

President 2023-2024
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Newsletter
January 2024



January 12, 2024

Business: 9:30 am. Fellowship Room, Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS
Program: "Must Have Herbs for Your Garden" by Maryann Readall, Master Gardener and Herb Society Board Member. Door Prize - book "What Can I Do With My Herbs" and have extra copies available for sale. No minutes - December social.

NGC - Plant America

Start a garden in a pot anytime during the gardening season in late spring (for warm-weather vegetables and herbs, such as beans, tomatoes and basil). Herbs are compact, making them perfectly suited for pots on your back patio, where they can be kept close to the kitchen. Needing little more than ample sun and regular gardening, herbs are easy for beginner gardeners. Having herbs near the kitchen will be readily appreciated to enjoy the fresh herbs to enhance their cooking. Twelve essential herbs are: basil, rosemary, thyme, mint, oregano, marjoram, parsley, cilantro, sage, chives, tarragon, dill. References: Franks, TAMU Extension.



Basil

Birthdays

7 Ann Gundy	21 Lou Hodges
11 Judith Schafer	29 Sherry Ellison
13 Deana Dossey	

Calendar

Jan 5 - AMGC Board Mtg
Jan __ - Fern Plantation, Magnolia
Jan 19 - Social Coffee, Babe's Doughnuts, 3409 Texas Ave, B, 9:30am, Come and go. Sheila F.
Jan 21-23 - Environmental School, Groesbeck
Jan 30-Feb 6 - Guatemala Trip, stay at coffee farm mountain lodge - Helen Q & Johanna R.
Feb 9 - A&M GC Meeting next month
Feb 12-13 Landscape Design School, College Station
More - <https://www.brazosmg.com/calendar/>

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A&M Garden Club President



Linda Kenyon

Happy New Year members!

The first coffee of the year is Friday, Jan. 19, a week after our meeting.

This reminds me that as time goes on, we members need to be thinking about what "edible" plants and herbs that we want to start to have seedings by the March meeting. I haven't started mine yet, but I have gathered all my supplies – and I ask each of you to do the same. "GO GREEN - PLANT AMERICA" is NGC President Brenda Moore's theme for 2023-2025. We are all part of the National Garden project of Plant America, and our plan to work toward helping those who are food compromised. I thank you for your help on my President's Project.



The Board will be working on writing the Annual Report at the board meeting on Jan 5; and will be asking for help and participation as we move forward in 2024 with projects and community service. Michele has pilgrimages planned and the programs this year will be educational. Check your yearbook; add the meetings, pilgrimages, projects and coffees to your calendar so you won't forget. The fun is multiplied by the number of participants. Every member has skills to share with the rest of us. See you January 12th!

Linda K, President

The A&M Garden Club encourages civic planting; to stimulate an interest in the conservation of native plants, wildlife, and natural resources; to study and share the knowledge of improved horticulture practices and plant materials and their use in landscaping and flower arranging.



National Garden Clubs provides ... opportunities for members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.



December Christmas Social - Linda K opens meeting



Santa's Helper - Michele W

Gifts - Only 2 steals - Helen Q, Johanna R, Susan W



Food Pot Luck Dishes



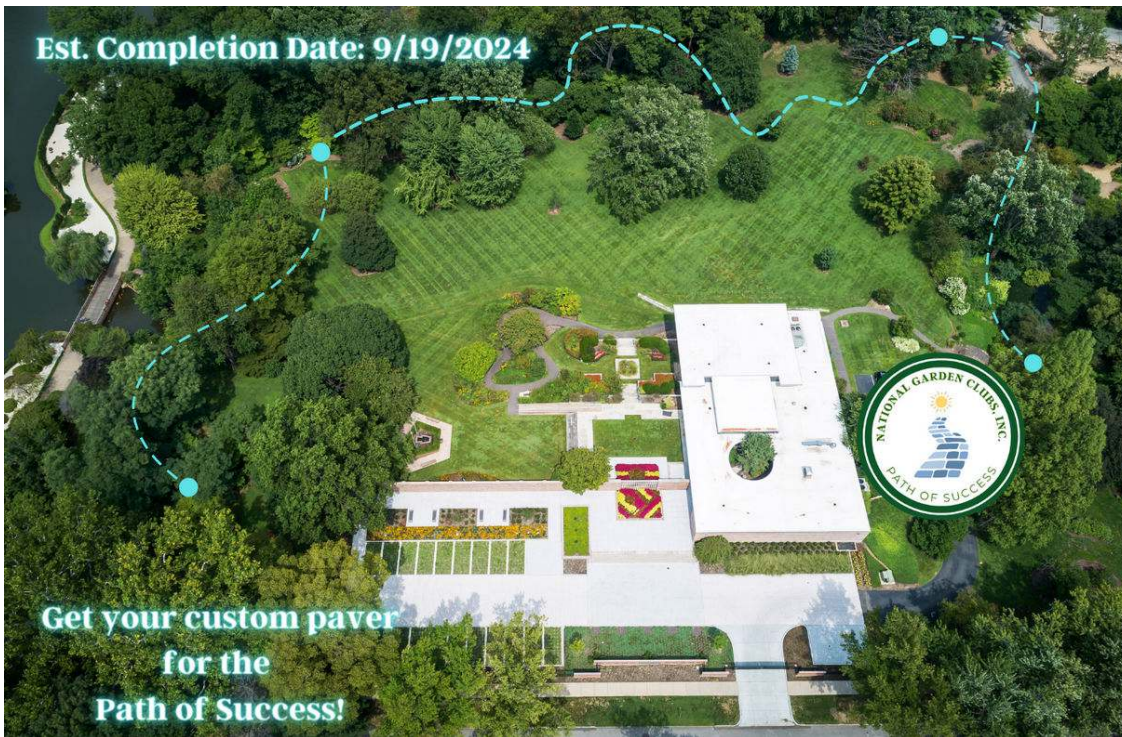
Year in Review - Think about what you, the A&M GC and members have done in 2023 and share at the Jan 12 mtg. Clubs report accomplishments each year. Consider the items below.

What did you enjoy the most? What was most helpful to the community?

1. Furthering State and National Objectives - Do you have a Certified Backyard Habitat, Texas Parks and Wildlife Certified Wildscape, Bird Sanctuary, Pollinator Garden? Do you feed Wildlife?
2. Community Concern - projects to brighten surroundings of residents (nursing homes, hospitals, etc.)
3. Garden Therapy : projects working with elderly, or challenged, or institutionalized?
4. Did we celebrate National Garden Club Week? Describe.
5. Did we apply for a grant? Which one? Did you receive it? Value \$
6. Comprehensive Study: Monthly study given by member (5-15 minutes) (plants, design, NGC, etc.)
7. Activities - single function involving club members (workshops, field trips, hosting meetings)
8. Ways and Means Projects: Describe your club's ways and means projects.
9. Describe community or state recognition of your club, a member, or members.
10. Speakers with short description of program?
11. Number attending Conventions: District - Spring/Fall; State - Spring/Fall; SCR; National?
12. Number of Competitive awards applied for Forestry Posters
13. Number of awards won last spring: District, State, Regional. National?
14. Flower Show - Standard, Specialized, Photo, Other?
15. Number of Judges: Accredited, Life, Master, Emeritus, Student, Plant Society?
16. Number of: Garden Consultants, Landscape Design Consultants, Texas Design Consultants. Environmental Consultants, Master Gardeners, Master Composters, National Plant Society Members, Master Naturalist?



2024 Year = Think about what the A&M GC and you can accomplish in 2024. Goal, Plan, Action. What can we do better as individuals, a club and in the community?



NGC Path of Success

The NGC Path of Success is an ongoing project to build a public walking path located on the grounds of NGC Headquarters in St. Louis, MO.

Roughly 1/4 mile long, the Path of Success will link the NGC Headquarters to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, spreading more awareness of NGC.

This project will also serve as an educational platform, showing the rich history and mission of NGC, more than ever before.

Online information on the NGC Path of Success

Link - <https://www.gardenclub.org/ngc-path-success>

Donations for the project are welcome.

Link - <https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/z1fm1n1o1ufjm23/>

Engraved 4x8" standard brick for the path may be purchased for \$250 by clubs, members, individuals, businesses. The brick may be engraved with 3 lines, 18 characters each line.

Link - <https://gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/zro48ua0em80qn/>

Paver order form is also online. Your brick may be designated for the Texas section of the Path.

NGC thanks you for your participation in this exciting new project!

If you have questions regarding the NGC Path of Success or your paver order, please contact Bill Trapp, NGC Executive Director.
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