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Newsletter  
April 2023



### April 14 Meeting

Business: 9:30 am, Fellowship Room, Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS  
Program: 10:30 am, Helen Quinn, "The Language of Flowers"  
Hostesses: Susie O, Martha G, Greta M.

### A&M GC Survey

Don't forget to complete your survey to help with planning for next year. Share ideas for programs, projects, activities. Give to Heather W by May mtg.

### Budget Proposed for 2024

The Budget Committee, Treasurer Susie O and Ellen F, will present the proposed budget at the April meeting. The current 2022-23 Budget is in the Yearbook, pg 48-50. Vote to approve budget will be at the May meeting. Thanks to the Budget Committee for reviewing needs and income.

**Birthdays** - None listed in yearbook.

### A&M GC Welcome

Welcome to new members in 2022-23 - Faye C, Mack D, Sharon F, Leslie H, Denise L, Kerry P, Beth T, Dot W.

March program was on Monarch Butterflies by Eberly. Refreshment table - picture. Thanks to Johanna R for picture of members. 25 attended.



### A&M Garden Club President's Message

Before we move on to April, I want to thank Sherry Ellison and all the folks who helped at the Big Event at Richard Carter Park 3/25. I am sorry I could not be present and am so proud of the club for continuing this ongoing community project. The beauty of spring will be busting out this month and this is a major season of change in federated Garden Clubs. We start the month off with the TGC Convention in San Antonio 4/10-4/13. Our new President-Elect will be Lee Taylor from Hondo. Our new District V Director (who was installed at the 3/29 Georgetown District Convention) is Beth Erwin. Our SCR Convention is 4/19-4/21 in Oklahoma City and Texas's own Sarah McReynolds will be installed there. Finally, the NGC Convention is 5/2-5/5 at the Greenbriar Resort in West Virginia, and the NGC President Elect is Brenda Moore. I hope you take this opportunity to GROW & ENGAGE with at least one level of our federated family of Garden Clubs. April is a busy time in your garden. We have a pilgrimage to the Iris Show scheduled for 4/8. This is a fabulous opportunity to purchase low cost, named, high-quality Iris rhizomes. Don't miss this! We have a change in our speaker for April at the 4/14 general meeting – Helen Quinn, "The Language of Flowers", and our last formal lecture program of the year. Our Coffee Social is 4/25/23 at Gogh Gogh Coffee, 2501 Texas Ave S., at 9:30AM. As we wind down the garden club year, please make plans to PAY YOUR DUES by the May meeting to A&M Garden Club for \$25 and give them to our Treasurer Susie O.

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AMGC President



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## Coffee, March 24, Sweet Eugene's



L-R: Khris T, Susie O, Dot W, son Dan Goldberg, Linda K, Greta M, Michele W, Mack D. Others Sherry E and Phyllis P. Dot and Dan shared Tobacco Anus plants.

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## Scrapbook

Thanks to Helen Q for preparing and sharing the digital A&M GC 2020-21 scrapbook. She wanted the whole club to have the opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the previous year. In the past, we've displayed "paper" scrapbooks at one or other of our meetings so that people who were interested at least had the opportunity to enjoy our history! Thanks Johanna R for posting on the A&M GC web page - <https://amgardenclub.com/>



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## A&M GC Board Meeting

The A&M GC Board will meet Friday, Apr 7, 9:30 am, Heather W's home, 2108 Chestnut Oak Cir, CS for current and incoming Board members. Thank you to the Board members for your service and dedication to the club. Team up with a Board member next year, to learn more about the position and consider serving the following year.

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## Garden Club

NGC: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)  
SCR: [www.scr.gardenclubs.org](http://www.scr.gardenclubs.org)  
TGC: [www.texasgardenclubs.org](http://www.texasgardenclubs.org)  
A&M GC: <https://amgardenclub.com/>

June 13 District V Summer Workshop, Mason  
TBD Fall Meeting, Temple.  
March 27, 2024 Spring mtg.

June 4-10 National Garden Week - Volunteer & help with Library display at CS Ringer Library and other libraries.



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## Community Service - Plant Swap & Share

Thanks to A&M GC members who brought many plants to the March mtg to share with Peace Lutheran Food Pantry recipients in the afternoon.



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## March A&M GC Meeting

Michelle Wehrheim conducted meeting. Jane C gave the NGC minute - St Patrick White Clover and Urbanization. Link: [www.gardenclub.org/](http://www.gardenclub.org/). Khris T gave horticulture tip - strong trays for repotting. Door prizes were donated by Heather W and won by Phyllis P and Johanna R. Contact Khris to donate door prizes.



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## April Calendar

1 Spring Fling Plant Sale - Lyons Extension Club at American Legion 455, 730 8th St, Somerville, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

8 Waco Iris Society Show/Sale at Hampton Inn, Market Place Dr, Waco

10-14 TGC Convention San Antonio. (Check TGC website for info.)

14 A M GC Meeting - Speaker Helen Q. - "Language of Flowers"

12-16 American Iris Society Convention Grapevine, Texas (<http://www.irises-dallas.org>)

19-21 SCR Convention Edmond - Oklahoma City, OK (Check SCR website for info)

22 Earth Day 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. (Texas celebrates Earth Day in fall for better tree planting times.)

25 Coffee, 9:30 am, Gogh Gogh, 2501 Texas Ave S, CS

Thanks to Rose J for web list.





## Community Service, Conservation, and More

The A&M GC continues to coordinate events for Richard Carter Park, 1800 Brazoswood Dr, CS. As the only historic park in CS, Carter Park has been the A&M GC's "adopted park" planning with the CS Parks & Recreation Dept. starting August 2011. We planted trees for Arbor Day Nov 24, 2012; upgraded the historic panels in the gazebo in 2013; established the Monarch Waystation in 2014; coordinated the 2015 College Station community historic celebration at Richard Carter Park, wildseed planting in 2017; and continued developing native plants as an educational outreach for the community.

The pictures show the work in the large plant beds, the beds by the gazebo, refreshments, and neighbors enjoying the park. The students did great weeding and weeding. The plants were fun to add.

Thanks to Sherry Ellison for coordinating the 2023 Aggie Big Event Day of Service, with nine TAMU students. Planning committee Sherry E, Susie O, and Cheryl L developed the plant plans with many plants from the Native Plant Society Plant Sale. Susie O brought water and refreshments (apples, oranges). Heather W provided cookies. Sherry E followed up with watering and with Parks & Recreation. A&M GC members helping were Sherry E, Jane C, Lou H, Linda K, Susie O, Johanna R, Judy S, Susan W, Michele W, Heather W.

## District V Spring Meeting

On March 29, the Georgetown GC hosted the meeting with about 100 attending. "Digging and Planting with Purpose" was the program by Beth Erwin, Asst Dist Director. Awards were announced with the A&M GC Youth entries winning numerous 1<sup>st</sup> places. Poppy seeds were favors. Ways & Means fun plant was Mexican Bush Sage (*Salvia leacantha*). Next spring meeting will be March 27, 2024.



L-R: Jane C, Michele W, Sherry E, Khris T, Robert M.



Bird posters received special recognition from District Youth Chair Marlene G. L-R: Michele W, Jane C, Marlene G, Janice K, Dist Director.



Jane C received District Member of the Year certificate, James Avery charm bracelet and charm for her service as District Director 2013. L-R: Jane C, District Director Janice King, District & State Awards Chair Sherie Clarkson.