



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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A&M Garden Club Officers:

President: Hillary Jessup
1st VP Programs: Sandra Williams
2nd VP Web/Yearbook: Sarah Barrick
3rd VP Projects:
4th VP Hospitality: Rose Smith
Treasurer: Kay Hamn
Recording Secretary: Judy Schafer
Corresponding Secretary:
Reporter: Jane Cohen
Historian/Scrapbook: Sarah Barrick

At Large: Geneva Eubanks
 Sherry Ellison
Past President: Kaye Hobbs

Upcoming Events:

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| Nov 4 | Pilgrimage to Antique Rose Emporium |
| Nov 4 | Central Texas Judges Council Meeting, Temple Library, Temple |
| Nov 11 | November 11 - November Club Meeting, 9:30AM, Peace Lutheran Church |
| Nov 16 | Zone II Meeting, Mexia (information in District V newsletter/website) |
| Dec 2 | A&M GC Board Meeting |
| Dec 6 | Historical Home Tour |
| Dec 9 | Christmas Club Meeting & Plant Exchange at Hillary Jessup's Home |

November Meeting

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 9:30 am
Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande, College Station, TX
Speaker: Joe Novak - "The Value of Gardening"
Hostesses: Hillary Jessup, Maryann Manson and Heather White

President's Message

Our program last month was very informative. Bill Adams spoke about tomatoes; he just released his latest book "The Texas Tomato Lovers Handbook". It was disappointing that the power point projector did not work. It would be nice for our club to have our own so we don't have these problems again. Any suggestions? We welcomed two potential members. Joe Novak will be our speaker on November 11th. Do you have a neighbor or friend who would like to come to our next meeting? When you go to a gardening event, bring a few of our Garden Club cards with you to pass out. I handed out 15 cards at the Gardening 101 meeting in September. I am looking forward to the Fall Zone Meeting in Mexia on Wednesday November 16. I hope you will try to come. We will be carpooling so let me know if you need a ride.

Membership

The Board requests that all members make an effort to attend our meetings. We have 39 members who have paid dues. Any suggestions for increasing attendance at meetings would be appreciated and please direct these to Hillary Jessup. Several offices are open including: 1st Vice-President - Programs, 3rd Vice-President - Flower Show Chairman, Corresponding Secretary. Several Committee Chairmanships are also open and per our bylaws: Pilgrimages, Community Events (contact Hillary since no 1st VP or 3rd VP); Membership, Budget, Ways & Means (contact Kay Hamn, Treasurer). Descriptions for Officers are in the Yearbook or speak with a board member. It is vital to the ongoing function of the club that offices and chairmanships be filled.

September 9th Meeting

Alvie Vesperman, Grimes County Master Gardener, provided an informative program on vegetable and fall flower gardening. Handouts of the talk and a planting schedule from the Texas AgriLife Extension service was also given out to attendees. Delicious snacks were provided by the hostesses. 17 members attended, and two visitors.

October Meeting

Speaker Bill Adams presented a lecture on Tomatoes and personal green houses (original topic was to be Garden Photography). Hostesses were Kay Hamn, Kaye Hobbs, and Carolyn Guillotte. 22 members and guests were present. Special guests present were Eleanor Floeck, Linda Holt, Rick May, and Cynthia Mueller. Plans for

BIRTHDAYS:

September

Mary Staffel Sept 2
Kelly Klimple Sept 23
Lenora Patranella Sept 23

October

Millie Parrack Oct 31

November

Joyce Menefee Nov 1
Carolyn Guillotte Nov 28
Josephine Scarmardo Nov 28
Mary Ann Manson Nov 29

*Kelly Klimple's birthday is Sept 23 -
please add her to your birthday page
at the back of your directory

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.**

projects including: 1) recycling of coffee grounds 2) Earth Day booth with a tree door prize and coffee grounds for visitors to the booth 3) possible participation with other organizations to plant heirloom plants at Richard Carter Park. Other important upcoming events are Dec. 6 historical homes tour with Hillary Jessup's home on the tour, Nov. 4 pilgrimage to Antique Rose Emporium. The Zone II Meeting is November 16, in Mexia and all members are encouraged to attend. The Mexia Garden Club supported our Zone meeting and we should support their hosting of the meeting this year.

November Pilgrimage

Friday, November 04, 2011
Fall Festival of Roses, Independence Display Gardens,
Antique Rose Emporium (ARE), 10000 FM Road 50, Brenham,
979-836-9051, 800-441-0002, www.antiqueroseemporium.com

Speakers -

10:00 - 11:30 Mike Shoup, owner ARE, "Free Roses – Propagate and Breed Your Own"
1:30 - 2:30 Candy Fite, rose rustler extraordinaire, "Texas Rose Rustling"
3:00 Gallery of Roses - 100 scented blossoms to see and smell

Meet at America's Country Store, 14675 Wellborn Road at 8:45 am. Maybe lunch at the Brenham Airport, Southern Flyer Diner, 3001 Aviation Way, Brenham, Texas 77833 (off Hwy 50, south of ARE), 979-836-5462. The diner is open Fri at 11 am. If you want to take a lunch, the grounds are spacious.

Coffee Grounds in the Landscape Project

Support Texas Garden Club theme of State Regent Kathy Cox- "Moving Forward ... Clean and Green" and recycle coffee grounds as a conservation/environmentally friendly project.

On Monday September 19, Hollywood Cafe Bistro & Owner John Finlay hosted several officers of the A&M Garden Club for a luncheon and donation of Starbucks Coffee used coffee grounds.



"I have read numerous articles about how coffee grounds can enrich soil, assist in composting, and help grow plants and flowers," said John Finlay, "so I contacted the A&M Garden Club to see if they were interested in our coffee grounds."

The A&M Garden Club can participate with this easy project and use spent coffee grounds in the landscape, by recycling through composting, mixed with mulch, as a soil enhancer, etc. Recycling this great organic resource helps reduce the amount of organics going to the landfill. Coffee grounds can be collected from several local stores. A "Coffee Grounds Go Green" flyer will be available at the next meeting, with information on how to use coffee grounds.

Hollywood Cafe Bistro is located inside the Aggieldand Premiere 16 Cinema in Bryan, located on the Earl Rudder Fwy @ Booneville Rd. Mr. Finlay opened the Hollywood Cafe in March 2011, and has been contributing to the local community ever since.

A huge "**Thank You**" to the following A&M Garden Club members for excellent help during the Landscape Design School :

Jane Cohen, Kaye Hobbs, Sherry Ellison, Sandra Williams.

We had 96 garden club members and master gardeners attend the school. A&M Garden Club presented 2 door prizes of 10 lbs. of coffee grounds to go along with our conservation/ environmentally friendly project of using coffee grounds in the landscape rather than having them end up in the landfills. Star Bucks is currently supplying coffee grounds.



Coffee Grounds to Share

The club has an ongoing project to collect coffee grounds for composting, mulching, or as a soil additive as a part of Reduce/Reuse/Recycle. Hillary Jessup, Jane Cohen, or Judy Schafer will be happy to supply you with these but you will need to contact them prior to a meeting so they know how much you want and to bring it to the meeting. Alternatively, you could pick up all you need from one of them if it is between meetings and you need coffee grounds.

Texas Design Seminars

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Texas Design Seminars produced in a cooperative effort by the Benz School of Floral Design in the Department of Horticulture at Texas A&M and Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. It was a bittersweet event, marking a wonderful celebration of successful design experiences and many Design Consultants and Master Design Consultants have benefited from the tutelage of Dr. Jim Johnson who retired in August, 2011. He was assisted by Design Instructor Barbara Baker, and many distinguished committee members including Cathy Cox (TGC President), Renee Blascke (Immediate past NGC President and past TGC President), and our own Idalia Aguilar. Those who attended Renewal XX on August 2-4, 2011, participated in a special Floral Display at the John Haglar Building "Interpretations of The Wizard of Oz". Judges from all over the state, out-of-state, and from the international affiliates participated and had fabulous designs. Course 4 was August 4-6, and featured Angular Designs, Framed Spatial Designs, and Functional Capsule Tables for One. Suzanne Milstead and Heather White were thrilled to be able to participate in the last course as they were permitted to do so as student judges. Texas Design Seminars was a very special hybrid unique to Texas and there is nothing else like it in the NGC. There is a plan to do something special in the future and Bill McKinley, the incoming head of the Benz School, promises to help keep our design teaching available at A&M for Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. The Benz School graciously donates fresh material that is not used to our club for community projects (see below).

Community Outreach with Floral Design

Following the Benz School (above) fresh floral material was donated to our club. After Suzanne Milstead and Idalia Aguilar collected together the materials, two ladies who work for Hillary Jessup - Rachel Skinner & Emilee Rummel, delivered the flowers to Hillary's home. Jane Cohen, Geneva Eubanks, Kaye Hobbs, Mary Staffel, and Eugenia Williams worked to make arrangements and then deliver them. Deliveries were made to The Med in College Station, Bluebonnet & Frontline Nursing Homes, and to The Carriage Inn. Several club members who are convalescing from recent health issues received arrangements including Kay Hamn, Marge Watkins, and Margaret Ann White. Many thanks to the volunteers!!