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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 2nd Friday of the month, Sept – May
9:30 – 11:30 at CS Medical Center, starting in
August 2019 with our Social.

NEWSLETTER : OCTOBER 2019

See inside for Calendar of Events

For October and beyond 😊

NGC: www.gardenclub.org
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SCR: www.scrgardenclubs.org



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

NOW A GOLD CLUB

Co-Presidents:
Michele Wehrheim &
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Ann Gundy

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Jane Cohen

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Janet Dudding

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Heather White

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SEPTEMBER IN REVIEW

September 13 – Regular Meeting

Great meeting, food, sales tables, and outstanding program this morning to kick off our new Garden Club Year! Former TGC President taught us how to recycle and reuse wine bottles and corks to make planters and decorative items. Yearbooks were distributed. So be sure to see Ann at the next meeting (Oct. 11) if you missed September!



Filling the Auditorium



Lunch time



Book Sales Table

September 18-20 – NGC Fall Convention

Idalia, wore two of her NGC “hats” – Social Media, and Plant America.



September 23-24 – Landscape Design School

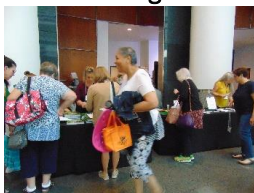
99 students in attendance, with 13 AMGC members volunteering in various capacities, plus some volunteers from Bridgeport Garden Club who came up specially to help. These are not "posed" photos, and no offense is meant by some of the facial expressions



Michele and the Bridgeport Garden Club Volunteers



Registration table



Volunteers preparing the snack table for the first break.

September 30 – Coffee at Sweet Eugene’s



L to R Johanna, Helen, Rose, Heather, Sherry M, Sherry E, Michele, Susie. Susie brought the sunflowers!! Not in picture, Terry, Lyndie and Jane.



Terry is in this one (2nd from left) – we have a great group, and have all kinds of fun!

OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN (BUSY MONTH!)

PLAN: To order bulbs not bought last month. Pot up plants to add color indoors during the winter.

PRUNE: Cuttings of shrimp plant may be taken now for winter house plants. Root-prune wisteria that failed to bloom. Apply superphosphate, cover cuts with soil or peat, and water.

PLANT: Madonna, Calla, Easter, and Regal lilies, amaryllis, anemone and ranunculus, strawberry plants. Divide Shasta daisy, ajuga, forget-me-nots. Plant all hardy annuals, sweet pea and pansy. Transplant seedlings that are large

enough. Daylilies and amaryllis may be divided and replanted.

FERTILIZE & MULCH: Mums, with liquid manure. Lawns and roses. Add superphosphate to daylilies, wisteria. Add compost to beds.

SPRAY & DUST: As necessary. A good dormant spray may be used where you had scale last season.

BLOOMING: Cosmos, mums, dahlia, plumbago, roses, alliums, pyracantha, Michaelmas daisy.

VEGETABLES: (Give or take a few days.)

Beet, 9/10-11/15

*Broccoli (transplants) 9/10 – 11/15

*Brussels Sprouts (transplants) 9/10 – 11/5

*Cabbage (transplants) 9/15-12/31

Cabbage, Chinese 9/1 – 10/15

Carrot 9/15 – 11/30

*Cauliflower (transplants) 9/20 – 10/31

Garlic, 8/10 – 10/20

Greens:

Chard, Swiss, 8/20 -11/15

*Collard transplants 10/1 – 10/31

*Kale (transplants) 10/1-10/31

Kholrabi 9/20-11/30

Lettuce, Leaf 9/15-11/30

Mustard, 8/20 – 11/15

Spinach 9/5 – 10/25

Turnip, 8/20 – 11/20

Onion, green 10/1 – 10/31

Radish 9/1 – 11/30

HERBS:

It will soon be Cilantro time again – here’s a great recipe courtesy Nigella Lawson, a famed English celebrity chef. She calls it “coriander” but as we all know, the fresh green leafy plant is known as Cilantro here – “coriander” is what we call the seeds!!! (See recipe for salsa on last page)

Health benefits of cilantro leaves: Cilantro herb is very low in calories and contains no cholesterol. However, its deep-green leaves possess good amounts of antioxidants, essential oils, vitamins, and dietary fiber, which may help reduce LDL or "bad cholesterol" levels in the blood. (Note: unverified, but it sounds good!)

CALENDAR THRU December 2019



OCTOBER

- 5 AMGC Wreath Workshop
- 11 AMGC Regular Meeting – program by Don Plitt “Snakes in the Garden”
- * Monarch Migration Celebration – see flier
- 15 Awards should be ready to put in the mail to the appropriate District Chairman.
- 18 Youth Awards due
- 27 “Gardenistas” depart for Guatemala (back on November 5)
- 29-Nov. 1 TGC Fall Meeting, Tyler

NOVEMBER

- 1 Deadline for Awards to be in the hands of the District judges
- 8 AMGC Regular Meeting – program by Mike Vidrine on Vegetable Gardening
- 8 District V Fall Meeting, Temple
- 21 Pilgrimage – trip to Brookwood Garden Center and Restaurant

DECEMBER

- 13 AMGC Christmas Pot Luck Meeting. Program on “Botanical Arts” Pressed Flowers and More” by Deanna Dossey. Optional participation in Gift Exchange. Service Project – gift baskets of spices & condiments for Bryan Firefighters (we did College Station last year.)

- Pilgrimage to Old Fort Parker TBA

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Nov. 8 meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room at PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, [2201 Rio Grande Blvd. College Station, TX 77845](https://www.bbgardenstyle.com)

Dec. 13 Christmas Pot Luck meeting will be held at the home of Idalia Aguilar, 3071 Thurman Rd, Bryan, TX 77808

THE OCTOBER 11 MEETING WILL BE AT “THE MED”, SAME ROOM WE USED IN SEPTEMBER.

Migration Celebration

Oct 11, 1 pm, Richard Carter Park
Oct 13, 3 pm, Bee Creek Park

Bring a nectar plant to the park and plant to help pollinators, as the monarch butterfly returns through the Brazos Valley in the fall.

Suggested plants to donate to the park -

Lantana	Plumbago
Barbados Cherry	Mist flower
Black-eyed Susan	Salvia
Buddleia	Partridge pea (Senna)
Candlestick (Cassia)	Gomphrena
Hollyhock	Passionvine
	Pipeline
	Tithonia

Stores will have plants the week of Oct 7 -
Producers Cooperative Association, 1800 North Texas Ave, Bryan
Circle D Nurseries, 2012 Finfeather Rd, Bryan
Farm Patch, 3519 S College Ave, Bryan

Community members are invited to transplant one of the above plants from their garden or to purchase and donate to the Park. The community is also being called upon to help by registering their gardens as pollinator-friendly. Plant nectar plants this fall and host plants in early spring (milkweed for monarch butterflies). Pollinators are crucial to keep our food chain sustainable. Plant wildflowers almost anywhere: along a driveway or road, in a meadow, in a garden, and in a Park. By creating, planting and maintaining a garden, and registering it on the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge map, you can contribute to revitalizing the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators. Bring a plant and receive a wildflower seed packet from the College Station Parks & Recreation Department.

To register your garden, go to - <https://www.cstx.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=12410917&pageId=13487587>
To sign up for a park, go to - <https://www.cstx.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=12410917&pageId=13487587>

Information - Jane Cohen, AMGC4U@gmail.com or DARLaVillita@gmail.com



Brooke Littlefield
Mayor's Monarch Pledge
CS Parks & Recreation



Sherry Ellison & Ann Gundy
Richard Carter Park
1800 Brazoswood Dr, CS



Leonora Owre
Lois Carpenter
La Villita DAR



Ann Boehm
Bee Creek Park
108 Anderson, CS

SPECIAL EVENT IN BRYAN NOV. 6

Amy McGee, a floral industry blogger (botanicalbrouhahablog.com) and podcast host (Botanical Brouhaha Podcast on iTunes) living in Bryan, has invited members to check out the website listed at the bottom of this for details of a Floral Design Demonstration in Downtown Bryan on Nov. 6 from 1 pm – 4 pm in case you like to join them. Demos will be led by: Holly Chappie (Virginia), Susan Mcleary (Michigan), and Phil John Perry (Manchester, England). They are all well known in the floral design industry and have been published in books, magazines and blogs. Demos will include: a bridal bouquet, a wearable floral design, and a floral headpiece. The proceeds from the event will be used to continue their work providing assistance and creating opportunities for families and youth in our community of BCS. There will also be a 2-day hands-on workshop and a short film premiere associated with this event. For more information, you can visit:

<https://www.bbgardenstyle.com>

REVISED PROPOSED BYLAWS AS OF 08/29/19 BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

The proposed changes were posted in the September Newsletter, read and approved at the September 6 Board Meeting, and presented to the Membership at the September 13 Regular Business Meeting.

A motion was made by Janet Dudding that the nomenclature of "Chair" (instead of "Chairman" or "Chairwoman") be consistently used throughout the Bylaws and the yearbook. Sharon Schafer Bennett Second, Motion carried. The Revision to Bylaws as presented, with the above change, will be voted on at the October 11th Regular Business Meeting.

Below you will find the revisions as presented at the September Regular Business Meeting:

Article III, Section 6. ADD

With Board approval, a member who has previously held the office of President of A&M GC and has been an active A&M GC member for at least 10 years may be considered for Honorary Membership to the club. The club would pay state membership dues and the individual would be listed in the Honorary Members Section of the Yearbook.

Article IX, Section 1. Typographical error should read Article XI not Article XII as location of Officer Duties.

Article XI, Section 8 (Duties of Corresponding Secretary) ADD

b) Purchase a "Club President" pin from NGC Headquarters for the incoming elected Club President(s) to be presented at the May installation.

c) Purchase a "Past Club President" pin from NGC Headquarters for the outgoing Club President(s) to be presented at the May Club Meeting.

Article XI, Section 9 (Duties of Treasurer) ADD

d) Appoint a Budget Chairman – Chairman shall present the Budget at the April Meeting for final vote by club membership at the May Meeting.

A&M Garden Club "Gardenistas" are looking forward to the next visit to Guatemala starting October 27th. In case you have wondered what it is like, and what we do, I have put four short videos on the website - 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. <http://amgardenclub.com/education/guatemala>

OCTOBER FUN FACTS

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, October is the tenth month of the year. In early Roman calendar, it was actually the eighth month and there have been 31 days in October ever since the since of the Roman Emperor Augustus.

1. The birthstones for October are the tourmaline and the opal. The zodiac signs for October are Libra (September 23 - October 22) and Scorpio (October 23 - November 21).
2. The birth flower for October is the calendula.
3. On October 1, 1896, free rural delivery of mail started in the United States.
4. On October 4, 1957, the first artificial satellite was launched by the Soviet Union.
5. On October 5, 1947, the first presidential telecast address from the White House was made by Harry S. Truman.
6. On October 7, 1816, the Washington (first double-decked steamboat) arrived at New Orleans.
7. On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in America.
8. On October 18, 1867, The U.S. flag was formally raised over Alaska.
9. On October 22, 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of Texas.
10. On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.
11. National Cookie Month
12. National Chili Month
13. National Pizza Month
14. National Dessert Month
15. Lupus Awareness Month
16. National Seafood Month
17. November 5 - World Teacher's Day
18. Columbus Day - second Monday of October
19. October 31 – Halloween

NEWS FROM "THE GARDENS"



The Gardens needs volunteers! 🧑‍🌾
We're looking for help with Youth Education, Horticulture & Gardening, Events, and Docent Garden Guides. If you are interested in volunteering, please come to one of our informational sessions on October 8th and RSVP on our site!

<https://gardens.tamu.edu/volunteers/?fbclid=IwAR0F5fWv9QQOV3ZKgZ0RjzOf7VR7Pj1ZJGGHa5DGYVmC3C1TRiEYAbXYMs>

NON-AMGC Events to which you are invited:

The Gardens at Texas A&M Fall series on the 1st Thursday of the month through December. Guests will meet in the meeting room at the Larry J. Ringer Public Library from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Each month will feature a new topic regarding different aspects of gardening. Light refreshments will be provided by the library. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley at areed@bryantx.gov. Registration not required.

HERBS:

"Coriander and Jalapeno Salsa"

Ingredients:

- *approx 4 cups cilantro – stalks and all (roughly Chopped)
- *approx. 1 cup fresh green jalapenos (or other long green chillies (roughly chopped.
- *3 cloves garlic (peeled and halves)
- *1/2 cup vegetable oil
- *finely grated zest and juice of 2 limes
- * 1 – 2 teasp kosher salt

Method:

1. With a stick blender blitz the cilantro, jalapenos, garlic, oil, zest and juice of the limes and 1 teasp salt until you have a smooth and creamy, flecked sauce. Taste to see if you want to add any more salt.
2. If not eating immediately, transfer to a Mason jar (or similar) and refrigerate. Take it out in time to get to room temperature before using, and give the jar a good shake before serving.

Great for breakfast piled over avocado and on anything else that needs a little pizzazz!!!

HAPPY OCTOBER, AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

