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JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER CALENDAR

July 4 – Celebration at Heritage Park July 20 – Wish upon a butterfly August 9 – AMGC Social-Potluck

1st VP – Programs – Michele W
2nd VP – Yearbook – Heather W.
3rd VP – Community Event – Linda K.
4th VP- Hospitality – Sherry M.
Recording Secretary – Susan W.
Reporter – Jane C.
Corresponding Secretary – Joni E.
Treasurer – Susie O.

JUNE RECAP:

June 11: District Summer Workshop, Kyle, TX. 7 members of the club attended for a fun day out, with Break-out Sessions on Programs, Guest Speakers, Digital Scrapbooking, Youth, and more! The Ways & Means shopping was great, as was the lunch. A good time was had by all!!!



Helen, Heather, Susie, Michele Khris, Linda, Jan



Plants



Heather w/SCR Fundraiser

National Garden Week June 2 - 6.

(1). Jan and Judy set up a display at The Farm Patch, with lists of suitable plants for pollinators, form for joining A&M Garden Club, current brochure, Club gardening booklet, pictures of Never Forget Garden and visit to Robert's yard, and other projects accomplished in 2024. The Farm Patch placed a couple of plants from their nursery to beautify the table.



(2). A&MGC's second display was at the Larry Ringer Library in College Station, put together by Susan W. This

display included books on general gardening, lots of information and our club's "Gardening in the Brazos Valley"

with specifics for this area.



Picture shows Jane and Susan.

Monthly Coffee Social was held on June 27th at The Toasted Yolk, 700 Texas Avenue, in College Station. Arlene Wood was president of the A&M Garden Club in 1981-82. She was at Toasted Yolk with her church friends and stopped by our table to say hi. What a treat!

Sherry M., Khris, Carmen, Linda, Eugenia, Mack, Sheila (I to r). Susie and Michele also joined our group later.





YOUTH AWARDS.

National winners in Youth Contests - Poetry 2023-2024 are - NGC 2nd place - Grade 6: Fiza Dhosani, Pecan Trail Intermediate - Glory to the Creator NGC Honorable Mention - Grade 2: Ameer Farraj, Spring Creek Elem - Butterflies and Birds



Copies of the poems will be published in a future dedicated Youth Awards publication. Denise L sent the following report (with photos of all 38 contestants). We'll try to compile a full list in this publication.

A&M Garden Club received 38 submissions for the Smokey Bear Youth Poster Contest and 16 submissions for the Woodsy Owl Youth Poster Contest for a total of 54 submissions for the 2023-2024 school year. These students represented six schools from the Bryan ISD and College Station ISD school systems. Contestants ranged from first grade through fifth grade. Local judging took place on October 26, 2023 and students whose artwork placed first, second or third in their grade level were advanced for judging to Texas District V. At the District V level four students placed first in their grade level, four students placed second in their grade level and three students placed third in their grade level. Five additional students received participation certificates from District V for their artwork. Winners at District V were referred to the Texas Garden Club where three students received first place awards and one student received a second place award. The three students receiving first place for their grade level in the state competition advanced to South Central Region judging with results of two students receiving an honorable mention and one student receiving first place for the 5th grade Woodsy Owl poster.

NGC News

The Webinar "Green Light - the dangers of light pollution" originally scheduled for tomorrow, June 12th at 2:00pm EST has been rescheduled for September 11th, 2024 at 2:00pm EST. Mark your calendars now – this promises to be an interesting one that we should all be aware of.

Sept. 11, 2:00 EST "Green Light – the dangers of light pollution" – Karen Bowen, Ariz. Member

Webinar invitations are sent by email to National Gardener subscribers. To receive invitations for future webinars by email, **subscribe here.**