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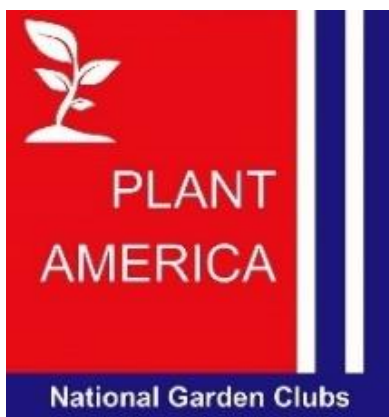
Meeting 2nd Friday of the month, Sept – April
9:30 – 11:30 at College Station WW Facility
2200 North Forest Parkway College Station, TX
May at 6878 McCrae Lane, Bryan, 77808

NEWSLETTER : MARCH 2019

See inside for Calendar of Events

March, April, May

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2018-2019 OFFICERS

Texas Garden Club of the Year
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Texas Club of the Year 2016
Texas Garden Club of the Year
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FEBRUARY IN REVIEW

February 8 Regular Meeting

Great program on Succulents by Regena Williamson. The remaining position on the slate of officers for 2019-2020 was filled, with the election of Co-Historians Idalia and Helen. Horticulture Minute was presented by Sharon, "Rosemary", and Design Minute by Heather "Using dried materials", and the beautiful floral centerpiece was made by Greta!



February 19 Craft Workshop at Judy's

Seven members met at Judy's house to make refrigerator magnets and butterflies for kids to color at the upcoming March 3rd "Monarch March" at Lick Creek Park.



February 20 Coffee

8 members met for coffee and conversation at Sweet Eugene's in College Station.



February 25-26 – Landscape Design School

Approximately 70 students attended Course 2 of the XXVI Series of Landscape Design School. 10 AMGC members volunteered on Monday 25, 15 on Tuesday 26, and several on the evening of Sunday 24 purchasing supplies, transporting to the George Bush Presidential Library, and setting the break room up. We have only a group picture of the Mon. morning crew – sorry, all who worked at other times!!!



And this is Roy, who attended class in his own little shoulder bag carrier, under the chair 😊

MARCH IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: Prepare the soil to move mums next month if you divide plants rather than root new ones. Be sure to move each year. Pinch off tops for cuttings through May. Fertilize lightly each month until color shows in the bud. Use liquid fertilizer to force blossoms.

PRUNE: Finish pruning bush roses and dormant shrubs, and any shrubs that have finished blooming. It is no longer recommended to prune Crape Myrtles may still be cut back from 1/3 to 1/2 their height, (“Crape Murder”) but light pruning to shape the tree and promote better blooming the following season is preferred.

PLANT: Rooted cuttings taken from hardwood shrubs when they were pruned. Divide and reset Cannas. Canna beds should be thinned every year for quality blooms. Plant Coral Vine, Dahlia, Ferns, Gerbera Daisy, Hibiscus, Petunia, Verbena. Seed planted outside after average last frost should germinate and grow now.

FERTILIZE & MULCH: Feed all roses, shrubs and plants with quick-acting fertilizer to stimulate rapid spring growth. Ageratum and flowering shrubs should not be too heavily fertilized at this time because overfeeding of these tends to produce foliage at the expense of bloom. Do not allow fertilizer to touch stem or leaves of any young plants or seedlings unless it is a foliage fertilizer; it will cause them to scald or rot. Trees may be fertilized this month. After fertilizing be sure to mulch well, keeping mulch away from trunk. Also apply copperas or aluminum sulfate to gardenias and other acid-loving plants. DO NOT fertilize grass this month as it is still partially dormant and cannot use the food, but the weeds can!!

SPRAY: Watch for red spider mite, aphids, thrips and bagworms. Use treatment as recommended by the local AgriLife Extension Office. Read the labels carefully!

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WEATHER PROTECTION: Watch for late frost and protect tender plants. Mulch against a hot, dry summer. Water plants deeply if needed.

BLOOMING: All hardy annuals, many shrubs, trees and roses, and many bulbs.

AVERAGE LAST FROST DATE : MARCH 2ND

VEGETABLES: (Give or take a few days.)

- Asparagus, 1/15-3/15
- Beet, 1/5-3/5
- Bean, Bush 3/10 – 5/5
- Bean, Pole 3/10 – 4/10
- Broccoli transplants, 1/20-3/5
- Cabbage transplants, 9/15-3/5
- Cabbage, Chinese, 2/1 – 3/10
- Carrots, 12/20-3/5
- Cauliflower transplants, 2/15-3/20
- Collard transplants, 2/10-3/31
- Chard, Swiss, transplants 2/1-4/20
- Corn, Sweet, 3/5 – 5/5
- Cucumber, 3/20 – 6/15
- Eggplant transplants, 3/25 – 6/10
- Garlic, 1/1-3/15
- Kale transplants, 1/20-3/10
- Kohlrabi, 1/20-3/10
- Leaf lettuce, 1/15-3/20
- Mustard, 2/20-4/15
- Spinach, 1/20-2/20
- Turnip, 1/15-4/20
- Peas, Edible Pod, 1/25-3/5
- Potato, Irish, 2/5-3/5
- Radish, 1/25-5/5
- Squash, Summer, 3/15 – 6/15
- Squash, Winter, 3/15 – 6/15
- Tomato transplants, 3/5 – 4/20

Don't forget when transplanting tomatoes, whether into larger containers or in the ground, to remove the lower leaves and sink up to the top leaves. Even better, remove lower leaves and plant horizontally, covering the stem with soil to encourage rooting on the stem, and sturdier plants!!! Horizontal plants will soon turn up their tips to reach for the sky!

CALENDAR THRU

MAY 2019



MARCH

- 1st AMGC Joint Board Meeting (with incoming Officers/Board Members.
- 3. City of CS P&R “Monarch March”, 1-4 pm, Lick Creek Park
- 8 AMGC Regular Meeting 9:30 am CSWWF. Program Dr. Jim Kracht on Propagation. (Members will make a project to take home)
- 14 District V Spring Meeting, Hubbard, TX
- 15 AMGC Pilgrimage to Round Top annual Herb Society Plant Sale. 8:00 am.
- 19 Meals On Wheels Spring Workshop – at Gundy's House, 1720 Starling, CS 2-4pm. Sign up and more details at March 8 meeting!
- 28 KIDS PLANT AMERICA FAIR at The Gardens At Texas A&M 8:30-11:30 am
- 30 The Big Event (details TBA) Carter Park

APRIL

- 8-11 TGC Spring Convention, El Paso, TX. Details In Lone Star Gardener & District Newsletter
- 12 AMGC Regular Monthly Meeting: Program On Mounting & propagating Begonias, by Tom Keepin, Begonia Society, Judge.
- 12-13 SCR Convention Oklahoma City, OK
- 20 Earth Day Celebration – details TBA
- Apr 30-May 3 – NGC Convention, Biloxi, MS.

MAY

- 10 AMGC Regular Meeting 9:30 am at: **6878 McCrae Lane, Bryan, TX 77845** Installation of Officers for 2019-2020, Pot luck Lunch. Overview of 2018-19.

Note: January, February, March and April Meetings will be at our usual place, the Carter's Creek Wastewater Facility training room.

MAY WILL BE AT KELLI'S HOME
6878 McCrae Lane, Bryan, TX 77845

Starting in August the plan is to meet at College Station Medical Center building on Rock Prairie Road, same side of the road as Kroger, just beyond Longmire.

More details will be forthcoming

NOTES FROM HEATHER:

**JOINT BOARD MEETING, FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019,
9:30am, WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

All current and incoming board members are to attend the next board meeting. New members come prepared to experience the board but you will not be voting on any issues but comments are welcome. Current board members please bring items that might help your incoming replacement and be prepared to spend a few minutes and go over your responsibilities. You should make arrangements to transfer any supplies or records to the incoming officer at the May meeting when the new officers are installed.

VP OR COMMITTEE REPORTS



Nominating Committee – Jane C

The following were elected at the January 11 meeting: **AMGC Officers for 2019-2020**

- Co-Presidents: Sherry Ellison
 Michele Wehrheim
- VP1 Prog - Khrist Thurmond
- VP2 YB - Ann Gundy
- VP3 Comm - Jane Cohen
- VP4 Hosp. - Martha Green
- Recording Sec - Carole Hopp
- Corresponding Sec - Linda Kenyon
- Treasurer - Kelli Kerns
- Reporter - Deana Dossey
- (elected at Feb. 8 meeting:
- Co-Historians - Idalia Aguilar/Helen Quinn

Community/Butterfly – Jane C

1. **Monarch March** - Sunday, March 3. CS Parks & Recreation Dept invites families to enjoy an afternoon learning about monarch butterflies at the Lick Creek Park. The A&M GC table will feature monarch butterfly wands for kids, refrigerator magnets for adults, posters and educational handouts about monarch

butterflies.

Thanks to Judith S for hosting the Tuesday Feb 19 GC workshop. Making refrigerator magnets and butterfly wands were members: Judy A, Sharon B, Jane C, Sherry E, Lyndie L, Judith S, Terry U, Michelle W. Lyndie and Sherry took some home to finish so we'll have lots for the kids.

Thanks to the volunteers to staff our table on Sunday afternoon -

12:15 to 1:30 - Jane Cohen

12:15 to 2:15 - Judy Schafer, Johanna Roman, Sharon Bennett, Helen Quinn, Michele Wehrheim

2:15 to 4:15 - Ann Gundy, Lyndie Lyndie, Sherry Ellison, Carole Hopp, Susie Ohendalski.

Bring your own lawn chair. Heather has the banner and tent. Helen and Judy will bring a table.

Invite family and friends to Lick Creek Park.

2. Register your butterfly garden at the Million Pollinator Gardens web site at

http://pollinator.org/mpgcmmap/register_update.d.php#form

and give credit to the A&M Garden Club. Include your garden name or your name or initials.

Describe your garden, such as - home landscape with native habitat, pocket gardens, planting beds, including nectar and host plants for butterflies and other pollinators, nearby city park, etc.

KIDS PLANT AMERICA FAIR
March 28, 8:30-11:30
The Gardens at Texas A&M
More details and signup sheet at
February and March meetings – help
us educate and entertain 66 kids at the
beautiful Gardens!!
This event is made possible by a grant
from
National Garden Clubs’ “Plant
America”.



The Big Event – Sherry Ellison

March 30th, Richard Carter Park, 9:30-2:30. Come help or watch or take photographs or cheer us on! Volunteers of A&M Garden Club will work with 16 Big Event TAMU students to add wildflower seeds to the Monarch Waystation area. We will all supervise, weed, prune, add soil, and plant pollinator plants in the beds in the park. You can come for part of the time or all of the time. There will be water bottles, snacks, and pizza for everyone there. We need 3 members to bring such snacks as cookies, fruit, or other nibbles. I will bring 1 wheelbarrow. We need at least one or two more wheelbarrows to move plants and soil. Please bring hand tools and shovels with your name on them for general use. Please contact Sherry Ellison (ellison.68@suddenlink.net) or Marianne Maxwell (mariannemaxwell@ymail.com) to volunteer. We will also have a signup sheet at the next meeting. We need at least 10 members to help. Please come and scatter wildflower seeds at 11:00 a.m. and see the birds and butterflies that come to our plants!

Save the Date

October 27-November 5 2019
"Gardenista" Trip to Guatemala.
Contact Helen for details!



Several of us have already purchased air tickets, and there are still some spaces available.

Membership – Helen Q

Third reminder: Membership dues of \$25 are due no later than the May meeting. Dues received after May 31 will be subject to a late fee of \$10 per our By-Laws revision dated October 2018. (Bylaws are on the website "Members Only" section.)

**GARDENING GUIDE
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These will be available at Club meetings and events
Neighbors have a garden that needs help?
Treat them to a copy of our Garden booklet!
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Newcomers to the area asking you gardening questions?
Gift them a copy!!
(and enclose a copy of our membership brochure or business card!)