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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
77845

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CALENDAR NOV/DEC

Nov 4- TGC District V Fall Meeting-Georgetown

Nov 4- Texas Arbor Day, Central Park, CS

Nov 5- World Fest, Wolf Pen Creek, CS

Nov 6 – Daylight Saving Time ends

Nov 11- AMGC Regular Meeting 9:30 Program

by Dr. Mark “Merriwether” Vorderbruggen, on
Edible Landscaping Plants

Nov 24-HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dec 2 –AMGC Board Meeting 1-3 CSWWF

Dec 9 –AMGC Christmas Party meeting-Pot Luck

Dec 25 –MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: To order bulbs not purchased last month. Pot up plants to add color indoors during the winter.

PRUNE: Cuttings of Shrimp plant may be taken now for winter houseplants. Root-prune wisteria that failed to bloom. Apply superphosphate, cover cuts with soil or peat, water thoroughly.

PLANT: Madonna, Calla, Easter and Regal Lilies, Amaryllis, anemone and ranunculus, strawberry plants. Divide Shasta daisy, ajuga, forget-me-nots. Plant all hardy annuals, sweet pea and pansy. Transplant seedlings that are large enough. Daylilies and amaryllis may be divided and replanted.

FERTILIZE: Give mums a feeding of liquid fertilizer now and keep well watered. Lawns and roses. Add superphosphate to daylilies. Add compost to beds.

SPRAY AND DUST: A good dormant oil may be used where you saw scale last season.

BLOOMING: Cosmos, mums, dahlia, plumbago, roses, alliums, pyracantha, Michaelmas daisy.

VEGETABLES: Beets sow through 10/20; Carrots through 11/30 (if you have tight clay soil, try a short variety like Danvers Half Long, or plant in containers, Leaf Lettuce through 11/30. Plant a row a week – “succession planting” extends the harvest considerably! Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, all the leafy greens, can be planted now, but use plants if you have them rather than seed. And don't forget Garlic and Radishes!



HERBS:

Due to our mild winters, many herbs are happier now than in the hot summer. Cilantro in particular loves the cooler weather, but basil not so much! Don't forget to harvest and use your herbs!

OCTOBER RECAP

Our October meeting Program was given by Charlene Perry of Digitorganics. Who knew that there were so many types of worms on this earth, and how they prefer different temperatures and soil depths? And that in a well-tended compost heap, 1,000 red worms can increase to 1 million in a year or two, or that Purina makes “Worm Chow”? Myrna won the door prize of a bucket of worm castings, and everyone went home with a new appreciation for those wigglers!



Deana and Sharon, with the assistance of Judy and Dale, set up a great display table of bird related items, with a computer slideshow running on a loop, literature, and an assortment of bird houses brought by members. Deana also gave a brief report on trends in wild bird care as indicated in a survey she had previously sent out to members.



BUTTERFLIES in the BRAZOS

On October 9, 2016 a major butterfly/pollinator garden planting took place at Bee Creek Park in College Station. This was a collaborative event by A&M Garden Club, D.A.R., Master Naturalists, Monarch Gateway, A&M students, the City of College Station, and “the Public”! The local newspaper, The Bryan-College Station Eagle, published a nice article on the event. Barbara Keller-Willy of Monarch Gateway created an iNaturalist project so public visitors can take pictures of pollinators and anything else they see at the park. People have already posted findings in the park. This will be done for each site in order to quantify the number of visitors participating, number of species observed etc.

<http://www.inaturalist.org/places/bee-creek-park>



On October 22nd, Sherry E. organized another great work day at Richard Carter Park in conjunction with Keep Brazos Beautiful, for

“Make a Difference Day”. Once again a merry band of students came out to help, and once again they really did Make a Difference.



On October 28th seven club members enjoyed a tour of the Rooftop Gardens on the Mitchell Physics Building at Texas A&M. This rooftop houses a unique 10,000-square-foot sanctuary for butterflies and other insects, and for the humans who come to admire them. The first rooftop garden on campus, the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Garden boasts an abundance of drought-resistant native Texas vines and fragrant floral plants which attract a diverse set of butterfly species.



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO :
Sherry M 9th, Carmen B 12th, Margaret G 17th,
Sandra M 18th, Brenda P 20th, Annette N 21st,
Carolyn G 28th, Elaine P 29th



READY TO TRAVEL WITH TGC?
TO EXPERIENCE
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S COASTAL
TREASURES
FEATURING THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS &
VICTORIA, BC.

We invite you to join us on August 20-28, 2017 on this exciting journey by plane, boat and coach, to relax aboard the Viking Star as we cruise through the scenic San Juan Islands, visit Seattle, Victoria and more. You will need binoculars for this trip and your camera, to capture the sight of the Orca Whales, River Otters, Sea Lions and the common Minke Whales. We will experience rain forests, Olympic National Park, mountains, the ocean, and wonderful food! For a sneak peek please visit:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/784121>

and let me (Helen) know of your interest and if you have any questions. What a wonderful way to escape the Texas summer heat!

AWARDS

The awards due to District by November 1 are done, some 24 in all. In addition we received 28 youth awards entries in Poetry, Sculptures, and Posters. There will be a list of all youth entries and a copy of all other submissions available in a binder at the November meeting. Here are pictures of a couple of the top youth entries in Posters and Sculptures:



Great Horned Owl!



“Keep our Planet Green” – Turtle Trouble.

THE LAST WORD

Every time I see the Newsletter come together, I am amazed at all the activities in which we participate each month! Our slogan should be “Something for Everyone” because of the variety of our activities!

I did some reading up on the Great Horned Owl, the subject of the above poster. I always thought the reason for their silent flight was so that the prey couldn't hear them coming, but apparently it is so that the Owl can hear the slightest movement and pinpoint the prey!

One last reminder, don't miss the November meeting! Our speaker is the renowned Dr. Mark “Merriwether” Vorderbruggen, Research Chemist, Blogger, Teacher and published Author, who will present a program on “Your Secret garden- Surprisingly Edible (and Drinkable) Landscaping Plants”!

See you there!
Helen