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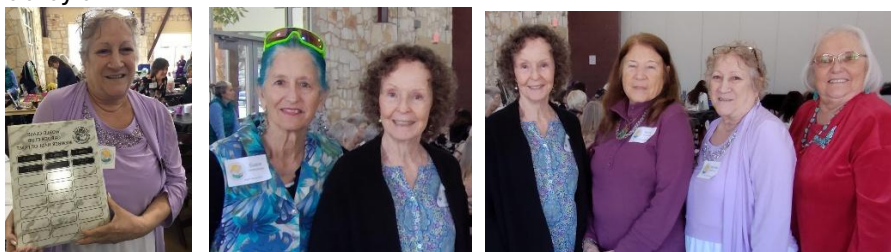


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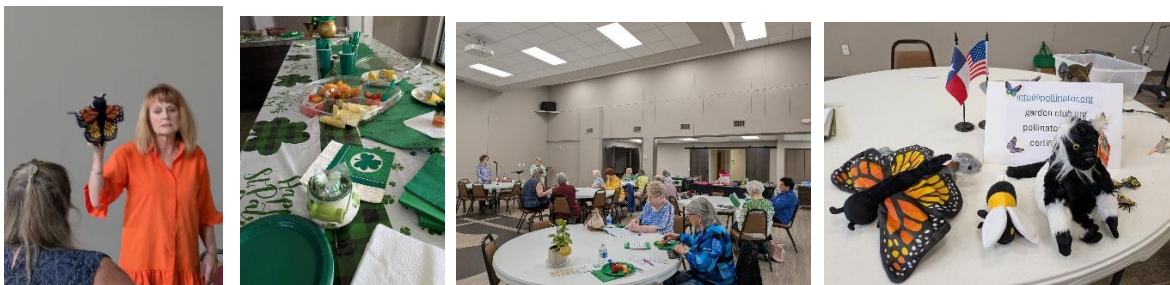
NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025

MARCH RECAP:

March 10: Members attended the District V Spring Meeting in Georgetown, where Installations of Officers for 2025-2027 took place. Michele was awarded District V, Zone 2 “World Gardener”, and a good time was had by all.



March 14: AMGC Regular Meeting – Program on Pollinators of the South Central Region was presented by Sarah McReynolds, Past President of TGC, out-going Director of TGC’s South Central Region.



March 21: Garden Club Coffee at La Bougainvillea in Bryan. Great place to visit!!! Special guest, former member Sandy Williams who was visiting from England (also a great place to visit 😊.)



APRIL CALENDAR

April 4: AMG Potting/plant give away. President's Project. At Peace Lutheran Church, in conjunction with their Food Distribution Program.)

April 1-4, TGC Spring Convention in Nacogdoches.

April 7- Tour of George Bush Presidential Library Gardens, visit the new café there.

April 11: AMGC Regular Monthly Meeting at Peach Lutheran Church, CS, 9:30 am. Speaker, member Khris Thurmond, on Growing Plumerias.

APRIL GARDEN GUIDE FOR THE BRAZOS VALLEY (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) Average first/last freeze dates: November 18 and March 5 Planting Zone is 9a!

PLAN: A regular schedule for fertilizing and spraying. Make a calendar for gardening use to remind you when to plant, fertilize, start seed and place orders.

PRUNE: Early flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom.

PLANT: Coral vine, cosmos, elephant ears, gladiolus, hibiscus, marigolds, zinnias. Divide mums and place in beds prepared in March. Too early to plant periwinkles since they like warm soil.

FERTILIZE: Lawns, with extra fertilizer for areas under trees.

INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS: Watch for black spot, aphids, caterpillars, beetles, mites, and whiteflies. Check roses after each rain and treat if necessary. Chinch bugs and brown spot may appear in the lawn.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Mulch. Water deeply if needed. Protect small trees from wind.

BLOOMING: Spring flowering annuals and perennials, geranium, iris,

calla and Easter lilies, oxalis, early day lilies and gladiolus. Many flowering shrubs and vines.

VEGETABLES: Sow radishes, southern peas, summer squash, snap beans, dry beans, sweet corn, cucumber, okra, watermelon, cantaloupes and New Zealand spinach. Start tomato plants for second crop.



GREGG'S BLUE MISTFLOWER

The newest Agri-life "Superstar"

Gregg's blue mistflower, scientifically known as *Conoclinium greggii*, is a native plant found in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and northern Mexico. It features powder blue flowers that bloom from summer to fall, attracting various butterflies, including Monarchs and Queen butterflies. This plant is known for its spreading ground cover and is considered a butterfly magnet, making it a popular choice for pollinator gardens⁴. Additionally, it has deeply cut ferny leaves that remain green throughout the season, making it visually appealing.

