

# A&M GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

### January 2013



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

1/4	10:30 A&M GC Board Mtg - Sarah's Home
1/11	9:30 A&M GC Meeting CS WW Facility 2200 North Forest Pkwy

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

##### Design Tip

Space - not the final frontier but an essential Element of Design that is absolutely critical to Creative Design. Space is defined as the open area in and around a design--and by definition is almost always 3D (exceptions are Collage and 2 Dimensional Plaques). There are 3 kinds of Space: Total Space, Spaces within Plant Material, and Spaces established Within Design. Total Space refers to the area available to the designer and is also called the frame of reference. The designer does not have control over this and it is controlled by the schedule for the Flower Show. A schedule should always specify the space allowed. Spaces within Plant Material and other components, the designer may have limited control. Pruning the material and placing the floral material creates spaces (and also abstracts the material). A designer may select a container or other components specifically to create spaces - multiple openings in modern containers, grid-like surfaces, or Styrofoam pieces. Finally, there is Space established Within Design which is the most fun because the designer has the greatest control over this space. It is created by selecting and organizing solids and spaces in the design by careful selection and placement of materials and manipulating the components to the designer's vision. By incorporating visual depth a key aspect of space, the floral design will have much more interest. Open space is lighter, and closed spaces are heavier, and this can affect balance and rhythm of a design. When you manipulate space, it helps you to make "less is more" a component of your design and it is absolutely critical to Creative Designs. Traditional designs rely much less on space and tend to be abundant plant material with very little space. However, through overlapping of forms, profile pose of forms, and gradation of size, color and texture of forms can be used to create depth in Traditional Designs.

##### Horticulture Tip

Water and humidity are needed in adequate amounts since plant tissues contain a high percentage of water. Amount of water needed varies greatly with: type of plant (succulents & cacti need less than roses); stage of growth (seedlings need more water than established plants); type of soil or potting medium (lighter and more porous soil needs more water - i.e. clay holds water but it's a brick when dry); time of year (actively growing plants need more water than when dormant); size and type of container (clay pots dry out faster and larger pots dry out more slowly than small ones); amount of direct sunlight (shade will slow evaporation); air circulation, air temperature, and humidity of the

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Barrick Jan 8  
Judith Schafer Jan 11  
Eugenia Williams Jan 14  
Margaret Ann White Jan 15  
Mary Ann Taylor Jan 25  
Sherry Ellison Jan 29

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Carmen Billings  
Melissa McIlhaney  
Susie Ohendalski  
Myrna H Wright

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

February 18th & 19th at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station. Members are encouraged to participate. Lots of great speakers and information.

**Registration and more information at link below:**

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/sglandex2.html>

surrounding air (air conditioning and heating are drying to plants; plants adapted to dry conditions get diseased when overly moist; humidity can be increased by humidifiers, misting, or water-filled pebble trays); high salt water content cause leaf tips to be brown (very common in BCS if you use tap water); water in the morning to promote leaf drying and be careful not to overwater indoor plants which can cause root rot. To emphasize this importance, several parts of this state are zone 8 (like us) but due to significant differences in rainfall, we can grow some plants easily here that they can't in West Texas and there are those that cannot survive here because it can be too humid/wet for succulents and some cacti.

### Conservation Tip

For your New Year's Resolution, consider just one regular recycling idea and do it all year this year. Consider one of the following--save your newspapers to make "log rolls" or shred them for a litter box; recycle ALL your soda cans; compost your wet garbage; keep your electronics and new light bulbs out of the landfill - save them for the April/October County Recycling Day.

## JANUARY A&M GARDEN CLUB MEETING

January 11, 2013 - 9:30 am  
College Station Waste Water Facility Building  
2200 North Forest Parkway  
College Station, TX

**Speaker:** Glen Schroeder from the Rose Emporium "Rose Breeding"

**Topic of the Month:** Carolyn Guillotte "NGC Conservation & Tree Seedlings"

**Hostesses:** Sherry Ellison & Jane Cohen

We will be electing new officers for 2013-2014 (see below) and have signups for working various projects. Please come and bring a friend.

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-2014 A&M GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS

The nominating committee chair, Michele Wehrheim, presented the nomination slate of new officers for 2013-2014 that will be voted on in January, 2013: President - Michele Wehrheim; 1st VP Programs - Hillary Jessup; 2nd VP Yearbook - Sarah Barrick; 3rd VP Flower Show - VACANT; 4th VP Hospitality - Myrna Wright; Recording Secretary - Pat Ritchey; Corresponding Secretary - Sherry Ellison; Treasurer - Mary Staffel; Reporter - Jane Cohen; Historian - Melissa McIlhaney. 3rd VP Flower Show is open. Although our bylaws state this position is FS Chairman, there is flexibility in the actual activities of the position. We have not had a FS for 2 years, and though encouraged strongly by National Garden Clubs to have one, the club can do a community event or show that is not an NGC Standard Show. If you think you might be interested, please let Michele Wehrheim know as soon as possible. The Keep Brazos Beautiful organization is requesting we assist with a large community event in June that would include a flower show. Nominations for all positions can be taken from the floor at the January meeting prior to the vote. Officers are installed at the May meeting.



## HELEN QUINN, A&M GARDEN CLUB MEMBER HONORED AS GRIMES COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FOR 2012



Helen Quinn, a longtime A&M Garden Club Member and Grimes County Master Gardener, was recently honored for her contributions to the Grimes County Master Gardeners with their "2012 Golden Hoe Award" at a year end celebration at Martha's Bloomers in Navasota. Helen says it's easy to do stuff when you enjoy it! Helen has many talents, among which are her master gardener skills and knowledge, an amazing skill at homemade goodies like preserves, chutneys, and spreads that have won prizes at the Grimes County Fair. If you are lucky, you can catch her with some to sell out of her trunk or at the Saturday Farmers Market in downtown Navasota. She is a world traveler, and great fun to just chat with at a social event. If you don't know her, step up and congratulate her at the next meeting. Hats off to you Helen!



## DISTRICT V SPRING CONVENTION - MARCH 26, 2013

Save the date for this convention in Killeen. There will be a contingent of A&M Garden Club folks attending and we hope you will be one of them! New officers will be installed, and there is always great shopping and informational workshops. This is an easy drive north of us and you can carpool.



## A&M GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY SOCIAL DECEMBER 14, 2012



The 2012 Holiday Social at Pat Ritchey's home was a great deal of fun and thievery! Sorry if you missed it. Attendance was 33 including several guests and Eleanor Floeck, a frequent visitor from Giddings, who came to speak on Life Memberships. Kay Hamn honored Mary Ann Taylor with a 2012 Member Award of Honor Certificate, and Idalia Aguilar was recognized as receiving the 2012 Texas Garden Club

Member of the Year. Nominating committee reported - see below. Judy Schafer announced the TGC Landscape Design School will be held Feb 18-19 at Christ UMC. In the past we have assisted as hostesses for this and the board approved this idea. Judy will be taking signups at the January meeting. Members are encouraged to sign up for the LDS course which you may start in any sequence and is one of the great perks to be a TGC member! Jane Cohen and Sherry Ellison are working on the Carter Park project to provide plantings and is submitting applications to TGC and DAR for funding. The 2013 TGC Spring Convention is April 22-24 in College Station. Following the official meeting, a great time was had by all in the Rob Your Neighbor gift exchange.

Snacks & treats were provided by all members, but a special thanks to Pat Ritchey for providing beverages and her beautiful home for us to party in for the event. THANKS PAT!!!





**Above:** A&M Garden Club President Kay Hamn presenting "2012 Member of Year" award to Mary Ann Taylor. Eleanor Floeck speaks about types of Garden Club memberships.

