



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2020

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

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](#)

***Exception: April 10th, Good Friday. Stay tuned for more information!**

JANUARY IN REVIEW

January 2, Coffee at Sweet Eugene's

Fourteen members met at Sweet Eugene's to hang out, have fun and reminisce about old times!



January 10 – Regular Monthly Meeting

Twenty four members and one guest enjoyed a great program on Home Irrigation by Beth Erwin at our January meeting. We learned about different types of delivery systems and how to use the various connections (tees, elbows, etc.) National Garden Clubs has an ongoing partnership with Ames Tools; we had a demo and display provided by Mr. Randy Scott, who represents Ames tools at Ace Hardware. Jane reported that Keep Brazos Beautiful had donated tools to AMGC because they have insufficient storage space. They consist of: Keep Brazos Beautiful has given the A&M Garden Club (7) Rakes (7) Shovels (7) Hoes (1) Leaf Rake and several small hand tools. These will be stored at Jane's home and will be available for use at our projects at Richard Carter Park and everywhere the club needs them!





January 15 – Field Trip to B. Weavers Honey Farm



Sherry E, Martha, Michele and Helen made the field trip to Bee Weaver's Honey Farm- we sampled dozens of different honeys, some jellies & mead! We found some interesting little items in the gift shop, were given a very informative short presentation on bees, their habits, the life styles, and then ate a delicious lunch at Joe's Italian Grill to end a lovely day out!

January 24-26 – Environmental Studies School at Old Fort Parker

Michele and Sherry E attended this school (and it looks like they had a great time!!!)



FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

BLOOMING: Flowing Quince, pansies, pinks, snapdragon, sweet peas

PLAN: To start a garden diary with places for botanical names, dates for planting, fertilizing and blooming. Decide what to plant for constant color in the garden and to coordinate with your interior decoration.

PRUNE: Roses, grape vines, summer-blooming shrubs..

PLANT: Dahlia, Dutch Iris, cornflower, cosmos, daisy, larkspur, nasturtium, petunia, phlox, pinks, scabiosa, waterlily seeds, cuttings of hardwoods, chrysanthemums, ivy and climbing fig. Perennials may be divided and set in their new positions if not done in the fall. .

FERTILIZE & MULCH: Gardenias, blooming bulbs, nandina and other shrubs and trees..

SPRAY: Any plants showing scale should be sprayed with dormant oil which were not sprayed in January.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Keep plants in good condition by watering, but not enough to activate growth.

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

*Brussels Sprouts (transplants) 12/20-1/15

*Cabbage (transplants) 1/1-3/5

Cabbage, Chinese 2/1-3/10

Carrot 12/20-3/5

*Cauliflower (transplants) 2/15 – 3/20

Chard, Swiss 2/1-4/20

*Collard (transplants) 2/10-3/31

Garlic 1/1-3/15

*Kale (transplants) 1/20-3/10

Kohlrabi 1/20-3/10

Lettuce, leaf 1/15-3/20

Mustard 1/20-4/15

Spinach 1/20-2/20

Turnip 1/15-4/20

Onion, bulb 1/5-2/5

Pea, Edible Pod 1/25-3/5

Pea, English 1/20-2/20

*Potato, Irish (Seed potatoes) 2/5-3/5

Don't forget, when enjoying all that holiday fruit, save and sow some seeds (lemons, limes, oranges, kumquats, etc.) It is not guaranteed that they will turn into trees that will produce fruit, and if they do it might be several years, but at least you might have some interesting plants for containers.

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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



FEBRUARY

- 14 Regular Monthly Meeting – program by Trixie Bond on The Magic of Cooking and Garnishing with Edible Flowers.
- 24-25 Landscape Design School – George Bush Library

MARCH

- 5 District V Spring Meeting, Carleen Bright Arboretum, Woodway, TX
- 6 AMGC Board meeting 1:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church
- 13 – Regular Monthly Meeting – program by Helen Quinn on Poison in the Flower Beds
- 20 - Pilgrimage to Herb Society Plant Sale at Round Top
- 22 – Monarch March at Lick Creek Park (See separate item)
- 30-April 2 – TGC Spring Convention, Galveston, TX

APRIL

- 17 – Regular Monthly Meeting – Program by Craig Jackson, of Peckerwood Gardens, Hempstead. **Watch for alternative location**

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”

Garden Club Lunch and Learn: Pavilion 11:30 – 1:00 (3rd Tuesday / month)

February 18 (Topic – Love your Roses)

March 17

April 21

May 19

Garden Series at Ringer Library: 6:00 – 7:00

February 6 (Topic – Love your Roses)

March 5

April 2

May 7

Hullabloomers early childhood (ages 3-7) environmental education (kids must register and pay a fee)

February 21 (Fishing Fun)

March 20 (Show Me the Energy)

April 17

May 15

MONARCH MARCH – MARCH 22, AT LICK CREEK PARK

1 – 4 pm with The City of College Station.

Jane will have sign up sheets available at the February and March Meetings for volunteers to help with this event. A&M Garden Club will have a booth with activities for kids and information- members please send your ideas for giveaways/crafts to Sherry E. and the committee.