

A&M GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER February 2014



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A&M GARDEN CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

Friday, February 14 - 9:30 a.m.

College Station WW Facility

Program Speaker: Glenn Schroeter, Rose Emporium - *"All About Roses"*

Hostesses: Sherry Ellison, Mary Staffel, Norma Jean Stokes

PICTURES FROM DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



UPCOMING EVENTS

1/30 9:00 am Fairy Garden
Youth Project Planning
Meeting
America's Country Store

2/7 10:00 am A&M GC
Board Meeting
Home of Sarah Barrick

2/11-12 Environmental Study
School - Old Fort Parker

2/14 9:30 am A&M GC Mtg.
CS WW Facility
2200 North Forest Pkwy

**Reminder: Bring check
to pay for March
Meeting registration fee.
Deadline is March 4th.**

2/17-18 Landscape Design School
George Bush Library

2/27-3/1 Flower Show School III
Dallas



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jane Posey Feb 5
Kay Hamn Feb 15
Norma Read Feb 15
Shirley Baker Feb 17

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Mary Aasterud
Dr. Pura Tamayo



FAIRY GARDENS PLANNING MEETING - YOUTH PROGRAM

Garden Club members are invited to a planning meeting on **Thursday, January 30, at 9 am** (should be finished around 10 am). Join the Planning Committee to help discuss ideas for the Youth Project - Fairy Gardens. We will meet at America's Country Store, 146575 FM 2154 (Wellborn Road), with Courtney Kaspar, Garden Manager.

Some items we need to consider include:

1. Containers (vary from pottery, clay pots, wire mesh, bushel basket, wooden boxes, gallon pots, or oddities as old hats, wagons, etc.)
 2. Plants for the container garden (veggie, herb, butterfly, edible flowers, small succulents, others)
 3. Decorations (small toy items, fairy figurines, etc.)
 4. Marketing (schools, youth groups, church groups, scouts, home schooled, etc.)
 5. Small items, such as doll furniture, ceramic figures, toy items, small fairy statues, 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 February and March meetings. Hope you can join us on Thursday to help plan for the Saturday, April 26 workshop.



LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 17 -18, 2014

Thank you to all our enthusiastic members who have signed up to help at the Landscape Design School on Sunday (Feb. 16 for purchasing and set up), on Monday (Feb. 17 for registration, selling books, food station) and Tuesday (Feb. 18 for registration/exams, book sales, and food station).

For Tuesday, I do need 2 more volunteers for the food station in the morning and at least 2 more for the exam work and certificate hand out in the afternoon. Immediately after lunch on Tuesday the course attendees will go on a tour and then will be back by 3:30 p.m. to take the exam.

Do any of you have ice chests/drink coolers on wheels that we may use for the event? We will need to drain the coolers as the ice melts, but we will have to roll them to another room to do that at the Bush Museum and Library. I have one with wheels. Does anyone else have 1 or more with wheels? We try to put one kind of drink per cooler.

Sherry Ellison

Congratulations to Michele Wehrheim who will serve as Registrar for the TGC Landscape Design Schools.



DISTRICT V SPRING MEETING - COLLEGE STATION

The A&M Garden Club is hosting the District V Spring 2014 Convention on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. This is our regular meeting day, but is a longer meeting and includes lunch, raffles, shopping, and clubs from all over the district. The speaker, Dr. Travis Miller, will be discussing "Drought and Water Woes in Texas".

Attendance by all members is expected. Guests are welcome to this event - just make sure to put their name on the form so we have a nametag for them. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce someone to the A&M Garden Club, so invite a friend. The advance registration is \$18.00. For registration after March 4, the late registration fee is \$23.00 and we cannot guarantee lunch.

Please complete your registration form and bring your check made out to A&M Garden Club with "Spring Convention" in the memo line, to the **February meeting on Friday, February 14, 2014**. There will be some registration forms at the meeting. Registration forms can also be found on the A&M Garden Club website <http://www.amgardenclub.com/activities.htm> listed under the March meeting info.



AMATEUR AND SKILLED ARRANGING EXTRAVAGANZA

Once again, our Idalia Aguilar, has gotten the Benz School of Floral Design to donate leftover flowers and greenery following the completion of the International Design School during the college spring break week! We need to prepare for the Saturday morning amateur and skilled arranging extravaganza that has become a nearly annual tradition with our club members. Last March, about 7 or 8 of us gathered in Pat Ritchey's garage and made 63 bouquets in a variety of containers and we delivered them to 4 or 5 different long term care facilities and retirement communities to cheer up the residents. **Club members are asked to save a variety of containers**, including tin cans with labels removed, and spare vases to put the flower arrangements into.



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL

Environmental Studies School (ESS) - TGC will conduct Environmental School at Old Fort Parker February 11-12. Course IV is The Living Earth – Water and Related Issues. Topics include ecology & water, Aquatic Plants, Wetlands, Sustainability, Aquatic Animals, Earth Stewardship, and Nature Discovery. All courses are accredited by National Garden Clubs, Inc. Courses do not have to be completed in numerical order. Includes 8 one-hour classroom units and a two-hour natural site field trip. Take all four classes and tests to be an Environmental Consultant.

This ESS will be fun. Stay on site in old German prisoner of war barracks at night. Pajama party here we come. Buildings have central air and heat. No need to bring linens, towels or pillows - they are provided. The schools are always interesting and informative. However, as wonderful as the schools are, the best part of the meetings is renewing old friendships and meeting new people. ESS are open to everyone, whether or not they are Garden Club members. Bring a friend with you. Get a group from your Garden Club and come to Old Fort Parker.

Link to Registration form below:

<http://www.texasgardenclubs.org/p/environmentalschoolregistration2014.pdf>