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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2025

DECEMBER RECAP:

December 13: Monthly membership meeting – annual Potluck luncheon, and President’s Project “Giving Back and Share the Joy” Floral Arrangements – the assembly of these small arrangements was preceded by Judy S. talking about the greenery and flowers, and Heather W. talking about the mechanics of creating arrangements. The goal was to create 50 small arrangements, to be delivered to the Meals on Wheels volunteers, for subsequent delivery along with the meals, to residents of Nursing home facilities.





CALENDAR, JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2025

Jan 10-12: Environmental School. Old Fort Parker, Mexia. Check Fall “Lone Star Gardener” for Registration form and details.

Jan 10: AMGC Regular Meeting, 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Church. Program by Debbie Brooks, Master Gardener and Professional Florist, Proprietor of Post Oak Florist6 Ship. “Winter Floral Designs with At-Hand Materials”.

Feb 3-4: Garden School, San Antonio NGC District VII Gardening School, San Antonio. See TGC website for details and registration information.

Feb 10-11: Landscape Design School, George Bush Library. See Michele for further information, registration or to sign up to help. There is a copy of the Registration Form on the AMGC Website under (surprise!!!) “Landscape Design School. “

Feb 14: AMGC Regular Meeting, 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Church. Program by Chandler Wahrmund, Curator/Educator, Texas Historical Commission, Washington on the Brazos. “Historical Coffee Talk and Tasting.”

JANUARY 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: Now is the time to order gladiolus and dahlia bulbs. Get seed beds ready for such seed as nasturtium, petunia, pinks, scabiosa and snapdragon. Start plants of snapdragon, stock and tomatoes in flats if you have a sunny spot where you can protect them from freezes.

PRUNE: If plants were injured by freezing, wait until all danger of further frost has passed before pruning.

PLANT: Shrubs, roses and seedlings. Gladiolus after Jan. 20, being sure to cover lightly with 4" soil.
: Iris, crepe myrtle, trees, strawberries, day lilies

INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS: Any plants showing scale should be sprayed with dormant oil. Hand pick bagworms to remove eggs that will hatch in May and June to re-infect host plants. Watch for

aphids. Remove piles of plant debris which may harbor pests such as sow-bugs, pill-bugs, millipedes, caterpillars and beetle larvae.

WEATHER PROTECTION: If a freeze is predicted, cover tender plants and shrubs with boxes or plastic trash cans [not metal]. Heavy paper also works well. After the freeze, remove cover promptly. If some frost has touched the leaves, spray with water before the sun shines on them.

BLOOMING: Calendula, narcissus, pansy, jasmine, loquat, flowering quince, roses, many hardy annuals, perennials.

VEGETABLES: Sow directly in the garden: spinach, mustard, turnips, beets, English peas, carrots. Set out plants of cabbage and onion. Start inside plants of pepper, eggplant and tomato.

When the weather outside is frightful, don't forget to sow and grow Microgreens in the kitchen! Easy to grow, delicious on salads, sandwiches, and as a garnish on everything else!!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!