



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- Feb 4** 10:00 Board Meeting, Hilton
- Feb 8-10** Flower Show School I, Tyler
- Feb 11** 9:30 am A&M Garden Club Meeting at Hilton Hotel
- Feb 15** Last day to do Combination Plantings for Flower Show - Check the Schedule, Horticulture Division.
- Feb 18** 9:30 am Design Workshop, Hanging Designs - Judy Schafer's home
- Feb 22-24** FSS IV Houston, TX
- March 1-2** Flower Show School II, Dallas, TX
- March 10** District V Spring Meeting San Marcos

TIP OF THE MONTH

Horticulture Tip

February 15 is the last day to put combination plantings together for the 2011 Flower Show. The Horticulture Rules require plantings to be together for 6 weeks prior to entry into the show. [Read schedule pg 5 and Section F, Handbook pgs 112-114.](#) Plant combinations should have similar cultural requirements for soil, water, fertilizer, light, and humidity. Consider the ultimate size as well as immediate effect of each plant and remember to include a variety of shapes, foliage, colors, and plant forms to lend interest. Planters for this show are 2 or more species together in a container and is not a landscape (no accessories). Dish Garden is a miniature landscape in an open container and may include an accessory. Terrarium is a miniature landscape in a transparent container and may have an accessory (new rules do not require it to be covered). There is an Award of Merit for this section--Go for it!

Design Tip

Sometimes a design idea is clear in your head. Many times it is not. If you need inspiration, workshops are fun opportunity to share ideas and look at design books. There are many design types outlined in the *Handbook* pgs 196-221. Additionally, several club members have books on design that they are willing to share - just ask! Judy Schafer is teaching a Hanging Design workshop on Feb 18 at her home. Don't miss a chance to share some time and get creative. Judy is also making her library available at that time if you want to look at design books...and she has quite a library.

A&M GARDEN CLUB MEETING - FRIDAY, FEB. 11TH @ 9:30 AM

Meet at the Hilton Hotel

Speaker: Dr. Don Renchie - Pesticide Safety

Hostesses: Jane Cohen, Eugenia Williams

KAYE'S KORNER

We have several busy months coming with workshops and the flower show. Actually very exciting times. Everyone is invited to participate and enjoy. I look forward to seeing all of you at the February meeting.

February Birthdays:

Pat Haberstroh	Feb 8
Kay Hamn	Feb 15

SCRAP BOOK ITEMS

Do you have an item to go
in the scrap book?
Bring it to the monthly meeting.

Please be kind, turn it in on time!

It's hard for the ladies to go back
and insert late items after
the pages have been designed.

WAYS & MEANS TABLE

Don't forget to bring your plants
and/or gardening items for the
Ways and Means Table
available at each meeting.

**Please price the items before you
bring them to the meeting.**

SCR AWARDS

Award entries in the South Central Region included several projects. Entering the Awards is a great way to summarize the accomplishments during 2010. The following SCR awards were entered:

- Birds - Bluebird Nesting Houses, Pink Birdhouse
- Club Program - Zone Meeting & Roses
- Yearbook - Sarah
- Communication - Tour, Hort, Daffodils, Ecology Flower Show, Wildflower, Newsletter & Newspaper Articles
- Community Concern - Carriage Inn
- Flower Show Schedule - Suzanne
- Historic Preservation - Rudder-Jessup Home - Hillary
- National Garden Week - Library, Fair, Membership

Thanks to Idalia and Jane for compiling the 2010 entries. Awards will be announced at the SCR meeting in Oklahoma March 11. Be sure and take pictures of your projects during 2011, get the newspaper clipping (whole page), a congratulation letter to the group you worked with, and help write up several paragraphs about the activity to enter the awards program. The award entries are limited to 10 or 12 pages. Texas awards entries are due by November 1 and SCR by February 1.

For more information, the Texas Garden Club Awards booklet is available on line - <http://www.texasgardenclubs.org/awards.html>.

CORRECTIONS TO THE FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

#1 Award of Merit description has changed with the Winter National Gardener issue. Due to those changes, the Award of Merit will only be offered in Sections C & D and not be offered in Sections A, B, & H (need to correct in Awards, pg. 4, and in sections A, B, pg. 6, and H, pg. 7).

#2 Sections E, F, & G eligible for Grower's Choice Award (listed correctly in Awards on pg 5 but need to correct section E, pg. 6, and section F, pg.7).