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Newsletter November 2022

November

November 11 Meeting

Program: "Napkin Folding for Gardeners" 9:30 am on Friday, Nov 11, Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd., CS. Bring an 18" x 18" square cloth napkin. Hostesses: Susie O, Phyllis P, Jan P, Heather W

Nominating Committee

Volunteer or answer the call to serve on the A&M GC Board for 2023-2024. Nominating Committee - Sherry Ellison, Linda Kenyon, and Susan Williams - need to know your interests for a position on the GC Board. Check your Yearbook for officer duties, and contact the committee with questions or to let them know your interests.

Roselle Hibiscus

At the Oct meeting, Susie O brought stalks of Roselle Hibiscus. All parts of this plant are edible - leaves, flowers, fresh and dried pods. The pods will open and sepal flare out. Sepals (collectively called the calyx) are modified leaves that encase the developing flower. The sepals are used to make tea. The leaves have a lemony taste and can be used in salad or greens. The pods can be used to make jam. To make tea, use 1/2 cup fresh mature sepals (about 10 dried open sepals) and 5 cups water. Heat and simmer 15 to 30 minutes. Sugar, 3/4 cup, can be added if too tart. Also can add lime, mint leaves, honey.



Roselle Hibiscus is helpful for Vitamin C, for cholesterol, blood pressure, cold and flu problems. The plant comes from West Africa but is used in many parts of the world. Belongs to the same family of plants as other Hibiscus and also Okra. Thanks to Judy Schafer for the article.

Birthdays

9 Sherry McKenzie

12 Carmen Billings

President's Message

It is time to GROW & ENGAGE for November! I am so pleased to see we have new members joining us this fall which will help us grow as a club – please take the time to meet and greet our new members getting to know what brought them to us and how we can help make them welcome. Welcome to Dot, Kerry, and Sharon!

As fall is settling in, we are in an area wide drought so please no burning leaves or unattended fire pits/bonfire activities. We need our green spaces and forest.

We have a host of activities again this month before you get too busy with your family holiday plans and travel. On November 4, at 9:30AM, in Richard Carter Park, 1800 Brazoswood, we will both commemorate Arbor Day and celebrate the lives of two of our members we lost in the past year to the Garden Eternal – Former A&M GC President Margaret Lambert Ravey and honorary member and garden guru Dr. Elmer Krehbiel. Please join us for the planting of a Chinquapin Oak in their honor.

Our monthly meeting is November 11, and we will be having a workshop on Napkin Folding. I know that sounds a bit weird for garden club but one of our 5 major areas of interest in National Garden Club is Floral Design. Part of that is Table Design – and napkins are an integral part of that! I will give you a little history about napkins and then we have a hands-on workshop to do a few folds that you can use on your holiday tables this year.

That same day, I encourage you to attend Veterans Day Ceremony at Adam Memorial Plaza of Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial (BVVM) in Veterans Park at 5:30PM, 11/11/22. The honor roll call, like Aggie Muster, will occur as new names are added to the wall. The Ross Volunteers will be present. The keynote speaker is Coach Gary Blair. This is adjacent to the



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site for the Never Forget Garden and the A&M Garden Club's Blue Star Marker.

On November 16, A&M GC member Lois Hyndman is presenting a special "Meet the Author" program at C&J Barbecue, 2112 Briargate Dr., Bryan (this is their newest location), 6-8PM to discuss A Marine in WW II – From Notre Dame to Iwo Jima and Beyond. The La Villita NSDAR Chapter has invited us to join them for this special event; but, due to seating, you must RSVP to dkturnermd@sbcglobal.net. The program is free, but you purchase what you want for dinner.

On November 22, we have our final scheduled Coffee Social of 2022 at Sweet Eugene's House of Java, 1702 George Bush Dr. Surely from this list, you can find one or more things you will enjoy.

Richard Carter Park

We had a great Weed N Seed project at Richard Carter Park, 8:30 to 10:00AM on 10/8/22. Sherry Ellison, 3rd VP for Community Event, organized the day. The beds (two front, two side, and back) around the information center were weeded.



Cheryl L, Sherry E, Sherry McK

Pruned back were Milkweed, rock rose and Muhly grass to maintain them inside the beds. Bluebonnet seeds were spread in the weeded beds amongst the remaining plants. Susan Williams did the bulk of seeding the Monarch Wildscape area (established by A&M GC with CS Parks Dept - see sign) with wildflower seeds. Everyone pitched in at the end to spread seed all the way to the access road. Susie O took the waste home to compost. Heather W attended and took pictures.



Cheryl L and Susie O.



Susan W - Seeds

Calender

Nov 4, 9:30 am Arbor Day, Richard Carter Park.
 Nov 11, 4 pm Never Forget Garden - table & flags
 Nov 16, 6 pm C&J BBQ, Lois H book
 Nov 22, 9:30 am Coffee Social, Sweet Eugene's
 Mar 25, 2023 Save the Date - Richard Carter Park Big Event. Sherry E coordinating.

Coffee Social

The Village Cafe Oct 25, potential member Mac Davis (raises bees, a friend of Sheila F), new member Sharon Firestone, Khris T's friend Sandy, and Phyllis P and Heather W



L-R: Sharon F, Khris T, Linda K, Mac Davis, Sheila F, Lois H, Sandy.

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 Sep 30, L-R: Sherry McK, Phyllis P, Susie O, Carmen B, Rose J, Sherry E, Khris T



Nov 22, 9:30am, Sweet Eugene's House of Java,

Never Forget Garden - 21 Steps Run/Walk

Thanks to the A&M Garden Club members who participated in the Oct 15 FUNdraiser, group coordinated by Susie O, with enough to qualify for an AMGC engraved brick in Never Forget Garden. GC members enjoyed a guided tour by Steve Beachy.



Left - Heather W, Right - Sherry McK. Other A&M GC - Jane C, Deana D, Sherry E, Ellen F, Lou H, Rose J, Cheryl L, Robert M, Greta M, Jan P, Sandy W, Susan W and several family and friends.

Deana Dossey



Oct 12 Deana was honored with the GOLDEN SHOVEL award as Volunteer of the Year 2022 by Austin Parks Foundation.

District V Fall Meeting
 Great speakers on "Insects and Aliens", ways & means, interesting sharing, & more!!! 99 attended in Georgetown.



Robert M showed plants & his deer deterrent. He's done several programs for area clubs. Khris T also attended.



Sherry E was elected Zone II World Class GC Member 2022.



Zone II Dir Michele W, staffed registration. Front L-R: Heather W, Michele W, Helen Q, Jane C. Back: Asst Dir V Beth Erwin.



Tables - Flags