

A&M GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

MEETINGS

No Summer meetings are planned

Sept-May: 2ND Fridays, 9:30-11:30am at Fellowship Room at Peace Lutheran Church – 2201 Rio Garden Blvd, College Station

EVENTS

Possible summer events (watch for updates via email & social media)


JUNE 7-13 – National Garden Week. Visit our A&M Garden Club's display @ College Station Library

JUNE – Walk through The Gardens @ TAMU (Date TBD)

JULY – Independence Celebration (TBD)
AUG – Member Social (TBD)

SOCIAL MEDIA

WEB: www.amgardenclub.com

FACEBOOK: 
[@AMGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/AMGardenClub)

A&M Garden Club Group: Horticulture, Design, Landscape & More



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OUR CLUB

We promote the love of gardening, floral design & horticulture through garden-related projects and educational programs.

Members of National Garden Club; South Central Region; Texas Garden Clubs & District V

From our co-presidents!



Dear Garden Club Friends,

We have kept busy during the "sheltering in place" by focusing on our home gardens. The abundant rain we have received this spring has made it easier to dig up weeds and transplant summer blooming perennials. Sherry's dill plant grew to be four feet tall and it produced bunches of seeds to share. Michele has been trying to tame the vigorous growing *Ruellia* (Mexican petunia) that has filled up two flower beds. We especially miss our monthly **meetings** and the opportunity to share garden tips and learn from the authoritative speakers that our outgoing Programs Vice President, Khris Thurmond, worked so hard to book for our benefit.

Lyndie Lyndie is in the process of securing **speakers** for our new club year and she appreciates all the ideas and suggestions that you all have provided. Please continue to submit speaker and field trip suggestions to Sherry, Michele, Lyndie and rest of the board members. The Peace Lutheran Church has generously agreed to allow us to continue meeting in their Annex building during the upcoming year.

Michele will continue to coordinate **Pilgrimage/Field Trips**. Sherry is very interested in an early morning "socially distanced" **walk** through the Leach Teaching Gardens at TAMU. We will send out a notice when we pin down a date.

Johanna wants **garden photos** from all of you for the **newsletter** and **social media**. We want to offer special thanks and appreciation to Helen Quinn for so diligently producing the newsletter for the past few years. The May edition of the newsletter was sent by email on April 28th. As our Reporter, Johanna will now publish the newsletter.

As you can tell from this letter, despite being unable to conduct an "official" new officer installation ceremony, our **new officers** have already begun to execute their duties. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the outgoing officers and special thanks to Jane Cohen who continues to maintain our club's **listserv**.

Last but not least, thanks **to all of you** for your continued interest and support of our garden club; each and every one of you comprise the heart and soul of the A&M Garden Club.

May all of your plants thrive and grow!

Sherry Ellison and Michele Wehrheim, your Co-Presidents



LETTUCE INTRODUCE OUR NEW BOARD

Co-Presidents: Michele Wehrheim & Sherry Ellison
VP Programs: Lyndie Lyndie
VP Yearbook: Ann Gundy
VP Community Events: Vacant
VP Hospitality: Martha Green
Recording Secretary: Helen Quinn
Corresponding Secretary: Linda Kenyon
Treasurer: Susie Ohendalski
Reporter: Johanna Roman
Historian: Carol Whiting
Board Member at Large: Vacant
Parliamentarian: Vacant

Thank you to our outgoing & incoming board

We say thank you to our Board members for their time and service. We appreciate their commitment to our club and to serving our community.



WHAT'S GROWING ON?

Our **Treasurer** Susie Ohendalski chaired the Budget Committee in preparing our new **budget**, which was submitted by email for discussion and voting from all members. The proposed budget was APPROVED and members will see a copy on our new **yearbooks**.

Our **Reporter** Johanna Roman will have her camera ready to capture our members in action and publish their pictures on our newsletter, Facebook page, and our local newspaper. Until we are able to meet again, please share your pictures on social media or send by email to johannadcr@aggienetwork.com.

Yearbooks will be ready in August, hopefully by the time we can have our welcoming social. Our **VP - Yearbook** Ann Gundy is working on the final layout and contacting those who need to provide final details. Deadline for submitting information for the yearbook is June 30th.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" – Audrey Hepburn



GREEN THUMBS UP TO...



Judy S for recently donating 4 flats of milkweed plants and 4 candlestick plants to Dr. Craig Wilson that were planted at our local USDA-managed **butterfly garden**. Dr. Wilson has maintained a registered [Monarch Waystation](#) for many years within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-sponsored People's Garden, located across the street from College Station's Wolf Pen Creek Park.



Sherry E for sharing a picture of the first bloom of red Hibiscus at Richard Carter Park where we have conducted many **landscape improvement** projects. The Bryan/College Station area has an abundance of beautiful parks, but Richard Carter Park on Brazoswood Drive is a Texas State Historical Landmark and many of our members have enjoyed contributed to its beautification throughout the years.



Johanna R for bringing a flower on behalf of our club to the **Jim Johnson interactive floral tribute**, which was displayed at The Gardens in honor of our friend. When leading the Benz School of Floral design, Mr Johnson allowed our club to use leftover flowers to create designs for local nursing homes. He also offered floral design workshops as part of our programs and was an inspiration and a friend to several of our members. Rest in Peace, Mr. Johnson.



Sherry E, Judy S and other members for gathering materials and ideas for a **display** at the Larry J Ringer Library in College Station to celebrate **National Garden Week**. We will showcase some of the gardening activities we conduct in our community and beyond. Should anyone want to work on doing an exhibit for the Bryan Library, we can ask if the library would be interested.

ONLINE GARDENING? DIG IN!

Many of us are enjoying new opportunities to have fun and learn. From online **botanical garden tours** to Facebook Live **floral design** or **botanical bartending** events, to **vegetable gardening workshops** via Zoom, there are plenty of events to dig in! Search online to find a variety of events that may interest you.

- Check out our **Garden Calendar** by month here: <https://amgardenclub.com/education/garden-newsletter/>
- Read the A&M Garden Club blog here: <https://amgardenclub.wordpress.com/>
- Visit www.gardens.tamu.edu to learn about local gardening events & volunteer opportunities

