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and works to help the
environment - together!!!*

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 : Mar. 2018

CALENDAR March

Mar. 2: AMGC Board Meeting
Mar. 9: AMGC Regular Meeting. Program by
Sally Ann Hnactiuk on "Growing Herbs"
NGC: www.gardenclub.org
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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!

2017-2018 OFFICERS

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

Texas Club of the Year 2016

Co-President
Sherry Ellison
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(As needed)

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FEBRUARY IN REVIEW

**REVISION TO
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019**
**The following officers were elected at the
January Meeting, with additions in February:**

President: Heather White
1st Vice President: Khris Thurmond & Michele Wehrheim
2nd Vice President: Ann Gundy
3rd Vice President: Jane Cohen
4th Vice President: Annette Naylor & Elaine Powdrill
Recording Secretary: Suzanne Milstead
Treasurer: Kelli Kerns
Corresponding Secretary: Judy Anderson
Reporter: Deana Dossey

Thank you, Ladies. 2018-2019 will be another great year for A&M Garden Club!!!

February 7: Valentine Workshop at Ann's – 12 members gathered to make Valentine cards for delivery via Joyce and Meals on Wheels to residents of Crestview Nursing Home.



Sherry, Brenda, Kelli Marianne
Martha, Ann, Eugenia, Johanna, Lois, (& 2 hidden from view Greta & ?)



Feb. 9 Regular Meeting – Great Programs by Mike Shoup of Antique Rose Emporium and Horticultural Minute by Deana on growing pineapples.



February 16 – Club Coffee morning at The Village Café in Downtown Bryan. Eleven members met and enjoyed coffee and pastries.



Shown l to r: Sandy, Carmen, Carole, Sherry, Terry, Heather

MARCH IN THE GARDEN

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

PRUNE: Finish pruning bush roses and dormant shrubs, and any shrubs that have finished blooming. Crape Myrtles may still be cut back from 1/3 to ½ their height, but leave several buds to produce new shoots and to insure flowering. Note: The practice of pruning Crape Myrtles to this extent is now frowned upon by some arborists and experts, and is commonly called "Crape Murder." Some pruning is beneficial to promote better blooming the following season, but take to care prune lightly, to the shape of the tree, rather than cutting right back.

PLANT: Cuttings taken from hardwood shrubs that have been pruned. Divide and reset cannas now. Canna beds need thinking every year for quality blooms. Set out plants of coral vine, dahlia, ferns, gerbera daisy, hibiscus, petunia, verbena. Seeds planted after average last frost should grow.

FERTILIZE AND 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 aluimum sulfate to gardenias and other acid-loving plants. DO NOT fertilize grass this month as it is still artially dormant and cannot use the food (but the weeds can!)

SPRAY & DUST: Watch for red spider mite, aphids, thrips and bagworms.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Watch for late frost and protect tender plants. Average last frost for our area is March 2, but we all know how

reliable that is!!! Mulch against a hot, dry summer. Water plants deeply if needed.

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

VEGETABLES: (Give or take a few days.)

Asparagus (crowns) 1/15-3/15; Bean, bush 3/10 – 5/5; Bean, pole 3/10 – 4/10; Beet 1/5-3/5; Broccoli (plants) 1/20-3/5; Cabbage (plants) 1/1-3/5; Chinese Cabbage 2/1 – 3/10; Carrots thru 3/5; Cauliflower* 2/15 – 3/20; Chard, Swiss 2/1 – 4/20; Collard* 2/10 – 3/31; Corn, sweet 3/5 – 5/5; Cucumber 3/20 – 6/15; Eggplant 3/25 – 6/10; Garlic 1/1-3/15; Kale (plants) 1/20-3/10; Kohlrabi 1/20-3/10; Leaf Lettuce 1/15-3/2; Mustard 1/20-4/14; Turnip 1/15-4/20; Edible Pod Peas 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* 3/5-4/20.

A Tasty Spring Salad for your St. Patrick's Day

TOSSD DANDELION AND CELERY SALAD

Pick young dandelion leaves, wash well, then de-stalk. Grate some raw spring carrots and chop in dice a celery heart. Mix all ingredients together with some sour cream thinned with lemon juice. Serve chilled.



Note: don't pick roadside greens because they will be contaminated by exhaust gases and probably herbicides

February 26-27, Landscape Design School



Attendees reconvening after lunch Tuesday.

These two days brought thick fog, drizzle, heavier rain, and an occasional glimpse of sunshine, but, thankfully, no ice or snow!!

About 75 Garden Club members, Master Gardeners and others were in attendance, from all over the State of Texas, including our own Rose completing her four courses, and Heather who was refreshing. Thanks to all members of A&M Garden Club who hosted and volunteered to help State Registrar Michele to ensure a smooth running school.



Michele, Barbara, Jane, Emilie at the registration desk.



Save the dates for **September 2018 (24, 25)** – consider taking the course, or volunteering to help, meet new people, and have fun!

For more information on Landscape Design School contact Michele W., or check Dr. Bill Welch's section "The Southern Garden" on Aggie Horticulture website

Aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu

Don't forget we also have Flower Show School, Garden Study School, and Environmental Study School – all good programs to further our knowledge and enjoyment of Garden Club!

BIRDSEYE CALENDAR THRU MAY 2018

MARCH

- 2 – Board Meeting (Incoming/Outgoing)
- 3- Garden Seminar at M. Bloomers by David McAden, 11- 12 pm
- 9 – Regular Meeting, program on Herbs
- 16- Round Top Herbal Forum/Plant Sale OR Club Coffee morning
- 19- Easter Workshop at Ann G's 1-3 pm
- 21- District V Spring Meeting, Georgetown
- 24- The Big Event/Richard Carter Park

APRIL

- 6 – Board Meeting
- 4, 5, 6 TX Master Gardener convention in CS – you are invited! See information at 2018tmgaconference.com
- 7- Plant Sale – TAMU Horticulture Student's Club
- 9, 10, 11, 12, TGC Spring Convention, Fort Worth
- 13- Regular Meeting, prog. Good & Bad Bugs
- 19- Bluebonnet Garden Club (Brenham) Flower Show
- 20 – Club Coffee morning
- 21- Earth Day at Wolf Pen Creek
- 27,28, 29 SCR Convention, Houston

MAY

- 2- Navasota GC 50th Celebration
- 4 – Board Meeting
- 11- Regular Meeting, Pot Luck, Officer Installation, vote on Club Status
- 18 – Club Coffee morning
- 21,22,23,24 – NGC Convention, Philadelphia

