



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- Aug 4-5** Texas Design Seminar,
Renewal XX, Texas A&M
- Aug 4-6** Texas Design Seminar,
Course IV, Texas A&M -
contact: Joyce Cochran-
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- Aug 19-
21** Flower Show School II, Tyler
10:00 am A&M GC
- Sept 2** Board Meeting - TBA
- Sept 9** 9:30 am A&M GC Meeting
Peace Lutheran Church
- Sept 26-
27** Landscape Design School
Series XXII, Course III-TAMU
- Sept 26-
29** NGC Fall Board Meeting,
Little Rock, AR

TIP OF THE MONTH

Although it's been a real barn burner out there for the whole summer and the soil is severely parched, August is a prime month for planting for the fall garden. You will need to make sure you have decent soil hydration and some mulch between rows, and try to keep drip irrigation going if you can. The AgriLIFE Extension Service has a fabulous guide to planting available on their website. All of the following can be planted in August (dates vary): Beans (bush & pole), Corn, Cucumbers, Garlic, Swiss Chard, Mustard Greens, Turnips, Peppers, Irish Potatoes, Squash (Winter & Summer), and Tomatoes! Get your garden going and have a healthy fall harvest table.

No August Social this year. The first meeting will be the September 9th Meeting.

September A&M Garden Club Meeting

Friday, September 9th.

Grimes County Master Gardener, Alvie Vesperman will speak on "**Fall Gardening**". The meeting begins at **9:30 AM at Peace Lutheran Church**. After a short introduction, the speaker will give the program, followed by a social break and then our business meeting. Sandra Williams has worked very hard to secure qualified specialist speakers on topics for the year and this program is no exception. Hostesses for September are Sarah Barrick, Viola De La Garza, Geneva Eubanks. Don't miss it! **Peace Lutheran Church is located at 2201 Rio Grande, College Station.**

Health Concerns

Several club members have faced health challenges over the past few months since we last were all together. If you are aware of health problems of a club member who is willing to have the information shared with the club, please email it to the club list server as this disseminates information quickly. We need to remember each of us may face challenges and need help from time to time. Cards, calls, visits and sometimes a meal are appreciated by most who are feeling under the weather.

October A&M Garden Club Meeting

Friday, October 14th

Bill Adams, renowned speaker, will discuss "**Garden Photography**". The meeting begins at **9:30AM at Peace Lutheran Church**. He has

- Sept 27-29** Flower Show School III - Ft. Worth
- Oct 7** 10:00 am A&M GC Board Meeting
- Oct 14** 9:30am A&M GC Meeting Peace Lutheran Church
- Oct 18-21** TGC, Inc. Fall convention in San Antonio

August Birthdays:

Heather White	August 4
Delma Cassaro	August 11
Norma Jean Stokes	August 28
Mary Staffel	Sep 2
Lenora Patranella	Sep 23
Millie Parrack	Oct 31

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.

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

given workshops at Arbor Gate and around Houston. If photography and gardening are shared passions for you or you just love a beautiful photographic composition, come hear and see what he has to share. Hostess for October are Carolyn Guillotte, Kay Hamn, Kaye Hobbs.

Newsletter News

Your editors, Heather White & Sarah Barrick, have decided to publish the Newsletters on a less frequent basis this year. Issues will come out near the 1st of the month in August (summer), November (fall), February (winter), May (spring). If you have an article you would like to submit or have photos of a garden club event, email them to s-barrick@suddenlink.net or Heathermwhitemd@aol.com.

Board Kudos

The A&M Garden Club owes a big **THANK YOU** and rousing hand of applause to the hard workers of the board and others who volunteered to step up and complete plans for the year for the club. Due to the end of year changes in board membership a challenge was created and these individuals have turned it into an opportunity to continue to grow and appreciate our love of gardening.

District 5 Workshop: June 9



Idalia, Suzanne, Jane, and Judy trekked out to Kempner, Texas to join many garden clubs in District 5 for the annual club workshops. The trip was just what us girls loved---being on a road trip where we talked, and talked, and talked. What fun! Marlene Gillman organized

the meeting so that each member could sit in on 3 different mini-workshops ranging from conservation to wildflowers, to president's reports and more. These 12 informative sessions enabled new and old members alike to find out the how to's of garden clubbing, interesting ways to do it, new updates, and submitting evidence for an award. *Judy* presented sessions on garden therapy and backyard habitat, *Jane* on president's reporting and club committees, *Suzanne* on scrapbooks and flower show schedules. Judy also brought along plants, her pressed flower cards (which all sold) while the rest of us had a ball shopping for cactus, succulents, other plants, garden nic-nacs and raffles. Jane donated a bluebird house for a raffle. Host club Browning Community GC in Kempner prepared breakfast delights as well as a salad based lunch with a variety of desserts even though they are a small club of 18! They did a fine job of hosting us from all over District 5. Marlene Gillman is the new editor for the newsletter. Jane, as District 5 Director, updated us all on state activities and her web site to strengthen our communication amongst our huge district. Join for 2 years for only 8.00 to get the newsletter. Follow the District 5 news at: <http://sites.google.com/site/tgcdistrictv> Hope we see you next time!

