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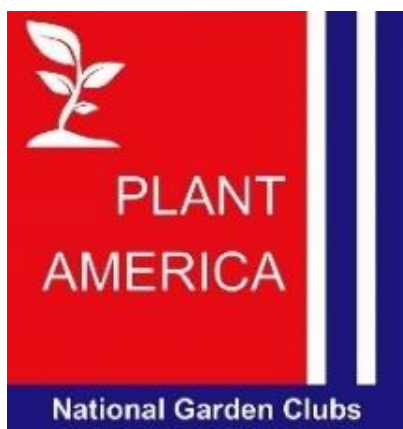
Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, Sept – May  
9:30 – 11:30 at College Station WW Facility  
2200 North Forest Parkway College Station, TX  
77845

**NEWSLETTER : August '18**

See inside for Calendar of Events

August through October

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## 2018-2019 OFFICERS

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**JULY IN REVIEW**

**July 4** Once again our club has participated in the Fourth of July Celebrations at Heritage Park in Bryan. This is a small, historic park, and the festivities are of a family type, with lots of kids and dogs in the parade, vendors, watermelon and the usual “stuff”. We gave away over 500 plants at our booth, and handed out all kinds of environmental and horticultural information, as well as promoting our club!!



**July 12** A Design Workshop was held at our regular meeting place for those who have signed up to exhibit designs at our October Flower Show. Greta M. and Heather W shown here.



**July 13-15** Environmental School II at Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck. Pictured are Sarah McR (past TGC President,) Isabel O (Director South Central Region), Heather W (A&MGC & Chair)



**July 13** After the Board Meeting several members went to lunch at T. Jins – Yummy food, and great fellowship time!



**July 18** Apart from all the Educational and Civic things we do in the community, we do value our friendships and social aspects of our club!! This was Coffee at Blue Baker in South College Station.



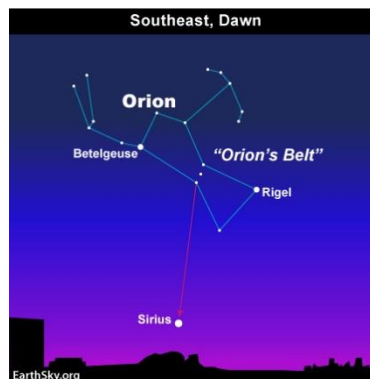
**July 21** The Annual “Wish Upon a Butterfly” event at The Brazos Museum of Natural History saw us once again out and about in the community, giving away plants and information, especially butterfly-related.



### WAYS TO HELP YOUR CLUB

**Amazon Smile:** 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!!

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018



– look for a first hint of the changing season in the predawn sky: Orion the Hunter and Sirius the **Dog Star**. The very noticeable constellation Orion the Hunter rises before dawn at this time of year, recognizable for the short straight line of three stars that make up Orion’s Belt. And the sky’s brightest star Sirius – called the Dog Star because it’s part of the constellation Canis Major the Greater Dog – follows Orion into the sky as darkness gives way to dawn.

### AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

In these **Dog Days of Summer** - Stay cool and hydrated!

**PLAN:** To start a compost heap with grass clippings. Dry clippings for mulch. Let the sun sterilize flower beds this month. Be sure coldframes are ready for seed to be sown the last of the month. Place orders for bedding plants. If you have a reasonably large space and access to brush and tree limbs, consider the “Hugelkultur” method of growing. See <http://www.holzeragroecology.com> and <http://richsoil.com> for more information.

**PRUNE:** Cut out sucker growth. Cut out dead canes and wilted blooms on roses. Keep the runners prune off wisteria and perennial morning glory. Seed Pods should be cut from crape myrtle to encourage new bloom.

**PLANT:** Carnation, Hollyhock, Larkspur, Pinks, Pansy, Snapdragon, Stock. Transplant Japanese and Siberian Iris.

**FERTILIZE AND MULCH:** Mums, after pinching back. Roses the last of this month for fall bloom.

**SPRAY:** Mums and roses. Check for scale on shrubs.

**WEATHER PROTECTION:** Soak beds where spider lilies (Lycoris) are planted and they will bloom in September. Maidenhair fern should be kept well watered

**BLOOMING:** Althea, ageratum, balsam, celosia, cornflower, canna, crinum, daylilies, zinnia, shrimp plant and others. .

**VEGETABLES:** (Give or take a few days.)  
Corn (sweet) 7/15-8/20; Cucumber 7/20-8/15;;  
Squash, summer 7/15-8/20; Squash, winter 7/15-8/10.

### CALENDAR THRU OCTOBER 2018



#### *AUGUST*

- 10 – AMGC Potluck Membership Social! Bring a dish and a friend or two!!
- 20 - AMGC Coffee Social – Village Café, Bryan, 9:30 – 11:00 am – “come and go”!

#### *SEPTEMBER*

- 7 - AMGC Board Meeting
- 14 FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW GARDEN CLUB YEAR – HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 9.30 am at our regular meeting place.
- 18 - Pilgrimage – car pool to A&A Plants in Montgomery, TX for a tour and shopping, followed by optional Dutch Treat lunch
- 23- AMGC “Gardenista” annual visit to Guatemala (return Oct. 1)
- 24-25 – Landscape Design School – Volunteer Signup sheets available at August & Sept. Meetings.

#### *OCTOBER*

- 7 - AMGC Recycling Workshop 1:45 pm – 3 pm  
Details TBA
- 9,10,11 – TGC Fall Convention, Addison, TX.  
Details in current Lone Star Gardener
- 12 AMGC Regular Meeting –
- 13 AMGC Flower Show
- 21 AMGC participation in City of CS 80<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Celebration at Richard Carter Park
- 31 Dist. V Fall Meeting, Georgetown, TX

Further details of the above events are available  
On our website [amgardenclub.com](http://amgardenclub.com), and in your  
Yearbooks.

### ANOTHER WAY TO HELP YOUR CLUB

#### 1. 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

Horticulture entries must be in your possession by now. 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!



### Coffee time

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

*What: coffee and socializing*

*When: Monday, August 20*

*9:30-11AM*

*Where: Village Café,*

*210 W 26th St, Bryan, TX*

*77803*



### News about our Social Media presence

One of NGC/TGC/SCR and AMGC's objectives is "Education". We already use several outlets for education, including programs for children in schools at home and abroad, programs in the community about butterfly and other wildlife preservation, our little yellow book "Gardening in the Brazos Valley". Even by hosting the twice-yearly Texas Landscape Design Schools we are promoting "Education". We are now taking Education a step further

Traditionally Facebook (and other Social Media) has been used for keeping in touch with family and friends, and exchanging information about who is doing what, and where. We have now created a "Group" linked to our Facebook "Page" on which everybody can post pictures, articles and information, provided it falls within "guidelines". This is a Closed Group, to which potential members must apply to become members. We are starting out by having a twice-monthly change of "topics" (starting with "Roses" through July 31, 2018, "One plant I wish I had never planted" starting August 1). Depending on how this works out, the format may change. This is a new venture, which relies heavily on participation in order to establish a database for which roses (for example) are doing well in our area, and will be a useful tool when we update our Gardening in the Brazos Valley booklet, and to answer questions from the public. The original Facebook page will remain as the source of information about our events and pictures thereof, etc. and posts of general information not covered by the topic in the "Group".

So, I encourage all of you who "do" Facebook, to branch out from your "family only" mode and join our new group!

## [A&M Garden Club Group: Horticulture, Design, Landscape & More](#)

Who knows, you might enjoy the experience, and at the same time help newcomers to the area (and those of us who are already here) who want to know what to plant!

Then, share the group with your friends and invite them to join 😊

If anyone is interested in becoming a moderator or admin, please let me (Helen) know – training provided free of charge!!!

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL SEPT 24-25

It's that time again – Michele will start recruiting volunteers this month. For those of you who have never experienced this two-day delight at the Bush Library, we encourage you to give it a try! You don't have to be there all the time, just sign up for the time slot/position that interests you! For more info visit

<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden>

If you are interested in registering to become a Landscape Design Consultant, check the above link and/or speak to Michele!

[NGC OFFER, WILL DISCUSS AT AUG. SOCIAL!](#)

[New Cultivar narcissus offering from Brent & Becky's Bulbs in partnership with NGC – "Plant America". Click to view order form:](#)

<http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/brent-beckys-bulbs.aspx>