



A&M GARDEN CLUB

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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

April Club Meeting (location TBD)

Friday April 9 at 9:30 am – Business Meeting followed by Cheryl Lewis' presentation on Effects of Climate Change on Native Plants

CLUB EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE

Details will be sent by email.
(Chair: Michele Wehrheim)

PLANT GIVEAWAY at Peace Lutheran Church

Friday April 9 from 3:45-5:00 pm – Bring plants to share!
Chair: Linda Kenyon

COFFEE SOCIAL

Coffee Socials are back! Join club members at 9:30 am at Sweet Eugene's on March 30th.
(Chair: Heather White)

GARDEN CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Visit our website to learn about what to do in the garden this month <https://amgardenclub.com/publications/>

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Michele Wehrheim & Sherry Ellison

From Michele...

The wildflowers are in bloom and a surprising number of perennials managed to survive and are staging a comeback in my garden beds. This is the best time of the year for plant lovers of all kinds. I am busy rebuilding my herb beds and am back to trying to create a "white garden" in one of my backyard beds. All club members are welcome to stop by my house any time and look at my work in progress.

Look for an email from me later this week about the April pilgrimage trip. Sherry and I are still trying to secure a place for us to meet face to face on April 9th. The club earned several awards at the District level; Johanna and Helen have posted information about the District Convention that took place in Georgetown on March 18th. Be sure to check out Helen's fabulous photos on the club's Facebook page, and other photos on the District's Facebook page.

From Sherry...

Spring has arrived with many reasons to enjoy being outside: enjoying the breeze and sunny day, weeding while the ground is soft from rain, listening to birds welcome the early morning, and putting a new plant in the garden. Of course, I did not expect a squirrel to eat the blossom off of my newly planted Calendula!

I am looking forward to our coffee at Sweet Eugene's on March 30th. We can sit outside or inside while we talk. Tell us what you would like AMGC to do in the future for fun, for learning, and for our community!

Remember that Saturday, April 24th is Brazos Valley Hazardous waste day from 7 am to 2 pm. We can safely dispose of old computers to out of date medicine. This is Spring cleaning a different way and very helpful!

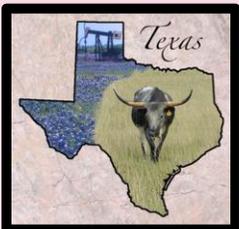
Have a Happy Blooming Time!

CLUB DUES

Please remember to send your \$25 AMGC annual membership dues to our Treasurer Susie Ohendalski as soon as possible. May is when she pays Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Club dues for our club.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

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



Club Meeting & Presentation – After our last monthly meeting, Suzanne Milstead and Heather White offered a highly informative presentation on the Ins and Outs of Horticulture to help us prepare for the Texas, Our Texas Flower Show next year.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)



We held another joyful **Plant Giveaway** on March 12th at Peace Lutheran. Community members always leave with a big smile after selecting a few plants to take home. Thanks for everyone who helped.



Sherry Ellison and Susie Ohendalski have been pruning and weeding a few flower beds at Richard Carter Park in College Station. They have been working at the park each week, but they need help since there are a lot of beds. They added Maximilian sunflowers and tall Asters. Sherry would like volunteers to help during upcoming **Gardening Workdays** to add plants and remove some of the extensive blue mist, Cannas, and mint. Please email Sherry if you can help.



Pilgrimage. Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., (and A&M Garden Club) supports Brookwood Community in Brookshsire, TX, and A&M Garden Club members like to visit a couple of times a year. Today was a beautiful sunny day for a drive in the country, and Michele, Lois, Khris and Helen took a trip. The main attraction is Greenhouse where special plants are always to be found. Or is the main attraction the wonderful seasonally stocked Gift Shop? Or the Cafe, with its First Class lunches? You have to go to know!!!

<https://www.brookwoodcommunity.org/>



Congrats to our members Norma Jean S. & Heather W. Their awesome pictures were featured on the Spring edition of **The Lone Star Gardener** published by Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.



Susie Ohendalski visited Anson Jones Elementary and took pictures of their garden beds. They have requested our help with their **Butterfly Garden**. Please email Susie if you are interested in helping.



TGC District V Spring Meeting and Officer Installation (contributing article by Helen Quinn)



On Thursday March 18, 2021, Heather W, Michele W, Khris T, Susie O, and Helen Q traveled to Georgetown Community Center in San Gabriel Park, Georgetown for the District Meeting. 60 members of District V clubs were present! A meeting of the Board of Directors preceded the General Meeting; During this time non-board members enjoyed sampling refreshments, visiting with friends we haven't seen for a long time, and shopping at the extensive Ways & Means tables. After the usual business matters, Heather gave a very informative promotional talk on the Penny Pines Project. A motion for District V to host the Spring 2022 State Convention to be held in Austin was voted on and passed.

The three Zone Directors presented reports from their respective zones (for those who don't know, we are in Zone II, and our Director is Carol Smith), followed by reports from the various District Chairman. Sherie Clarkson, Newsletter Editor, encouraged members to submit articles for future

editions. Membership Chairman, Marlene Gilman, asked members for input on how to recruit and retain new members.

After a boxed lunch from Schlotzky's, attendees had a little more time for shopping/visiting and a quick trip outside to the Sunken Garden, before enjoying an entertaining program by Marlene Gilman on "The Legends and Folklore of Texas Wildflowers." Due to a laptop malfunction (aka dead battery!) Marlene was unable to show her slides but improvised with descriptive hand motions and a recommendation to check out the Texas Monthly magazine March issue for the best pictures of Spring Flowers!



The program was followed by the distribution of District Awards, prior to them being forwarded on for judging at State (the State Awards winners will be announced at the TGC Spring Convention in San Antonio April 5-9, 2021.) District Awards won by A&M Garden Club were as follows:

1. Community Concerns – First Place. Submitted by Sherry Ellison
2. Historical Preservation – First Place. Submitted by Jane Cohen
3. Gold Club Yearbook – Second Place. Submitted by Ann Gundy
4. Website – First Place. Submitted by Helen Quinn
5. President's Report – Submitted by Sherry Ellison – has been forwarded on to State.
6. Youth Posters – Smokey Bear – First Place.

The 2021-2023 District V Officers were installed and introduced:

Director	Janice King
Assistant Director	Beth Erwin
Recording Secretary	Patsy Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Eleanor Floeck
Treasurer	Mary Alice DeBow
Parliamentarian	Virginia Pargmann

Next up is the District June Workshop to be held Thursday, June 3, 2021, hosted by Cameron Fleur de Lis Garden Club, at Rockdale First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 240 N Green St., Rockdale, TX 765567. Look for the Registration Form in the May District Newsletter and be sure to SAVE THE DATE!!!!

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Deana Dossey has volunteered to chair the Bryan Library and the College Station Library **National Garden Week displays** in June. Helen Quinn volunteered to be in charge of the Navasota Library display. Thank you for your initiative, ladies!



Our elected **new officers** will be installed on May 14, 2021. Thanks in advance to each of you for your service. It's not too late to volunteer to be Reporter or Historian. Please let us know if you are interested in any of these positions.



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1st Vice President – Programs
2nd Vice President - Yearbook
3rd Vice President - Community Events
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Felicia Bacon
Linda Kenyon
Susie Ohendalski
Susan Williams

Proposed Future Meeting Topics

Please vote for your 3 favorite programs by reviewing the list below and emailing incoming VP for Programs Sherry Ellison at ellison.sherry.68@gmail.com

Program Major Topics: Floral Design, Conservation, Landscape Design, Horticulture, Civic Responsibility, Garden Therapy, Historic Preservation, Scholarship, World Gardening, etc. Seven programs by accredited speakers are required for Silver and Gold Standing as a Club.

The topics proposed by club members are:

- program on annuals and perennials for the local area
- program on cool season and warm season vegetables
- program on fertilizers – what to use and when for different types of plants
- a refresher program on pollinator plants for bees as well as butterflies
- a general presentation on the types of flower show entries and how to prepare for it
- growing microgreens at home
- growing and cooking with fresh herbs with tips on how to keep them fresh
- growing citrus plants in our area
- growing fruit trees in our area
- landscaping
- recycling and design
- lighting in the landscape
- native plants for birds
- legumes
- lichens
- land restoration

Possible 5 minute reports

5 minutes each month:

Bucket List of Gardens or Arboretums – in state or around the World

One plant that feeds pollinators that is grown in member's yard.