

A&M GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020

CLUB MEETINGS

We are on Summer break. Enjoy your gardens!

Board Meeting: July 10th (via Zoom) – Board members will receive an invite

Sept-May: 2ND Fridays, 9:30-11:30am at Fellowship Room at Peace Lutheran Church – 2201 Rio Garden Blvd, College Station (might change to virtual meetings, depending on the COVID-19 situation)

CLUB EVENTS

JULY –Summer events were cancelled or postponed. Watch for updates via email & social media.

AUG – Member Social (TBD, depending on COVID-19 situation)

SOCIAL MEDIA

WEB: www.amgardenclub.com

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



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



Happy 4th of July!

We remain hopeful that we will be able to resume our in-person club activities in the near future. Stay healthy, hopeful, and hydrated!

Keep calm and
garden on!

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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.

Gold Club (TGC Designation)

Co-presidents Corner



A note from our co-presidents Sherry Ellison and Michele Wehrheim

From Sherry:

Michele and I are happy to announce that our Presidents' Program this year will be a donation of money and food to the Brazos Valley Food Bank program. This is a critical need now. There will be more information about this in future newsletters and at our meetings.



We are following suggestions you made on our surveys for meetings and activities. Fun interesting speakers are all scheduled now for our meetings. Meetings are planned to be in person, but we will be prepared to hold virtual meetings via Zoom or another system if needed.

I have just enjoyed reading *Growing Heirloom Flowers* by Chris McLaughlin from the Larry Ringer Library. The call number is 635.9 MCLAUGHL. The photographs and information about the flowers are most enjoyable. The author explains how to make a Tussie Mussie Bouquet, how to dry plants like globe amaranth, how to dry flowers, how to make flower crowns, and other fun activities! Share what you are reading through our newsletter, we all need that treat.

I have been enjoying visiting [Richard Carter Park](#). About four years ago, 50 trees were planted there –a donation from a tree organization. One morning when Happy and I arrived, Parks staff had cut down about 10 trees that were definitely dead. They were grinding them for compost while we were there. I thanked the person cutting them for their maintenance. In the park, many plants are in bloom! The blossoms welcome you to the park, and you will see birds about in the cool mornings. Thank you all for your plant donations, your work in the park planting them, and for your enthusiasm for gardening!

We hope your gardens and yards have benefitted from the rains. The plants have certainly perked up!

Take good care of yourselves, get outside early when it is cool, and please share a favorite recipe with us all through social media or submit it for the newsletter.



From Michele:

Now that summer is here, I can say that the seemingly lengthy spring weather was a rare delight. I've been lovin' all the rain recently; it has been so good for all those container plants that I never got around to putting in the ground. Lately I have been shopping for colorful replacement annual flowers; I am hoping that an inch or two of mulch will keep them pretty through the end of September. Gardening here in Texas is still a novel experience for a Michigan transplant like me; someday I'll get the hang of it.....

"All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today" – English proverb





AWARDS

Texas State Awards received by A&M Garden Club:



Environmental Concerns and Conservation EC5 Pollinators - A&M Garden Club – 1st Place



Historic Preservation II – Decoration of a Historic Building - A&M Garden Club – 1st Place



NGC Youth Poetry – 1st Place Elliot James, Kindergarten “Adventures in the Garden” Poem title: Mims and Pappys Garden

Thanks to the dedication of our members, we received a **Gold Club** designation once again!

We are grateful to members who promoted and sent in awards applications. Congratulations to the winners!



FROM THE BOARD

Our **Board members** are not bored anymore! New officers met via Zoom twice this past month. It was fun to test that videoconferencing system and be able to greet and see each other from home. On June 12th, we held an official Board Meeting and discussed many important issues for our upcoming garden club year.

Sherry sent a list of members’ suggestions for programs to our **VP - Programs** Lyndie Lyndie. She is already contacting potential speakers and the list of programs will be included in the Yearbook.

Our **VP - Yearbook** Ann Gundy reported she will send the Yearbook by section to the proof-reading committee of Susie, Helen and Heather. A Digital version of the Year Book will be available to members in case we are unable to meet. The deadline for submitting information for the yearbook is June 30th .

Our **VP – Hospitality** Martha Green will be checking the new sanitation/food serving rules at our meeting place. She sent an email asking members to sign up to bring refreshments to a meeting. Please sign up if you haven’t.

We do not currently have a **Historian** since Carol Whiting resigned due to health issues. Past **Co-Historians** Helen Quinn and Idalia Aguilar completed our first ever **Digital Scrapbook**, now available as a video on our website! Members can enjoy looking at pictures of our activities and remember those happy moments shared with our friends and community members. See the video here → <https://amgardenclub.com/>

Our **Treasurer** Susie Ohendalski confirmed that we have 47 members as of June 25th (4 are Honorary members.) Susie gave a budget report to the Board. An Audit Committee is being formed to Audit our FY 2019 books.

Our **Reporter** Johanna Roman shares pictures and news via Facebook. She loved hearing from some of you regarding the colorful newsletter format. Deadline for newsletter submissions will be the 25th of each month.

Our **Recording Secretary** Helen Quinn took minutes from our recent Board Meeting and has posted them on the password-protected Members Only page on our website. Helen is our website manager & Facebook co-admin.

Our **Corresponding Secretary** Linda Kenyon mails birthday and special occasion cards to members. Please send her your DOB and have no fear – she just needs the day & month. Please inform her of any special occasions. She will check on the use of new equipment at Peace Lutheran Church (projector, Smart TV, and Internet.)



WHAT'S GROWING ON?



Helen Quinn, Johanna Roman, and several other members participated in [NGC's Perfect Vision Virtual Flower Show](#). NGC wanted to keep stimulating an interest in Flower Shows and allowed members the opportunity to show off their gardening and design skills. Judging is being conducted from June 15-30th and winners will be announced in July.



As gardeners, we love to share pictures of exciting moments that happen in the garden. Judy Schafer found this interesting looking **Eastern Bumelia Borer** (*Plinthocoelium suaveolens*) with a fascinating iridescent green body.

See other pictures sent by club members on our Facebook page [@AMGardenClub](#) and share pictures of your garden in our group: [A&M Garden Club Group: Horticulture, Design, Landscape & More](#)



Jane Cohen smiled when she saw the exotic spherical flower cluster blooming in her Blue Lily of the Nile (*Agapanthus*) plant. This plant has bloomed for the 2nd time in maybe 15 years. That's a reason to smile! By the way, please contact Jane if you can help serve on the [Youth Committee](#). Three more GC members are needed.



CELEBRATING OUR GARDENS!

We hope most of you celebrated [National Garden Week](#) by visiting our club's display at the College Station Library, entering NGC's virtual flower show, exercising your green thumb or by simply enjoying your garden or nature. A special thanks to our co-president Sherry Ellison for leading the Library Display project. We are now celebrating [National Pollinator Week](#) AND get ready to celebrate [Take Your Houseplant for a Walk Day](#) on July 27!



- 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/>