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Newsletter July 2022





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National Garden Club, Inc.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that aims to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility and we help coordinate the interests and activities of state and local garden clubs in the U.S. and abroad.

The A&M Garden Club needs members to sign up for one two minute information report about National Garden club. Find a interesting topic at - https://gardenclub.org/ and sign up to share a topic each month. Pick your month and let Yearbook Chair Linda Kenyon know your name and month by July 5, so you can be listed in the yearbook.

District V Workshop

June 2 meeting in Temple was attended by L-R:
Helen Quinn, Sheila
Fields, Khris Thurmond,
Michele Wehrheim. They
had fun, enjoyed some
interesting breakout
sessions, and ate too
much delicious lunch. So
thankful they're getting
better after a serious
accident on their trip
home.



Happy Birthday - (from Yearbook)

July August
2 Terry U 1 Catherine G 4 Heather W
13 Ellen P 1 Johanna R 14 Linda K
28 Sandy W 2 Sheila F 28 Norma Jean S

President's Message

Summer is an ongoing process for A&M Garden Club. We have lots of activities to keep you engaged with the club over the summer, so save some dates and think about helping the club

interact with the community. Make sure that Treasurer Susie Ohendalski has your correct personal information so that you receive information from the club, and our higher affiliates (Texas Garden Clubs, South Central Region, and National Garden Clubs). Also, the officers are working to pull together the new Yearbook, with VP Yearbook Linda Kenyon, so if you are willing to help with a committee or have information that is pertinent to the Yearbook, please let her know right away.

The Board met 6/10 to plan for Heritage Park, Wish Upon a Butterfly, and the President's Project of a Youth Book Reading at the Library all of which will happen this summer. At Heritage Park on July 4, enjoy many volunteer booths, a cute kid's parade, and a fun time for all. Wish Upon a Butterfly at the Natural History Museum is July 23 and is chaired by Sherry Ellison. We anticipate we will be inside, and there is free lunch for workers. She needs your help to set up and provide information about butterflies and help give away any butterfly friendly plants. Finally, my President's Project - I'm in charge of this one - is a Youth Book Reading, Ringer Library, on August 7 on "Insects in the Garden". Included will be a display of bees (Helen Quinn), a display of butterflies (Judy Schafer), dramatic readings of The Hungry Caterpillar, In the Tall, Tall Grass, and an as yet unchosen bee book. Volunteers are needed to help with the project.

My theme for the next year is to "Grow and Engage". I want all the members to have a chance to grow their skills and knowledge in the five areas of focus for National Garden Clubs - Gardening, Horticulture, Floral Design, Environmental Concerns, and Landscape Design. Our club is active in all of these, so stretch yourself to participate and engage. If you already have a specific skill, share your knowledge with others in the club.

Heather White, President 2022-23

Never Forget Garden Veteran Memorial

The Never Forget Garden Memorial was presented in a luncheon event on May 25 at the Brazos Valley Veterans Park American Pavilion. Greetings from Texas Garden Club President Gwen DeWitt were read to the group. Heather White spoke about donations to honor those unknown soldiers who have served and sacrificed for America.





A&M GC received grants for for local native and adapted plants from District V GC of \$500 and NGC for \$1000 to provide a peaceful garden at Veterans Park. Michele W, Susie O, Jane C, Janice K, Heather W.



Jane Cohen, Sherry Frisk, Susie Ohendalski, Former Tomb of the Unknown Solder Honor Guard Sentinel and Speaker Roy May, Heather White, Michele Wehrheim.

Coffee Social

July 24 at Sweet Eugene's for friendship. Thanks to Khris for bringing Michele. L-R: Carmen Billings, Khris Thurmond, Michele Wehrheim, Sherry Ellison, Jewel Rhea, Jill Dubec, and



Heather White (not pictured).

July 4 Heritage Park

Join us at this Bryan neighborhood park with an historical background. Celebrate and cheer their Kids Parade, 600 S. Hutchins. The A&M Garden Club has shared plants for several years. Thanks to Sherry E for coordinating. Thanks to Judy S for 200 plants to give away to new homes to delight people. We have community members coming back each year to thank us and tell us about last year's plants they've enjoyed. Thanks to Judy S, Linda K, Jan P, Sherry E, Susan W, Denise G, Heather W. Margaret G. and Lou H. to staff the table from 9:30 to noon. Our booth is always very popular with the families and individuals who attend. If you can help set up the canopy, come at 8:30. Or, if you haven't already signed up and want to help for an hour or want to bring some plants to share, let Sherry E know. Free watermelon slices are at a nearby booth!

July 23 Wish Upon a Butterfly

Need help at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, from 9 am to 12 noon. This is a big event for families and individuals. The A&M Garden Club Booth has free plants for butterflies, posters and information about butterflies and native plants, crafts, and seeds. The booth is inside the building. We really need four people each hour for both events with at least 30 minutes of set up time before and a short clear away time afterwards. You can volunteer for one hour or more! Please help us, so we can make these successful events and give butterflies more food plants! Contact Sherry Ellison - Ellison.Sherry.68@gmail.com or call 979-696-6793.

Events

July 4 Bryan Heritage Park July 15-16-17 Environmental School - Water Old Fort Parker. See Heather's June 4 email. July 19 Coffee, 9:30 am, The Village Café, 210 W 26th St, Bryan

July 23 BVMNH Wish Upon a Butterfly Aug 7 Reading Books at Ringer Library, 2:30 pm Members needed to help. Please be there by 2:10 as doors open at 2:15 for the public

Aug 12 Beginning Social, 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Come hear about plans for the year: programs, community service, trips and more.