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Meeting 2nd Friday of the month, September –
May
9:30 – 11:30 at College Station WW Facility
2200 North Forest Parkway College Station, TX
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NEWSLETTER : AUG. 2016

CALENDAR AUGUST/SEPT

Friday August 5th – AMGC Board Meeting 1- 3

Friday 12th – Membership social, 9:30-11:30,
CSWWF – bring dish to share for Pot Luck!

(Guatemala travel meeting following Social)

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Friday Sept. 2 – AMGC Board Meeting 1-3

Friday Sept. 9 – AMGC Regular Meeting 9:30

Mon-Tues Sept. 26-27 – Landscape Design
School, George Bush Library, College Station



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HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO :
Johanna R Aug 1, Heather W Aug 4,
Rose S Aug 17, Pat P Aug 19, Sylvia R Aug 26,
Norma Jean S Aug 28, Judy A Aug 31.



AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: Select a place for a compost heap if you don't already have one – prepare to save and use your dried grass clippings along with kitchen waste etc. Start cuttings for winter house plants. If starting a new bed, “solarize” it for a couple of months to kill the weeds by stretching clear plastic over the scraped soil.

PRUNE: Cut out sucker growth, and dead canes and wilted blooms on roses. Keep the runners pruned off wisteria, perennial morning glory and honeysuckle.

PLANT: Carnation, hollyhock, larkspur, pinks, pansy, snapdragon, stock. Try Night Scented Stock too, for a wonderful evening fragrance! Transplant Japanese and Siberian Iris.

FERTILIZE AND MULCH: Mums, after pinching back. These at the last of this month for fall bloom.

SPRAY AND DUST: Mums and roses. Check for scale on shrubs.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Soak beds where spider lilies (*Lycoris* sp.) are planted and they will start blooming in September. Maidenhair fern should be kept well watered.

BLOOMING: Althea, ageratum, balsam, celosia, cornflower, canna, crinum, daylilies, zinnia, shrimp plant.

VEGETABLES:

Mid month through Mid September plant bush and pole beans. Sweet Corn and Cucumbers can be planted through about mid August. Garlic through mid October. Swiss Chard, Turnip and Mustard through mid November. Potatoes mid

to end of August, and Tomato and Pepper Plants through mid September.

HERBS:

Many herbs flourish in the heat, but appreciate a little relief in the late evening. Don't overwater. Be sure to pinch out the blooms as they occur and cut back by about a third to encourage more growth.

FRUIT:

The figs will be mostly gone now, but those wonderful hard pears will be coming into their own. Preserve the harvest by making lots of Pear Bread, Pear Tarts and Pear Cake to freeze, or making Pear Chutney. Check the citrus regularly, making sure the soil is watered before it gets too dry, and feed monthly, especially if they are growing in containers.

MONARCH MOMENT *(Several Moments!)*

The weather cooperated for the Fourth of July Celebration at Heritage Park. Yes, it was hot, but we had cloud cover and a nice breeze to keep us more comfortable. The plants we gave away were very well received – many happy people left our booth with multiples. There was a good deal of interest in planting Monarch milkweeds and gardens for all butterflies.





MONARCH & OTHER POLLINATOR HABITAT
COMMUNITY MEETING ON JULY 29TH

Safe to say this was a huge success with around 85 people in attendance! Speakers included representatives from TX Master Naturalists, Keep Brazos Beautiful, TX AgriLife Extension, TTI/TxDOT, the cities of B & CS, Monarch Gateway, and our venue host Dr. Craig Wilson housed in the USDA Building. We received Educational Materials and seed packets, refreshments and wonderful cupcakes (!) and lots of door prizes!! The main speaker was Barbara Keller-Willy of Monarch Gateway, who taught us all many things about Monarchs and their care that we had no idea about!! At the end of the afternoon we gave away donated tree pots to all participants. We are so grateful to all our donors, too many to list here. Also, too many photos to post, so will pick one, and do a “special edition” blog with much more in the next few days – watch your mailboxes!



“WISH UPON A BUTTERFLY” AT THE BRAZOS
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ON JULY 30TH

Once again we set up our tables with our Educational Butterfly Displays, including posters, a continuous slide show on the computer, giveaways made of recycled materials, information leaflets, butterfly coloring sheets, bookmarks and packets of seeds for Milkweeds and other wild flowers for pollinators. Little (and big) kids were dressed as butterflies. There was food and music, and at the appointed hour they all went outside to collect their butterflies to “release”! Some comments re photos apply – will be in blog! Here are a couple though. (All photos of children were with permission from parents!)



Our members spend a lot of time having fun in making all these give-aways from recycled materials, and today we gave away our last “butterfly on a stick”, so we’ll have to get busy again! You’ve seen the pictures in previous newsletters! Sherry, Judy, Jane and I thank you all for your participation in events and workshops!

As if that wasn’t enough for July, we had a spot on KBTX-TV to promote our Community Habitat Meeting. Jane C. with Barbara Keller-Willy.



THE LAST WORD

Here we are, about to start another year in the life of our Garden Club. 2017 will mark 80 years since we were federated. We are planning celebrations which will be announced closer to the time. We will be holding a Small Standard Flower Show on May 5, 2017 and you will be hearing MUCH more about that in the coming months!

As our club grows, so do our needs for "People Power". We will be asking for help in filling various Committee Chairs and other duties. You can of course say "no", but we hope you won't! You can rest assured that there will be plenty of help and guidance, and we are working on building a mentor/buddy system so "No Member is Left Behind"!!

Your 1st VP-Program Chair has some great things lined up for this coming year, and we hope to have a catalog of merchandise at our August Social for those who wish to purchase shirts, bags, caps etc.

So, with food on our minds, please don't forget to mark your calendars for Friday, August 12th, 9:30 – 11:30 at the CSWW Facility for our Annual Membership Social. The member who brings the most guests will win a (small) prize!!!!

Helen

