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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 College Station WW Facility  
2200 North Forest Parkway College Station, TX  
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## NEWSLETTER : June 2018

### CALENDAR June/July

June 7: District V Workshop, Georgetown  
June 8: Board Mtg, 2200 N.Forest Pkwy, 9:30a  
June 15: Grand Opening The Gardens at TAMU  
(details TBA)  
July 4: Booth at Heritage Park, Bryan  
July 12: Design Workshop 2200 N.Forest 1-2:30  
July 13: Board Mtd., 2200 N.Forest Pkwy, 9:30a  
July 21: Wish Upon a Butterfly, Brazos Center

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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

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## **MAY IN REVIEW**

### **May Regular Meeting:**

After the Business Meeting members enjoyed wonderful pot luck refreshments, shopping and visiting. After the break the Incoming Officers for the 2018-2019 Garden Club Year were installed by Sarah McReynolds, former TGC President.



Out-going President Helen Quinn placing the President's Pin on newly installed President, Heather White, surrounded by 2018-2019 Board Members, Sarah Mc left, back.

### **Rededication of Blue Star Marker**

Blue Star Memorials are an initiative of National Garden Clubs, Inc. In 1944, the New Jersey Garden Club had 8,000 flowering dogwood trees planted along the 5 mile highway "The Blue Star Drive". At the 1946 NGC Annual Meeting, The Blue Star Memorial Highway Program was adopted, after which garden clubs purchased markers, Highway Departments would plant and maintain the area. Since that time changes have been made, details of which will be included in our Blog, and the history included in our printed program. Ellen F. represented the Club and Wreaths Across America on our local TV News. Idalia and Ellen and Johanna spearheaded the event; this was truly a team effort with many participants, including Commander Steve Kim, American Legion Post 159, members of the S.A.R. who presented the Colors. More details and photos are listed on our Blog:

<http://www.amgardenclub.wordpress.com>



The event was well attended by members, the public and television crew, and representatives of College Station Parks & Rec. were on hand to help where needed!  
THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!

### **Milkweed Event**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we held a Milkweed Event at Lick Creek Park (see our blog for more details <http://www.amgardenclub.wordpress.com>). This was extremely well attended by the community – there is a tremendous interest in milkweeds and monarchs in the Brazos Valley!!)

### **JUNE IN THE GARDEN**

**PLAN:** To keep flowers cut to prolong blooming. Select bulbs for fall planting. Adjust the lawnmower blade so it does not cut too close.

**PRUNE:** Cut older canes of oleander, climbing roses and others which bloom on new growth. Prune pittosporum, ligustrum, junipers, etc. for compact growth.

**PLANT:** Cockscomb, marigolds, cosmos, zinnia, balsam (impatiens).

**FERTILIZE AND MULCH:** Dahlias, every 2 weeks after buds appear until 1<sup>st</sup> bloom. Mums, monthly.

**SPRAY & DUST:** As needed. Watch for spider mites and other leaf problems on tomatoes, and keep an eye out for those Tomato Horn Worms!!

**WEATHER PROTECTION:** Water deeply and mulch.

**BLOOMING:** Dahlias, Shasta Daisy, gladiolus, althea, vitex, hibiscus, oleander, daylilies and many annuals and perennials, shrubs and trees.

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

Cucumber 3/20 – 6/15; Eggplant 3/25 – 6/10; Melons 4/5-6/15; Okra 4/5-6/15; Pea, Southern 4/5-6/15; Pepper\* 4/5-6/15; Pumpkin 4-5-6/15; Squash, summer 3/15-6/15; Squash, winter 3/15-6/15;

\*Plants or slips

**HERBS:** Let some seeds on Cilantro fall to the ground and germinate in cooler weather; leave some seeds to dry and harvest as coriander.



### **NGC AWARDS**

The NCG Convention was held May 21-24 in Philadelphia. No word yet if we won anything or not.

### **BIRDSEYE CALENDAR THRU AUGUST 2018**

#### *JUNE*

4-8 National Garden Week (Displays at libraries in Bryan, College Station and Navasota)  
7-District V Summer Workshop, Georgetown  
11- Coffee at Sweet Eugene's 9:30-11:00  
15-The Gardens at A&M Grand Opening

#### *JULY*

4- Fourth of July at Heritage Park  
12- Design Workshop, 1 – 2:30 CSWWF  
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!!!

You won't want to miss the August 10 annual Membership Social – Pot Luck; bring your friends and neighbors and come and learn all about the upcoming year's programs and events!!!



### FOURTH OF JULY AT HERITAGE PARK

Once again, the club will have a booth at the Fourth of July Celebrations at Heritage Park in Bryan for a couple of hours of fun, parades, and free ice-cold watermelons!! We will be giving away plants, information sheets, bookmarks and other goodies, and greeting returning visitors to our booth with updates on how plants they previously received are doing! Michele is chairing this event and will be sending out details closer to the date. The event is held outside, in the park, but we will have the shade from trees and our canopy. The past few years we have been right beside the watermelon 😊



### WISH UPON A BUTTERFLY



July 21, 2018

There are three booth times with two positions at each time: 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. The 9:00 time has been filled; the 10:00 is open on both and the 11:00 time has one volunteer. I will pick up the booth supplies from Judy S to setup up with one volunteer and I will take down the booth at 12:00 and return items to Judy. The booth setup will be three tables, one large and two small. Location will be inside the museum in the Discovery Room towards the back of the room. **Please contact Khris if you can help!!!** 979-777-1262

### 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. The club has been sent a show schedule with all the rules for entries and information about Horticulture. Most horticulture needs to be in your possession by July 15, 2018, to enter in the show. Please contact Heather White, 979-220-7545 if you would like to help.

**CALLING ALL DESIGNERS SIGNED UP  
FOR THE FLOWER SHOW WORKSHOP  
TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE SHOW**

Greta Merritt is the Design Chairman for the Flower Show and she has arranged to have a Consultant workshop at the Waste Water Treatment Facility in the Conference Room on Thursday, July 12, 2018, from 1-2:30pm. Designers will review all of the following:

- Creative versus Traditional Design and the size limitation in this show (12" design)
- Staging of the Design Division in the show will be reviewed
- Selection of Background Staging Panels/Underlays
- How to complete the explanation card with plant material and inspiration
- Transportation of Designs

Heather White, Flower Show Chairman, and Greta will conduct the workshop. At the conclusion, we will review any questions you may have about doing your design for the show. If you are considering a specific component and have questions, please bring it and show us! Attendance is not mandatory—this is designed to help you put your best design out for the show!



**Coffee time**

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

*What: coffee and socializing*

*When: Monday, June 11, 9:30-  
11AM*

*Where: sweet Eugene's, 1702  
George Bush Drive East, College  
Station*



**TWO WAYS TO HELP YOUR CLUB**

1. **Amazon Smile:** Don't forget 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!!!

2. **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.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We have just passed through installation of the 2018-2019 officers for A&M Garden Club and we are so fortunate to have had great work from the board in 2017-2018. I especially would like to thank Helen Quinn for all her hard work this year, and for helping to transition the Treasurer books to a stage that Kelli Kerns could work with them "early" to get our dues collected and pay bills the past couple of months. When we all work together to accomplish goals it is so much easier. I often say that garden club is like a smorgasbord, and sometimes the options are just overwhelming. A&M GC is very busy with many community projects and educational opportunities. We have been at the head of the class for several years at state winning Garden Club of the Year many times. I encourage you to try a few things to see what you like and stretch your comfort zone to try some new things you may not have done before. My theme for this year is "Plant, Grow, and Show – Education and Friendships", as I feel garden club is about growing and learning, and sharing with others. My President's Projects for this year are really twofold – I have been working on a Flower Show for October and I have a service project for December that really inspires me. The Flower Show is called "One World" – check out the article in this issue—and will be done in conjunction with the residents of Family Promise with an ecological theme. Thank you for placing your confidence in me and electing me. I am here to help each of you and the club as a whole to enjoy the world of federated garden clubs. This summer will NOT be dormant...we have the

Heritage Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Experience, Wish Upon a Butterfly, and heavy planning on October events of Flower Show and College Station's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Ann Gundy, our VP Yearbook will be working hard on a great yearbook to distribute at the August Social. It is very important to make sure your name, address, email, and phone number are correct. If you move, please make sure she knows. I hope to see all of you this summer!

Heather



The magical "good luck" dragonfly, enjoying his sunny summer perch!