

# A&M GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER November 2013



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## A&M GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Friday, November 8 - 9:30 a.m.

College Station WW Facility, 2200 North Forest Parkway

**Speaker:** Cynthia Kliewer - "Hypertufa"

**Hostesses:** Belinda Love, Millie Parrack, Pat Ritchey

**Hillary Jessup will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for the hypertufa making workshop which will be on Saturday at 10:00 at her home.**

## VICTORIAN TEA AND FLOWER SHOW - NOVEMBER 22ND

*Please check your calendars before Friday* to see if you can attend the Victorian Tea and Flower Show hosted by the Bluebonnet Garden Club of Brenham on Nov. 22nd. We will schedule the tea for 11:00 and will tour the gardens after tea. If you can come with us, **please bring a check for \$20.00 made out to: Bluebonnet Garden Club on Friday.**

### Details:

#### Victorian Tea & Flower Show

New this year is a special treat for those who love tea and flowers. The Bluebonnet Garden Club is hosting a Victorian Tea and Flower Show at four historic homes in Brenham. The Tea is catered by Design II and will be served at the Ross-Carroll-Bennett House from 11-4. Enjoy beautiful flower creations and tours of the Giddings-Wilkins House, Giddings Stone Mansion and the Brooks House.

**Time:** 11am-4pm

**Date:** Friday, November 22, 2013

**Cost:** \$20 per person; tickets must be purchased in advance through November 8. Tickets may be purchased through any Bluebonnet Garden Club member, the Brenham/Washington County Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce.

**Location:** Tea begins at 515 East Main Street, Brenham, TX



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/1 10:30 am A&M GC Board Mtg.
- 11/8 9:30 am A&M GC Mtg. College Station WW Facility
- 11/10 Peckerwood Garden Tour Pilgrimage \$10.00
- 11/14 Fall Zone Meeting Jefferson
- 11/15 11:00 Carter Creek Re-Dedication at Carter Creek Park - Details in Newsletter
- 11/19 Zone II Meeting - Waco
- 11/22 11-4 Victorian Tea & Flower Show, Brenham

## HISTORIC CARTER PARK - PLANTING OF NATIVE TREES, PLANTS, SEEDS



A&M Garden Club planted native trees, plants, and seeds to improve landscaping at historic Richard Carter Park to help celebrate College Station's 75th anniversary this fall. On Saturday morning, October 26, over 50 volunteers with the A&M Garden Club, (Keep Brazos Beautiful, LaBahia Native Plant Society, Master Naturalists, Grimes County Master Gardeners, Brazos Valley Master Naturalists, and Marlin Community Garden Club), as planned with the City of College Station Parks and Recreation Department, helped to renovate historic Richard Carter Park, 1800 Brazoswood just south of University at Rudder Freeway.



Jane Cohen, A&M Garden Club's Richard Carter Park Committee Chair said the year-long project of the A&M Garden Club has had two work days, one last March and again today, to add to the park landscaping. Sherry Ellison, Co-Chair said some of today's plants included Esperanza or Yellow Bells, Texas Sage, Inland Sea Oats, Salvia, Turk's Cap, bluebonnet seeds.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Menefee	Nov 1
Sherry McKenzie	Nov 9
Carmen Billings	Nov 12
Carolyn Guillotte	Nov 28



Several groups donated plants, including LaBahia Native Plant Society, and A&M Garden Club members. This project is Phase II of the A&M Garden Club's efforts to improve Carter Park. Phase III will be the re-dedication of Carter Park on **November 15 at 11:00 am**. Several donors have helped replace the historic panels in the Interpretative Center.



### **RICHARD CARTER PARK RE-DEDICATION**

The A&M Garden Club will host a re-dedication of Richard Carter Park on **November 15 at 11:00 am**. There will be a brief ceremony. Several donors have helped replace the historic panels in the Interpretative Center. The program will recognize donors, present the historic panels, and share plant reports. Some of the Carter descendants plan to attend. A&M Garden Club members are encouraged to attend and help serve as "docents", with 2 members at each of the 15 beds. Sherry Ellison is working on plant ids, so you can provide information about plants. More info at Friday's meeting.



### **SOS STUDENTS CONTINUE WEEKLY CLASSES**

In Fall 2013, we expanded the veggie classes to a series of 10 lessons. Providing heirloom veggies were The Botany Brothers, 3 youth who are learning about recycling pots and saving seeds and met with us for the committee planning on August 1. Some plants were donated by members who had excess plants. The recycled milk jugs for watering were again used with the new fall classes of seven SOS students and five Garden Club members, 2 men volunteers, and two TAMU student volunteers. A&M Garden Club members donated broccoli plants, green bean seeds, pumpkins, and cilantro. An A&M student grew the pumpkins to transplant. The teaching plan included as above, plus adding pumpkins and Swiss Chard and educating about new veggie pests.

On October 28, a fun recycling activity at the Veggie Classes was to thin the Swiss Chard, so everyone got to taste the veggie, and Jayson got to take the excess plants home for his family to taste. The tasting was a first time experience for everyone except the retired Horticulture volunteer. What a great way to use the removed plants, without waste, by tasting and sharing with family.



Sept 9 Planting, Recycle Milk Jugs for Watering Plants



Checking keyhole garden.



Examining insects

Classes continue through Nov 11, and then recognition/certificates.



**AWARDS**

The A&M Garden Club submitted 35 award entries. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare - Michele Wehrheim, Jane Cohen, Judy Schafer, Geneva Eubanks, Belinda Love, Hillary Jessup, Suzanne Milstead, Kay Hamn, Melissa McIlhane, Mary Ann Maxwell, Rose Smith, Ceci Mathews, Carmen Billings.



**ZONE II MEETING IN WOODWAY/WACO NOVEMBER 19**

A registration form is in District V newsletter.



**FALL CONVENTION**

The convention was fun, educational, new ideas on recycling - on recycling - cards, flowers. Idalia had a design featured in the Art of Houston.



Members who attended were Idalia Aguilar, Jane Cohen, Heather White, Suzanne Milstead, Helen Quinn, Michele Wehrheim, Sandy Williams.



**HOUSTON 85TH CONVENTION**

Several of our A&M Garden Club members joined other TGC members to work garden club business, learning about horticulture, conservation, floral design and had a lot of fun. The icing on the cake was to receive for A&M Garden Club, one of three Presidential Citations given at Convention! The Presidential Citation was presented to our A&M Garden Club for "Service rendered above the call for duty at the Fall Landscape Design School of 2013" and we also received from South Central Regional former Director Judy Grotts, two "Participation Citations for Plantings in Public and Special Places" signed by former National Garden Club President Shirley Nicolai.

When receiving the TGC Presidential Citation from Sarah McReynolds Idalia reminded Sarah that special honor was due to A&M Club member Judy Schafer for her many years of dedication in organizing our Club's participation in the Landscape Design School in College Station. Personally after 14 years as a club member, Idalia said that she continues to stand in awe for all the great work done by our A&M Garden Club volunteers at Zone, District V, State, National and International level....no wonder we were also honored as the 2013 Texas Garden Club of the Year!

Lets continue to answer the call of NGC President Linda Nelson.. "Making a World of Difference....Choices Matter"!

Idalia Aguilar  
Club Member



**KEEP BRAZOS BEAUTIFUL 12TH ANNUAL CRAPE MYRTLE AND SHADE TREE SALE**

**The Deadline is Fast Approaching! Only 4 Days left to get your order in!!!** When you place your order, do not forget to mention A&M Garden Club so that we receive credit from KBB!

**Details:**

Continuing with a fine selection of trees from  
*Brazos Valley Tree Farm and Magnolia Tree Farm*

We are pleased to offer a great selection of Crape Myrtles, various Shade Trees, and returning again this year, Shrubs, for an incredible price!

3-5 Gallon Trees/Shrubs for \$19.00 Each!  
And an even greater deal...buy 5 get 1 FREE!  
*(of course all purchases are tax deductible!)*

**Shade Trees Available**

Live Oak \*      Loblolly Pine \*      Wax Myrtles  
Bald Cypress \*      Lace Bark Elm

**Crape Myrtles**

Catawbas (Light Purple) \*      Natchez (White)  
Dynamite (Deep Red) \*      Red Rockets (Red) – DWARF Tree \*  
Tuscarora (Dark Pink)

**Shrubs**

Sea Green Juniper \*      Dwarf Wax Myrtle  
Knockout Rose (Red)  
Blue Plumbago (Texas Superstar Plant) \*      Red Yucca (Texas SuperStar Plant)  
*(Texas SuperStar Plants- Heat, Drought & Pest Resistant)*

**\*\*\*Tree Pick Up Date is Saturday, November 16, 2013  
at the Gander Mountain Parking Lot**

For more information about these trees and their care go to  
**[www.keepbrazosbeautiful.org](http://www.keepbrazosbeautiful.org)**