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Texas Garden Clubs, and District V

*The nation plants, designs,  
and works to help the  
environment - together!!!*

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, September –  
May  
9:30 – 11:30 at College Station WW Facility  
2200 North Forest Parkway College Station, TX  
77845

**NEWSLETTER : Nov. 2017**

### CALENDAR Nov/Dec

Nov 3: AMGC Board Meeting 1 – 3 pm

Nov 5: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Nov 10: Regular Monthly Meeting – program  
by Johanna R. & travelers on Global  
Gardening-Guatemala

Nov 18: Propagation Workshop

Dec. 1: AMGC Board Meeting 1-3 pm

Dec 8: AMGC Regular Meeting – No program –  
pot luck, Christmas party!

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TGC: [www.texasgardenclubs.org](http://www.texasgardenclubs.org)

\*NEW!! SCR: [www.scrgardenclubs.org](http://www.scrgardenclubs.org) \*NEW!!\*

### 2017-2018 OFFICERS

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(Bronze) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Texas Club of the Year 2016

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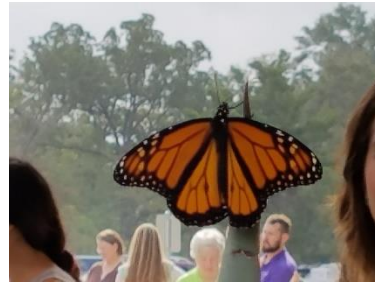
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## OCTOBER IN REVIEW

At our **October Regular Meeting**, members and guests enjoyed an interesting program given by Jennifer Nations of College Station Water Department on the use, care and calibration of watering systems and resources available to Bryan and College Station residents.



Sharon B. introduced her Horticulture Minute flower Gomphrena (aka Straw Flower, .....



### **October 21 Wildflower seed planting at Richard Carter Park.**

19 (I think) members volunteered at this event along with members of DAR, City of College Station, students from TAMU Entomology Dept., KBB, Butterflies in the Brazos, 30-40 in all. Here are a few pics, more on our FB page, and on our blog at <http://amgardenclub.wordpress.com>.

**October 14** ten members worked shifts at the **Lick Creek Park Nature Center Grand Opening**, operating a booth for the club educating about butterflies etc., and for Butterflies on the Brazos, doing the same! Highpoint of the day was this Monarch, who emerged from his chrysalis especially for the event, then flew off to finish drying on a nearby bush!!!



### TGC FALL CONVENTION

6 members attended the TGC Fall Convention in Killeen – the theme was “Change is in the Wind”. The attendees numbered 129, from all corners of Texas, and we were honored by the presence of Isabel Olsen, Director of South Central Region, Our current TGC President as well as several former TGC, National, and SCR Presidents/Directors. The meals were great, the Business of the meeting went smoothly, and the programs following meals and in the

afternoons included Wreath Making, Edible Flowers as Garnishes, an Afternoon Tea (with many of the ladies “dressing up” for the occasion, Growing Grapes in Texas, a Honey Bee program, a Design program, a Country-Western dance evening (including lessons), and the Rhema Choir of the Christian House of Prayer Gospel Music on the last evening. Good shopping, good accommodation, and a very successful convention! (More pictures and details on our blog) –

<http://amgardenclub.wordpress.com>



The Afternoon Tea



Khris receiving a “First Time” Attendee” recognition.



Host District V Director, our own Michele W., delivering the Welcoming Remarks.

## DISTRICT V FALL MEETING

A report of the District V Fall Meeting will be included at our November Regular meeting.

## NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

**PLAN:** To rake and collect all dead tree leaves for mulching and winter protection of tender plants, or for compost pile. Design and prepare beds for roses and other shrubs.

**PRUNE:** Flowering perennial stalks that have finished blooming. Trim dead part of leaves from bearded iris. Stop cutting spent rose blossoms off so the bushes will go dormant for cold weather.

**PLANT:** Lily of the Valley and Dutch Iris in j pots for gifts. Tulips and hyacinths that have been refrigerated may be planted this month and next. Most other bulbs, phlox, poppy, pinks, salvia, scabiosa, sweet peas, Sweet William, trumpet creeper, wistria, clematis, honeysuckle, larkspur, petunia.

**FERTILIZE:** Dig superphosphate into all bulb bes and around bearded iris. Give extra feeding to bulbs as soon as tops come into view. Sweet peas, pansies and amaryllis need fertilizer.

**SPRAY & DUST:** As needed.

**WEATHER PROTECTION** Bank soil around shrubs if frost is predicted. Cover smaller plants carefully. Water sufficiently.

**BLOOMING:** Alyssum, calendula, candytuft, mums, cosmos, Michaelmas Daisy, petunia, verbena, jasmine, lantana, loquat, shrubs and vines.

**VEGETABLES:** (Give or take a few days.)

Broccoli\* & Brussels Sprouts\* 9/10-11/15;  
Cabbage\* 9/15-12/31; Cabbage, Chinese 9/1 – 10/15; Carrot, 9/15-11/30; Swiss Chard, Mustard, Turnip 8/20-11/15; Kohlrabi, 9/20-11/30; Leaf lettuce 9/15-11/30; radish 9/1-11/30; (\* = plants, not seeds).

**Plan your 2018 Herb Garden:** try something new, like Epazote, which is used extensively in Mexican and Guatemalan cooking.



I think this looks a bit like Giant Ragweed, so as with all “wild” culinary adventures, it is better to be safe than sorry!!!

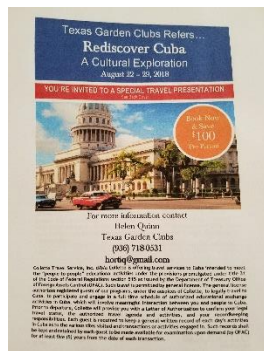
**TWO TGC TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER 2018!**

**PANAMA JUNE 7 – 15, 2018**

This trip will be of interest to Garden Club members and friends, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Birders, an Canal history buffs! Brochures are available at our meetings and also at the Landscape Design School, and Fall Convention in Killeen, but seats are limited and won't be available for long at this price!

Details also available at:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/842452>



**CUBA AUGUST 22 – 29, 2018**

Come with us to rediscover Cuba before all the tourists catch on! This is an trip authorized under the “People-to-People” educational activities, such travel being permitted by general license. See the Classic Cars and meet the owners of these restored vehicles, participate in a Salsa lesson and learn about the Cuban national dance, the “Danzón”. Enjoy the beautiful beaches of Cayo Santa Maria, and a 4 night stay in lively and historic Havana, Botanical Gardens, Hemingway’s home, Cigars and Cuban artist Jose Fuster. Brochures are now available, but details can be found at: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/781590>

