

A&M GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7/17-19 Flower Show School IV,
Tyler, TX
- 7/24-25 Environmental Studies
Course IV, Water
Tyler, TX
- 8/10 **10:30 am**
A&M Membership Social
Home of Hillary Jessup
115 Lee Ave,
College Station

TIP OF THE MONTH

Design Tip

Think first about the theme or class title to help with ideas. Brainstorm on paper about possibilities. Incorporate non-plant materials to help carry the theme through the design or help to bring the theme in through color selections. This is especially helpful for holiday designs for the table and seasonal accents can help unify the design. Think outside the box by including vegetables, fruit, and nuts which you may have on hand and will reduce the cost of the design without purchasing large amounts of floral materials.

Horticulture Tip

We have been fortunate to have more rain this spring and summer than last year. Unfortunately, that means pesky weeds may be a problem and you have to attack early and often to keep them down and out of your beds. Be careful to read herbicide labels carefully with regard to mixing, application, and storage. It is always better to use less and dilute more than to use it in too concentrated a form. When all else fails, reach down and pull those suckers by the root!

Conservation Tip

This Fall, the BCS area will have its semi-annual Household Waste Collection Day. Start pulling together your stuff as you clean out your garage this summer by setting aside the paint, chemicals, pesticides, light bulbs, batteries, medications, old computers/electronics, and anything else you can imagine for this worthwhile project to help keep these items out of our landfills and our environment. The date is usually in the late part of October and I will post it in the September newsletter. Our goals are to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" and to "Keep it Clean & Green".

AUGUST 10, 2012, A&M GARDEN CLUB SOCIAL GET TOGETHER

All club members and prospective members/guests are invited to the **August 10 Social at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Hillary Jessup, 115 Lee Ave, College Station.**

BIRTHDAYS

Sally Koestler June 25
Angelika Hoepfl June 26

Ellen Pullen July 13
Hillary Jessup July 22
Sandy Williams July 28

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Pat Hoover
Frances "Fran" Sadler
Michele Wehrheim,
Pat Ritchey
And welcome back Helen Quinn

A PEEK AT UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Climate Change for Plants
Landscape Drip Irrigation
Yard Art
Designing in Containers
Garden Tips
Daylilies

Your new A&M Garden Club Board Members will be providing refreshments for the club with an herb-inspired theme. Club members who wish to bring their own herb-inspired dish to share are welcome to do so, but it is not required. Come here about the program plans for the year, and hopefully the yearbooks will be ready! President Kay Hamn will share her vision for the club and we will have the opportunity to chat about what is going on in our gardens and in our lives. Please save the date and make plans to attend--bring a friend or neighbor.

NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR 2012-2013

Starting with the **September 14th** meeting, the A&M Garden Club will be meeting in a new location this year (2012-2013). The new meeting location will be at the **College Station Waste Water Facility Building**.

College Station WW Facility building
2200 North Forest Parkway
College Station, TX

(in the training room) The Waste Water Facility building is at the very, very end of North Forest Parkway.

DIRECTIONS:

1. From Highway 6 take the *Emerald Parkway* Exit, also known as FM 2818.
2. Go *north* on the east side frontage road (side away from town) of Hwy 6 a short distance until you can turn right on *North Forest Parkway*
3. Go to the Very Very end of North Forest Parkway, even past the dead end road sign (it means you are on the right track) and then then through the open gate, not Emerald city, but you are at the right place.
4. There is parking in front if you get there early, or more room in the parking lot to the left side of the building.

Note: If, as you go north on the frontage road you get to the Catholic church, you have missed North Forest Parkway, but cut through the church parking lot back to North Forest Parkway then turn left and go to the very very end as above.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Garden Club Members,

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to be your President for 2012-2013. It is a great honor and great responsibility. We will be working on many excellent projects such as Arbor Day, Community Events such as Earth Day, and Garden Therapy. The club will have an educational booth at the Heritage Park Fourth of July celebration in Bryan. It will be a busy and productive year.

We have gained a number of new members and welcome them warmly. Please extend a friendly hand to them and help them to become aware of all we do in our Garden Club. Help them to learn new things and develop new interests. Be aware of those you know or meet who might be

possible new members. Explain to them the goals and accomplishments of the club and invite them to visit our meetings. We can learn so much from new members as they add new ideas for our group.

The Program Committee is planning many interesting programs for the year. Programs have been proposed in regard to Daylilies, Climate Change for Plants, Check List of Great Garden Tips, Children's Sensory Gardens, and creating a Key Hole Garden. Other topics are also being considered. Pilgrimages to interesting places such as Brookwood Community are being discussed. Everyone enjoys going to new areas to visit locations that offer new ideas.

My theme for this next year is "Learning by Growing". I hope we can carry out our goals with enthusiasm and delight. There is so much to learn and share with each other. We can create an amazing year for everyone.

Kay Hamn
President, A&M Garden Club 2012-2013



Kay Hamn, President 2012-2013, receives lectern to add to our club sign from Marlene Gillman at District V Workshop, June 7, Georgetown.



GARDEN CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE, IDALIA AGUILAR

Idalia Aguilar, our A&M Garden Club nominee for Garden Club Member of the Year, has been selected at the District Level to represent District V in the Statewide competition with 9 (potentially) other nominees - one from each district. We are thrilled that Idalia was selected. However, we aren't surprised because we know how terrific she is and how great her contributions to A&M Garden Club, District V, State, South Central Region, and National are so we are happy that others see this too. She has made a special effort to color our world and we live in a better place because of her work.



HERITAGE DAYS

A&M Garden Club members, Judy Schafer, Kay Hamn, Geneva Eubanks, Kelly Klimple, Rose Smith, and Judy's husband Dale Schafer, helped to promote a successful booth at Heritage Days. Prior to the event, quart bags filled with coffee grounds from Starbucks & instructions on how to use them, handmade bookmarks by Judy with wildflowers, and gardening brochures as well as pass along plants and seeds were prepared for giveaway. The booth was decorated in patriotic colors and a large A&M Garden Club sign. The other festivities included a children's parade, flag raising, live music, antique cars, hot dogs, popcorn, lemonade, and watermelon. Many stopped by the booth to enjoy the educational materials and giveaways.

Special thanks to those members who gave up holiday time with their families and friends to prepare & work this event - you are APPRECIATED!!!



These ladies worked on stuffing bags for the Heritage Days Booth. Left to right, Michele Wehrheim, Sherry Ellison, Rose Smith, Kay Hamn, Geneva Eubanks, Sandy Williams, Jane Cohen, Judy Schafer.



MEXIA GARDEN STROLL



Several A&M Garden Club members enjoyed the Mexia Garden Stroll in Mexia on May 6. The Mexia Club uses this as a fundraiser and does this alternating years with a Flower Show. 5 gardens were on the tour and each was unique. In addition, there was a stop at the FFA (coordinated project with Youth by Mexia Club) greenhouse to buy some plants. Pictured are

Heather White, Hillary Jessup, Suzanne Milstead, and Jane Cohen.



20 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Hillary Jessup, President 2011-2012 with 20 year service members Viola DeLaGarza, Eugenia Williams, and Mary Ann Taylor.



DISTRICT V WORKSHOP, GEROGETOWN, JUNE 7



Nine A&M Garden Club members attended the District V Workshop in Georgetown on June 7. Participants included: Jane Cohen (District V Director), Kay Hamn (President), Kelly Klimple, Sherry Ellison, Idalia Aguilar, Hillary Jessup, Suzanne Milstead, Heather White and Michele Wehrheim.

Idalia invited a guest Honey Kutach from Caldwell who is interested in starting a new club in Caldwell! We won attendance prizes of USA ground pickets, and a lectern to add to our club stand. The Workshop started with a Plants & Things sale with lots of great herbs, pass along plants, and many miscellaneous items. There were two district raffle items - a Carol Zeigler wooden sculpture & a piece of dried wood from Marlene Gillman, as well as a mounted piece from the local club, Georgetown Garden Club, that hosted the meeting.

They also put on a huge spread of homemade goodies, coffee, and punch. Jane Cohen welcomed the group, and Marlene Gillman was presiding. The first breakout sessions included: Club Presidents, Youth Awards-Speech & Essay, Landscape Projects, Arbor Day, and Pilgrimages. Heather White & Suzanne Milstead presented "Dash of Design" The Case for Flower Shows and How to Get Design in Your Club Programs. There were five design types presented including: Decorative Wreath, Pot-et-Fleur, Mono-Botanic, Functional Capsule Table Design, and Collage as well as addressing common reasons why clubs don't want to do Flower Shows. There was a second breakout session which included: Butterflies, Yearbooks, Office of Secretary and Treasurer, Scrapbooks, and Awards Chairman Briefing.

After a quick break to shop, lunch was presented and included fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, and homemade desserts. I was told the brownies were "to die for". There was an open forum to exchange ideas about speakers for the district and a speaker list from last year was passed out. Jane Cohen discussed soliciting new members with an idea for each month - ex. ask a neighbor, ask your minister/pastor/someone from church, etc. We are excited that Mason, the newest club in the district seems to be thriving with the support of Sherie Clarkson, our incoming District Director for next year, and the possibility of a new club in Caldwell is great! Announcements were made for Life Membership challenge. Eleanor Floeck is offering \$\$\$ to the club with the most new Life Members for State, South Central Region, and National between now and April 1, 2013. For the District, \$\$\$ also offered for the most new members (not percentage) by (\$50 from Marlene & \$50 from Idalia Aguilar). The District V Newsletter is available for email. Marlene Gillman presented highlights of the upcoming Texas Garden Club State Convention Spring 2013 in College Station. Speakers will include Jim Johnson, William (Bill) Welch, and there will be workshops and activities for all members.



NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK



Garden Week displays at Bryan's Clara Mounce Library and the College Station Larry Ringer Library compiled by A&M Members Judy Schafer, Geneva Eubanks, and Sherry Ellison.