



NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2020

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Starting with NOV.8 REGULAR MEETING, thru *May 2020 will be held in the Fellowship Room at
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, [2201 Rio Grande Blvd, College Station, TX 77845](#)

**PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON OUR MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS
DUE TO CORONA VIRUS.**

MARCH IN REVIEW

March 5, District V Spring Meeting in Woodsway, at Carleen Bright Arboretum



Sherry and Michele receiving award certificates from Trish Fullerton, District Awards Chair.



Erol Saiti, Wildbirds Unlimited of Waco Speaking about Hummingbirds.



A&M Garden Club representatives: Khris, Helen, Heather, Sherry, Michele and jane

March 13, Regular Monthly Meeting

In today's meeting we learned about plants that can be poisonous to pets & people. We also learned how not to suck at propagating succulents, and we had a great time visiting with our friends, eating delicious snacks, and hearing about upcoming activities.



Several events at which we usually participate had to be cancelled or postponed this year because of the possibility of spreading the Covid-19 Virus. These included our Coffee, the annual Pilgrimage to Round Top for the Herb Society Herbal Forum and Plant Sale, Monarch March at Lick Creek Park, The Big Event and the TGC Spring Convention in Galveston.

Please be sure to read future emails notifying you of further cancellations and postponements!

APRIL IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: A regular schedule for fertilizing and spraying. Make a calendar for gardening use to remind you when to plant, fertilize, start seeds and place orders.

PRUNE: Early flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom.

PLANT: Coral Vine, cosmos, elephant ears, zinnias. Divide mums and place in beds prepared in March.

FERTILIZE: Lawns, with extra fertilizer for areas under trees.

SPRAY: Watch for black spot and other pests. Check roses after each rain and treat if necessary. Chinch bugs and brown spot may appear in the lawn. Use treatments recommended by your County Agent and continue to keep an eye out all summer.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Mulch. Water Plants deeply if needed. Protect small trees from wind.

BLOOMING: Spring flowering annuals and perennials, geraniums, iris, calla and Easter Lilies, oxalis, early daylilies and gladiolus. Many flowering shrubs and vines.

Don't forget to scrub and refill your hummingbird feeders weekly to avoid making the little birds sick from swallowing mold!

VEGETABLE START DATES: (Give or take a few days.)

Beans, bush 3/10 – 5/5

Bean, pole 3/10 – 4/10

Corn, sweet 3/5-5/5

Cucumber 3/20-6/15

*Eggplant (transplants) 3/26 -6/10

Greens: Swiss Chard 2/1 – 4/20

Mustard 1/20-4/15

Turnip 1/15-4/20

Melons, 4/5 – 6/15

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

*Tomato (transplants) 3/5 – 4/20

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Treasurer will begin accepting dues for 2020-2021 year on February 14, 2020: \$25 cash, check, no credit card access. Please keep your receipt if you pay cash. Thank you, Susie Ohendalski, Treasurer, susieo.1976@gmail.com

CALENDAR THRU MAY, 2020



APRIL (at the time of sending this out – watch for cancellations/changes!!!)

17 – Regular Monthly Meeting – Program by Craig Jackson, of The John Fairey Gardens, Hempstead. Formerly known as Peckerwood. **LARRY RINGER LIBRARY, (DOORS OPEN 9:00 AM, PROGRAM 9:30 AM)**

25 – Birthday Party for Wolves 10 – 6, St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary, 2759 Beulah Chapel Rd, Montgomery, 77316

MAY

8 – Regular Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck. Installation of officers for 2020-2021.


12-16? – NGC Spring Convention in Milwaukee, WI

Proposed EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO “THE GARDENS”

The Gardens at Texas A&M University offer educational activities that are open to gardeners, their families and the general public, both at the Gardens and at the Ringer Library. Please visit <https://gardens.tamu.edu/> and click under Events and Programs.

BY POPULAR REQUEST

Ellen Fuller's recipe for the delicious Casserole she brought to the March Meeting!



Baked Pineapple Casserole

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Prep	Cook	Ready In
20 m	1 h	1 h 20 m

Recipe By: Cheryl Ritter Bonsell
ELLEN FULLER 😊

"A bread and pineapple casserole that goes great with a ham dinner."

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter	1 pinch ground nutmeg (optional)
1 cup white sugar	5 slices white bread, torn
4 eggs	1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple with juice
1 pinch ground cinnamon (optional)	

Directions

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a medium-sized casserole dish.
- 2 In a mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time. Stir in cinnamon and nutmeg. Add bread and crushed pineapple into the mixture. Transfer mixture to the prepared baking dish.
- 3 Bake in the preheated oven until bubbly and lightly browned, about 60 minutes.

PLANTS TO SHARE

From Judy Schafer:

“I have hundreds of milkweed plants. Am working on getting potted up. If members want, I can put out at end of sidewalk or by driveway for pick up. They are small plants so will hold in pots for a week or so.” – please contact Judy if you are interested!!!



From Jane Cohen:

“Magenta spleen plants - Want a pretty edible plant to add to your salads - were shown at the Edible Flowers February program. Jane C has lots of magenta spleen plants in 3 to 4" pots and in 6 packs. She planned to take to the GC meeting for ways & means, but they need to be separated and planted soon/before May, because they are growing. If you'd like to come pick up some one afternoon, perhaps Tuesday around 2:00 pm, by the gate/mailbox - 3655 McCullough Rd (south CS - Wellborn community) - send her an e-mail. If that time doesn't work, let her know.

Link to Jane's handout for information:

<https://www.seedvilleusa.com/listing/563193943/100-giant-goosefoot-chenopodium>



PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR LOCAL RESTRICTIONS ON “NON-ESSENTIAL” TRAVEL WHEN MAKING PLANS FOR WHATEVER - BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY, AND WE WANT TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE NEXT MEETING (WHENEVER IT MIGHT BE!!)