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Newsletter
March 2023



March 10, 2023 Meeting

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

Program: 10:30 am, "Urban Water Conservation" by Jennifer Nations, City of CS Water Resource Coordinator. Bring plants for Food Pantry gifts.

Hostesses: Judy A, Ann G, Sandy W.
Correction January hostesses from Sherry McK - Thanks Susan W, Ellen F, Denise L, Sherry McK.

Landscape Design School (LDS)

The National Garden Club LDS was held at the Bush Library and Museum, TAMU, College Station on Feb 27 & 28. The Texas Garden Club LDS Chair Diane Mackenroth, in her opening remarks, recognized the A&M Garden Club for their support in putting on the school. LDS CoChair & Registrar Michele W said over 50 students registered. Next school is Sept 25-26. Register early for discount.



LDS School Volunteers: L-R, seated: Tracy Paine, Bush Public Programs Director, Michele W, Diane M, Heather W. Standing: Susie O, Phyllis P, Carmen B, Khris T, Sherry E, Helen Q, Johanna R, Jane C. Others: Jan P, Linda K, Judy A, Greta M. A&M GC staffed supplies, registration, food, books, and exam.

A&M Garden Club President's Message

The planting season for spring is upon us - the last freeze date for College Station is listed as 3/6/23 on the internet ... but I've seen redbuds blooming in CS and my mother used to say that was a gardener's guide to the last freeze. Your freeze date may vary if you are North of College Station or live out in the country where you don't have a city "heat sump". This is a great time to try planting something new and thinning out your older plants. If you have some to donate, please bring them to the March 10 meeting, preferably labeled at least with the common name. We will be donating plants to those members of the community that use the Peace Lutheran Food Pantry for boxes of food on Friday, March 10. Linda Kenyon is heading this up and would appreciate both your donations, and if you can come 3:45 pm to help set up to give away at the church, that is great! We have an important topic this month as College Station's Water Resource Coordinator, Jennifer Nations, will be speaking on "Urban Water Conservation". Though we have had recent rains, we go through droughts and difficult times with maintaining our plants with good quality water supply. Water is a precious resource and NGC is committed to water conservation. We have a pilgrimage on 3/17 to the famous Round Top Herb Society of America Pioneer Unit Sale, headed by Michele Wehrheim and it will be an early start carpooling to get the best plants. We have a club coffee social on 3/24 at Sweet Eugene's and I encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends to come. This is an opportunity for social time. On 3/25, our major community event for this year, the Big Event at Richard Carter Park, will happen with weeding, mulching, and fun! Sherry Ellison is organizing the troops to help A&M students and club members to do our spring cleanup of the beds and mulching. Volunteers are needed to help with food and to supervise the college students. Finally, on 3/29, in Georgetown, the District V Spring Convention will be held and with speaker, great sales table, and awards. We have applied for several and hope to win them ALL.



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AMGC President

Birthdays in March

23 Dot W

26 Sharon F

In particular, we are hoping for success again with our Youth Award entries thanks to Susie O and the work of her committee. Hopefully, you will find something to **Grow & Engage** with in our activities this month. DUES are due - \$25.00 - please make an effort to pay by the May meeting.

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Coffee Village Café

Feb 24 was well attended. L-R: Michele W, Khris T, Greta M, Denise L, Carmen B, Susie O, Elizabeth "Beth" T (joined at coffee), Mack S, Sherry E, and Heather W (photo)



National Garden Club Calendar

Congratulations Deana D - her design photo was selected for the NGC 2024 Vision of Beauty Calendar. Be sure and place your order for a calendar. This is the first time that I remember that a Texas member's photo was chosen. Deana worked on several different designs. Deana thanked her mom, Judy S, for loaning her a vase and base and some design components. The A&M GC is so proud of Deana and happy for her.

February GC Meeting



Thanks to hostesses Linda K, Carolyn P, Khris T, Norma Jean S.

Garden Tip by Khris T on easy rooting succulents. NGC Info - Bees by Helen Q. Door prize book won by Linda K, donated by Helen Q.

"Be Remarkable" on KBTX-TV

Congratulations to Ellen F recognized with a \$500 check by Daniel Stark law firm on Feb 13 for her work supporting Veterans in the Brazos Valley. She is active in Wreaths Across America and The Wall That Heals. Great Job, Ellen! Link: kbtx.com/2023/02/14/be-remarkable-ellen-fuller-is-fulltime-advocate-veterans/

Terrariums

Deana D and Judy S made some terrariums for the A&M GC to share at the March plant sharing event. Judy S showed daughter Deana D how to make terrariums. Terrariums were made from plants and supplies Judy had on hand, including re-purposed plastic food containers and some left over gravel given to Judy by TGC member, Sarah McR. See flying frog!!!



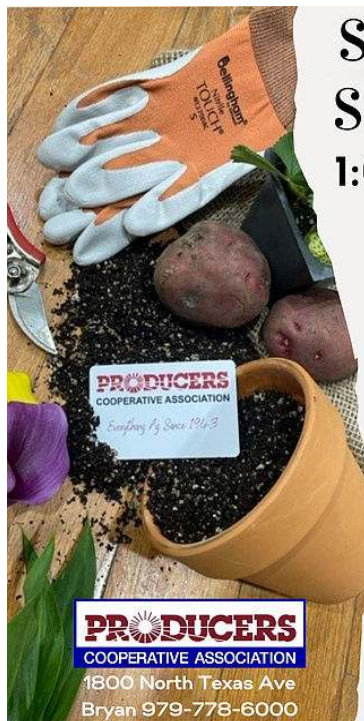
Calendar

- Mar 1 Budget requests due to Susie O
- Mar 10 Plants for Food Pantry donations
- Mar 17 Herb Festival, Round Top, Pilgrimage
- Mar 24 Coffee Sweet Eugene's
- Mar 25 Richard Carter Park, TAMU Big Event
- Mar 29 Dist V Spring in Georgetown
- April 10-13 TGC Spring Convention, San Antonio
- Registration Deadline March 13
- Thanks to Sheila Fields for the Producers Coop calendar. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/producers.cooperative/photos/6568851476462519>

Spring Garden Seminar Series

1:00 PM Conference Center (next to the feed dock)

- March 4 - Fruit Trees
Dr. Tim Hartmann, Extension Specialist - Fruit Trees
- March 11 - Warfare in the Garden
Dr. Kevin Ong, Plant Pathology
- March 18 - Vegetable Gardening Success
Michael Vidrine, Master Gardener
- March 25 - Making Biology Work for You
Greg Cooper, Microlife
- April 1 - Turf Grass Management
Mark Bowen & Luis Chamorro, Heirloom Soils
- April 8 - Texas Natives
Cheryl Lewis, Master Naturalist
- April 15 - All Things Organic Gardening
Andy Chidester, FoxFarms
- April 22 - Insect & Weed Control
Fred Heck, Fertlome
- April 29 - Adding COLOR to the Landscape
TBA



Thanks for help with articles for newsletter. Jane C JC GC 22-23 - Newsletter - 2023 03 March 1