

President 2022-2023

Heather White



A&M
Garden Club



Newsletter October 2022



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4th VP-Hospitality Greta Merritt
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Corresponding Secretary Carmen Billings
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Historian-volunteer needed

October 14 Meeting

Program "Never Forget Garden Veterans Memorial at Brazos Valley Veterans Park" by Sherry Frisk and Cheryl Lewis, 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS. Hostesses Susie Ohendalski, Sheila Fields, Jan Porter.

President's Message

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Fall is officially here, and we need to tend to our gardens by dividing plants, and if you haven't applied your fertilizers and herbicide products you need to get on that right away! This is a great time to thin out your garden and consider bringing your extra plants to the Ways & Means table (Khris Thurmond) or to the plant giveaway (Carolyn Parsons) at Peace Lutheran Church during the Food Pantry pickup.

Save the Date - RSVP

When: Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 6-8 PM

What: Presentation by author and AMGC member Mrs. Lois Hyndman, based on her book, "A Marine in World War II from Notre Dame to Iwo Jima". This is a book about her husband's experiences based on letters to Mrs. Hyndman and other relatives. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Where: Private dining room at C&J Barbeque, 2112 Briargate Drive, Bryan, TX

Who: This event will be open exclusively to La Villita DAR and A&M Garden Club members (and their spouses and/or friends) until Sept 23, but RSVP now to be sure seating is available. Then, select veterans groups will be invited. Attendees will order in line, pay for their own meal, and inform the cashier that they are there for the book club event. No outside food or drinks permitted.

RSVP to Denise K. Turner at dkturnermd@sbcglobal.net

There are lots of things to GROW & ENGAGE this month. Youth Committee (Susie Ohendalski) needs help with judging our entries for the Youth Contests. This is how we engage youth in gardening and research shows childhood exposure creates lifelong interest in gardening. This is an easy way to help the club and is an indoor activity. On October 8, there will be a workday at Richard Carter Park, and we will also spread wildflower seeds there (Sherry Ellison). There is an opportunity to participate in the 21 Steps Run/Walk for the Never Forget Garden on 10/15 (Jane Cohen) – if we can get a dedicated group of 21 A&M GC members to sign up at \$21 each, a paver will be placed in the permanent memorial with A&M GC on it. The Coffee Social is 10/25 at the Village Café, and the District V Fall Meeting is in Georgetown on 10/26. There will be a fascinating speaker – Wizzie Brown talking about insects. I've heard her before, and she is excellent! We will try to do carpooling for the event as we always do.

Birthdays

Oct 1 Phyllis Pollard Oct 31 Martha Green
Oct 1 Michele Wehrheim Oct 31 Millie Parrack

Finally, I want to encourage you to consider

serving on the 2023-2024 A&M Garden Club Board. It is already time to form the Nominating Committee and I will be asking for volunteers at the October general meeting. One of the best ways to engage is to participate in the planning of our club events. If you are interested, approach a board member or me to ask about the positions and responsibilities.

Calendar

9/30/22, Coffee, Gogh Gogh Coffee, 2501 Tx Ave.
Oct 4 Due, Judge Oct 5-6 - Youth entries
Oct 7 Sign up for Never Forget Garden "21 Steps"
Oct 8 Richard Carter Park
Oct 15 "21 Steps" at Veterans Park, 3101 Harvey.
Oct 25 Coffee Social, Village Café
Oct 26 District V Meeting, Georgetown
Upcoming NGC, SCR, TGC - Check yearbook.



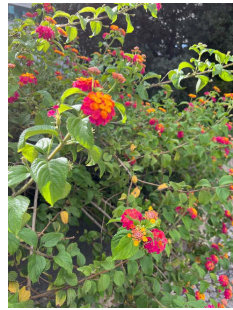
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Deana Dossey To Receive Award

Deana Dossey is being presented GOLDEN SHOVEL award as Volunteer of the Year 2022 by Austin Parks Foundation, on Wed, Oct 12, 7-10PM, ACL Festival Grounds. The Party for Parks is a fundraiser for Austin's parks, trails and green spaces. Deana has been involved with parkland support since the early 90s in many roles such as identifying potential land for Copperfield Neighborhood park, volunteering with Friends of Copperfield Nature Trails and sitting as the Chair of Copperfield Nature Trails. Deana has been instrumental in the progress at Copperfield Park - updating entrances and adding benches along trails. The Copperfield Trail System, a wet land drainage area, goes through her neighborhood in northeast Austin. Native plants have been added and hiking trails developed and clean up done. This is an organized group of people working on the project for several years. The award is for Deana's work and leadership on the project.



Heather's Travels



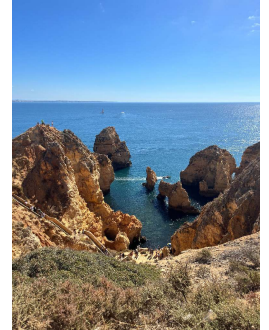
Lisbon - Lantana



Alhambra Garden

Youth Contests

Need Judges Oct 5 & 6 for the youth entries in poetry, posters (mockingbird and blue heron), and sculpture. Last year, we had over 100 entries. Let Susie Ohendalski know you'll help.



Portimao, Portugal

GC Scholarships

Texas Garden Club Scholarship info was shared with TAMU. AMGC had 2 students from TAMU who received TGC scholarships last year. Yay! Offered to juniors, seniors, graduates for following spring/fall semester. Due Oct 1 to TGC.

District V scholarship application for high school seniors to apply as Freshman entering College or a Sophomore. Encourage your relatives and neighbors to apply. Due Feb 15, 2023

District V Fall Meeting

Plan to attend Oct 25 in Georgetown. Reservation \$20 includes meal (form attached) due by Oct 17. Interesting programs, plants and "treasurers" in ways & means, and meet and share with gardeners from our District. Have a plant you want identified? Bring a sample or picture. We usually carpool. Leave about 6:45 am. *Form attached*. Fall District

Brazos Valley Gives

Month long "Give Where You Live" community fundraising through the Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley. Log on and give today - \$10, \$20, \$50. Drop off your donation during the 18 hour Day on Oct 18, between 5 & 6 pm, for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - Never Forget Garden Veterans Memorial at The Eagle and help us win bonus gifts. *Form attached* - BVGives

21 Steps Run/Walk

Enjoy a morning at the Brazos Valley Veterans Park on Saturday, Oct 15. Preregistration by Oct 7 for \$21. each. Groups of 21 (members, friends, family) may have an engraved brick placed in the garden. Hosts will be at the park to share America's Military History. Need host to tell about the A&M GC's Blue Star Memorial. *Form attached* - 21StepsRunWalk.

Plants Are Amazing

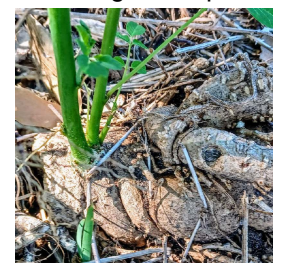
Moringa plant is determined to survive!! Helen Quinn had a lot of Moringa seedlings about 3 - 4 inches tall in pots before the "deep freeze". They "died".

She threw all these pots out to a plant graveyard. Six months or so later, she was amazed to see some green sprouts. She retrieved and is growing them, but ... some must have still been in the recycled soil.

Recently Helen noticed a 3 ft tree growing in her wood pile - yes, a runaway Moringa! And look at the other photo of the root!!!! "A will to live!"



Moringa Escapee



Runaway Root