



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- March 1-2** Flower Show School II
 Dallas, TX
- March 4** 10:00 GC Board Mtg.
 Hilton Hotel
- March 10** District V Meeting
 San Marcos, TX
- March 11** 9:30 Garden Club Mtg.
 Hilton Hotel
- March 11** 1-2:30 Garden Therapy
 Workshop, Carriage Inn
- March 11-12** SCR Convention
 Normon, OK
- March 17-18** Gardening Study School
 Course I,
 College Station, TX

TIP OF THE MONTH

Design Tip

Set up your design at home in the light and remember to view it at the judges distance of 3 feet from the front. Designs should not extend beyond the frame of reference and/or background. Sometimes a digital photograph can help you see things you don't see with your own eyes. Pay attention to detail such as smudges on the background, wrinkled fabric, plant debris all of which are minor flaws that the judges see as totally in your control as the designer. Carefully pack your design to travel. Pad it if needed with tissue or bubble wrap and consider having someone help you to hold it for transport. Bring a "damage control" kit to set up - tape, pins, whatever in case something doesn't travel well or needs repairs when you get it set up.

Horticulture Tip

According to most guidelines, March 5 is our last freeze date, but that doesn't guarantee against a late frost. Plants have really taken a beating in the freezing weather we have had. The good news is that some plants benefit from freezing weather. Roses usually bloom more profusely when we have had a good chill. Some fruits like peaches bear more heavily with increased chill hours. However, most of us are looking at very unhealthy outdoor plants that suffered. Wait to trim back the damage for a few weeks. Prune down till you see green if you think it has dead portions. Many perennials may look really bad now but will come back from the roots or crown. Try to look over your indoor plants and get them groomed and healthy for entry into the show--check the schedule for classes.

A&M GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Friday, March 11, 2010 at 9:30 am - Hilton Hotel
Speaker will be Mark Klym - Hummingbird Gardens in Texas
Hostesses - Kaye Hobbs, Sarah Barrick, Dorothy Lorenz

HANGING DESIGN WORKSHOP



A Hanging Design workshop was conducted by Judy Schafer, Master Judge, at her home on Friday, February 18. Attendees included: Kaye Hobbs, Suzanne Milstead, Rose Smith, Mary Ann Taylor, Margaret Ann White, and Heather White. Judy had prepared a handout, and had multiple examples

March 22-24 Flower Show School
IV, Houston, TX

March 25 1-2:30 Garden Therapy
Workshop, Carriage Inn

March Birthdays:

No March Babies in our group

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.**

of both hanging design structures as well as mechanics to facilitate hanging design. She demonstrated both non-kinetic and kinetic types, and reviewed the *Handbook* description of hanging design. Then, attendees were given time to work on designs.

DISTRICT V MEETING

The District V Meeting is in San Marcos, March 10, hosted by the Spring Lake Garden Club. If you are interested in going, contact Kaye Hobbs for a registration form or check your District V newsletter for a form. A&M Garden Club member and Past Club President Dr. Jane Cohen is being installed as the new District Director 2011-2013 and we congratulate her on this honor. Club members are strongly encouraged to attend the District V Meeting. Registration of \$18 is due March 3. Late and walk ins cost \$20. Information is in the February District V Newsletter.

****CANCELLATION OF MAY DESIGN WORKSHOP****

The yearbook indicates a design workshop will be held in May on Reflective Design. This workshop has been canceled.

A&M GARDEN CLUB 2011 FLOWER SHOW "Easter Parade: For Children of All Ages" - April 5, 2011 - Open to the Public 12:30-3:30PM

The 2011 Flower Show is a Standard Flower Show featuring 4 design classes, many horticulture classes, and educational exhibits by A&M Garden Club members. We also have some Special Exhibits by the Carriage Inn residents that will be made in our Garden Therapy workshops this month. We are encouraging all club members to spread the word about the show to their friends, families, and co-workers. One of the primary goals of NGC is to educate the public and our club members about floral design and horticulture. Please make a point to tell your neighbors, your social clubs (bridge, mahjong, chess, whatever), women's groups, church members about the show. Sarah Barrick will have flyers at the March meeting and please take one to post on a message board or in a place of business.

GARDEN THERAPY WORKSHOPS

March 11, 2011, 1:00-2:30pm, The Carriage Inn - "Easter Hats"
March 25, 2011, 1:00-2:30pm, The Carriage Inn - "Easter Eggs"
Judy S. & Mary Ann T. are asking for assistance to set up the Special Exhibits for the Flower Show. They both have design entries and if you are not entering a design on Tuesday morning, they would greatly appreciate the assistance to set up the residents' projects. Please contact one of them if you would be available.

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

Gardening Study School, Course I, will be March 17-18 at the Horticulture Building. Late registration is \$125, but sign up as soon as you can, because the school must have 20 attending for the course to be offered. Registration form is available on the amgardenclub.com web site, under activities.

DAFFODIL PROJECT

Congratulations to Carolyn Guillotte who has been honored with a donation to the TGC Daffodil Project and will be recognized at the dedication next year. Other A&M Garden Club members who have contributed to the project include Idalia Aguilar, Jane Cohen, and Kaye Hobbs.