A&M GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021



CLUB MEETINGS

July 2nd, 2021 - Board meeting @ the President's house from 10-11am

*Regular meetings will resume in September 2021



EVENTS & SOCIALS

July 4th, 2021 - Fourth of July Celebration @ Heritage Park from 9-11am

July 20th, 2021 - Coffee Social @ Sweet Eugene's from 9:30am-11:30am

August 13th, 2021 - Membership Social Potluck @ Peace Lutheran Church meeting room at 9:30am

August 27th 2021 - Coffee Social @ Sweet Eugene's from 9:30am-11:30am

Website: https://amgardenclub.com/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AMGardenClub





Happy 4th of July everyone! Stay safe, healthy and hydrated!



OUR CLUB

A&M Garden Club promotes the love of gardening, floral design, horticulture, civic responsibility, landscaping, environmental concerns and garden therapy for men, women and children and encourages participation and support in educational programs for both the very young and advanced students.

President's Corner!



From Michele:

As we begin another Garden Club Year the future is looking a lot brighter than it was this time last year! Many of us are now fully vaccinated, we held our May meeting "in person", we have been able to go on field trips, and meet for coffee. The weather presented its own challenges in the first few months of 2021, with snow, ice, extended freezing temperatures, flooding rains and heat and humidity, but still we garden, tend our flowers and experiment with fresh and dried flower arrangements. We hope you will enjoy the programs and events we have lined up for the coming year, starting with our booth at the Fourth of July Celebration at Heritage Park, then the annual Membership Social/Potluck in August. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us, and remember:

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

Your President, Michele Wehrheim

From Sherry Ellison:

It was great having an in person A&M Garden Club Meeting again and an in-person coffee too! Thank you all for ideas for presentations. All the speakers said they would definitely come. We will have fun in 2021-2022!

Sherry Ellison

Thank you to our outgoing board members for their hard work, and welcome incoming board members!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

President: Michele Wehrheim

1st VP Programs: Sherry Ellison

2nd VP Yearbook: Ann Gundy

3rd VP Community Events: Sheila

Sagbo

4th VP Hospitality: Heather White

Recording Secretary: Felicia

Bacon

Corresponding Secretary: Linda

Kenyon

Treasurer: Susie Ohendalski

Reporter: Felicia Bacon

Historian: Helen Quinn

Parliamentarian: Susan Williams

National Garden Week!

The A&M Garden Club participates in National Garden Week by putting up displays of books relating to gardening for all ages. In the displays we had gardening books, packets of seeds, gardening gloves, origami frogs, watering cans, and a Peter Rabbit on a flower pot with gardening tools. There were photos of local children who entered a National Garden Contest and won. The children and families came to our May meeting to get their certificates and prizes. We hope most of you celebrated National Garden Week by visiting our club's display at the Clara B Mounce Library in Bryan and the library in College Station and Navasota. A special thanks to Sherry Ellison, Deana Dossey, and Susan Ohendalski for setting up the displays and leading the project!



From left to right: Sherry Ellison, Susan Ohendalski, Deana Dossey, Hilary Anderson

Display case at College Station



Close up of the display case in College Station!



From left to right: Sherry Ellison, Hillary

Library display case at Clara B Mounce Library in Bryan, Texas



Display Case at Clara B Mounce Library in Bryan, Texas.



Cute Peter Rabbit figurine!



Coffee Socials!

Our Coffee Socials are a great way for members to come together and hang out! Socials are held every month at Sweet Eugene's or other locations that we decide. For most of 2020, we have not been able to meet with each other, so it has been nice for our members to finally be able start meeting with each other again. Our most recent social was on June 25th at Sweet Eugene's. Two new members were able to make come, Jill and Jewel. We love when we get to meet new friends and just have fun! Our next coffee socials will be held on **July 20th** at Sweet Eugene's from 9:30-11:30am and **August 27th**, same time and place. All are welcome and bring a friend! Come have fun with your garden club friends and drink some coffee!









Member Submissions!

If you have any pictures of your garden, or if you find anything garden related that you find interesting that you want in the newsletter, send them to me (Felicia Bacon) and I will do my best to add them in the newsletter! Thank you for all the lovely pictures everyone! Keep em' coming!



Heather White sent in this picture of "Republic of Texas", a miniature yellow rose that she uses as a border plant. She bought this beauty at Antique Rose Emporium near Independence, Texas! These flowers are great for container planting and in borders with perennial plants.



Heather shows us a view of her front bed in May. She says: "I bought inexpensive bags of Lily bulbs at Aldi in March and planted them along with the Dusty Miller, some rose bushes, and dwarf Nandina to replace my dead oversized Pittisporum that froze in February". Beautiful flowers Heather!



Heather White took a trip to California and sent in this shot of a "weathered Monterrey Cypress". She likes this because "it reminds her of a squid". How interesting!



Also submitted by Heather is "the center cut of a giant Sequoia in Sequoia National Park taken on a trip in June". What a beautiful picture. It's amazing how many rings the tree has!

Past Events

Youth Contest

The submissions for this year's Youth Contests were wonderful! 3 winners were presented certificates at the May Meeting at Peace Lutheran Church. Friends and family were present to watch the winners accept their certificate and prize money. Great job to all our winners!



From left to right: Michele Wehrheim, Susan Ohendalski, Jane Cohen, Sherry Ellison and 1st place winner Jacqueline Chu for her submission in the category: Poster - Smokey Bear, titled: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"



1st Place winner Fiza Dhosani accepting her award for her certificate for her submission in the category: Poetry, titled: "Merciful is Our Creator" Also pictured in pink dress is 1st Place winner Zia Song on her submission in the catergory: Poster - Smokey Bear, titled: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"

Annual District Workshop in Rockdale, Texas

Michele, Sherry E., Susan (Susie), Khris, Sheila and Helen attended the District V Summer Workshop in Rockdale, TX. They had fun and enjoyed great hospitality, renewed (and new) friendships, breakout sessions on Yearbooks, Awards, Meeting and Program Ideas, conducting a meeting, the Treasurer's job, Flower Shows, and ideas for road trips! They had lunch, shopped for plants, craft and garden items. 14 clubs in the district were represented by 63 members. Join us next time for the Annual District Workshop!







Pilgramage to Daylily Farms in May

Five members enjoyed a visit to Magnolia Hill Farm in Brenham, Texas to marvel at hundreds of different varieties of Daylilies. They also enjoyed lunch at Applebees afterwards. The ladies had lots of fun and we are excited to host more pilgrimages in the future for our members! Stay posted with our website which will be updated when events are confirmed.







What to Look Forward To...

There will be lots of upcoming events in the future, including coffee socials, workshops, pilgrimages to cool places and fun projects in the area. Please stay updated by visiting the A&M Garden Club website and our Facebook page. Our regular meetings will resume in September and all are welcome to attend! Members, please come to the Membership Social Potluck that will be held on August 13th at Peace Lutheran Church at 9:30am. Everyone bring a dish to share with members and hospitality will provide drinks and paper goods. See you all there!

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