

A&M GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER March 2014



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A&M GARDEN CLUB MARCH MEETING

Will take place at the **St Thomas Episcopal Church** in College Station. The District V Meeting will replace our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Details below:

District V Meeting - **9:30 am**

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

906 George Bush Dr.

College Station, TX

Hostesses: District Hostesses

Speaker: Travis Miller "Water Management"

A&M GARDEN CLUB BOARD MEETING

Dear A&M Garden Club Members:

The club officers meet the first Friday at 10am each month and any club members who are interested in participating in our discussions are welcome to attend; you may want to stop by and help the board make decisions for the next month or so, especially as we will not be having a "regular" club meeting this month due to our hosting the (once every 10 years or so) District meeting over at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

This month's board meeting is at the home of Pat Ritchey.

Sincerely yours,
Michele Wehrheim
Club President



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/7 10:00 am A&M GC Board Meeting - Pat Ritchey's Home
- 3/11-12 Texas Design Seminar
- 3/14 9:30 am District V Spring Mtg/ A&M GC Meeting
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
906 George Bush Dr
College Station, TX
- 3/29 9:30 am Arbor Day & The Big Event
Richard Carter Park
- SCR Spring Convention
Dallas, TX
- 3/30-4/3 Texas Garden Club Spring Meeting , Dallas/Addison

NOTE: Every Monday 3:45-4:45 A&M GC volunteers meet to work with the SOS Youth Group. Come join us....

PECKERWOOD GARDEN TOUR

The A&M Garden Club has a private tour of the Peckerwood garden scheduled for March 22 or 23 Details to be announced at the March meeting.

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT - DEBBIE PUETZ

Debbie joined our club in the summer of 2013. Coming from a high-level, high-stress job in finance, she wants to awaken her creative side with something a bit more relaxing, and a chance to "play in the dirt". She found out about our club through Hillary Jessup and Kelly Klimple, who she plays Bridge within the Newcomers Club. She is also in the Newcomers Club Book Club.

She was born in Denver, Colorado, and attended Cure d' Ars Catholic Elementary School. Debbie graduated from East High School in Denver, and then went to University of Colorado and achieved a Bachelor's Degree in marketing and finance. Later, realizing money could not be the "whole world" led her to go Iliff School of Theology, a Methodist seminary in Denver. She says she needed to learn the whole world wasn't pinstripe suits, white shirts, red ties, and Italian loafers.

Living in Wyoming for 6 years, Debbie traveled back and forth to Denver for work and family, and around the US for work. She was blessed to have a friend's son who worked in the airline industry to give her "Special Friend" rates.

Debbie moved to Aggieland 2 years ago because of her partner's job. She has a son and a 1-year old granddaughter living in Denver.

She remembers the beautiful roses her Dad grew, and wants to "be like a sponge" and learn more about gardening, while also getting to know people more.

Her life now is wonderful retirement and a new experience for a Type A personality who was in a Type A career working in Wall Street and beyond.

When asked a "what if" question, she answered "If I were rich, I would travel all over the world." The only downside being the long flights, and missing the company-paid 4-star hotels and 5-star restaurants--no more on own pocket!

Debbie is a Recorder for the Landscape School working under Diane Perez and will be serving as our Recording Secretary next year.

Welcome Debbie, and thank you for sharing yourself with the A&M Garden Club!

Submitted by Ceci Matthews



March Birthdays:

Myrna Wright March 3
Belinda Love March 19

Give a big welcome our new Garden Club

Member: Greta Merritt

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Approximately 130 Master Gardeners and garden club members from all over Texas attended the fourth session of the Landscape Design School (session four) at the George Bush Library and Presidential Museum. Many club members assisted Sherry Ellison in coordinating the food service, book sales, registration and testing including Sarah Barrick, Carmen Billings, Jane Cohen, Kay Hamn, Angelika Hoepfl, Belinda Love, Jane Posey, Deb Puetz, Helen Quinn, Johanna Roman, Rose Smith, Mary Staffel, Michele Wehrheim, Sandy Williams, Myrna Wright, and Norma Jean Stokes. Most all of the volunteers received free box lunches and snacks, were able to listen in on some of the instructor's presentations and ride along on the bus tour of gardens. The first day of class coincided with President's Day and so we also received 10% off on purchases from the Museum gift shop. Current TGC, Inc president Sarah McReynolds and past president Hazel McCoy also assisted as volunteers. Much thanks to all who volunteered and we hope everyone enjoyed their experience. I am looking forward to the September presentation of session one of the LDS classes at the Bush Library!



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY SCHOOL



Jane Cohen, right, receives certificate from TGC President Sarah McReynolds at Environmental Study School at Old Fort Parker Feb 11-12.



FAIRY GARDENS



A special workshop will be offered as a special pre Mother's Day activity on **Saturday, April 26 at 10 am**, at America's Country Store, 14675 FM 2154 (Wellborn Road). Mothers and one youth will make and take home a Fairy Garden for a "together" activity and Mom's "gift".

Committee of Jane Cohen, Helen Quinn, Myrna Wright, Shirley Baker and Limei Huang make Fairy Gardens with Courtney at America's Country Store on Thursday, January 30. Picture l-r: Jane Cohen, Myrna Wright, Shirley Baker, Limei Huang, Helen Quinn. I've sent you two pictures - I can't tell which is best. We enjoyed "creating" and so far, everything is still alive.

Also, there are some "in process" pictures on Helen Quinn's Facebook page, if you want some of them.

We would like for all members to help collect a few 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. Thanks to Pat Ritchey for donating several small items. Bring to the March and April club meetings. Also, in April, bring a small plant that could go in a Fairy Garden. For more information, contact one of the committee. Johanna Roman and Idalia Aguilar are also helping.



ARBOR DAY AND THE BIG EVENT

March 29th 9:30 a.m. Richard Carter Park Planting as part of the Big Event and the Arbor Day Season

At 10:00 a.m. Crepe Myrtle Trees will be dedicated in memory of members who died in 2013. There will a brief ceremony, and then the trees will be planted. Marge Watkins, Mary Ann Manson, and Gladys Stone will be honored. Some of their family members may be there.

At 10:30 a.m. work will begin on mulching the new trees, weeding the beds, pruning dead branches of plants, mulching the beds, planting an American Beautyberry bush and a small Mexican Plum tree, and adding some additional small plants.

17 college students, who are volunteers of The Big Event, will help us accomplish these tasks. Two members of the A&M Garden Club have volunteered to come. We do need more AMGC members helping to supervise and to work. The work areas are spread out, and we need at least one club member in each area to guide the students. The students will be there from about 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for 4 hours. I know some of you have the Big Event volunteers working in your own yard.

I will bring my wheelbarrow, but we really need three more wheelbarrows. We have a pile of mulch and will also have a pile of wood chips to move to the beds. I can pick up the wheelbarrows a day or two before the event. We also need 6 regular shovels, hand forks, hand trowels, weeding tools, 2 hard rakes, and hay forks for breaking up the ground to plant.

For encouragement you can walk around the park. It is looking more inviting. The buds on the redbud tree are ready to open. Judy and Dale Schafer and I pruned the rose bushes in the rose bed on March 1, so they should fill out and have many roses this year.

Please come help, take pictures, and encourage everyone. I will bring at least 3 folding chairs. We will have water, cookies, and probably pizza to sustain everyone! You do not have to stay for the whole event. Please contact Sherry Ellison at 696-6793 or ellison@txcyber.com.

Richard Carter Park is in College Station and is bounded by Glenhaven, Brazoswood, and the east frontage road to Earl Rudder Freeway. It is about two blocks south of the Scott and White Clinic that faces University Ave at the Earl Rudder Freeway and at Glenhaven.