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Newsletter

Febuary 2023



Febuary 10, 2023 Meeting

Business: 9:30 am. Fellowship Room, Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS

Program: 10:30 am, Lisette Templin, TAMU Urban Farms Director, topic: "Aeronic Gardening"

A&M Garden Club President's Message

My congratulations to our new officers elected in January at our monthly meeting. Thanks to them for volunteering to serve. Every member can help by supporting our projects and their officers to accomplish our goals.

February is already upon us. This is the month that I always fertilize roses and then every 4 months through the year. February is easy to remember because we see so many roses at Valentine's Day. Because our soil is not of great quality, fertilization is important to optimize your rose blooms. We will be nearing the end of our last freeze date in March - none too soon for me - so this is a great time to start looking at seed and plant catalogs and planning your spring garden and replacement plantings. Remember to buy native plants when possible especially for the perennials in your garden.

Our February meeting on 2/10/23 features a very interesting topic of Aeronic Gardening by Lisette Templin, who provides fresh vegetables for the meal plan dining at Texas A&M. She will discuss the process and there are systems available for home use. Michele Wehrheim has organized a pilgrimage to A&A Plants and Produce in Montgomery on 2/17/23 - there will be carpooling. The coffee in February will be 2/24/23 at The Village Café, 210 W. 26th Street, in Bryan.



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Officers 2023-2024 (in May)

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January A&M GC Meeting Report

Michelle Wehrheim conducted business. Jane Cohen gave the NGC minute on Ames Tool Grants; Linda Kenyon will explore. Khri Thurmond gave horticulture tip on cleaning tools. Mac Davis showed his Hori Hori knife.

Door prizes were won by Sheila Fields and Phyllis Pollard. Contact Khri to donate door prizes.

Refreshments by Sherry McKenzie, Sherry Ellison, and Ellen Fuller.



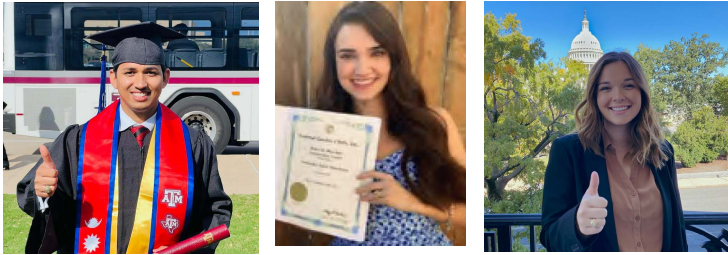
February Birthdays

5 Carolyn Parsons
6 Greta Merritt
15 Faye Caldwell
23 Jill Dubec



National Garden Club

2022 TGC Scholarship Winners at TAMU
Ganga D. Bhatt - Ina Brundett Scholarship \$2000
Cassandra Marbach - Lucy Hendy Sch \$2000
Eden Lambert - Francis Ellis Scholarship \$2000



Ganga Bhatt and Cassie Marie Hutcherson were the only two honorees for 2021 scholarships. Cassie married Michael Dean Marbach in 2021.

A&M GC in TGC Magazine Newsletter

Thanks to Heather for sending info about Richard Carter Park to the Texas Lone Star Gardener magazine, Winter Issue sent by email Jan 13.

A&M GC - Maintenance at Richard Carter Park

All photos by Heather White

A&M Garden Club performs ongoing maintenance at the Richard Carter Park, a historical park in College Station. The maintenance emphasizes native plants including Rock Rose, Muely grass, Blue Mist Flower, and Lantana as well as annual wildflowers. On October 8, 2022, the Chair Sherry Ellison led a Weed N Seed event to prune back plants, including the milkweed, and seed with wildflowers. Though not a glamorous activity, it is essential to the natural Monarch butterfly migration and preservation of native species.



Club member Susan Williams spreading wildflower seeds in our "protected area."



Bed before weeding/pruning



Bed after weeding/pruning — open areas received Bluebonnet seeds.
Pictured is Susie Ohendalski

Calendar

Feb 17 A&A Plants & Produce, Montgomery
Mar 17-18 Herb Festival, Round Top
Mar 25 TAMU Big Event, Richard Carter Park
April 10-13 TGC Spring Convention, San Antonio
Registration Deadline March 13
March 1 Budget change requests due to Susie O

NGC Magazine

"The National Gardener" magazine came by email on Dec 30 from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

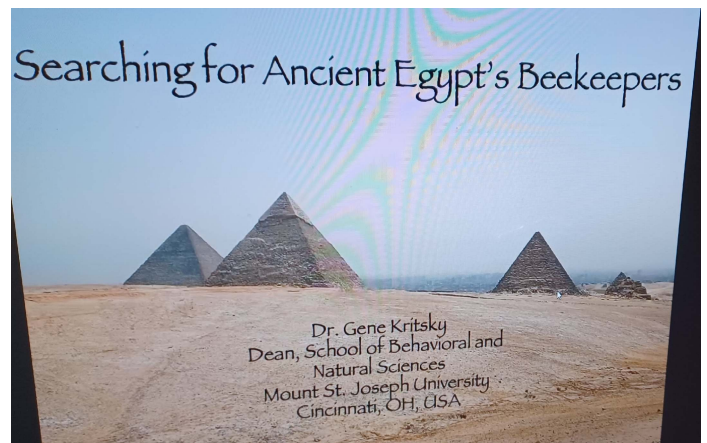
January Coffee/Social

A&M GC members enjoyed a social time on January 24 at Gogh Gogh, including - Carmen Billings, Mac Davis, Sherry Ellison, Lois Hyndman, Sherry McKenzie, Susie Ohendalski, Khris Thurman, Eugenia Williams, Dot Wright. No picture, so if someone else attended, let Jane know. Fun social to get acquainted.



NGC Webinar

Helen Quinn enjoyed the NGC webinar program, "Searching for Ancient Egypt's Beekeepers"; the hows and whys, and the wonderful taste of honey! Speaker was Gene Kritsky from Ohio. Program was excellent, presented by someone who knew what he was talking about! Helen signed up for several programs earlier! Title page -



Check out the webinars at NGC.org. Go to - gardenclub.org/member - Member Resources, then Member Resources Library, Membership Monday, Webinars, and more. The NGC Video Café has several NGC videos - Link: <https://gardenclub.org/video-cafe>

Webinar invitations are sent by email to National Gardener subscribers. Sign up by email - <https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/rklwlv1ee66ss/> Next webinar - Feb 15, 2023, 1:00 PM CST "Flower Trials" with Krystal Snyder

Membership Mondays are free monthly Zoom events for all federated garden members. Next - Feb 13, 2023, 2:00 PM CST "People, Plants, & Programs" - Part 2 - Flower Show School

NGC blog - <https://gardenclub.org/blog/telling-bees>