

A&M GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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TIP OF THE MONTH

Conservation Tip

As you water your outdoor plants before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m., remember how important blooming plants, such as 4 o'clocks, red salvia, Turk's caps, butterfly weed, asters, and others, are to hummingbirds that drink the nectar from the blossoms. They also eat insects on those plants for protein.

European honey bees and native bees, including bumble bees and carpenter bees, get nectar from Texas lantana, salvia, butterfly weed, prairie verbena, 4 o'clocks, turk's caps, American beautyberry, etc. By watering the plants, you are providing a friendly wildlife habitat, and you will get to enjoy watching them feed! You will be protecting important pollinators for plants!

A&M Garden Club Meeting

Friday, September 13, 2013 9:30 a.m.

Hostesses Hillary Jessup and Michele Wehrheim.

Club meetings will be held at the College Station (Carter Creek) Waste Water Facility Building in the Training Room at 2200 North Forest Parkway, College Station, Texas 77845. The Facility Building is at the end of North Forest Parkway, past all of the homes and through the open iron gate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/6 10:00 a.m. A&M GC Board Meeting
Hillary Jessup's Home
- 9/13 9:30 am A&M GC Meeting
CS WW Facility
- 9/17 8:30 a.m. Richard Carter Park Planning Meeting
- 9/23-24 8 a.m - 4 p.m.
Landscape Design School
Christ United Methodist Church
- 10/5 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Boonville Days at Brazos Museum of Natural History - AMGC Booth
- 10/26 Richard Carter Park
Planting trees, bushes, etc.

Directions

From Highway 6 (Earl Rudder Freeway), take the "Emerald Parkway" exit (2818 exit) If you were going south on Hwy 6, then turn left and go under the overpass. Turn left at the stop sign under the overpass and go north on the east side frontage road. If you were going north on Hwy 6, then go down the ramp and go north (straight) on the east frontage road. Go past the medical and real estate buildings and immediately turn right on North Forest Parkway. Take North Forest Parkway past the homes, through the open metal gate, and to the Facility Building. There is parking in front of the Facility Building and to the left of the building.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CECI MATTHEWS

Ceci Matthews joined the A&M Garden Club in 2012 before Christmas. Jane Cohen met her at a luncheon and invited her to come to a meeting. Ceci found that the AMGC members are "a great group of ladies", and she loves the AMGC programs. She has already participated in many events, including the tree planting in honor of Jo Scamardo, the Richard Carter Park verbena and gulf muhly grass planting, the District V meeting in McGregor near Waco, the June 9 Flower Show (serving as a judge's clerk), the AMGC booth at the Community Celebration on May 28, and the Brazos Natural History Museum's Butterfly Release and the AMGC Butterfly information booth.

Her father started her interest and love of plants and the outdoors. He showed her trees, grasses, and bushes and taught her how to identify them. " He had a real green thumb." Ceci's interest in plants, wanting to know how to keep them alive, and wanting to know what grows in College Station were the basis for her interest in the A&M Garden Club. Ceci is from El Dorado, Arkansas. She earned an Associate Business Degree from Louisiana Tech University, moved to Houston to work, and met her husband there. Through her husband's work, they have lived in Hawaii, Thailand, Puerto Rico, Kuwait, Abu Dahabi, Oman, and now College Station. They have three children, two of whom are in college. Ceci said that she is really impressed with the A& M Garden Club, because members are very involved in many activities. She particularly wants the AMGC to continue outreach programs to provide children with a connection with nature. Thank you, Jane, for inviting Ceci!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Staffel Sept. 2
Kelly Klimple Sept. 23
Leonora Patranella Sept 23

SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24 THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

We need two more people to help at the Landscape Design School on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Please contact Sherry Ellison (696-6793), if you can help in the morning and/or afternoon. When you are not busy, you will be able to listen to the speakers. If you work in the morning, you will get a free lunch. Thank you to all the people who have already volunteered! This is a fun AMGC service project.



EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST

Aug. 2 AMGC Board Meeting

Members met at Hillary Jessup's home to discuss the meeting topics for the year, new opportunities for projects and projects already planned, and future TGC and District V meetings.

Aug. 6 Richard Carter Park Meeting

Heather Williams, Jane Cohen, Mary Staffel, Michele Wehrheim, and Sherry Ellison met with Pete Vanecek (CS Parks and Recreation Planner), Amy Reed (Keep Brazos Beautiful Director), Dan Beto (Brazos Heritage Society President), and Jason Morris (CS Heritage Program). New plantings, funding, and new information panels were planned for the park.

Aug. 7 Rethinking Green on KEOS interview

Allise Burris and Jenn Atkins of KEOS' Rethinking Green interviewed Sherry Ellison on their show on August 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The focus of the discussion was the A&M Garden Club and the activities recently completed such as the Dried Pressed Flower Card Workshop at the Spring TGC Convention, the club booth at the July 4th Heritage Park event, the butterfly display booth at the Brazos Valley Museum Butterfly Release, the planting at Richard Carter Park, and the Flower Show with Keep Brazos Beautiful. Other gardening topics discussed were the Brazos Valley Farmers Market, the Demonstration Gardens at the Brazos County Extension Office on HWY 21, and the AMGC participation in College Station's 75th Anniversary Exhibit at the George Bush Library and Museum.

Aug. 9 August Social at Heather William's home

Club members and their guests shared potluck dishes and accounts of their summer activities in Heather's lovely home. The food was great, and it was fun to visit with each other. Future meeting topics were discussed, members were asked to volunteer for club activities, and there was a drawing for plants.

Aug 15 CS 75th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting

Heather White, Jane Cohen, and Sherry Ellison attended the meeting. The Planning Committee wants a 1930's arrangement that can be placed on a table in a period room display at the George Bush Library and Museum from October to January.



GARDEN THERAPY AUG. 22

Judy Schafer, Michele Wehrheim, Sandy Williams, Pat Ritchey, Johanna Roman, Myra Wright, Kay Hamn, and Geneva Eubanks worked with 12 residents at the Carriage Inn on pressed flower cards. This garden therapy activity was a new project for the residents which they really enjoyed. Judy was very well prepared. She had collected and pressed dried flowers and plants, which she took for them to use. Most of the supplies for the project were left over from the TGC Spring Convention. Dale Schafer took pictures of the event. Judy noted that a cafeteria staff person has a horticulture degree and offered to make herb cuttings for a future AMGC herb garden.

