

A&M GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER April 2014



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CONGRATULATIONS A&M GARDEN CLUB FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE "BRONZE TEXAS GARDEN CLUB OF THE YEAR"

APRIL A&M GARDEN CLUB MEETING - Friday April 11, 2014

College Station WW Facility
220 North Forest Parkway
College Station, TX

Speaker: Kendell Jennings - "Landscape Lighting"

Hostesses: Kelly Klimple, Mary Ann Taylor, Sarah Barrick

MARCH DISTRICT V MEETING HOSTED BY THE A&M GARDEN CLUB

The A&M Garden Club hosted a successful and well attended District V meeting at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in College Station on Friday Mrch14, 2014. Attendees came from Austin, Mexia, Georgetown, Temple, Killeen and several other communities throughout the central Texas region. Heather White expertly coordinated the event with Eugenia Williams contributing beautiful green and white St. Patrick's Day and springtime themed table decorations and place-settings. A delicious buffet brunch catered by Buppy's Catering included King Ranch Chicken Casserole was followed by a scrumptious cheesecake and fruit sauce dessert plate. The guest speaker, Travis Miller, PhD spoke on the topic of Drought and Water Woes in Texas. Members voted to approve a proposal to reduce the number of annual district meetings and Eleanor Floeck was nominated as the Garden Club Member of the Year from our district. Heather White was elected to represent District V on the TGC board and will also be the District V nominee for Secretary position on the TGC board. The A&M Garden Club received \$100 as a result of winning the new member challenge for the past year. The club also received 19 District level awards and was recognized for 20 youth entries for projects undertaken during the 2013 club season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/29 10:00 am Arbor Day
Tree Planting Ceremony
Richard Carter Park

- 4/4 10:00 am A&M GC Board
Meeting @ Sarah
Barrick's Home

- 4/8 1:30 pm Design
Workshop at Pat
Ritchey's home

- 4/11 9:30 A&M GC Meeting
CS WW Facility
2200 North Forest Pkwy

- 4/26 10am - 12pm Fairy
Gardens Workshop
America's Country Store
Wellborn, TX

- 4/26 Navasota Home and
Garden Tour

- 4/30-5/3 NGC Spring Convention
Norman, OK



GARDEN CLUB SHIRTS & VISORS



Ceci Matthews is collecting orders for A&M Garden shirts. She will be bringing some to the April meeting for all to see. She can also order visors that say A&M Garden Club. These will be in green. Don't forget to place your order and pay for the item at the meeting or email her if you are interested in purchasing one. Here is a picture of the visor:



NAVASOTA GARDEN CLUB HOME & GARDEN TOUR

The Navasota Garden Club Home & Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, April 26, 10 - 5. Five homes and gardens will be featured on this tour, as well as various historic churches and other attractions. Navasota City Hall will be open for tours, and the tickets include Tea from 2 - 4 at Martha's Bloomers. Tickets are \$15 each, and may be purchased at The Horlock House, Martha's Bloomers, W.C. Mercantile, and Tokoly's French Market. Navasota Garden Club welcomes each and every one of you!



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are due in May. I will be providing a "**membership form**" this year for **everyone** to complete so that our upcoming directory will be up to date. You can attach your dues to the form and give the form and check to Mary Staffel or Sarah Barrick. Forms will be available at the April and May meetings. Regular member dues are \$20.00. Associate dues are \$22.00. Please make your check out to the A&M Garden Club and write "membership dues" in the memo section.

FAIRY GARDENS - YOUTH WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 26, 10 to noon, at America's Country Store, 146575 FM 2154 (Wellborn Road). Mothers and one youth will make and take home a Fairy Garden for a "together" activity and Mom's "gift". The registration form is on the -

AMGardenClub.com - web page. Help publicize at church, neighbors, family, etc. Thanks to the committee: Jane Cohen, Helen Quinn, Myrna Wright, Shirley Baker, Limei Huang, Johanna Roman and Idalia Aguilar and to Pat Richey and Judy Schafer



for collecting small items, such as doll furniture, ceramic figures, toy items, small fairy statues, small bird houses, etc., that could be donated for the youth to use in their Fairy Garden. Clean out the toy box, check sales at Michaels, Hobby Lobby, dollar store, etc. If each member donated one or two items, we'd have a great selection for the youth class. Bring to the April 11 GC meeting. Also, in April, bring a small potted plant that could go in a Fairy Garden. Be sure and include the name of the plant and suggestions about sun and water needs, with your name as donor. For more information, contact one of the committee.



REASONS TO ATTEND STATE CONVENTIONS

1. Fun while getting there
2. Make new friends of Garden Clubbers from all over Texas, and Mexico, and catch up with old friends
3. Attend Educational and Enrichment seminars on various subjects (45 – 60 minutes)
4. Good food – breakfasts, lunches, dinners, banquets
5. Ways & Means sales room – shopping for jewelry, scarves, unusual items for home and garden
6. Fun while there
7. Visits to local botanical gardens and other places of interest
8. Educational exhibits – showcase club activities and interests
9. Workshops – learn a new skill
10. Learning about what is going on in other Garden Clubs and getting ideas for our own
11. Learning about what resources are available to members through District, State and National
12. Fun while traveling home

A&M Garden Club was well represented at Texas State Convention and South Central Region Convention held back to back in Addison, Texas, with Michele W, Idalia A, Suzanne M, Heather W, Judy S, and Helen Q

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Geneva Eubanks April 9
Suzanne Milstead April 14

NOTE: The Flower show Schedule is now available on the A&M Garden Club website. Click on the "Flower Show" tab at <http://www.amgardenclub.com>

in attendance for all or part of the proceedings. At the TGC Convention Idalia presented a great program on Orchids, Suzanne did a "Duo Design" (where the front and back of the design are totally different, with different flowers), Helen presented the Breakfast program on Mason Bees.

Four A&M Garden Club members received individual citations for helping the state president during the past year: Suzanne Milstead, Heather White, Jane Cohen and Judy Schafer. Be watching for information about the TGC Fall Convention and make plans to join us!!!

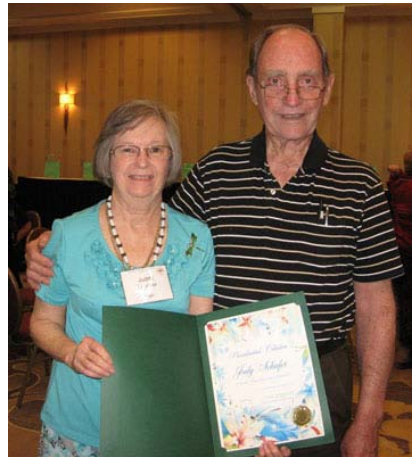
A & M Garden Club is Texas Garden Clubs' "Garden Club of the Year – 2014"!!!!



Jane Cohen, Sarah McReynolds and Idalia Aguilar



Idalia Aguilar, Judy Schafer and Jane Cohen with
Sarah McReynolds receiving
"Texas Bronze Garden Club of the Year 2014"!



Judy & Dale Schafer displaying Judy's Citation



ARBOR DAY & THE BIG EVENT



March 29th was a wonderful day at Richard Carter Park for planting trees in memory of Marge Watkins, Gladys Stone, and Maryan Manson! The weather was beautiful for the event. Three generations of Maryan Manson's family celebrated with members of the A&M Garden Club on the planting of the trees. Eugenia Williams, Mary Staffel, and Hillary Jessup spoke about Marge, Gladys, and Maryan. Many AMGC members and some of their family members joined in the work. We thank everyone for their hard work and supervision of novice gardeners. Pizzas, water, apples, and doughnuts gave everyone strength for the work! The Big Event TAMU student volunteers helped our members plant the three memorial crepe myrtle trees, a Mexican Plum tree, a Possumhaw tree, two American Beautyberry bushes, a Rock Rose bush, a Texas Lantana plant, and a Purple Coneflower plant. Our members and the

volunteers weeded native plant beds and a tree bed and then put mulch on those beds and around the trees. The bagged weeds were taken to the curb for pick up by the Parks Department Staff. Prior to Saturday, Parks Department Staff had pulled out the dead crepe myrtles and hauled them off, added soil in the holes, and brought wood chip mulch to be put in the beds. A Public Works Staff person had prepared the irrigation system ahead of time and even came during Saturday's event to be sure all was working well for us. My thanks go to all of our members and their families who have worked on this project in many different ways. Do go and visit Richard Carter Park to enjoy everything that is in bloom now and see all of the new plants!



Sherry Ellison and Michele Wehrheim



Members and guests enjoying the program



The Big Event Student Volunteers digging the 3 holes



Planting a crape Myrtle in memory of our 3 Garden Club Members



Maryan Manson family



UPCOMING EVENT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO ATTEND

The J. Wayne Stark Galleries invites you to our latest exhibition: - PERSPECTIVE '14: FLORAL NOTES, MEASURES & MELODIES - April 3 - June 8th. This event is organized by the Benz School of Floral Design. Enjoy floral designs inspired by the music of composer John Williams. The Stark Galleries are located on the Northeast corner of the Memorial Student Center. Call 979-845-6081 for more information.



IN HONOR OF ARBOR DAY

For people who have everything, but deserve something special for an anniversary, a birthday, as a thanks, etc., send a "Give-a-Tree card from the Arbor Day Foundation. The cards are beautiful and in the person's honor a tree is planted in a national forest.



COMMUNITY EVENT PREPARATION

The following pictures are from last month's get together. On Friday morning some of our members gathered at Judy's house to bag used coffee grounds and make pressed flower bookmarks in preparation for Earth Day on April 5. These items will be distributed at our booth along with other educational brochures, etc.





HUMMINGBIRDS

The hummingbirds are starting to migrate through College Station. If you don't have your feeders up, now is a good time to do it. I usually see my first hummer on April 1st, but this year they were about a week early. Here is a good website for info on attracting hummingbirds:

<http://www.birdwatchers.com/debtips.html>

