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*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  
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**NEWSLETTER : SEP. 2016**

### CALENDAR SEPT/OCT

Friday Sept. 2nd – AMGC Board Meeting 1- 3  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting, 9:30-11:30,  
Program by Dr. Craig Wilson, on Butterflies and  
Bugs – you won't want to miss this one!  
**Mon-Tues Sept. 26-27 – Landscape Design  
School, George Bush Library, College Station**  
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Saturday Oct 1 – 9 – AMGC trip to Guatemala  
Friday Oct 7 – AMGC Board Meeting 1-3  
Friday Oct 14 – AMGC Regular Meeting 9:30  
Program by Charlene Perry of Dig It Organics  
on “Composting with Worms”!  
Oct 18-19-20 Fall TGC Convention, El Paso, TX  
Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – Make a Difference Day R.Carter Park



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**HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO :**  
**Debbie P. 9/11, Kelly K, 9/23**



### **SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN**

(Remember the old song "It might as well rain until September"?)

**PLAN:** To destroy all old stalks and leaves that shelter insects. Buy and refrigerate tulip bulbs as soon as they are available for 6 – 8 weeks before planting. Hyacinth bulbs "can" be refrigerated but it is not really necessary; narcissus bulbs don't need this if you buy varieties recommended for our climate (which you should be doing anyway!) Prepare strawberry and early spring flower beds, and divide violets, Iris, and daylillies and replant.

**PRUNE:** Dead stems on all plants.

**PLANT:** Bells of Ireland, cornflower, pansy, calendula, candytuft carnation, delphinium, hollyhock, larkspur, sweet williams, pinks, snapdragons and stocks.

**FERTILIZE AND MULCH:** Amaryllis. Give mums a feeding of liquid fertilizer now and keep well watered.

**SPRAY AND DUST:** If you see aphids, webworms or black spot.

**WEATHER PROTECTION:** Keep well watered, as necessary.

**BLOOMING:** Many flowers and shrubs can be blooming now, depending on rainfall and temperature. Keep a journal, write down all the bloomers on, say, the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This will help planning for next year!

**VEGETABLES:** Beets can be sown 9/1 – 10/20; Carrots 9/15 – 11/30 (if you have tight clay soil, try a short variety like Danvers Half Long, or plant in containers). English Peas go in 9/15 – 9/30, and Leaf Lettuce 9/15 – 11/30. Plant a row a week – "succession planting" extends the harvest considerably!

### **HERBS:**

Keep your Basil trimmed to make the most of the last warm days of summer. Mint should be recovering now, but if you see signs of rust it is best to dig it all up and replant in a different place! Cilantro and all the other herbs that don't like the blistering heat (especially the hot nights) will do well to be planted now. Most herbs don't like wet feet so consider planting in raised beds or containers.

**Be vigilant** for wasp nests hidden in the grass and wherever they think you can't see them! If you are stung, don't swat at the offender, drop everything and run to a safe place. A sting from a red wasp contains a chemical designed to summon all its nest mates to you in order to defend the nest! They are useful in the garden, and will only attack if they feel threatened, so be aware.



Photo is from:

<http://texasinsects.tamu.edu/images/insects/common/images/cd-43-c-txt/cimg350.html>

### *Heads Up for an exciting addition to our October Meeting*

**October Exhibit is "For the Birds"**



We're bringing attention to what gardeners can do to help our feathered friends. We hope you'll participate in the display at our **October** A&M Garden Club meeting. Members are invited to bring a bird house to add to the display. Think creative. Consider using recycled material. Should be something you would be willing to display in your own yard. Deana & Judy.

## MONARCH MOMENT

In the August Newsletter we gave a brief report on the Monarch and other Pollinator Habitat Community Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>; here are a few more pictures.



Attendees enjoying the wonderful cupcakes and snacks, and strolling around the Wildlife and Habitat Garden behind the USDA building.



Plans are taking shape for the implementation of butterfly gardens in several Brazos Valley Parks, and homeowners are being encouraged to make and register their butterfly gardens with the NGC Million Pollinator challenge. More events are planned, so stay tuned!

*Gardner, Gardner, part time  
Yardener,  
How does your Milkweed grow?*

(With apologies to whoever wrote Mary,  
Mary, Quite Contrary)!!!!

## 2016 AWARDS

Work is already under way to write up award applications for 2016. A committee met on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Larry Ringer Library in College Station to start the organizational process. Not pictured is Sherry E., the photographer! We'll have to start using "Selfie" technology in the future.



If anyone would like to be involved in the Awards process, you are welcome to join us in some capacity or other, such as proof-reading, supplying photos, or just to learn about it!

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Sherry Ellison, Chair

Volunteers Needed!

JOIN US FOR FUN WHILE WORKING TOGETHER !!!

Fall 2016 Landscape Design School - Course I,  
Series XXV

At George H.W. Bush Library and Museum

The Landscape Design School is held on Monday, September 26, and Tuesday, September 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A&M Garden Club volunteers serve as hostesses and helpers both days. Members may work for an hour or more during this time. Lunch is free, when you work from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Monday) or 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Tuesday). Monday jobs are Registration Station, Food Station, and Book Station. Tuesday jobs include the Food Station, the Book Station, Handing Out Exams, and Grading Exams. Everyone helps with cleanup each day, and we have to leave by 5:00 p.m. We can leave earlier if we are through.

On Sunday, September 25, 3 volunteers are needed to go to Sam's on the Earl Rudder Freeway by Harvey Road at 2:00 p.m. There they will buy supplies with Diane Perez, Texas Garden Clubs' representative. Supplies (ice, food, napkins, etc.) will be loaded in cars to be taken to the George H.W. Bush Library and Museum. There volunteers will unload at the Museum front doors and take everything inside and set up for Monday. Again the Museum closes at 5:00 p.m., so this will only last 3 hours. If a volunteer has a van or a pickup, that would be a great help for transportation!

I will bring a signup sheet to our next meeting, but you can email me before that.

Positions that need to be filled are: 2 for purchasing supplies, on Sunday Sept 25, and setting up 2-5 p.m.

### Monday (Sept. 26)

1 person for registration 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Food Station 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 3 people needed.  
Book Station 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. 2 people needed  
Food Station 12:30 -5:00 p.m. 2 people needed  
Book Station 12:30 -5:00 p.m. 2 people needed

### Tuesday (Sept.27)

Food Station 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 3 p.m. 3 people needed  
Book Station 8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. 2 people needed  
Food Station 1:30-2:30 p.m. 2 people needed  
Exam set up, taking up exams, grading, giving certificates, clean up 9 people needed

## THE LAST WORD

Our club is going from strength to strength, and while we are delighted, this does present one tiny problem – if you don't wear your name tag, we might call you by the wrong name! There will be a new order for name tags going in at the September meeting, so be sure to sign up if you haven't received one. We offer magnetic ones as well as the traditional pin ones. Hopefully we will also have the catalog of merchandise that is available with our club logo (totes, tees, polos, visors, etc. etc.) We don't make money from these items, but we do from our Ways & Means Table (plants, seeds, books, any garden items, crafty things made from plants, fruits, etc.) Make sure to check it out and "Bring and Buy"!

In the meantime, here's a little gem from Robert Frost's "A Line Storm Song", appropriate for our recent weather!

*The roadside flowers, too wet for the bee,  
Expend their bloom in vain.  
Come over the hills and far with me,  
And be my love in the rain!*

Keep your Wellies at the ready, line your seed packets up in order of planting dates, pull those weeds (should be easy after all the rain we have had!), and think "Cooler Weather is right around the corner".



See you at the September meeting (Sept 9) – come and hear Dr. Craig Wilson tell us more about "Beautiful Bugs and Butterflies". Bring a friend or two – visitors are always welcome.

*Helen*