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## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2024

### **NOVEMBER RECAP:**

**November 1: TX Arbor Day tree planting at Richard Carter Park – Chinquapin Oak in memory of Martha Green.**



L to R: Sherry M, Helen, Johanna, Jan, Linda, Sherry E, Susan, Susie, Heather.

**November 8:** A&M Garden Club Meeting. Program Dr. Ron Billings, TEEX Forest Service, Arborist Emeritus on "Tree Tips & Seasonal Photography".



**November 14:** Pilgrimage to Kim's Home & Garden Center, Huntsville.



The Mansion



L to R Jan, Sherry M, Helen, Michele, Susie. Ancient Magnolia tree – we all gathered fallen berries to take home to plant!

## **CALENDAR**

**December 13 - AMGC Regular Meeting**, 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Church: Annual Holiday Potluck (bring a dish to share) and President's Project "Giving Back and Share the Joy" Floral Arrangements. These small arrangements will be taken to those in long-term care facilities.

### **DECEMBER GARDEN GUIDE FOR THE BRAZOS VALLEY**

(Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – last updated 12/2017)

Average first/last freeze dates: November 18 and March 5

Planting Zone is 9a!

**PLAN:** For cold weather protection. Collect large cardboard boxes for plant covers. Clean up beds and prepare new ones. Bag and trash diseased or bug infected debris. Do not put debris from mums in the compost, leave bagged at curbside. **NO BURNING ALLOWED WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMITS!**

**PRUNE:** Perennials that have finished blooming. Keep sweet pea and pansy blooms picked for longer blooming period. Cut dahlia stalks not quite to the ground because the eyes for next year's growth are in the stalk. Lift, dry for 24 hours and store with the tuber inverted to avoid shrinkage. **DO NOT** prune ornamentals this month.

**PLANT:** Jonquils, narcissus, daffodils, hyacinths and Dutch iris. Dormant trees, shrubs, and roses. Amaryllis, anemones, tulips, pansy, petunia, carnation, poppy, snapdragon, larkspur, verbena and many others.

**FERTILIZE:** Only sweet peas.

**INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS:** After hard frost, treat figs for borer and mealy bugs as recommended by the County Agent. Spray for scale on shrubs and trees.

**WEATHER PROTECTION:** Be prepared to cover tender plants if freeze is predicted. Keep watered enough to keep plants in good condition, but not so much as to start new growth. If the ground is dry and a hard freeze is predicted, water well.

**BLOOMING:** Alyssum, calendula, forget-me-nots, pansy, dianthus, salvia, verbena, violet, roses. Pyracantha, yaupon, holly and nandina berries.

**VEGETABLES:** Sow lettuce, spinach, and English peas.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

