



A&M GARDEN CLUB

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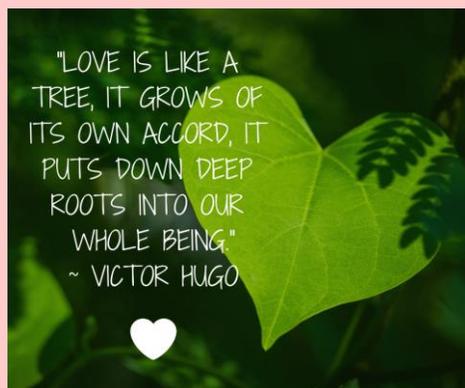
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NEWSLETTER

CLUB MEETINGS HELD SEPT-MAY – 2ND FRIDAYS 9:30-11:30 AM

AMGC Board Meeting (via Zoom)

Friday Feb 5 at 9:30 am

February Club Meeting (via Zoom)

Friday Feb 12 at 9:30 am – Business Meeting followed by Don Plitt's presentation on "Growing Cacti and Other Succulents"

CLUB EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE to BeeWaver Honey Farm

Wed Jan 27 – Details have been sent by email.
(Chair: Michele Wehrheim)

PLANT GIVEAWAY at Peace Lutheran Church

Friday Feb 12 from 3:45-5:00 pm – Bring plants to share!
Chair: Linda Kenyon

COFFEE SOCIAL

Coffee Socials are on hold 😞.
(Chair: Heather White)

ROMANTIC HOUSEPLANTS



There are several charming heart-shaped plants that can bring romance to your indoors! Anthurium, Sweetheart Hoya, Arrowhead plant, Cyclamen, Strings of hearts, Heart-leaf Philodendron & many others. *Perfect for Valentine's Day!*

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We want to congratulate our recently-elected new officers. They will be installed on May 14, 2021. Thanks in advance to each of you for your service.

President	Michele Wehrheim
1 st Vice President – Programs	Sherry Ellison
2nd Vice President - Yearbook	Ann Gundy
3rd Vice President - Community Events	Sheila Sagbo
4th Vice President – Hospitality	Heather White
Recording Secretary	Felicia Bacon
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Kenyon
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Please send us your ideas and preferences for speakers, topics, activities and pilgrimages for the future. Whatever you are interested in doing or learning will guide our planning for the club year beginning in September.

If you have not been able to attend meetings on Zoom, let us know if there is anything we can do to make it a more acceptable or enjoyable experience. Do you want to share or show a special plant during our Zoom meetings?

Is there something you want to see on Facebook, the newsletter or on our website?
Do you want to do garden-related activities or crafts with senior citizens or school children?

Would you want to visit other members gardens or spend time in their garden? Michele is planning to create a white garden under a tree in her backyard and is willing to show you her work in progress if you want to stop by her house.

We have been planning our Spring garden beds and dreaming of the day when we can meet face to face again!

We are looking forward to bluebonnets and redbuds blooming and walking in a park with masks on and a few AMGC friends at a time!

We hope to see you on Zoom!
Sherry Ellison & Michele Wehrheim

*"The love of gardening is a seed
Once sown that never dies."*

Gertrude Jekyll



RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

More pictures of our activities are posted on our Facebook Page – See <https://www.facebook.com/AMGardenClub/>



Club Meeting & Presentation – Since meeting in person is still not feasible, we are happy that Zoom provides a way for us to meet virtually. We appreciate everyone's flexibility in adjusting to this new way to meet. During our January 8th Regular membership Meeting, we duly elected our new officers! Judy Schafer – assisted by Suzanne Milstead and Heather White– delivered an interesting presentation on Dried Plant Materials Designs to get us thinking of designs we could enter in a future Botanical Arts Flower Show. Below are ideas each of us can create!



Plant Giveaway & Toy Donation – On January 8th not only did our club members made adults happy by having them take home airplane plants (spider plants) propagated and donated by Sherry Ellison, but kids were delighted to receive stuffed animals that PetsMart kindly donated thanks to Ellen Fuller. As a "serial volunteer", Ellen gets to help the Marines with their "Toys for Tots" program. Since they had already taken toys to Children's Hospital in Houston, she offered to distribute them to local hospitals and/or find good homes for them. Thanks, Ellen for bringing some of those to our plant giveaway at Peace Lutheran.



Toy Donation (Continued).

Just like Ellen thought of our club, we welcome our members' creative ideas that benefit our community. Feel free to share your ideas for upcoming plant giveaways at Peace Lutheran or for sharing joy in our community.



Garden Calendar – February

PLAN: 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, water lily seeds, cuttings of hardwoods, chrysanthemums, ivy and climbing fig. Perennials may be divided and set in their new positions.

FERTILIZE: Figs, gardenias, blooming bulbs, nandina and other shrubs, trees.

INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS: Plants showing scale not sprayed in January. Spray infested trees with dormant oil if not sprayed in January. Look for white grubs in the garden.

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

BLOOMING: Flowering quince, pansies, pinks, snapdragon and sweet pea.

VEGETABLES: Sow directly radishes, spinach, lettuce, chard, mustard, turnips, beets, carrots and sweet corn. Set out plants of onion, cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower. Plant potato eyes. Move tomato, eggplant and pepper plants to cold frame. Start rooting sweet potatoes inside.

LOVELY FRUIT SALAD (5 SERVINGS)



Ingredients: 1/2 Watermelon, 1 Apple, 12 Strawberries, 1 cup Raspberries, 1 cup Blackberries, 1 Grapefruit, segmented and juice reserved (squeeze out what you can)

Instructions: 1. Use your cookie cutter on your watermelon 2. Chop up apples and strawberries and mix in with blackberries and the grapefruit. 3. Enjoy!

*Bonus, the grapefruit will keep the apples from turning brown. Optional: Add chopped fresh mint leaves.

VALENTINE'S SMOOTHIE

Add frozen strawberries, raspberries and bananas in a blender with yogurt and milk. Blend until smooth and creamy. Garnish with strawberries and top with whipped cream if desired.



February Garden Fun Days...

- National Primrose Day - February 5
- Rose Day - February 7
- Valentines Day- February 14 (enjoy those red flowers!)
- Floral Design Day - February 28



Did you know?

The Brazos Valley Farmers Market is a fun place to visit on Saturdays to get fresh, local produce and unique items. It was founded many years ago by a small group of local producers. The goals in those early days were the same as the goals today: to create a venue where local farmers can connect directly with Brazos Valley consumers, to build community in an urban setting, and to provide public education on regional farming, gardening and food preparation.

When you visit the Brazos Valley Farmers Market, you will find vendors who grow, produce or cultivate in the following counties: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Milam, Robertson, and Washington. They offer a variety of products ranging from flowers, fruits, honey, coffee, jellies, wellness products, and so much more! You can even buy coffee, pastries and pizza.

The Farmers Market is a community event; a place to gather, meet new friends, and learn more about plants. For more information, see: <http://www.brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com/>

Visit the Farmers Markey every Saturday from 8:00 am – Noon. 500 N. Main Street in Bryan.