



Proud member of National Garden Clubs,  
South Central Region Garden Clubs  
Texas Garden Clubs, and District V  
*The nation plants, designs,  
and works to help the  
environment - together!!!*

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, Sept – May  
9:30 – 11:30 at CS Medical Center, starting in  
August 2019 with our Social.

## NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2019

See inside for Calendar of Events

For September and beyond 😊

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## 2018-2019 OFFICERS

Texas Garden Club of the Year  
(Bronze) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Texas Club of the Year 2016

Texas Garden Club of the Year  
(Silver) 2017

**NOW A GOLD CLUB**

Co-Presidents:  
Michele Wehrheim &  
Sherry Ellison

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Chris Thurmond

VP Yearbook  
Ann Gundy

VP Community Events  
Jane Cohen

VP Hospitality: Martha Green

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Janet Dudding

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Heather White

Board Member-at-large  
Heather White

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## AUGUST IN REVIEW

**August 9 Annual Membership Social**  
August Membership Social was enjoyed by 24 members and 5 guests. Co-Presidents Michele Wehrheim and Sherry Ellison welcomed attendees and kept "business" to a minimum. An overview of the coming Garden Club Year was presented, Carolyn Parsons won the door prize of a mini orchid, then we all enjoyed visiting and sampling the usual wonderful offerings of the pot luck lunch!



**August 28 KBTX Interview**  
Heather was the Early Bird this morning, doing an interview on television to promote our October 5<sup>th</sup> Wreath Workshop. Great job, Heather, and a job well done!!!



Wreath made by Bill McKinley



## SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

**PLAN:** To destroy all old stalks and leaves that shelter insects. Buy and refrigerate tulip, hyacinth and narcissus bulbs for about two months, being careful to avoid storing close to apples because they produce methane gas, which can cause the bulbs to abort their flowering process.

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

**PLANT:** Bells of Ireland, cornflower, pansy, calendula, candytuft, carnation, delphinium, hollyhock, larkspur, Sweet Williams, pinks, snapdragons, stock. Divide and replant iris.

**FERTILIZE:** Amrayllis. Give mums a feeding of liquid fertilizer now and keep well watered. Prepare beds for fall planting.

**SPRAY & DUST:** For aphids, webworms, black spot.

**WEATHER PROTECTION:** Keep well watered to combat hot, dry weather.

**BLOOMING:** Cannas, daylilies, bedding begonias, hibiscus, roses, zinnia and many others. Write down what is blooming now that usually doesn't – monitor your own "global warming" observations to help you plan even better for next year. (A good practice for every month, not just September!!!)

**VEGETABLES:** (Give or take a few days.)

Bean, bush, 8/15 – 9/15

Bean, pole, 8/10 – 9/10

Beet, 9/1 – 10/20

Broccoli\* 9/10-11/15

Brussels Sprouts\* 9/10-11/15

Cabbage\* 9/15 – 12/31

Cabbage, Chinese 9/1-10/15

Carrots 9/15 – 11/30

Cauliflower\* 9/20 – 10/31

Garlic, 8/10 – 10/20

Greens:

Chard, Swiss, 8/20 -11/15

Kohlrabi 9/20-11/30

Lettuce, leaf 9/15-11/30

Mustard, 8/20 – 11/15

Spinach 9/5 – 10/25

Turnip, 8/20 – 11/20

Pea, Edible pod 9/15-9/30

Pea, English 9/15-9/30

Pepper transplants, 8/1 – 9/15

Radish 9/1-11/30

Tomato transplants, 8/1 – 9/15

### HERBS:

September is a great month to start many herbs from seed, or purchase plants from the local garden center. Use them freshly chopped in salads, salsas and on your breakfast eggs! Make teas, flavored vinegars, soaps, bath salts, and herb sachets to freshen up your closet. Make herb jellies to baste your late summer barbecues – the possibilities are endless. (I even have a recipe for Basil Icecream 😊 )



**REMINDER: REGISTRATION FOR THE WREATH WORKSHOP DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1ST**



## CALENDAR THRU December 2019



### SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline to register for Wreath Workshop
- 13 A&M GC Regular Meeting – program by Sarah McReynolds on using old wine bottles for designs, etc.
- 19 Pilgrimage to A&A Plants & Produce – details TBA
- 18-20 NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- 23-24 Landscape Design School
- 30 Coffee at Sweet Eugene's, 9:30 – 11:30

### OCTOBER

- 5 A&M GC Wreath Workshop
- 11 A&M GC Regular Meeting – program by Don Plitt on Snakes in the Garden
- 15 Awards should be ready to put in the mail to the appropriate District Chairman.
- 18 Youth Awards due
- 27 "Gardenistas" depart for Guatemala (back on November 5)
- 29-Nov. 1 TGC Fall Meeting, Tyler

### NOVEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for Awards to be in the hands of the District judges.
- 8 A&M GC Regular Meeting – program by Mike Vidrine on Vegetable Gardening
- 8 District V Fall Meeting, Temple

### DECEMBER

- 13 A&M GC Christmas Pot Luck Meeting. Optional participation in Gift Exchange. Service Project – gift baskets of spices & condiments for Bryan Firefighters (we did College Station last year).
- Pilgrimage to Old Fort Parker – date TBA

Note: Any changes or additions to the above will be published on the website and by email to members.



### COFFEE TIME!

Monday, Sept. 30, 9:30-11:30  
Sweet Eugene's, 1702 George Bush Dr,  
College Station

### Non-AMGC events to which you are invited:

#### **Navasota Garden Club**

Sept. 18 - 10:00 am at First Baptist Church - **Greg Grant** speaking on planting plants to attract the most butterflies. Greg is a nationally-known horticulturalist who has worked for botanical gardens around the state, and currently writes articles for *Texas Gardener Magazine*. He's a very fun and informative speaker." (Ask Helen if you would like more information)

**The Gardens at Texas A&M Present . . . Vegetable Victory Gardens** Thursday, September 5, 6-7 PM **Ringer Library** (College Station) Ages 18+

Please join us for this fall series hosted by the Gardens at Texas A&M University! This event will continuously take place on the 1st Thursday of the month from September through December. Guests will meet in the meeting room at the Larry J. Ringer Public Library from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Each month will feature a new topic regarding different aspects of gardening. Light refreshments will be provided by the library. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Ashley at [areed@bryantx.gov](mailto:areed@bryantx.gov). Registration is not required.

## SPECIAL EVENT INVITATION IN BRYAN, NOV. 6

Amy McGee, a floral industry blogger ([botanicalbrouhahablog.com](http://botanicalbrouhahablog.com)) and podcast host (Botanical Brouhaha Podcast on iTunes) living in Bryan, has invited members to check out the website listed at the bottom of this for details of a Floral Design Demonstration in Downtown Bryan on Nov. 6 from 1 pm - 4 pm in case you'd like to join them. Demos will be led by: Holly Chapple (Virginia), Susan Mclearly (Michigan), and Phil John Perry (Manchester, England). They are all well known in the floral design industry and have been published in books, magazines, and blogs. Demos will include: a bridal bouquet, a wearable floral design, and a floral headpiece. The proceeds from the event will be used to continue our work providing assistance and creating opportunities for families and youth in our community of BCS. There will also be a 2-day hands-on workshop and a short film premiere associated with this event. For more info, you can visit: <https://www.bbqardenstyle.com/> Amy says "We'd love to have you! Please feel free to contact me with questions. Amy McGee"

## REVISED PROPOSED BYLAWS AS OF 08/29/19 BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

After comments from the Board members this summer, slight revisions were made and this is the proposed bylaws changes that will be 1) presented to the Board and 2) be published in the September Newsletter. Club members are informed by this Newsletter that these are "proposed" and will be reviewed by the Board at our September 6 meeting. Below you will find the new revisions FIRST and for point of reference the prior revisions sent earlier this summer follow.

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## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES FOR A&M GARDEN CLUB BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMER 2019

In keeping with a request to update a few Bylaws, the Committee met on 8/2/19. The following changes to the Bylaws are proposed:

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Heather White, Chairman