



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 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!**

DECEMBER IN REVIEW

December 10 – Gift assembly

Members got together to assemble the gift baskets of spice/condiments for the Bryan Fire Department and to make little gifts to be delivered to recipients of Meals on Wheels.



December 13 – Regular Monthly Meeting and Christmas Party

25 members and 4 guests enjoyed the December Potluck meeting today. Deana gave a very interesting talk on Botanical Arts (a new category in the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows); a slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Garden Club Year was presented by the nominating committee, with a couple of vacancies (step up folks!! Call Sherry E or Michele if you are interested in learning about the interesting opportunities awaiting you!) Johanna won the drawing for a Flower Press. Fabulous food, followed by a "Chinese Christmas" gift exchange!



December 20 – Coffee in Navasota, hosted by Martha

13 members and 1 guest enjoyed the club's December Coffee held at Martha's home in Navasota – what a lovely way to brighten up an otherwise dreary day. Many more photos on our Facebook Page!!



JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: Order gladiolus and dahlia tubers. Get seed beds ready for such seed as nasturtium, petunia, pinks, scabiosa and snapdragon. Start plants of snapdragon, stock and tomatoes in flats if you have a sunny spot where you can protect them from freezes.

PRUNE: If plants were injured by freezing, wait until all danger of further frost has passed before pruning.

PLANT: Shrubs, roses and seedlings. Gladiolus after January 20, being sure to cover lightly with 4" of soil.

FERTILIZE: Iris, crape myrtle, trees, strawberries, daylilies.

SPRAY: Any plants showing scale should be sprayed with dormant oil.

WEATHER PROTECTION: If a freeze is predicted, cover tender plants and shrubs with boxes or plastic trash cans (not metal). Heavy paper also works well. After the freeze, remove cover promptly. If some frost has touched the leaves, spray with water before the sun shines on them.

BLOOMING: Calendula, narcissus, pansy, jasmine, loquat, flowering quince, roes, many hardy annuals, perennials.



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

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

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

Carrot 12/20-3/5

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

If you have a warm greenhouse or warm, light place in the house, you can start tomatoes etc., but don't be tempted to set them outside too early. My personal indoor seed starting calendar:

Dec. 23 – Peppers, Lettuce, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts

Jan. 5 – Tomatoes

Jan 19 – Hibiscus sabdariffa (Roselle/Rosa de Jamaica – for Hibiscus Tea)

Jan 26 – Papalo (a summer substitute for Cilantro)

Feb 2 – Cucumbers, Cantaloupes, Squash

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 take several years, but at least you might have some interesting plants for containers.

CALENDAR THRU JUNE, 2020



JANUARY

- 2 Coffee at Sweet Eugene's 9:30-? Come and go as you can!
 - 3 AMGC Board Meeting, 1 pm at Peace Lutheran Church
 - 10 Regular Monthly Meeting – program by Beth Erwin on constructing an irrigation system. Election of Officers for 2020-2021 Garden Club Year.
 - 24-26 Environmental Studies School at Old Ft. Parker, Groesbeck, Tx. Class 1. Intro into Environmental Science. Limited to 30 people. Sleep in a cool German Barracks, enjoy neat crafts and very interesting tours. Learn, and get credit for taking the class!
- Pilgrimage to Bee Weaver Honey Farm, Navasota TBA

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
- 30-April 2 – TGC Spring Convention, Galveston, TX

APRIL

- 10 – Regular Monthly Meeting – This is Good Friday and the church will not be available. Program by Adam Black, of Peckerwood Gardens, Hempstead.
- Watch for alternative date or location

MAY

- 8 – Regular Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck. Installation of officers for 2020-2021.
- 12-16? – NGC Spring Convention in Milwaukee, WI

JUNE

- 1-8 Annual Gardenista trip to Guatemala
- 4 – District V Workshop, Temple, TX



HAPPY NEW YEAR from your Co-Presidents Sherry E. & Michele

Many thanks to all who have volunteered at our workshops and events! You made sure we could give gifts to our Bryan Firefighters and Staff and also to Meals on Wheels recipients.

You made it feasible to give the Landscape Design School students snacks and drinks at breaks and lunches at noon. You sold books, handed out pencils and tests, and then graded them.

You worked at a workshop for the July 4th Celebration and then gave your crafts and plants to the citizens visiting Heritage Park. You created lots of friends.

You made butterfly crafts for “Wish upon a Butterfly” and gave out those crafts along with milkweed plants and seeds to adults and children at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History.

The Wreath Workshop was another event at which members worked together to offer, prepare, learn, and teach others how to make something - a wreath - to enjoy! Your preparation and presentations made it fun and brought requests for a future similar event!

You are our wonderful A&M Garden Club members. You make a happy positive difference all year long to all ages of residents as well as to each other!

Thank you for coming to meetings to learn new things, to share experiences, and to visit with friends. You make this world a happier place!