



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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At Large: Geneva Eubanks
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Upcoming Events:

- March 2** 10:00 am Joint A&M GC
Board Meeting with new and
old officers.
- March 2-3** Flower Show School IV -
Dallas, TX
- March 8** District V Spring Convention,
Killeen, TX
- March 9** 9:30 a.m. A&M Garden Club
Meeting
- March
22-24** TGC State Spring Convention
Grapevine, TX
- March 30** Earth Day Planning Meeting
(More details in newsletter)
- March
30-31** SCR Convention -
North Little Rock, AR

TIP OF THE MONTH

Horticulture

In theory, our last freeze date is March 5 - a few days later for those folks north of BCS and a few days earlier for those south perhaps. One old wives tale says if the redbuds have bloomed you are safe to plant. Keep this in mind in your spring planting. Tender seedlings won't tolerate the frost, but you can get a good start indoors with many seeds like tomatoes, eggplant, and squash varieties.

Design

Bring the outdoors in as fresh flowers are starting to bloom especially the bulbs. Narcissus, iris and amaryllis will be popping out all over. Bulb flowers have staying power even when cut and look pretty arranged with broader leaves such as Aspidistra or even Canna leaves. Simple home arrangements in vases on the table cheer everybody up at mealtime and really brighten a room.

March A&M Garden Club Meeting:

Friday, March 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.
Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande, College Station, TX
Speaker: Scott Shafer "Conservation in Urban Development"
Hostesses: Rose Smith and Sherry Ellison

Notes from February A&M Garden Club Meeting



The February 10 A&M Garden Club meeting featured a celebration of District V's 75th year with a birthday cake! Special mini-program on design by Judy Schafer, who made a centerpiece, added to the main program. The speaker was Lynn Braswell, Master Naturalist with Brazos County Extension, on "Conservation: Resources for Keeping Texas Natural/Native Plants". Hostesses were Jane Cohen, Angelika Hoepfl, Judy Schafer, and Rose Smith. There was a nice article

in the Eagle (thanks to Jane Cohen).

March Birthdays:

No Birthdays to celebrate this month...

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.



Happy Saint Patrick's Day,
March 17.

Arbor Day Celebration, February 3, 10:30 Veteran's Park



The A&M Garden Club celebrated Arbor Day this year by planting 2 trees in honor of the 75th celebration of District V in TGC/NGC. The program was led by Hillary Jessup, club president, and participating members of the committee were Kaye Hobbs, Kay Hamn, Jane Cohen, Sherry Ellison, Geneva Eubanks, and Carolyn Guillotte. Other members included Heather White, Mary Staffel, and MaryAnn Taylor.

Initially, the program had greetings from Kathy Cox, Texas Garden Club State President thanking our club for this special program and planting 2 trees. She commented that her mother always said trees are a great babysitter for children. Idalia Aguilar, Texas Garden Club State Historian contributed meaningful history regarding a prior contribution by A&M Garden Club to the park with the placement of the Blue Star Memorial in 2009, and how the entire community had come together to make that possible. Eleanor Floeck, former state trustee, gave greetings.



Jane Cohen, District V Director, was pleased to pass on the history of A&M Garden Club's many contributions to the Brazos Valley landscaping mentioning prior park projects, cemetery plantings in memory of club members, the

Wellborn Community landscaping. Hillary Jessup reported briefly on many different projects that the club does in an ongoing fashion and the active member participation. Contributing to the project were Keep Brazos Beautiful and The Brazos Valley Tree Farm (trees donated courtesy of Kaye & Barron Hobbs).

The program started with a brief history of Arbor Day by Kay Hamn, and Arbor Day Poem read by Kaye Hobbs. Arbor Day Proclamation and Remarks were made by Commissioner Precinct #4 Irma Cauley, for Brazos County Judge Duane Peters, and by City of College Station Mayor Nancy Berry on behalf of both Bryan and College Station. Then, Phillip Knowles, a TAMU Singing Cadet, sang acapella and led the group in "God Bless America".



Prayers and Concerns for Mary Staffel, and Idalia Aguilar's daughter, Lily.



Margaret Ann White: Many of you have seen the article in the Eagle about her nomination as Garden Club Member of the Year from our club. She is now living at Crestview Skilled Nursing, Room 2301. Visitors welcome. She hopes to attend meetings when she is able.

Phillip is a junior civil engineering major from Tyler, Texas. Several members of Parks and Recreation staff were on hand as well, and Keep Brazos Beautiful brought a fabulous silver shovel to plant the trees. Closing was done by Sherry Ellison who asked us to ponder the many joys of trees - for climbing, for shade, for food. The trees were then planted by park staff and a few shovelfuls of landscape mix by the dignitaries!



A&M Garden Valentines Card Workshop

Those of us who met for the Valentine card making workshop had a fun time. We shared fun ideas - made some unusual great Valentines for those special on our lists. This was to some extent a recycling effort to use materials on hand and materials left over from past projects. For some it was a learning experience of items available for craft use.



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 be filling of sandwich bags with coffee grounds to give out with flyers on the coffee ground project at the booth.

District V Website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/tgcdistrictv/>

TGC Website:

www.texasgardenclubs.org

User ID: member

Password: daylily

NGC: www.gardenclub.org

Visit for information about National Convention May 16-20, 2012, Buffalo, NY.

Lots of useful information available at this website.

District V Meeting MARCH 8

The Spring District V Convention is in Killeen - just up the road about 1 1/2 hours. Our own Jane Cohen is the District Director and A&M Garden Club should try to participate. District meetings are very interesting because you find out what other clubs are doing and have the chance to meet other club members. There are opportunities to shop for great plants and other stuff, door prizes, and raffles. Make plans to go if you haven't already and visit the District website or speak to Jane about attending. There will probably be carpooling as usual for those who want to travel together.

Texas Garden Club State Convention MARCH 22-24

The TGC State Convention is in Grapevine, about 3 1/2 hours north, on March 22-24. There is a full explanation in your Lone Star Gardener which you should have received by now, or check the TGC website. Several club members have will be attending. Jane Cohen, District V Director & State Chair of the Governor's Mansion Daylily Project, will be there as well as Idalia Aguilar, State Historian. Two of our club members, Suzanne Milstead and Heather White have been asked to provide designs for the Judges Council programs at State. Please come and show your support. This is a good opportunity to experience a state convention. District V will be hosting the 2013 Spring State Convention next year here in College Station so it is helpful to know what happens if you haven't been before.

Landscape Design School, FEBRUARY 20-21

TGC & Texas AgriLife Extension coordinated the LDS at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station under Dr. William Welch & Mrs. Nell Ziegler. A special bus tour of commercial and residential landscaping at Miramont was arranged, as well as the informed and knowledgeable speakers. TGC State President, Kathy Cox, attended and told me how much she enjoys visiting College Station. A&M Garden Club members were on-hand to help and volunteer including: Jane Cohen, Carolyn Guillotte, Sherry Ellison, Judy Schafer, Lenora Patronella, Geneva Eubanks, Rose Smith, Ellen Pullen, and Kay Hamn. The program was a big success as always and the volunteer efforts of A&M Garden Club were recognized.



Front Row: Ellen Pullen, Kay Hamn. Back Row: Sherry Ellison, Jane Cohen, Carolyn Guillotte, Judy Schafer.



Back Row: Judy Schafer, Kathy Cox, Rose Smith, Carolyn Guillotte, Jane Cohen. Front Row: Lenora Patronella, Sherry Ellison, Geneva Eubanks.