

President 2022-2023

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Newsletter August 2022



A & M Garden Club



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August 12 Meeting

Membership Social at 9:30 am on Friday, Aug 12, Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd., CS. Bring a dish to share or goodies from your garden.

Club Officers and Committee Chairs will introduce club plans, upcoming programs, NGC President's projects, NGC member services. Thanks to Linda Kenyon for doing the GC Yearbook - come to the meeting to receive your copy. Greet the National Youth Award winners around 11 am.

Wish Upon a Butterfly

We love giving away plants and teaching kids about butterflies at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Thanks to all who helped, transported plants, supplies, and craft materials and taught. On July 23, children enjoyed butterfly crafts, learned about butterflies and butterfly plants. Many smiles as children carried their crafts with them and as adults took sacks of healthy plants home.



Jan Porter and butterfly craft. Child is having fun - on her toes! Plants under table.



L-R: Linda Kenyon, Sherry Ellison, Sherry McKenzie, Johanna Roman, Judy Schafer, Denise Littlejohn. Also Heather White, Susie Ohendalski, Jan Porter, Judy Anderson, Dale Schafer.

President's Letter

The summer is almost over - thankfully - as we are all about burnt up! Come join the club as we provide community service indoors at the President's Project "Insects in the Garden". We will have readings from 3 books, displays on butterflies (Judy Schafer) and honey bees (courtesy of Bee Weaver), as well as some kids crafts and some snacks. The event is at Larry Ringer Library, 8/7/22, Sunday, with doors opening at 2:15. If you can join us, please come around 2:00 pm in casual clothes and we should be finished no later than 4:30 pm. The event is geared to pre-K to 3rd grade so if you have grandchildren or neighbors who might be interested, please let them know. I want us to GROW AND ENGAGE with the community.



Heather White, A&M GC President

Friday, 8/12, is our kickoff summer social with potluck brunch at 9:30 am at Peace Lutheran Church. Our special guests will be the Youth Contest winners around 11 am.

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August Birthdays

- 1 Catherine G 4 Heather W
1 Johanna R 14 Linda K
2 Sheila F 28 Norma Jean S

Never Forget Garden (NFG)

The Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial's new video - https://www.bvvm.org/press/take-a-virtual-tour/ shares the wonderful sites in the 12-acre park. Our Never Forget Garden (NFG and Dist V grants for plants) is about the 31:00 mark. NFG will have a Sprit Night fundraiser at Willies, 940 University Drive, E, CS on Aug 9, 11 am to 10 pm. Come eat; say you support NFG; Willies donates to NFG.

Wish Upon a Butterfly, continued

This community event was a big success!!! So many smiles from the children, the parents and the A&M GC members. Thanks to Sherry Ellison for coordinating.



Thanks to Judy Anderson for designing and painting two elegant signs for GC.



Left - Sherry McKenzie and the child are smiling!!!



Ready for Wish Upon a Butterfly - educational display, lots of plants (under table), and crafts. L-R Sherry Ellison, Denise Littlejohn, Jan Porter, Judith Schafer.

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Youth Awards

Congratulations to the youth!!! District Certificates were displayed at the April GC meeting. District, State, and South Central awards were presented to students in May at their schools. National poetry winners will be presented NGC Certificates at the Aug 12 social -

- 1st - Jacqueline Chu, "Never Sing Alone", 3rd grade, Spring Creek Elementary (SP)
- 3rd - Sumedha Jayanth, "Cardinals", Kindergarten, SP.
- 3rd - Malak Farraj, "Soaring to the Stars", 6th grade, Cypress Grove Intermediate (CG)
- HM - Fiza S. Dhosani, "Autumn's Tune", 4th grade, SP
- HM - Angelica Gerdes, "Bird Call", 5th grade, CG.



Front: Jacqueline Chu, "Never Sing Alone", 3rd grade, Spring Creek Elementary. L-R - GC Youth Chair Susie Ohendalski, GC Youth VC - Poetry Jane Cohen, Principal Chris Southard, Mom Selina Chu, GTEnrich Teacher Amy Ruiz.

The 2022 Youth Awards Poetry booklet is online - <https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/youth-poetry-booklet.pdf>. Schools participating in poetry -

Spring Creek Elem, Cypress Grove Int, Oakwood Int, Wellborn Middle School, CS Middle School. Poetry prize money won - \$83



Texas, \$165 SC.

Thanks to local judges October 2021. Librarian Sandra Wood, Art Teacher Jamie Bevans, Teacher Eugenia Williams, GC Jane Cohen, CS P&R Brooke Littlefield, GC Linda Kenyon, GC Susie Ohendalski.

Join the GC Youth Committee. Judges needed in late Oct. Thanks to Eugenia W for the "favors" and to Susie O for treats. L-R: Susie O, Eugenia W, Jamie B, Jane C.

