

A&M GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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MAY GARDENING TIPS

PLAN: Make plans to mulch for conservation of water during dry summer months and to help keep soil cool. Add hot weather plants to the garden.

PRUNE: Cut back verbenas, petunias and other plants that are beginning to look lanky to encourage new growth and flowering. Separate and replant violets when they finish blooming.

PLANT: Cockscomb, marigolds, periwinkle, bachelor buttons, caladium, coleus, hibiscus, other summer blooming annuals, balled shrubs.

FERTILIZE: Roses and plants that continue blooming and those producing buds for next year's bloom. Keep beds lightly cultivated or mulched.

INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS: Check roses for pests and black spot, mildew and rust. Watch for young bagworms.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Protect roots from the sun with mulch. Water deeply. Shade young seedlings until well established.

BLOOMING: Spring flowering annuals, perennials. Begonias, cactus, canna, day lilies, many shrubs.

VEGETABLES: Sow southern peas, sweet corn, watermelon, cantaloupes and New Zealand spinach. Set out sweet potato plants.

MAY A&M GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Friday, May 9th - 9:30 a.m.

College Station WW Facility, 2200 North Forest Parkway

Speaker: Johanna Roman will give an informational talk about how a flower show works. Installation of Officers

Hostesses: All members provide brunch items

Our May meeting is an **informal pot luck brunch** that is devoted to new officer installation, speaker and program topics, rescheduled flower show info, upcoming community events and the annual budget discussion. If you are able, bring extra plants or cuttings for the ways and means horticulture table to share with other members and bring anything else garden related that you want to show off or pass along.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/25 10:00 am A&M GC Board Meeting

5/9 9:30 am A&M GC Meeting

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Lambert-Ravey	May 3
Idalia Aguilar	May 16
Pat Ritchey	May 27
Viola DeLaGarza	May 29

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.

AWARDS

The following are Arrow Academy students who received awards on April 22 at a SOS program:

Monefia Edwards- District V-1st place-sculpture and 1st place-poetry
SCR- 2nd place-sculpture (\$7.50 prize)
State-1st place-sculpture (\$5.00 prize) and Honorable Mention poetry. (Monefia entered a mason bee house for the sculpture.)
Jayson Hallford-District V-2nd place-sculpture
State-3rd place-sculpture (\$1.00 prize)
Elijah Hallford-District V-Honorable Mention-sculpture
State-2nd place -sculpture (\$3.00 prize)
Sebastian Santibanez-District V-Honorable Mention-sculpture
State-Honorable Mention-sculpture
Ambrey Martinez-District V-Honorable mention- poster (life cycle of Dragonfly)

Carmen Billings, Suzanne Milstead, Jane Cohen, Geneva Eubanks, Rose Smith, Belinda Love, Marianne Maxwell, and other A&M Garden club members and community members helped with this project.



SOS with Mason Bee's project



TGC SPECIAL AWARD "CHANGING OUR WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION AND FRIENDSHIPS"

All Texas clubs who email ideas about your educational project/s on air, water, forest, land and wildlife will be eligible for a TGC drawing for \$100 on December 1, 2014. Email your project information to Barbara Baker bbgardenclub@yahoo.com. We will share your ideas with others through our TGC website and compile the information for SCR and NGC reports.



NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM AWARD

Sherry Ellison and Michele Wehrheim accepted a Neighborhood Environmental Action Team award presented to the A&M Garden Club from the Keep Brazos Beautiful organization at the Emerald City Gala banquet held at the College Station Hilton. The award plaque will be on display at the sign-in table at our May pot luck meeting .



REMINDER - CLUB MEMBER DUES

Dues for the 2014/2015 season remain at \$20 for regular or \$22 for associate members and are payable thru the end of May. Be sure to fill out a renewal form so that Sarah has your up-to-date contact info for the new yearbook.



FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP



Pictures from Saturday, April 26, Fairy Garden Workshop are posted on the A&M Garden Club's Facebook web page. If you haven't seen our page, go to Facebook, search for A&M Garden Club, and the pictures are posted. Be sure and "like" the page, so you'll get notices of other news.

We had 13 teams sign up for the class. Many thanks to the committee - Helen Quinn, Myrna Wright, Shirley Baker, Limei Huang, Johanna Roman,

and Idalia Aguilar and to Sherry Ellison and Kay Hobbs who came and helped out on Saturday. Mary Aasterud attended with her granddaughter and helped. The comments to America's Country Store were very positive - they want to do it again!!!

We all enjoyed the fun and educational class. Sherry Ellison said "This is what I really enjoy - working with plants." Johanna did such a great job teaching about the care of the plants. We talked about the class, selected plants, planted, and then added the "accessories". The kids so enjoyed picking out items to decorate their fairy garden.

Thanks so much to all who shared items and helped. Be sure and see the clean up picture - we even made that fun. Our proceeds from this project should be \$65.



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS FLICKR SITE

If any of our members are on Flickr they can post pictures to the NGC Flickr site. The NGC Flickr site is growing. Is your club or district or state represented? Send pictures with a short description identifying the group, project and location. Your Flickrettes are particularly seeking Blue Star Memorial Marker plantings, hydrangeas (our NGC President's favorite flower) and Aquatic Eco-system Project pictures. Do it today!

Visit the Flickr site (Flickr.com/NationalGardenClubs) - your on-line idea book!



CONTEST WINNER



Madeleine Stokes, 2nd grade, who won 1st in Texas with her Smokey Bear poster and 3rd in South Central Region, is presented her certificates by A&M Garden Club President Michele Wehrheim



A&M GARDEN CLUB WINS TOP TEXAS CLUB HONOR



The A&M Garden Club was honored as Club of the Year at the Texas Garden Club State Convention in Addison on April 2, 2014. This is the second year in a row that the A&M Garden Club has received this honor. Texas Garden Club has over 10,000 members in over 300 clubs.

The A&M Garden Club received additional awards: four of five Texas President's Citation's presented (Jane Cohen, Suzanne Milstead, Judith Schafer, and Heather White).; 19 first place projects, 3 seconds, and 1 honorable mention and \$150 in cash awards; Youth received 1st by Chris Welch for Essay, Monefia Edwards 1st on Sculpture, Madeleine Stokes 1st on Smokey Bear Poster, 2nd on sculpture by Elijah Hallford, 3rd by Jayson Hallford, and 8 Honorable Mention by Summer Mensch, Kimberly Milstead, Monefia Edwards.

Members were leaders at the State Meeting: Idalia Aguilar is State Historian and Design Speaker, Judith Schafer is State Chaplain, Suzanne Milstead exhibited a design and served as Ways and Means Co-Chair, Heather White was a luncheon emcee and Ways and Means Co-Chair, Helen Quinn spoke on Mason Bees, Jane Cohen is on the State Nominating Committee, and spoke on Gardens and Greenway project and Gardening Study School.

Projects this past year include the Keyhole & Veggie Gardening at SOS, Carter Park landscaping, Heritage Park, Arbor Day, National Garden Week, and Community Events. Programs included Sensory Gardens, Container Designs, Garden Tips, Daylilies, Bee Keeping & Pollinating, Shade Gardening, Hypertufa, and Flower Show Procedures.

Topics of the Month were Rainwater Harvesting, Table Designs, Landscaping Plants, Daylily, Design Tip. Members assisted with two Texas Landscape Design Schools and helped host the State Convention, both in College Station.

The A&M Garden Club was organized in 1936 and has about 50 members. The A&M Garden Club encourages civic planting, conservation of native plants, wildlife and natural resources, studies and shares knowledge of improved horticulture practices and plant materials and their use in landscaping and flower arranging.