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# A&M GARDEN CLUB

April 2015

## April A&M Garden Club Meeting

Friday, April 10th - 9:30 a.m.

College Station WW Facility, 2200 North Forest Parkway  
(Training Room)

**SPEAKER:** Liliana Cracraft "Pre-Hispanic Uses of Cacti & Succulents"

**Hostesses:** Michele Wehrheim & Ceci Matthews

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## Upcoming Events

April 3	10:00 am A&M Garden Club Board Meeting
April 9	Brenham Bluebonnet Flower Show
April 10	9:30 am A&M Garden Club Meeting
April 11	Peckerwood Garden Tour
April 17	Garden Club Coffee – Location TBA
April 18	Earth Day Celebration
April 19-22	TGC Spring Convention, Tyler, TX

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## New Member

We have a new member. Please welcome Sandra Stuckey to the A&M Garden Club when you see her at the next meeting.

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## Membership Dues are due at the May Meeting

**Don't forget:** Membership dues must be in to Debbie Puetz by the end of May (our last meeting of the year). Please be sure to bring your check/cash to pay your dues to the May meeting (our last meeting of the year). Regular membership is \$20.00 and Associate members pay \$22.00. Or you can mail your dues to Debbie Puetz. Her address is in the yearbook.

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## Richard Carter Park on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Saturday, March 28, 2015 was a perfect gardening day! The day was cool and comfortable. Debbie Puetz, Rose Smith, Geneva Eubanks, Sandy Williams, Judy Schafer, Dale Schafer, Roger Schafer, Marianne Maxwell, Teri Greig, Helen Quinn, Johanna Roman, Cathryn Clement, Michele Wehrheim, and Sherry Ellison worked that day with 14 young ladies of The Big Event. Frank Thompson of the C.S. Parks and Recreation Department also came to make sure we had everything we needed. He had already delivered fresh garden soil, 4 rose bushes, and one white Natchez crepe myrtle to the park.

Preparations for this project started in January, 2015 with a request to The Big Event at TAMU for volunteers on March 28<sup>th</sup>. This was the third year that the A&M Garden Club had worked in spring with Big Event volunteers. Judy Schafer and her family have been putting used coffee grounds on the fire ant mounds to make walking and working safer.





She walked the park with Carmen Billings and Sherry Ellison to identify plants and to make recommendations. Ronald Billings of the Texas Forest Service came to identify trees prior to March 28th. Members dug up plants from their gardens for the park. Pat Ritchey, Greta Merritt, Geneva Eubanks, Judy Schafer, and Angelika Hoepfl donated plants prior to the event day, and many other plants were brought on that date. Mary Aasterud baked delicious cookies for the volunteers. Ceci Matthews' sons brought pizza for everyone for lunch, and Marianne Maxwell brought Mandarin oranges. Work lasted from 8:00 a.m. to almost 2:00 p.m.



An unexpected and delightful surprise occurred when a descendent of Richard Carter arrived during the event. She and her husband had recently married. They told us that they had their wedding portraits taken among the purple Homestead verbena! Club members planted those flowers in spring of 2013. Go to the park this spring to see all of the plants we planted. There are a host of bluebonnets in bloom too! Thanks to all of you for all of your work and support!!!

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## **"Gardening in the Brazos Valley" (6th Edition) booklet is now available**

The A&M Garden Club has revised its "Gardening in the Brazos Valley (5th Edition) booklet. The revised "6th Edition" is now available to our members and the community. The cost of the booklet is \$10.00. They will be available at the monthly club meetings. If you would like to purchase one using a check, please be sure to note on the check that it is for the "Gardening in BV" booklet. Please give your cash/checks to Debbie Puetz, our Treasurer.

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## **BV Earth Day – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Brazos Valley Earth Day is Saturday, April 18th, and AMGC will have a booth at Wolf Pen Creek Park on that day. The emphasis will be on recycling at our booth. Angelika Hoepfl is the chairperson for the AMGC booth.

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## Spring Convention – Tyler, TX

The Texas Garden Club Spring Convention is at Tyler, and members will carpool on April 20th to Tyler. Tyler is a great source of roses.

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## National Garden Week Displays

The A&M Garden Club will be providing National Garden Week displays for the month of June for both the College Station and the Bryan Public Libraries. Heather White and Mary Aasterud will be working on the College Station display. Volunteers (1-3 people) are needed to design the display for the Bryan Public Library. Librarians at both libraries are eager for our club to do these displays this year. For more information contact Sherry Ellison.

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## Flower Project

Our thanks go to Angelika Hoepfl for the donation of \$20 to buy oasis and more flowers to be added to flowers



that Idalia was able to supply from the state garden club Design School at TAMU. Thank you Idalia and all the staff at the school for helping out A&M Garden Club. Greta Merritt and Judy Schafer supplied non breakable containers for the project. Dale and Judy Schafer picked up flowers at the TAMU Horticulture building late Sat. afternoon. Heather White, Greta, Sherrie Ellison and Judy's daughter Sharon made 25 smaller designs and 3 large designs Sunday afternoon at Judy's home. Sharon was able to get from Krogers near Rock Prairie where she works several bunches of mark down flowers.

Heather took half the designs to Crestview

Sunday afternoon. Dale and Judy with help from Sandy Williams and Marianne Maxwell will take the other half to Bluebonnet House residents on Monday morning.

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## S.O.S. Gardening Group

Working with the kids at S.O.S is so rewarding. Consider joining our Monday afternoon youth program.



## April Gardening Calendar

**PLAN:** A regular schedule for fertilizing and spraying. Make a calendar for gardening use to remind you when to plant, fertilize, start seed and place orders.

**PRUNE:** Early flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom.

**PLANT:** Coral vine, cosmos, elephant ears, gladiolus, hibiscus, marigolds, zinnias. Divide mums and place in beds prepared in March. Too early to plant periwinkles since they like warm soil.

**FERTILIZE:** Lawns, with extra fertilizer for areas under trees.

**INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS:** Watch for black spot, aphids, caterpillars, beetles, mites, and whiteflies. Check roses after each rain and treat if necessary. Chinch bugs and brown spot may appear in the lawn.

**WEATHER PROTECTION:** Mulch. Water deeply if needed. Protect small trees from wind.

**BLOOMING:** Spring flowering annuals and perennials, geranium, iris, calla and Easter lilies, oxalis, early day lilies and gladiolus. Many flowering shrubs and vines.

**VEGETABLES:** Sow radishes, southern peas, summer squash, snap beans, dry beans, sweet corn, cucumber, okra, watermelon, cantaloupes and New Zealand spinach. Start tomato plants for second crop.

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## Birthdays

### April

Geneva Eubanks April 9th

Suzanne Milstead April 14th