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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2025

APRIL RECAP:

April 4: - (Rescheduled from March 28 due to anticipated bad weather). AMG Potting/plant give away. President's Project. At Peace Lutheran Church, in conjunction with their Food Distribution Program. Jan, Susie, Greta, Linda, Sherry M.



April 1-4, TGC Spring Convention in Nacogdoches, attended by Heather (The Bee) W and Robert M.



Presidential Citation Award for A&M GC via Dist V for the work at Never Forget Garden furthering the objectives of Texas Garden Clubs. Awarded Thursday, April 4, 2025, at the TGC Spring Convention.

Those pictured are District V Director Beth Erwin, TGC President Lee Taylor, District V Trustee Janice King, and A&M Garden Club Member Heather W.



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

April 11 - AMGC Regular Meeting – at Peace Lutheran Church, CS, 9:30 am. Speaker, member Khris Thurmond, on Growing Plumerias. Great information, great food, great camaraderie.



News about Youth Awards, recently announced – A&M Garden club student entries placed in District/State and will be forwarded to South Central Region. Winners there will be forwarded on to National - we are so proud of “our” students, parents and schools for their participation! Great job also by our Youth Awards Committee.

April 16-17: TGC South Central Region Spring Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. What’s all the buzz about, I wonder?



April 23: AMGC Coffee Social at Sunbeam Bagels, 315 S. Main in Bryan. (They apparently had a red plastic awning over the outside area to protect from the rain!!)



L to R: Greta M, Linda K, Heather W, Mack D. Not in picture, Jane C.

YOUTH AWARDS : Click on the link for results. Congratulations to all the kids who entered, not just the winners. They are ALL winners!!! Report compiled by Jane C.



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CALENDAR MAY 2025

May 9: Regular monthly meeting – final one until August Membership Social and restart of Garden Club Year Sept. 12 (which is also designated as “National Day of Encouragement”!!)
May 18-21 NGC Spring Convention, Charleston, SC.
May 29: AMGC to host District V Summer Workshop at Peace Lutheran.

CALENDAR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2025

June 1-7: National Garden Week takes place annually in the first full week of June. This year it is held from June 1 to 7. It is spearheaded by National Garden Clubs, a nonprofit organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri that promotes the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. The day is about bringing more awareness to the importance of gardening and preserving gardening traditions and practices by passing on knowledge to new gardeners. Most importantly, the day is about simply enjoying gardening.

July 4: Celebrate Fourth of July with us at Heritage Park in Bryan.

July 19: Wish Upon a Butterfly, Brazos Valley Museum

August 8: Annual Membership Social – Potluck, at Peace Lutheran. Bring a friend or two, and a dish to share!!!! Come and learn about plans for the coming year which starts September 12th.

Please keep an eye out for emails during June, July and August – there will be NO NEWSLETTERS during this time since we will not have official Garden Club “meetings” during those months. And, if you find out about any new activities/projects during those months, please be sure to keep your new Board informed so they can pass the word to the membership!!!! And send information to Johanna to include on our club Facebook Page.

MAY 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: Make plans to mulch for conservation of water during dry summer months and to help keep soil cool. Add hot weather plants to the garden.

PRUNE: Cut back verbenas, petunias and other plants that are beginning to look lanky to encourage new growth and flowering. Separate and replant violets when they finish blooming.

PLANT: Cockscomb, marigolds, periwinkle, bachelor buttons, caladium, coleus, hibiscus, other summer blooming annuals, burlap-balled shrubs.

FERTILIZE: Roses and plants that continue blooming and those producing buds for next year's bloom. Keep beds lightly cultivated or mulched.

INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS: Check roses for pests and black spot, mildew and rust. Watch for young bagworms.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Protect roots from the sun with mulch. Water deeply. Shade young seedlings until well established.

BLOOMING: Spring flowering annuals, perennials. Begonias, cactus, canna, day lilies, many shrubs.

VEGETABLES: Sow southern peas, sweet corn, watermelon, cantaloupes and New Zealand spinach. Set out sweet potato plants.

In June, July and August it will probably be too hot/wet/hurricaney to think about active gardening and planting, but needless to say, there are still things to be done!!! While we take a break from our Newsletter, you can always check on the website amgc.com (under "education" tag) for the monthly link to "TO DO" recommendations for each month of the year!!!!

HAPPY MAYDAY / BELTAIN!

