



## A&M GARDEN CLUB

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Members of National Garden Club; South Central Region; Texas Garden Clubs & District V. Gold Club (TGC Designation)

### Board Members:

**Co-presidents** Michele Wehrheim & Sherry Ellison

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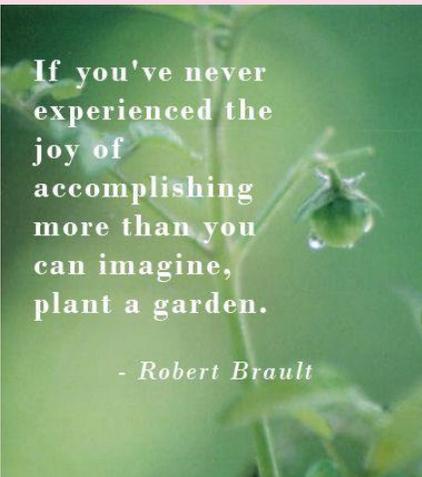
**Treasurer** Susie Ohendalski

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**Recording Secretary** Helen Quinn

**Corresponding Secretary** Linda Kenyon

**Parliamentarian** Susan Williams



If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden.

- Robert Brault



# MAY 2021

## NEWSLETTER

### CLUB MEETINGS

HELD **SEPT-MAY** – 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAYS 9:30-11:30 AM

#### AMGC Board Meeting

Friday May 7 at 9:30 am at Peace Lutheran Church

#### May Club Meeting (in person!)

Friday May 14 at 9:30 am – Business Meeting and installation of new officers at at Peace Lutheran Church. \*Masks are required.

### CLUB EVENTS

#### PILGRIMAGE

**Magnolia Hill Farm.** Details will be sent by email. (Chair: Michele Wehrheim)

#### COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am – Sweet Eugene's. (Chair: Heather White)

## CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Michele Wehrheim & Sherry Ellison*

*From Michele...*

The hailstorm hit my garden beds the week after Easter and turned my Ti plant leaves into confetti in addition to punishing my night blooming cereus plants. Thanks to the Valentine's Day week deep freeze back in February, everything is slowly blooming or budding later than usual in my yard. The replacement plant shopping competition is fierce at the Farm Patch, Lowe's and Producer's Co-op....Have to cut this short as the bare patches need to be filled in with the precious annual seedlings I purchased during a recent shopping spree. Hope your flower beds and vegetable plots are undamaged and growing beautifully!

*From Sherry...*

You did it! You kept up your friendships. You provided food for people with plants for cheer! You kept projects going, and even met for coffee and tea sometimes. You went on pilgrimages and shared ideas. You even kept your gardens despite freezes and hail. Bravo!

Have you picked topics you would like to have for our future meetings? Let us know about any activities you would enjoy doing as a club.

Possomhaw, Redbud tress, Texas Persimmon, and Desert Willow all have leaves now. Red Guara, Mealy Blue Sage, Red Salvia, Pink Evening Primrose, Butterfly Iris, Society Garlic, Yellow Iris, Purple Iris, Roses, Spiderworts, Indian Blanket, Shasta Daisies, Lantana, Bluebonnets, and Pink Yarrow are now blooming at Richard Carter Park. It is fun walking there!



*Pink Evening Primrose, planted from seeds 5 yrs ago  
Volunteer wine cups at Richard Carter Park*

## RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

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



**Richard Carter Park Workdays** – Sherry Ellison has been going with other club members to work on flower beds at Richard Carter Park. Irises donated by Judy Schafer are in full bloom.

On April 27th, several members joined for an hour of planting milkweed plants, Brown-eyed Susan, and other. Some had blossoms already, so they were ready to be transplanted. Now that we have warmer weather, shorter workdays will be planned. Please let Sherry know if you want to join one of these fun adventures. Bring your handtools and your smile. Remember Butterflies will love us!

## TGC Spring Convention – (Report by Michele Wehrheim)



Heather White and Michele Wehrheim attended the Fiesta de los Jardineros en San Antonio, April 5th to April 9th; it was the 93rd Annual Spring Convention of the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. We had a blast visiting with garden club friends from all over Texas as well as taking a Riverwalk Boat Cruise; we attended a hands-on fun presentation making "Fiesta Flowers" in addition to informative talks about succulents and vermi-composting. Heather gave a talk about Penny Pines as she is the TGC state chair for the program. In addition to meeting the National Garden Clubs President, Gay Austin, from Mississippi and the South Central Region Director Linda Lawson from Oklahoma we accepted awards and prizes for several of the youth entries sponsored by A&M Garden Club.

[Pictures courtesy of Heather White]

*Heather's design for the Fiesta - Kaleidoscope of Color Design Program*

*Left: A&M GC members Michele Wehrheim & Heather White with TGC Pres Peggy Moreland & NGC Pres Gay Austin  
Right: District V at TGC*



*President Elect Gwen DeWitt*



*NGC President Gay Austin makes Fiesta Flowers at a workshop*

## Plant Giveaway

Our last **Plant Giveaway** was held on Friday April 9th at Peace Lutheran. We want to help our Chair, Linda Kenyon, for leading this program and all members who helped propagate and bring plants. A big thank you also to our Peace Lutheran friends for allowing us to share our love of plants during their fresh produce distribution day. It was a great partnership! We brought joy to many community members and provided tips on how to select and grow plants in their homes or gardens. We made kids smile when picking small plants to take home and many ladies happy to take home herb transplants to use in their kitchen. Most of all, we had fun visiting with each other while conducting this great community service program.

From now on, any plant leftover from our **Ways & Means** table can be placed under Peace Lutheran's Blessing Box after our monthly meetings. That is a great way to continue sharing plants with our community.



## April Pilgrimage to Newsman's Castle in Belville (by Helen Quinn)

Three members (Michele W, Sheila F, and Helen Q) travelled to Bellville on April 28<sup>th</sup> to visit Newman's Castle - to enjoy an interesting and informative few hours in Medieval times! From a tiny chapel to a torture chamber, a lofty bell tower to a moat with waterlilies and ducks, we were even "knighted" with a real-looking sword!!! Delicious sandwiches made with homemade bread, donuts and cookies direct from the Newman's Bakery in town were served for lunch in a large dining hall. Also, the weather was perfect for the occasion!



## UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

### New Officer Installation

Our elected **new officers** will be installed on May 14, 2021. Thanks in advance to each of you for your service. We need volunteers to be Reporter or Historian.

President	Michele Wehrheim
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President – Programs	Sherry Ellison
2nd Vice President – Yearbook	Ann Gundy
3rd Vice Pres – Community Events	Sheila Sagbo
4th Vice President – Hospitality	Heather White
Recording Secretary	Felicia Bacon
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We want to thank our **2020-2021 officers** for their time and leadership serving on our Board this past year. It was a challenging time for our Garden Club and many others, but their enthusiasm and efforts to keep activities and meetings going was very much appreciated by the membership.

**Coffee Social** – Come join other club members for coffee and conversation at Sweet Eugene's on Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>. You may come and go at any time from 9:30 – 11:00 am.

**Dues are Due** – Please remember to mail in your \$25 annual membership dues to our PO Box address found on our website or bring a check or cash to the meeting. Thank you!

### Garden Calendar – May

- **PLAN:** Make plans to mulch for conservation of water during dry summer months and to help keep soil cool. Add hot weather plants to the garden.
- **PRUNE:** Cut back verbenas, petunias and other plants that are beginning to look lanky to encourage new growth and flowering. Separate and replant violets when they finish blooming.
- **PLANT:** Cockscomb, marigolds, periwinkle, bachelor buttons, caladium, coleus, hibiscus, other summer blooming annuals, balled shrubs.
- **FERTILIZE:** Roses and plants that continue blooming and those producing buds for next year's bloom. Keep beds lightly cultivated or mulched.
- **INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS:** Check roses for pests and black spot, mildew and rust. Watch for young bagworms.
- **WEATHER PROTECTION:** Protect roots from the sun with mulch. Water deeply. Shade young seedlings until well established.
- **BLOOMING:** Spring flowering annuals, perennials. Begonias, cactus, canna, day lilies, many shrubs.
- **VEGETABLES:** Sow southern peas, sweet corn, watermelon, cantaloupes and New Zealand spinach. Set out sweet potato plants.