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Newsletter

February 2024



February 9, 2024

Business: 9:30 am. Fellowship Room, Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 Rio Grande Blvd, CS
Program: "How to Love Your Orchids" by Don Maples, Brazos Valley Orchid Society.

Hostess - Judy A, Sherry McK, Greta M, Phyllis P.
Minutes from Jan meeting are on the AMGC web page, member's section.

A&M Garden Club President

Serve with intention.

- Linda K



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Calendar

Jan 30-Feb 6 - Guatemala Trip, stay at coffee farm mountain lodge - Helen Q & Johanna R.

Feb 5-6 - National Garden School, 10-2, San Antonio Botanical Garden. Reg info: NGC website

Feb 9 - A&M GC Meeting

Feb 12-13 - Landscape Design School, Bush Presidential Library, CS. Registration form on A&M GC website - Landscape Design School tab.

Feb 22 - Thursday, 9:30 am (come and go) AMGC Coffee Social, The Kyle House/Polite Coffee Roasters. 800 South Bryan Street, Bryan.
More - <https://www.brazosmg.com/calendar/>

NGC Education Monthly Highlight

National Garden Clubs, Inc., 501(c)(3) organization, provides opportunities for members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. No new blog from NGC, but the Landscape Design School is on the national calendar for Feb 12-13. Yeah, Michelle W.

Texas Garden Clubs Monthly Ideas

The Texas Garden Club Magazine (2024 Winter issue) and District V Newsletter (Feb Issue) were distributed. Look for your copy soon.

The TGC has South Central and Texas State Meetings agenda and registration information. Both are great opportunities to meet other garden club members, enjoy great programs, learn more about TGC, etc.

District V Newsletter info - Violet Crown GC in Austin will celebrate 100 years on Feb 22 and invitation included. Heather W and Sheila F are pictured at the District meeting. The A&M GC Arbor Day is featured (thanks Heather W). District V Spring meeting will be Mar 27.

February Birthdays

4 Denise L
5 Carolyn P
6 Greta M
7 Beth T
15 Faye C
15 Kay H
23 Jill D



Jane C's Fused Blue Orchid - 2 new bloom stalks - but white+spots

JC GC 23-24 - Newsletter -
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President Linda K

Jan Mtg



Puzzle to Norma
Jean S - Khris T



Maryann Readal
Herbs-Your Garden



Coffee - Jan 19



Front: Rose J, Rose guest. L-R: Khris T, Mack D, Denise L, Carmen B, Greta M, Jan P, Susie O. Also Sheila F.



Seed Tree Prizes



New Coffee Sign

Our monthly coffee socials are a great time to visit and get to know each other. Feel free to bring a friend or two!

Community Gathering

Jan P and Judy S attended the community group concerning growing healthy plants to help with the local pantry efforts on Jan 28th at the Coffee Cup, located 3100 Cambridge Dr., back side of the First Baptist Church, Bryan. Judy S spoke about AMGC, our March planting project, and her "mix four vegetables/ herbs in a single container" idea for those who do not have land to use. Well-received. Handed out new AMGC trifold membership brochure. Info - Andrew Eggman - 559 350-3825



Festival Hill Herb Plant Sale

Mark your calendars! 29th Annual Herbal Forum & Plant Sale at Festival Hill, Round Top, Fri & Sat. March 15-16. Herb of the year: Yarrow. Planting program is usually on Friday. Great plant sales. Guest speakers presenting on Saturday. Link: [festivalhill.org](https://www.festivalhill.org) for information and registration. Thanks Sheila F.



Pioneer Unit Herb Society of America (Texas)

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Getting ready for the Forum and Plant and Gift sale! Find out more about the Forum speakers and topics here:

<https://www.herbsocietypioneer.org/events/>. And you can register here: <https://www.festivalhill.org/#/events/4198>.



The First Valentine - Packing Meaning Into Different Flowers

Roses weren't always the go-to Valentine's flower. In the 19th century, bouquets could contain a variety of flowers, each chosen to convey a specific meaning.

Elizabeth White Nelson, an associate professor of history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and author of *Market Sentiments: Middle-Class Market Culture in 19th-Century America*, says 19th century flower dictionaries categorized and gave meanings to every flower. For Valentine's Day, "the idea was that you could give a bouquet that was not just a bouquet of flowers. It had a whole message encoded into the flowers."

A bouquet with yellow acacia (which means "concealed love"), jonquils ("I desire a return of affection") and snowdrops ("hope") sends the message that you secretly adore the recipient and hope those feelings might be reciprocated.

Nelson notes that sending these bouquets in the 19th century "depends on who you are and what kind of flowers you have access to, which I would say is a very small group of people in the middle of the winter in the United States." She adds, "At the end of the [19th] century, you get more commercial florists and therefore more availability of flowers at more affordable price points. Then I think you see the shift toward roses."

Link: <https://www.history.com/news/valentines-day-traditions>