registration due October 1, see Lone Star Gardener.

NGC Week

Thanks to Mary Staffel for doing B-CS Library displays in June. Other activities: Habitat donations, Native Plants in Container Gardens at Heirloom Gardens and at Judy S with Perfectly Simple Plants. Jane C and Judy S won top honors for their entries in the Brazos County Horticulture Show on June 7. Sandra W & Helen Q won many top honors at the Grimes Co. Show.



Hospice Flowers

Took floral arrangements to Hospice after TAMU Floral Design Class Aug 1.

Pine Cones Project

Buy fireplace pine cones for yourself and gifts for friends \$10 per bag - mixed violet, yellow and blue-green at Sept 12 meeting.

Gardening Thoughts

Mary Ann Taylor wants your ideas on Sept 12 for an inspirational garden saying to use on a paver in the TAMU Holistic Gardens for our contribution from the Pot et Fleur show. The inscription may be up to 14 characters per line; maximum 5 lines. Example, with lines shown, is: Gardening /shows belief / in tomorrow. /The A&M /Garden Club

District V Meeting

Angelika H and Jane C attended the Killeen meeting on June 11. Jane presented Press/Publicity Workshop.

Seeds for Life

Thank you for donating seed packets as your name tags for the Opening Social. Approximately 100 seed packets were collected. Kris Walker, Seeds for Life Chair, will send our commercially packaged floral seeds to TGC to be distributed through the Technological Institute of Mazatenago, Guatemala and SOS Guatemala.

Container Gardens

Heirloom Gardens taught a clinic on June 4 for 8 members, preparing container gardens with native plants for Habitat during NGC Week.



Mary Jane Bizon, right, chaired Habitat project. Judy Schafer, 2nd from left, hosted Perfectly Simple Container Garden Workshop, June 6, with 7 members.

Habitat Dedication

12 container gardens were given to the 7 new homeowners, 3 from previous week, 1 to Habitat offices, and 1 to KBTX TV. The container gardens were displayed at recognition ceremony on June 6. Judy S, Mary Jane B, and Jane C attended.



August 22 Social

Thanks to everyone who helped make the event special for this year of "Together with Tradition and Treasures".

