



# 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:**

**Feb 3**        10:00 a.m. A&M GC Board  
                  Mtg.

**Feb 3**        10:30 a.m. Arbor Day Event  
                  Veteran's Park, 3101 Harvey  
                  Mitchell Pkwy

**Feb 10**       9:30 a.m. A&M GC Meeting  
                  Peace Lutheran Church

**Feb  
14-16**       Flower Show School III,  
                  Tyler, TX

**Feb  
20-21**       Landscape Design School XXII  
                  Course III, TAMU

## **TIP OF THE MONTH**

**Design:** Color palette is important in selecting flowers and components for design. Often, we stay in a color "family" such as shades of red to as light as pink or as dark as maroon/purple or we may choose colors that complement each other such as red/green, blue/orange, yellow/purple-- these are known as direct complements. Nature does this in its own way - think of holly leaves with red berries or poinsettias. Too many colors in a design can be disturbing and break up rhythm, whereas too few can be dull and flat though sometimes a monochromatic design can be dramatic by drawing on contrast in forms and texture. Many people are drawn to the same colors over and over so it is important to mix it up from time to time, and colors can reflect your mood and the season.

**Horticulture:** It is the season to think about a round of cold crop vegetables like the broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and to consider planting potatoes. Master Gardeners are offering some fabulous programs this spring to get you started so check out their website or the AgriLife Extension site for dates and programs.

## **February A&M Garden Club Meeting:**

Friday, February 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.  
Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande, College Station  
Speaker: Lynn Braswell "Conservation: Keeping Texas Natural/  
Native Plants"  
Hostesses: Angelika Hoepfl, Judith Schafer, Jane Cohen

## **District V now has a Web Page -**

<https://sites.google.com/site/tgcdistrictv/home> - this site will have District V information and a copy of the District V newsletter. This is a good source of club activities including Flower Shows, club programs, and interesting tidbits. Check it out!!

## **Polo Shirts are in...**

The TGC polo shirts are in!!! Wear them on Friday for the Arbor Day Ceremony at 10:30 am

## February Birthdays:

Pat Habertroh 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.

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

## January 2012 Meeting



Program was given by Ann Wheeler of Arbor Gate Farms on "Herbs and Their Use in Cooking". A slide show presentation, hints on herbs to grow and how to grow them, and samples were passed around to members. Herbs were sold at the end of the program. Four guests were Sandy Williams, Deborah Anderson, Pat Venson, and Karen Win. Thanks to the

hostesses for delicious snacks! Voting on incoming officers was conducted (see slate below).

### Elections for Officers 2012-2013 A&M Garden Club

**President** - Kay Hamn

**1st VP Programs** - Hillary Jessup

**2nd VP Yearbook** - Sarah Barrick

**3rd VP Flower Show** - Geneva Eubanks

**4th VP Hostess** - Rose Smith

**Recording Secretary** - Jane Cohen

**Corresponding Secretary** - Sherry Ellison

**Treasurer** - Kelly Kimple

**Reporter** - Judy Schafer

**Historian** - Sarah Barrick

Congratulations to these ladies and thank you for stepping up to meet our needs!!! These ladies will be installed at the May, 2012 meeting. However, officer responsibilities and planning start right away. The yearbook is prepared in the summer so that we can make every effort to have it printed by August and available to members at the first meeting. That means incoming officers need to speak with their current counterparts about their jobs. The treasurer and budget committee greatly appreciate it if anticipated budgets can be submitted prior to April 1, as their budget to propose to the club is presented at the May meeting also. ***Club members who would like to provide assistance to any of the officers would be appreciated*** and "it takes a village" to have a successful club year. In particular, Programs & Pilgrimages, Flower Show (which will hopefully be changed in the bylaws to Community Project), Hostess, and Historian need assistance to get their jobs done as they are large jobs over the year.

### Arbor Day, February 3, 2012, 10:30AM, Veterans' Park

Arbor Day this year is coordinated by Kay Hamn & Kaye Hobbs and will take place at Veterans' Park, between Highway 30/Harvey Rd and University Drive at 10:30AM on February 3. The club plans to plant 2 trees to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of TGC. At this time Kathy Cox, TGC President, is scheduled to attend and we would like to have a good turnout for the event. If you would like to assist in planning please contact Kay or Kaye.

### Brazos County Arbor Day Proclamation Presentation



Left to right - Judge Peters, Amy Reed, Hillary Jessup, Jane Cohen, Sherry Ellison, Geneva Eubanks.

**Landscape Design School, February 20 & 21, Christ United Methodist Church (registration required for course credit)**

If you haven't taken the LDS you should consider signing up - details online at TGC website and in the LSG publication. This particular school, school IV, includes a bus tour of several landscaped homes and businesses in BCS and should be a real treat.

\*\*\*Request for help with putting on the LDS - we need A&M Garden Club members to help\*\*\*

Judy Schafer is coordinating a work detail and has a signup list for club members to help with aspects of the school - registration, kitchen, testing, etc. A&M Garden Club has helped in the past. The chairman of the schools is Nell Zeigler, a former member of A&M Garden Club, who now lives in Oglesby and many of you know who has been ill and needs help to pull this together. If you are also a Master Gardener, you can get work credit hours for assisting (and also if you take the course). Contact Judy to assist - she particularly needs help on Tues 21 but any help is appreciated.

**Planning Meeting on March 30, 2012, for Earth Day Community Project (Earth Day is April 12)**

Earth Day is April 12, 2012, at Wolf Pen Creek, and our club voted to have a booth at Earth Day rather than do a Flower Show this year. The chairmen for this are Geneva Eubanks and Rose Smith. Other committee members are Judy Schafer, Sherry Ellison, and Hillary Jessup. However, we would love to have other club members participate and are encouraging them to attend this planning meeting on **March 30, at 9:30** at Judy Schafer's home. There will filling of sandwich bags with coffee grounds to give out with flyers on the coffee ground project at the booth.

**Board Requests Members to be on the Lookout for a New Meeting Location**

The board members are not satisfied with the light and sound for programs at Peace Lutheran Church. They request that members look for a location that can accommodate our group.

**Coffee Grounds Project**

Jane Cohen and Judy Schafer have extensive bags of coffee grounds for use in composting. Additionally, Judy and her husband, Dale, experimented with using the coffee grounds on fire ant hills and seem to feel it works as well as the chemical options. As indicated, the club will be giving away coffee grounds at the Earth Day booth.

**Note:** Judy Schafer has plenty of bags of coffee grounds on hand. If members want coffee grounds to get your gardens ready for spring planting or to add to your compost please let me know. Judy can bring them to Arbor Day event or to the Feb. meeting. Bags contain about 10 lbs. Let Judy know how much you want and when you can pick up.

**Landscaping Project for 2012-2013**

Jane Cohen is coordinating a project to work with the College Station Parks Department to develop a landscape planting at Carter Park. If you are interested in this project, please contact Jane Cohen.

### **“Rescued Bulbs Find New Homes”**



Member, Suzanne Milstead recently offered some large crinum bulbs to club members in exchange for a donation to the club. One of her master gardener friends rescues heirloom and pass-a-long plants and replants them at churches and other gardens. These crinums came from an abandoned home in Bryan

where they survived our fierce summer heat and drought. Her husband, Joe, Suzanne, and the friend dug a deep trench to reach the bulbs without damage. These are really tough plants which should survive given a minimum of care to start them. Planted now, this spring we should be gifted with large blooms and in a couple of years, they can be divided and shared with others. More information on care can be found by a Texas grower at <http://marcellescrinums.com/html/culture.html> Members who received bulbs were Heather White, Hillary Jessup, Carolyn Guillotte, Sally Koestler, and new member Linda Holt.

### **Congratulations - New Flower Show Judges**

Congratulations are due to Heather White and Suzanne Milstead, our two new Flower Show Judges!

### **Sad Farewell to Sandra Williams**

Sandra Williams has been very active in the A&M Garden Club for many years and has contributed extensively to educational exhibits and horticultural projects. Sandra has sold her property and will be moving to Corpus Christi at the end of February. We will miss her and wish her well in her new home - lots of stuff to landscape!! Come back anytime.