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South Central Region Garden Clubs
Texas Garden Clubs, and District V
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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 : May. 2018

CALENDAR May

May 4: Board Meeting, 2200 N.Forest Parkway
1:00 pm
May 10: Blue Star Memorial Rededication
May 11: Monthly Meeting, Pot Luck, Installation
of Officers. 2200 N.Forest Parkway, 9:30 am

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Happy May Day

2017-2018 OFFICERS

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(Bronze) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Texas Club of the Year 2016

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APRIL IN REVIEW

April Regular Meeting: Program on Good Bugs, Bad Bugs, by Wizzie Brown, Ext. Specialist. Horticultural Minute on Irises by Ann G.



TGC Spring Convention: Attended by Michele W., Heather W., Idalia A., Suzanne M., and Jane C. from our Club. Attendees enjoyed workshops, field trips, banquets, meeting up with old friends and making new ones. Awards information is elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to Jane for photo.



Potting Workshop for Future Events: Graciously hosted by Judy S. once again! Members prepared and potted A LOT of plants for future events, including Earth Day, Fourth of July Celebration, Butterfly Release, etc. Thanks to Heather for photos. (See other



Earth Day – cancelled due to weather forecast

MAY IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: To replace, repair or clean garden tools if not done at the onset of winter. Shake seed from matured annual plants on the flower beds before the old plants are destroyed so you will have volunteer plants next season.

PRUNE: Cut back verbenas, petunias and other plants that are beginning to look seedy to encourage new growth. Separate and replant violets when they finish blooming.

PLANT: Cockscomb, marigolds, periwinkle, bachelor buttons, caladium, coleus, hibiscus, and other summer blooming annuals, and balled and burlapped shrubs.

FERTILIZE AND MULCH: Roses and plants that continue blooming and those producing buds for next year's bloom. Keep beds lightly cultivated or mulched.

SPRAY & DUST: Roses for pests and blackspot, mildew and rust.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Protect roots from the sun with mulch. Water deeply. Shade young seedlings until well established. Note: consider avoiding colored mulch because the dyes are often full of undesirable chemicals.

BLOOMING: Spring flowering annuals and perennials, begonias, cactus, canna, daylilies and many shrubs.

VEGETABLES: (Give or take a few days.)

Bean, bush 3/10 – 5/5; Corn, sweet 3/5 – 5/5; Cucumber 3/20 – 6/15; Eggplant 3/25 – 6/10; Melons 4/5-5/15; Okra 4/5-6/15; Pea, Southern 4/5-6/15; Pepper* 4/5-6/15; Potato, Sweet* 4/5-5/20; Pumpkin 4-5-6/15; Radish 1/25-5/5; Squash, summer 3/15-6/15; Squash, winter 3/15-6/15;

*Plants or slips

HERBS: Some of the earlier planted herbs, such as Cilantro, are already beginning to set flowers. This weather – hot, cold, wet, cold, hot, dry Is really confusing to plants (and we mere humans!) At this stage the leaves can still be picked, either used fresh, or packed into ice cubes covered with olive oil and frozen for summer use!

AWARDS UPDATES - ADULTS

<u>AMGC AWARDS WON 2018</u>	<u>BY:</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>STATE</u>
SILVER CLUB OF THE YEAR	JS/SM		\$50
T-90-B Slide Program	DD	FIRST	FIRST
SILVER YEARBOOK	SM	FIRST	FIRST
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	JC	FIRST	FIRST
SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE	JR	FIRST	FIRST
WEBSITE	HQ	FIRST	FIRST
MEMBERSHIP PUBLICATION	HQ	FIRST	FIRST
NEWSLETTER	HQ	FIRST	FIRST
EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATION	JC	FIRST	FIRST
(POLLINATORS EC-5)			
MEMBERSHIP INCREASE	HQ		
D. V	\$25		
MEMBERSHIP INCREASE			
TGC	HQ		
MEMBERSHIP INCREASE			
SCR			
PRESIDENTS REPORT	HQ	NOT JUDGED	

AWARDS UPDATED - YOUTH

Across the four categories of NGC Sculpture, Environmental Eagle, Smokey Bear Poster, Woodsy Owl Poster, out of 26 total entries, per grade, we had 8 Firsts at District, all of which were sent on to State. 7 Seconds, 5 Thirds, and 6 Honorable Mentions. The entries were on display at our April Regular Meeting. We will post the final results at State, along with monetary award information, in the June Newsletter, when all the figures are clear. By that time the National Convention will have happened, so there may be more to add to both Youth and Adult Awards!!! If you have contacts in schools, grandchildren in schools – consider suggesting to teachers that they participate with us!! More info at our May meeting!

BIRDSEYE CALENDAR THRU AUGUST 2018

MAY

- 2- Navasota GC 50th Celebration
- 3- Possible date for Jane's milkweed potting
- 10- Rededication Blue Star Memorial
- 11- Regular Meeting, Pot Luck, Officer Installation, vote on Club Status
- 15 or 16- possible planning meeting for Docents at Carter Park in October
- 18-Club Coffee morning ?
- 21,22,23,24 – NGC Convention, Philadelphia

JUNE

- 7-District V Summer Workshop, Georgetown
- 15-The Gardens at A&M Grand Opening

JULY

- 4- Fourth of July at Heritage Park
- 21-Wish Upon a Butterfly, 9 – 12 Brazos Center

AUGUST

- 10 – AMGC Potluck Membership Social



Don't forget, June, July and August are the "Off Season" for Federated Garden Clubs. Our official last meeting is May, the next Garden Club year begins in September. We have year-round activities at A&M Garden Club, many of which "pop up" at the last minute, so stay tuned!!!



WANTED!!

"Foster Garden Mothers"

By Heather W.

Judy S. hosted a potting workshop on Wednesday, April 18. Members participating included: Judy S., Heather W., Deanna D, Sharon B, Marianne M, Barbara L, Sherry E, and Greta M. Several plants were potted up for the 4th of July booth at Heritage Park. Some were: Dutchman's Pipe, pink Ruellia, yellow daylilies, garlic chives, and seeds for globe amaranth (Gomphrena), sweet basil, blue pea, and morning glory), a few terrariums, and Dieffenbachia was propagated. We had a great time and learned some horticulture tips from Judy as well as from one of our newer members Barbara L. Special thanks to those who dropped off pots and trays in advance, and to Dale S who went to buy extra potting soil. All was accomplished including some cleanup in 1 1/2 hours! Hopefully there will be lots of successful starts so we have lots to give away. Judy would love to have some "foster garden mothers" for a flat or two until the giveaway in July. We have at least 10 flats or more. If you can take care of some for the club, it would be appreciated. Please call Judy if you can help foster a flat.

Note from Judy:

Thank you to everyone who brought pots and flats for the potting up workshop. Sherry Ellison also donated a bag of potting soil and Heather gave \$20 toward potting soil. Thank you to those who came and helped. We used all the 4" pots so if you are planting and have empty pots we need 4" pots and will need the next size larger to move up some plants before the 2 events. There are plenty of flats left. I would still like to get some milkweed plants started for the Museum butterfly event. Judy S.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

By Jane Cohen

1. Carter Park

College Station will celebrate its 80th Anniversary this fall. Garden Club members to serve as "Docents" probably on Sunday, October 21, are needed. GC members could tell about the native plants in the Park. A few members are needed to attend the planning meeting on May 15 or 16, so each group has time to plan its 2-to-3 minute information station. Incoming President Heather W has said yes for a community activity for GC next year.

If interested, contact Jane Cohen by e-mail -

j-cohen@aggienetwork.com or call 979-690-3500 and leave a message.



2. Milkweed for Monarch Butterflies

Have a school or public facility near you that you'd like to promote butterfly gardens? Jane has about 40 milkweeds that need homes. Contact a College Station school near you and see if they have a butterfly garden and would like two - 2-year old milkweed plants and a few babies - 1st year milkweed plants. We'd like to get a picture of them planting, they water over the summer, and collect seeds in the fall. Khris T is working with Anson Jones school on their butterfly project and will help with some other deliveries. If yes, let Jane C know by e-mail to

j-cohen@aggienetwork.com.



3. TAMU Entomology Student Project

The TAMU Entomology students helped pot over 12 trays of 38 tree pots of milkweed - over 100 hours in March. Thanks to A&M GC members Khris T, Barbara L, Ann G, and Cheryl Lewis for helping pot the sprouted milkweed seeds.

I had hoped the milkweed could be a fund raiser and a service to the community. I do not wish to give away these milkweed plants at exhibits, because we need committed butterfly gardeners to help promote the NGC pollinator program. The butterfly committee tried to find the native and local milkweed plants that we could re-sell, but if we could find, the best price was still \$11.04 to \$14.95.

I wanted the funds to go to supporting the elementary school's butterfly gardens.

I have a tray of yellow milkweed - *Asclepias tuberosa* (Butterfly Weed) - that needs to be repotted now. The students were planting and we had more seeds from Sherry E's 3 plants that she gave me last year than I had tree pots for planting, so we put 3-4 seeds in most and most of them came up!!! Anyone interested in helping pot (pot several for GC and take home some) on Thursday, May 3, around 9 am? E-mail or call and leave a message.



For more photos of this project, please visit our Facebook page.

ONE FINAL REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2018-2019, please bring your check for \$25 to the May meeting. If you are not able to be at the meeting, please mail your check to Kelli K, our Treasurer, before May 20, so we are not late in remitting to State!
"The Buck STARTS with You"