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and works to help the
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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

NEWSLETTER : Dec. 2017

CALENDAR Dec/Jan

Dec. 1: AMGC Board Meeting 1-3 pm
Dec 8: AMGC Regular Meeting – Seeds for Life
update by Johanna – pot luck, Christmas party!
Dec 15: AMGC Coffee 1541 Pastries & Coffee,
1808 Brothers Blvd, College Station 9 - 11
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Jan.5: AMGC Board Meeting 1-3 pm
Jan 12: AMGC Regular Meeting – Program by
Heather White, MD (member of AMGC) on
“Growing Fresh Air”. Member Photography
Display

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NOVEMBER IN REVIEW

DISTRICT V FALL MEETING

The District V Fall Meeting was held in Temple on October 27th at a lovely Senior Facility “Country Lane”. Michele, Suzanne, Heather, Khris and Helen attended from A&MGC; business was kept to a minimum, the program was on the historic trees of Texas presented by the Melissa Chadwick of Mother Neff State Park. Lunch was delicious, after which the Zones held brief meetings to share highlights of their clubs’ year and form a nominating committee for the Zone Director position for 2019-2021. As usual there were lots of plants and interesting items at the Ways & Means tables and the meeting adjourned about 2:30 pm.



TURKEY DELIVERY TO CRESTVIEW

The pinecone turkeys made by members in October were delivered by Joyce W. to Crestview with a scheduled delivery of Meals on Wheels. Joyce reported the residents were so happy to receive them.



NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Several visitors were welcomed to the meeting; the Hospitality Team for the month outdid themselves with delicious refreshments. Three of our guests helped with the Program by showing slides and talking about their participation in September’s trip to Guatemala. Kelli k. presented the Horticulture Minute segment with a very interesting mini-talk on Succulents.



REMINDER ABOUT OUR DECEMBER 8TH MEETING

POTLUCK AND GIFT EXCHANGE

To follow a BRIEF Business Meeting . Johanna will present a short program on the school activities in Guatemala (the section that we were unable to complete at the November Meeting because we ran out of time!) Bring a dish to share, friends and neighbors, and a garden-related gift (\$15) – visitors may participate in the gift exchange if they wish, if they bring a gift!



DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: For cold weather protection. Collect large cardboard boxes for plant covers. (Old lampshades in plastic bags also work well). Clean up beds and prepare new ones. Burn diseased or bug-infested debris.

PRUNE: Perennials that have finished blooming. Keep sweet pea and pansy blooms picked for longer blooming period. (Consider using Petunias for Winter flowering instead of Pansies because they hold up better in the intermittent “heat waves” of winter.) Cut dahlia stalks not quite to the ground because the eyes for next year’s growth are in the stalk. Life, dry for 24 hours, and store with the tuber inverted to avoid shrinkage. DO NOT prune ornamentals this month.

PLANT: Jonquils, narcissus, daffodils, hyacinths and Dutch Iris, dormant trees, shrubs and oaks. Amaryllis, anemones, tulips (after having chilled them in the fridge for 6 – 8 weeks), pansy, petunia, carnation, poppy, snapdragon, larkspur, verbena and many others.

FERTILIZE: Only sweet peas.

SPRAY & DUST: After hard frost, treat figs for borer and mealy bugs as recommended by the County Agent. Spray for scale on shrubs and trees.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Be prepared to cover tender plants if freeze is predicted. Keep watered enough to keep plants in good condition, but not so much as to start new growth. If the ground is dry and a hard freeze is predicted, water well.

BLOOMING: Alyssum, calendula, forget-me-nots, pansy, dianthus, salvia, verbena, violet, roses. Pyracantha, yaupon, holly and nandina berries.

VEGETABLES: (Give or take a few days.)

Brussels Sprouts* 12/20-1/15; Carrot, 12/20-3/5; (* = plants, not seeds).

Plan your 2018 Vegetable and Herb Gardens:

try something new, like Broccolini, or Mangle (a x between Beet and White Stemmed Chard). Or, buy and study a book such as “Spade, Skirret and Parsnip – The Curious History of Vegetables” by Bill Laws.

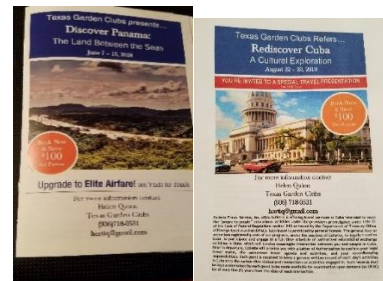
TWO TGC TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER 2018!

PANAMA JUNE 7 – 15, 2018

NOTE: DEPOSIT DUE DEC. 8

This trip will be of interest to Garden Club members and friends, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Birders, and Canal history buffs! Brochures are available, 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 a 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>



A Webinar is scheduled for December 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM CST – link: <https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1554050/264C8BE04508EDEB4667848B96B637C1?partnerref=781590>

Sign up today!!!

HEADS UP FOR JANUARY 12 MEETING:



**AMGC January 12 Meeting
Photo Display**

This is an informal display without judging or following any NGC rules, open on club members.

1. Any topic is OK.
2. Members may bring 2.
3. Size is 8x10.
4. Mounted on foam board.
5. Need a small name tag with the photo.

Displaying/viewing at meeting: Bring your own small easel to hold your photo.

EPSOM SALT

What is Epsom Salt? Often encountered as the heptahydrate sulfate mineral epsomite ($MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$), commonly called Epsom salt, taking its name from a bitter saline spring in **Epsom** in **Surrey**, England, where the salt was produced from the springs that arise where the porous chalk of the North Downs meets non-porous London clay.

To provide your tomatoes, peppers and roses with much needed magnesium, try this:

1 tsp Epsom salts

4 cups warm water

Spray on plants and again 10 days later.

And for you Trivia Buffs, The Derby Stakes, officially the Investec Derby, popularly known as The Derby (and pronounced in England as Darby), is a Group 1 flat horse race in England open to three-year-old thoroughbred colts and fillies. It is run at **Epsom Downs** Racecourse in Surrey over a distance of one mile, four furlongs and 6 yards, on the first Saturday of June each year. This race was first run on May 4, 1780, so just celebrated its 237th running!!



EXPANDED CALENDAR THRU MAY 2018

DECEMBER

- 1 – Board Meeting, if necessary
- 1,2 – Environmental Study School, Old Fort Parker
- 8 – Regular meeting, pot luck, gift exchange
Seeds For Life 20 min presentation
- 9,10 – Chappell Hill GC Christmas Home Tours
- 15 – AMGC Coffee gathering, 1541 Pastries & Coffee, 1808 Brothers Blvd, College Station

JANUARY

- 5 – Board Meeting
- 12 – Regular Meeting, program “Growing Fresh Air”, Photography display, Elections

FEBRUARY

- 2 – Board Meeting
- 9 – Regular Meeting, program Growing Roses
- 10- Possible Propagation Workshop
- 26,27 – Landscape Design School

MARCH

- 2 – Board Meeting
- 3 – Plant Sale/Butterfly event
- 9 – Regular Meeting, program on Herbs
- 16- Round Top Herbal Forum/Plant Sale
- 21- District V Spring Meeting, Georgetown
- 24- (?) The Big Event/Richard Carter Park

APRIL

- 6 – Board Meeting
- 9, 10, 11, 12, TGC Spring Convention, Fort Worth
- 13- Regular Meeting, prog. Good & Bad Bugs
- 27,28, 29 SCR Convention, Houston

MAY

- 4 – Board Meeting
- 11- Regular Meeting, Pot Luck, Officer Installation
- 21,22,23,24 – NGC Convention, Philadelphia

