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Newsletter

September 2023



## September 8, 2023

Business: 9:30 am. Fellowship Room, Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS  
Program: "Birds, Flora & Butterflies" by Dr. John and Helen Baines, Audubon Society  
Hostess - check with Jan P.

The minutes from the August meeting are on the AMGC web page, member's section.

## A&M Garden Club President

For more information,  
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## NGC Education Opportunity

NGC will host a Conservation Seminar online: "Single Use Plastics Problems/Solutions" by Dr. Rachel Meidl, Rice University, on Sept. 13 at 2:00 pm EDT – "Going Green - Problems with and Getting away from single use plastics." Susie O tried to sign up, but program was full. Anyone else try or get enrolled? Webinar schedule link - <https://gardenclub.org/webinars>. Webinar invitations are sent by email to National Gardener subscribers. Link to sign up to receive the NGC magazine and invitations for future webinars. Other videos are in the Video Café online, same link.



AMGC attended the District V Workshop in Mason on June 13 - L-R Jane C, Heather W, Kris T, Linda K, District Dir. Beth E, SCR Dir. Sarah McR



**Coffee** Aug 10 Tavo Coffee Co, Johanna R's family coffee farm and specialty coffee drinks.

## Garden Announcements

Ginny Smith will be posting an Around Town column in the Brazos County Master Gardeners online homepage, with a tab labeled "Gardening Events" and a drop down menu for two things:

1. A general calendar of horticulture events
2. "Around Town" with information about Farmers Markets, garden clubs, special gardening events, etc. The web site is <http://www.brazosmg.com>.

## Door Prize - Outdoor Grill

Khris T reported last year's final door prize will be donated to another charitable organization. Linda K was to check with Habitat for Humanity.

## Birthdays

17-Sep Jan P

23-Sep Khris T

## Calendar

**Sep 8** CS Cemetery Marker Dedication, 10 am.

**Sep 12** Never Forget Garden Veterans Memorial Flower Committee, 2:30 pm, Meyer Center, 2275 Dartmouth St, CS. Need several GC members to help share your wisdom and experience on what grows here.

**Sep 18** Coffee, 9:30 am, Blue Baker, University Dr. <https://www.bluebaker.com/menu-daily-specials>

**Oct 13** A&M GC. "Feeding the Little Beast: Carnivorous Plants" by Mike and Stephanie Howlett, Web Link: [Pet Venus Flytrap.com](http://PetVenusFlytrap.com). Grow your plant collection with interesting Carnivorous Plants grown in nature and in our greenhouses. Learn about cultivation to grow these savage plants and conservation initiatives!

**Oct 14** Boonville Days

**Nov 19** A&M GC, "Heirloom Bulbs-All You Need to Know" by Jay White, Texas Gardener Magazine.

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## CS Cemetery

In 1945-46, the A&M Garden Club adopted a five year plan to beautify the College Station Cemetery working with Mr. F W Hensel. Through the years, the Club's chief interest was the maintenance of the historic College Station Cemetery (Methodist Cemetery), established in 1837. Through the efforts of the AMGC, it has become a wildflower and wild bird sanctuary. A rustic light was purchased by the Club and placed at the entrance and red and white roses were planted and maintained along the fence. Today A Texas Historic Marker stands near its entrance. Attend the Texas Historical Commission cemetery marker dedication on Sep 8, 2530 Texas Ave S, CS.



Rustic light at Cemetery - Linda Harvell, CS Council

## NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar



Congratulations Deana D for her "Celebrate!" design selected for the NGC 2024 Vision of Beauty Calendar. Deana hopes her entry will inspire other TGC members to submit designs, botanical art, and images of their home garden landscapes for future calendars. Entry details

are in each calendar and tips are on NGC website: <https://gardenclub.org/blog/how-to-take-high-resolution-photo-submit-vision-beauty>. Deana worked on several different designs, with only one being chosen for publication. Like many designers, she enjoys using items with special meaning to her. Deana thanked A&M Garden Club and Violet Crown Garden Club for their many design educational programs and Flower Shows teaching her about floral design and growing plants and encouraging her to try floral design. She credits her Mom, Judy Schafer, A&M GC member and retired Flower Show judge for inspiration to do floral design and the loan of the vase and base used in the design. The elephant garlic in the design was grown at Deana's community garden plot in Austin. The Hosta leaves are from a plant purchased during a Violet Crown GC pilgrimage to a plant nursery in Round Rock.

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## Coffee

Monday, Sep 18, 9:30am. Blue Baker, 800 University Drive East (across from the Hilton). They have coffees, bagels, croissants, danish and other pastries. As artisan bakers, they handcraft, bake from scratch and follow a rotating baking calendar. So, along with the usual specials that we bake on a particular day, you'll find brand new items. Fun for our bakers. Tasty for you. Come and go event. Thanks to Sheila F for coordinating.

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## Editor's Comments

Information for the next month's newsletter needs to be to Jane C - [j-cohen@aggienetwork.com](mailto:j-cohen@aggienetwork.com) - two days before the end of each month. Send committee activities, letters, pictures, your announcements, etc. The AMGC publicity about programs and events was requested by Ginny, to help announce. I did not agree to be reporter, but will help committees as needed. I suggested that the AMGC President or Program Chair sent the year's list to Ginny, so the AMGC could be included.

## Preview of Sep 8 Presentation at 10:30 am

John and Helen Baines provided a summary in advance so that you can tell other gardening friends and anticipate their great presentation.

John and Helen are in Audubon Society, former garden club members and expat Brits. They last presented at our club in 2013 when they regaled us with details about the restoration of the Lost Garden of Heligan, Cornwall, England.

Birds, Flora and Butterflies showcase the exceptional beauty of the Smardale Valley in the Vale of Eden, Cumbria.

The Smardale Nature Reserve, run by Cumbria Wildlife Trust, follows the course of a disused railway line which provides stunning scenery of species rich grasslands, steep wooded slopes and open rolling moorlands.

Starting at a fortified farmhouse with an ancient Pele Tower that warded off marauding Scots, the walk passes through old demesne woodlands with large swards of wildflowers. Birds and rare butterflies and red squirrels are attracted to the varied shrubs and trees lining the old trackway. Conservation efforts include 'pollarding' trees with coronet cuts.

The magnificent Smardale Viaduct, recently restored, standing 90 feet above Scandal Beck is the scenic highlight for ramblers and photographers. Other attractions are old Romano-Saxon remains, old industrial lime kilns and the 18th century pack-horse bridge.



## August Meeting

Program plans reviewed by Michele W. Plants donated by Rose J, Drawing conducted by Khris T



L-R, Front: Jane C, Robert M, Mack D  
Back: Khris T., Linda K, Rose J, Susie O.



Pot Luck by All - Eugenia W, Susan W, Sherry E

