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Newsletter

October 2023



October 13, 2023

Business: 9:30 am. Fellowship Room, Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS
Program: 10:30 am "Feeding the Little Beast: Carnivorous Plants" by Mike and Stephanie Howlett, Web Link: Pet Venus Flytrap.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! Plants will be for sale and perhaps a door prize.

Hostess: Judy S, Denise L, Phyllis P, Joni E, Coordinator Jan P.

Minutes: Sep minutes are on AMGC web page, member's section. Thanks Johanna R - recording, Susan W - distributing, and Rose J - posting.

NGC Minute - Youth Contests

Entries are welcome in several grades and areas: Grades K-9 & Sp Ed and ESL - Poetry: "I Spy With My Little Eye, Something Green Outside - Celebrating Our Green World"

Grades 1-5 - Poster Smokey Bear: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"

Grades 1-5 - Poster Woodsy Owl: "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!"

Grades 4-8 - Sculpture/Recycle: "Encouraging Youth to Keep Our Planet Green".

Grades 4-8 - Poster Bird: "Whooping Crane" Grus americana

Local entries are due October 24. Help encourage and recognize local youth to enter. Link:

<https://gardenclub.org/contests-and-activities>. For info, contact the Youth Committee: Co-Chairs:

Denise L & Susie O, Poetry-Jane C, Comm. Linda K, Eugenia W, Joni E, Sherry E, Terry U, Judy A.

Birthdays

14 Sep Kelly K 26-Sep Robert M

1 Oct Phyllis P 1 Oct Michele W

10 Oct Dan G 31 Oct Martha G

A&M Garden Club President

For more information,
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Aquatic Greens Farm - Pilgrimage/Tour

First greenhouse was started in August 2013 with over 18,000 gallons of water and 1560 square feet of growing space. The second, similar system in May 2014. Helen Q visited the Aquaponic Farm with the GC when it opened.

Aquaponics is a soil-free, sustainable farm at 2861 FM 974, B (Tabor Rd). Owner Sharon Wells shared concerns about water pH and we enjoyed her feeding the fish, with the water carrying nutrients to the plants.

This dynamic natural ecosystem in a man made container produces a variety of produce ...leeks, green onions, chard, kale, celery, various herbs, and tomato plants in greenhouse.

More recently, adults age 17 to 50 with special needs come to learn valuable work and life skills under the supervision of owner and operator Sharon Wells, focusing on gardening, cleaning pots, harvesting crops,

balking at on-site bakery and so much more. A variety of products and plants grown on-site are sold to the public at the farm from 10 a.m. to 2 pm on Fridays. The new name -"GrowOn at AGFarm".



Tiny pots with one plant each. Michele W, Helen Q, Phyllis P, and owner Sharon Wells.



Jane C, Sharon W, Phyllis P, Helen Q, Michele W.

Calendar

Sept 22-Oct 6 noon - online Link: txmn.org/brazos/
order - native plants, Pick up Oct 7, 9-11 am BRIT

Oct 2 - GC Board Meeting

Oct 14 - Boonville Days at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. 3rd VP Community Event, Sherry Ellison. Several members are interested in helping with a kid's craft activity.

Oct 18 - Fall TGC Board in Ft Worth

Oct 20-21 - TAMU Horticulture Plant Sale

Oct 21 - Hazardous Waste Collection

Oct 26, 9:30-11am - Coffee at The Village, 210 West 26th St. B. Sheila F says - Will there be tricks or treats? Make plans to join us. Coffee socials allow members to have more time to visit than our regular meetings. Come and stay as long as you like or just stop by to say a quick hello.

Either way you are welcome to attend! Link: <https://www.thevillagedowntown.com/daytimemenu>

Fall - Planting, Richard Carter Park. Chair Sherry E with Susan W, Phyllis P, Susie O

Nov 3 - Arbor Day Sherry E and Susie O. Plant a tree in honor of Lois H at Richard Carter Park

Nov 8 - District V Fall Meeting, Temple

Nov 10 - A&M GC, "Heirloom Bulbs-All You Need to Know" by Jay White, Texas Gardener Magazine.

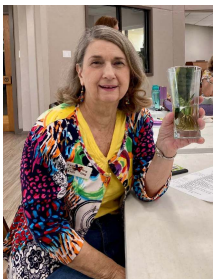
Nov 10 - Judge District Yearbooks & lunch.

Nov - Community Plant Swap & Share - Linda K

Nov 12 - Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial Wall of Honor program. View the Never Forget Garden plaza and monument. Some shrubs and trees to be planted after monument installed.

Espoma Grant

The A&M GC will receive an Espoma Grant of \$250. NGC has a partnership with the premier provider of organic plant foods and potting soils - The Espoma Company, who manufactures organic fertilizers for gardeners nationwide and offers over 70 organic products and manufactures over 50 million pounds of organic fertilizer per year. Susie O prepared the grant application, requesting supplies for the Never Forget Garden at Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial Park.



September Meeting

Left: Terry U

Right:
Refreshments



Coffee



Sep 18 Coffee at Blue Baker. L-R: Carmen B, Susie O, Mack D, Michele W, Terry U, Judy A, Khrist T, Linda K. Also Sherry M. and Sheila F.

Garden Announcements

Ginny Smith prepares a community gardening calendar. Link: <https://www.brazosmg.com/> - the big green thumb, toward the bottom of the link.

College Station Cemetery Marker

Brazos County Historical Commission, City of College Station and Historic Preservation Committee celebrated the 75th anniversary of the College Station Cemetery with the dedication of the Texas Historical Commission Marker. Sherry F coordinated. A&M GC members - Heather W gave the invocation, Ellen F helped with water. Members: Lou H CS Historic Comm. Jane C Brazos County Historical Commission. Note the earlier plaque honoring the A&M Garden Club.



L-R: Ellen F, Heather W, Sherry F, Lou H

