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South Central Region Garden Clubs
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*The nation plants, designs,
and works to help the
environment - together!!!*

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

NEWSLETTER : July 2018

CALENDAR July/August

July 4: Booth at Heritage Park, Bryan
July 12: Design Workshop 2200 N.Forest 1-2:30
July 13: Board Mtd., 2200 N.Forest Pkwy, 9:30a
July 18: Club Coffee, Blue Baker, Towerpoint
July 21: Wish Upon a Butterfly, Brazos Center

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(Bronze) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Texas Club of the Year 2016
Texas Garden Club of the Year
(Silver) 2017
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JUNE IN REVIEW

June 3-9 was NGC's National Garden Week. AMGC set up Library Displays in (1) Bryan, (2) College Station and (3) Navasota, highlighting all things gardening and focusing on youth and pollinator gardening.



June 11 members enjoyed a social coffee hour at Sweet Eugene's.



June 15 saw the Grand Opening of the first phase of The Gardens at A&M University – the 7 acre Leach Teaching Gardens.



June 7 was the District V Summer Workshop in Georgetown.



June 20 – The A&M Garden Club is on the planning committee for the College Station 80th Anniversary Celebration at historical Richard Carter Park on June 20 to plan for a fall celebration.

Hold the date of Sunday, Oct 21, 2-4 pm, and join in the fun events, learn more about CS's beginning and history - the people, places, and plants.

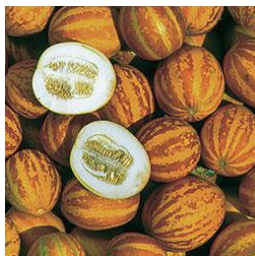
Thanks to GC members for helping locate stations where we will talk about wildflowers, plants and trees - L-R: Sherry E, Kelli K, Judith S, Heather W, Jane C.



New to grow this year:

Queen Anne's Pocket Melon

This variety is also known as 'Plum Granny' melon and 'Dudaim Melon.' Victorian women were known to carry these tiny melons in their pockets to counteract the rough aromas of life in the days before deodorant. Melons were developed and domesticated in Africa and Asia. Europeans settling in the Americas are recorded growing honeydew and casaba melons in the 17th century.



JULY IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: To clean out flower beds and redesign if desired. Let roses and other fall-flowering plants rest for the next 2 months. Start poinsettia cuttings to be rooted for Christmas bloom.

PRUNE: Pinch back mums for the last time. Cut out dead wood. Trim plants that need to be properly shaped.

PLANT: This is not a good month for planting. If summer blooming seeds are planted, care must be taken to keep beds moist until germination occurs and well-watered afterwards.

FERTILIZE AND MULCH: Mums, lawns, trees and shrubs.

SPRAY: Lawns, shrubs and roses if needed.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Cultivate lightly, mulch and water deeply. DO NOT sprinkle, water early in the morning to allow water to evaporate during the day.

BLOOMING: Crape myrtle, hibiscus, oleander, plumbago, daylilies, confederate rose, althea, many other summer annuals and perennials.

VEGETABLES: (Give or take a few days.)

Corn (sweet) 7/15-8/20; Cucumber 7/20-8/15; Eggplant 7/10-7/31; Melons 7/15-7/31; Okra 7/15-7/31; Pea, Southern 7/15-7/31; Pumpkin 7/15-7/31; Squash, summer 7/15-8/20; Squash, winter 7/15-8/10.

BIRDSEYE CALENDAR THRU AUGUST 2018

JULY

- 4- Fourth of July at Heritage Park
- 12- Design Workshop, 1 – 2:30 CSWWF
- 13- Board Meeting, 9:30 CSWWF
- 18- Club Coffee – Blue Baker, Tower Point 9:30a
- 21- Wish Upon a Butterfly, 9 – 12 Brazos Center

AUGUST

- 10 – AMGC Potluck Membership Social



You won't want to miss the August 10 annual Membership Social – Pot Luck; bring your friends and neighbors and come and learn all about the upcoming year's programs and events!!!

FOURTH OF JULY AT HERITAGE PARK

Once again, the club will have a booth at the Fourth of July Celebrations at Heritage Park in Bryan for a couple of hours of fun, parades, and free ice-cold watermelons!! We will be giving away plants, information sheets, bookmarks and other goodies, and greeting returning visitors to our booth with updates on how plants they previously received are doing! Michele is chairing this event and will be sending out details closer to the date. The event is held outside, in the park, but we will have the shade from trees and our canopy. The past few years we have been right beside the icy watermelon



PLANTS FOR THE JULY EVENTS

Judy has plants we have to give away July 4th and for the butterfly release, about 500. Sandy has about 5 flats. There are at least 30 different kinds. Garden Club members who helped at the workshops and didn't take any home might still like some.

WISH UPON A BUTTERFLY July 21, 2018



There are three booth times with two positions at each time: 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. Khris will pick up the booth supplies from Judy S to setup up with one volunteer and will take down the booth at 12:00 and return items to Judy. The booth setup will be three tables, one large and two small. Location will be inside the museum in the Discovery Room towards the back of the room. More volunteers are needed - **Please contact Khris if you can help!!!** 979-777-1262

TWO WAYS TO HELP YOUR CLUB

1. **Amazon Smile:** Don't forget if you purchase items from Amazon they will donate .5% of your purchase amount to our club if you select it as your charity. Log on to <http://smile.amazon.com> prior to ordering. Sign in using your Amazon user name/password. Search for Texas Garden Clubs, select the one that has the Haines Dr. address, and start shopping!!!
2. **Garden Design Magazine:**
<https://www.gardendesign.com.amgc>

When someone subscribes to Garden Design magazine using that link, they will receive the current issue of Garden Design for free, and \$12 of the order will be donated to your society! (A&M GC). Anyone can use the link who wants to subscribe to the magazine and support your club—friends, family, community members, etc.

FLOWER SHOW 2018
"One World"



The 2018 Flower Show will be held October 13, 2018, at 1401 W. Martin Luther King Blvd., Bryan, Texas, in the Cafeteria. This event will be free and open to the Public from 1 – 3 pm. Here is a link to the schedule: [One World – Flower Show Schedule A&M GC 2018](#)

The show has an ecological theme with the Design Division having three design classes – Air, Land, and Water, a Horticulture Division, an Educational Division with three awesome exhibits, and a Sponsored Group section with some recycled projects from the residents of Family Promise. Family Promise is a non-profit which focuses on the children and families that are homeless in our area. The facility is in Bryan, 1401 Martin Luther King Drive, in a rehabbed Elementary School. There are still several places where help is needed – judges' hospitality (minimal snacks like coffee, juice, and rolls) for only 3 judges, docents/hostesses to greet the public and monitor the show from 1-3PM while the show is open and help with horticulture placement

Flower Show Horticulture requirements-reminders

Most horticulture needs to be in your possession by July 15, 2018, to enter in the show. No popping out to the Garden Center the week before to buy a plant to enter in the show! Details are in the Schedule. We will have sample entry cards at the September meeting to help those who are not familiar with them. There will be a short presentation at the September meeting explaining botanical names. Please ask for help if you are uncertain of a plant's name!

REMINDER TO ALL DESIGNERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE FLOWER SHOW WORKSHOP TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE SHOW

Greta Merritt is the Design Chairman for the Flower Show and she has arranged to have a Consultant workshop at the Waste Water Treatment Facility in the Conference Room on Thursday, July 12, 2018, from 1-2:30pm. Designers will review all of the following:

- *Creative versus Traditional Design and the size limitation in this show (12" design)
- *Staging of the Design Division in the show will be reviewed
- *Selection of Background Staging Panels/Underlays
- *How to complete the explanation card with plant material and inspiration
- *Transportation of Designs

Heather White, Flower Show Chairman, and Greta will conduct the workshop. At the conclusion, we will review any questions you may have about doing your design for the show. If you are considering a specific component and have questions, please bring it and show us! Attendance is not mandatory—this is designed to help you put your best design out for the show!

FIFTY IS NIFTY

Thanks to YOUR generosity in donating your small (and larger) change, we have sent \$100 in to NGC for Global Partners Running Waters project. This will help provide clean water to those who don't have access to it now.



NGC AWARDS

The NCG Convention was held May 21-24 in Philadelphia. We received Runner Up in NPW-2 Civic Projects-Native Plants, with a monetary reward of \$250.00, and 1st in EC-3(A) Conservation Education. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**



Coffee time

*Who: any one can attend,
including prospective members*

What: coffee and socializing

*When: Wednesday, July 18th
9:30-11AM*

*Where: Blue Baker, 4500 Mills
Park Circle, CS (Tower Point
area)*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear A&M GC Members,

It's another hot and at times quite humid summer in College Station. This summer finds me busy with activities related to our new year – helping to collect information for the yearbook which we hope to have ready for the August Social. Mark your calendars and save the date for August 10, 2018 as our fun social “pre-game warmup” for the Garden Club year. Meanwhile, if your address/phone number or email change this summer, please let Ann Gundy know. A few of you have lapsed on paying your dues for 2018-2019. If you aren't sure whether you paid or not, check with Treasurer Kelli Kerns – otherwise you won't be in the yearbook. We have lots of summer garden club activities including the upcoming Old Fashioned 4th of July in Heritage Park on the 4th (of course) and we can always use volunteers and cheerleaders for our booth – contact Michele Wehrheim. I am chairing the Environmental School at Old Fort Parker in Groesbeck and am pleased to see Rose Jarnagin has signed up to continue in the class. We have a capacity crowd at 33. Our next coffee is on Wednesday, July 18, at 9:30 at the Blue Baker, Towerpoint—please join us for social time. Khris Thurmond is in charge of the Wish Upon a Butterfly booth at the Brazos Valley History Museum on July 21st and needs some helpers. I need a variety of chairmen for next year and it is never too late to volunteer.

Heather