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## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025

### **JANUARY RECAP:**

**January 10:** The North Wind did blow, and we almost had snow (to paraphrase an old traditional nursery rhyme) but despite that we had a good turnout at our January meeting (the snow came 10 days after our meeting!) The highlight of our Business Meeting was the election of our slate of officers for the 2025-2027 Garden Club term of office. They will be installed at our May 2025 Meeting and officially take over the reins upon Installation. Our Speaker was Debbie Brooks, Master Gardener and Professional Florist, who demonstrated floral arrangements using evergreens and other foliage from the January garden, seed pods, berries, bark and even a few roses.



**January 10-12:** Environmental School – no photos/info available.

**January 18:** Michele, Susie, Greta and Helen attended the Memorial Service at Bethel Lutheran in Bryan for Millie Parrack. Millie was a member of A&M Garden Club for many years but had not been active since our Garden Club year 2017-2018. Millie loved being part of A&M Garden Club and being the being the field trip driver for her buddies when she entered independent living. Mildred (Millie) Maurine Albers Parrack: Oct.31, 1933 – Nov. 24, 2024.



**January 25:** Michele and Helen attended the Memorial Service at Strickland Funeral Home in Caldwell for Brenda Polansky. Brenda had been a member of the club from 2016-2020, when due to health problems, she moved to Parc at Traditions. Brenda Polansky: November 20, 1948 –

**January 28:** Members enjoyed Coffee and Conversation at Tavo's Coffee Shop in Downtown Bryan.



## CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 2025

### Feb. 2 – Watch out for Punxatawny Phil!!!!

**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 Wahrmond, Curator/Educator, Texas Historical Commission, Washington on the Brazos. “Historical Coffee Talk and Tasting.”

### FEBRUARY GARDEN GUIDE FOR THE BRAZOS VALLEY

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

Average first/lastfreeze dates: November 18 and March 5

Planting Zone is 9a!

**PLAN:** Start a garden diary with places for botanical names, dates for planting, fertilizing and blooming. Decide what to plant for constant color in the garden and to coordinate with your interior decoration.

**PRUNE:** Roses, grape vines, summer-blooming shrubs.

**PLANT:** Dahlia, Dutch Iris, cornflower, cosmos, daisy, larkspur, nasturtium, petunia, phlox, pinks, scabiosa, water lily seeds, cuttings of hardwoods, chrysanthemums, ivy and climbing fig.

Perennials may be divided and set in their new positions.

**FERTILIZE:** Figs, gardenias, blooming bulbs, nandina and other shrubs, trees.

**INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS:** Plants showing scale not sprayed in January. Spray infested trees with dormant oil if not sprayed in January. Look for white grubs in the garden.

**WEATHER PROTECTION:** Keep plants in good condition by watering, but not enough to activate growth.

**BLOOMING:** Flowering quince, pansies, pinks, snapdragon and sweet pea.

**VEGETABLES:** Sow directly radishes, spinach, lettuce, chard, mustard, turnips, beets, carrots and sweet corn. Set out plants of onion, cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. \*\* Plant potato eyes\*\*.

Move tomato, eggplant and pepper plants to cold frame. Start rooting sweet potatoes inside.

\*\* This is called “Chitting”, and is a very useful “recycling” idea, and a lot less expensive than buying so called certified “Seed Potatoes”. This time of year, most people have experienced potatoes that are in storage(for most of us, in the vegetable drawer of the refrigerator) when we see sprouts popping out of the potatoes. Instead of throwing them out, cut the potatoes into sections, with each section bearing a sprout coming out of an “eye”, and placing these chunks, sprout side up, in eggcartons or trays without the lid on, on a window sill. These sprouts will turn green, and I usually plant my “chits” in early to mid-March, either in the ground or in containers. There’s nothing like New Potatoes!!!

