

A&M GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March 2013



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UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1	10:30 A&M GC Board Mtg
3/8	9:30 A&M GC Meeting CS WW Facility 2200 North Forest Pkw
3/8	12:30 Arbor Day Event St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Bryan
3/22-23	SCR Convention, Albuquerque, NM

TIP OF THE MONTH

Design Tip

There are 3 basic designs in the upcoming flower show. Creative Mass, Creative Line Mass with weathered wood, and Pot-et-Fleurs. All are CREATIVE designs. This means they are designs of space, for in all Creative Design the relationship between form and space is of vital consideration. They are eclectic in concept, borrowing from different styles or periods but generally are fairly modern. They show restraint in plant material and/or components. Of note, pot-et-fleurs are largely plant material! They may contain more than one focal area, include non-naturalistic qualities, and any part may be dominant. The designer positions components by **plastic organization**, a term used in art that refers to the thoughtful placement of components within a three-dimensional area in order to "mold" the space within that area. Depth is created by the positioning of components to have eye move around.

Horticulture Tip

You are entering the 90 day period before the flower show. All specimens exhibited (except those in combination plantings) MUST be in your possession or grown from seed or seedlings by 90 days before the show. Since the show is June 9, that means March 9 is your cut-off date for acquisition. If you want to enter something special you must purchase it early this month and then keep it alive!! Take this time to **determine the botanical name which includes the Genus (first name) and species (last name) that must accompany every specimen entered in horticulture** (the genus is capitalized and the species is lower case, but both are underlined if handwritten). If you know the variety (the next step of specificity from species) that is great and that goes in ' xxx '. Common names may be included to be helpful for educational purposes but not adequate for show entry and are usually placed in (parentheses) after the botanical name. The Horticulture Classification Chairman is **not responsible** for

3/25 1:30 pm Design
Workshop
Home of Pat Ritchey

3/26 Dist V Spring Meeting
Temple, TX

finding the name of your entry. Several master gardeners in the club may be able to assist you in naming your plant or have books to assist you - these include: Carolyn Guillotte, Kay Hobbs, Suzanne Milstead, Helen Quinn, Judy Schafer (my apologies to anyone I left off). If you don't know bring the plant or a clipping to the meeting and ASK!!!

Conservation Tip

If you are thinning your bed of perennial plants, don't just tear them out. Bring them to a meeting to sell/share with others. It helps if you know the name of your plant.

March A&M Garden Meeting

March 8, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

College Station WW Facility, 2200 North Forest Parkway, CS

Speaker: Jo Colonetta - "Designing and Making your own Container Garden"

Topic of the Month: Jane Cohen - "Texas' Favorite Perennial: The Daylily"

Hostesses: Viola DeLaGarza & Judy Schafer

PLEASE NOTE: Following the March 8th meeting, the A&M Garden Club members are asked to please attend the Arbor Day Event in which a tree will be planted in memory of Josephine Scarmardo. Details below.

ARBOR DAY - MARCH 8TH AT 12:30 PM - PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

This year for Arbor Day, The A&M Garden Club will be planting a tree and presenting a plaque in memory of our Garden Club member, Josephine Scarmardo. The presentation will take place at 12:30 pm on Friday, March 8th at **St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 401 South Parker, Bryan, TX** immediately following the A&M Garden Club Meeting. We will shorten the meeting so that members can arrive on time. The Hostess committee will be providing sandwiches after the meeting so that members are able to have a bite to eat, prior to attending the Arbor Day Presentation. Directions to the church will be provided at the meeting on Friday.



FEBRUARY A&M GARDEN CLUB MEETING

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Myrna Wright March 3
Pat Hoover March 13



Nancy Oertli spoke to our group about "Brenham Sensory Gardens"



Heather White gave a mini topic on
Functional Table Design for Two - Romantic Dinner Alfresco

Members enjoying the February A&M Garden Club meeting:



Please add our new member to your
Directory:
Marianne Maxwell



DESIGN WORKSHOP HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Several ladies of A&M Garden Club attended a Design Workshop on Creative Line Design with Weathered Wood conducted by Idalia Aguilar, Master Judge, at the home of Pat Ritchey. Idalia reviewed the Element of Design - Line and then assisted the ladies in completing designs as these were all made in under 1 hour. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn. Pat graciously opened her home for us to work, and provided snacks as well - a BIG THANK YOU to Pat!! Make plans to attend the next workshop if you can--this is especially important if you are entering this class in the upcoming flower show in June. Idalia will be covering Pot-et-Fleur designs. The club did Pot-et-Fleurs several years ago in a club workshop and sold them at the Horticulture Dept. plant sale about 5 years ago as a fund raiser. If you love horticulture, this is a very horticulture friendly design.

Beautiful works of art from the last design workshop:



MARCH 26 DISTRICT V MEETING IN TEMPLE

If you have not already registered, go to the District V website or look at your District V newsletter and send your registration in. This meeting is hosted by the Temple Garden Club and we need to attend to encourage District members to attend the state convention here in April as well as to learn what is happening around the district. The program over lunch is about Color and we all use this in our everyday lives even if you aren't "in to" design.

Link to Newsletter and Registration form:

http://www.amgardenclub.com/pdf/temple_reg.pdf



APRIL 22-24 TGC STATE SPRING CONVENTION 2013 IN COLLEGE STATION

The Lone Star Gardener will have registration forms but they are also available in the District V website. Register early so you don't miss out on the free workshops - Leaf Manipulation, Pressed Flower Cards, and Medicine Wheel Garden. It is critical that all A&M Garden Club members attend at least a part of this convention.

Here is a link to the Registration form and Convention Schedule:

<http://www.texasgardenclubs.org/events.html?pid=2109358353>

VOLUNTEERS AT THE APRIL TGC CONVENTION:

Hilton Hotel - Greeters at Foyer of Hilton

Monday April 22

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Michele

Helen

Ceci

1:30 - 3 pm:

Kelly

Pat

Tuesday April 23

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Sherry

Myrna



MEMBERSHIP DUES DEADLINE APRIL 1ST

Regular Membership Dues are \$20.00 and Associate Membership Dues are \$22.00. Bring them to the March meeting or mail them to Sarah. Address/phone/email changes need to be submitted to Sarah Barrick to be sure it is correct for the new yearbook.