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#### **Newsletter December 2022**





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# **December 9 Meeting**

Program: "Holiday Party and Potluck". Short business at 9:30 am. Peace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS. Nominating Committee will announce officer candidates for 2023-24. Vote in Jan. Take office in May. Contact committee Sherry Ellison, Linda Kenyon or Susan Williams if you're willing to serve.

# **Arbor Day**

A Monterrey Oak tree was planted at Richard Carter Park in cooperation with the CS Parks & Recreation Dept on Nov 4, in memory of Margaret Lambert Ravey and Dr. Elmer Krehbiel. Program:



Arbor Day meaning, honorees contributions, and memories. Guests: TGC District V Director Janice

King (Rockdale); CS Council Linda Harvell, LaVillita DAR Regent Hayley Ellisor; Margaret's family Mickie Arrieta (Bastrop); CS Parks & Rec Laurie Brown, & area residents. View Heather on KBTX-TV News at 4, Arbor Day interview on Nov 2. See: https://www.kbtx.com/video/2022/11/02/am-garden-club-ar bor-day/ Thanks to all who helped and attended this special event.



A&M Garden Club Arbor Day



### President's Message Heather White

2022 has flown by and we are knocking on the door to 2023. Thanksgiving is over officially, but we should remember to give thanks every day for the amazing world around us and the miracles of nature. This month is a little quieter for garden club activities because we have so much else going on in our lives. I am grateful to the members of the Nominating Committee who have worked hard to develop a slate of officers for 2023-2024. The main event this month is our annual holiday potluck and optional gift exchange on December 9, 2022. Everyone is to bring a dish to share, and you may participate in the gift exchange if you wish (up to \$20). There is no formal program at this meeting and no ways & means table. I am unable to be with you all for the party and I wish you all the blessings of the season. This is a good

month to start making your plans for the New Year. If you meet someone at a holiday gathering and they might be interested in A&M Garden Club, I encourage you to help the club GROW by inviting them to our January meeting. When you get your new calendar for 2023 OR you start entering things on your smart phone, be sure to put in all our A&M Garden Club events so that you can ENGAGE with us in 2023.



Heather White AMGC President

Birthdays 16 Jane C 20 Helen Q 20 Mack D

# **Merry Christmas**

College Station in December offers holiday events that promise a jolly good time. See our own Sherry McKenzie with Santa at a CS festive celebration, posted on the CS blog.



**NGC Minute-**Do you enjoy amaryllis for Christmas? Tips from NGC on their blog - https://www.gardenclub.org/blog/growing-amaryllis-easy

#### **Book Club**

Lois Hyndman shared her personal experiences and excerpts from her non-fiction biographical history "From Notre Dame to Iwo Jima" about her husband, based on letters that he wrote to relatives during the war at C&J BBQ, Bryan, Nov 16. Mr. Hyndman was a remarkable man who entered the V12 program, became a Marine officer and sustained a schrapnel injury to the skull and brain. He went on undaunted to a successful career as a geologist in the oil and gas industry, and several of his descendants became Marines as well. Lois is active in A&M Garden Club, and at age 95 says she is contemplating another book on coming of age during WWII. Coordinated by La Villita DAR Chapter by Conservation Ch. Heather White, 20 members of La Villita, A&M GC, Lois'

family, veterans, enjoyed a wonderful meal and evening to share history and honor veterans.



## **Coffee Social**

A fun and a welcome entry to the holidays was enjoyed at Sweet Eugene's on Nov 22.





Phyllis Pollard

Photos by Heather White, also attending.

Seated: Kerry Pickens, Sherry McKenzie, Greta Merritt, Linda Kenyon; Standing: Sandy Williams, Susie Ohendalski, Denise Littlejohn, Khris Thurmond.

# **Brookwood TGC State Project**

Annual pilgrimage on Nov. 17 to Brookshire. Enjoyed plants, lunch, shopping and learning more about TGC's State Project. Picture from FB - signed



up: Sharon Firestone, Lois Hyndman, Linda Kenyon, Helen Quinn, Michele W, TGC District V Director, Janice King & 2 Fleur de Lis GC friends.

# **Napkins**

Heather White's Nov 11 program was on Napkin Folding. A part of National Garden Club is Floral Design, bringing the garden into your daily life and home. For table designs, napkins are needed and can really add to your holiday.



Viewing folds - L-R: Carmen Billings, Heather White, Phyllis Pollard, Greta Merritt.







Linda Kenyon with "candle", Mack Davis starts fold, Sharon Firestone beams with "candle"

More napkin designs by L-R: Norma Jean's friend and Ann Gundy.

Right: Emeritus Judge Judy Schafer with "candle" fold.

#### Welcome

Mack Davis, C: 979-218-0197; E: mackmddavis@gmail.com; 816 Tanglewood, B; Birthday Dec 20, Sheila Fields invited.



Courtesy Meals Sandy Williams, longtime A&M Garden Club member, will have surgery Dec 5. Her sister is coming from England to help her recuperate. To help with meals for Dec 8 and 19, contact Greta Merritt at nippermerritt@gmail.com, H 979-822-2309 or c 979-587-3213.

Aquatic Greens Farm, 2861 FM 974, Bryan. 979-436-1987 (farm). News - See Michele's email of Nov 22 - Market Days with produce, plants, handmade items, & skincare products for sale. Dec 1 & 2, 9 am-3 pm, Dec 3, 9 am-1 pm.

**Upcoming/Calendar** - Dec 10 Old Fort Parker Christmas. Contact Michele.

Scholarships - Dist V due before March 1.