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## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2026

### **JANUARY RECAP:**

**9TH:** January meeting, with great program by Clint Weaver, owner of R. Weaver Apiary in Navasota “Beekeeping for Pollination and Honey Production”. Several members of the public showed up just to hear the program!!!



**13<sup>th</sup>:** AMGC Coffee at The Stella Café, College Station. (sorry, no photos)

## CALENDAR – FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

**February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>:** LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL. Bush Library, CS.

**February 13<sup>th</sup>: AMGC Regular Meeting.** Program by member Master Flower Show Judge, former Master Gardener, avid photographer and birder. “Where Birds Thrive, People Prosper”.

**February ??:** **AMGC Coffee**, Sweet Eugene’s, College Station. Date TBA.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **District V** Spring Meeting, Temple.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>:** **Container Planting** at Peace Lutheran, 2:30 p.m.

**March 13<sup>th</sup>: AMGC Regular Meeting.** Program by Debbie Brooks, Master Gardener and Professional Florist, Pot Oak Florist Owner. “Environmentally Friendly Mechanics for Floral Designs”. 9:30 a.m.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** **Pilgrimage** to Herb Society Sale, 248 Jaster Rd., Round Top. 8:30 a.m.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** **Big Event**, Richard Carter Park, CS. Plant America with Wildflower Seeds in Wildscape Area. 9:30am.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** **Never Forget Garden Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** Work Day Brazos Valley Veterans’ Park, College Station. 8:30 a.m. **(NOTE: DATE CHANGE)**

**March ???:** **AMGC Coffee**, TAVO Coffee, 419N. Main, #100, Bryan, Date/Time TBA.

**April 6-9: TGC Spring Convention**, Marriott Houston North Hotel, 255 Sam Houston Parkway, Houston

April 10: AMGC Regular Meeting. Program by Cheryl Lewis, AMGC Member, TAMU BS in Range Science and MA in Horticulture. Member Native Plant Society, Brazos Valley Master Naturalist, Native Prairies Association of Texas on “Invasive and Aggressive Plants”.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** **Pilgrimage** to Chappell Hill Lavender Farm, 2250 Dillard Rd, Brenham. 9:00 a.m.

**April 18 or 25 (TBA):** 9:30-11:30, Sat. Garden Tour and Plant Sale at Robert Martinez’s Garden. Members’ Potluck at noon.

**April 28-29: SCR Spring Convention**, The Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio.

**April ???:** **AMGC Coffee at Blue Baker.** Date/time TBA.

## MONTHLY GARDENING TASKS FOR THE BRAZOS VALLEY:

**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.

### DO YOU, OR DON'T YOU???



Interesting that the first item under “Plan” above is “Start a garden diary”. Seems like once upon a time, a long time ago we had a program/speaker who talked about this. I start every year with good intentions, but so many times I

end up writing notes on little scraps of paper which inevitably disappear into that mystery place known as The Bermuda Triangle of Gardens. No doubt small tools, plant labels, “special” flowerpots, and seed packets could be found there if we only knew where “there” was! I even Googled “garden diaries” and found many suggestions including some powered by AI which had absolutely nothing to do with garden related matters.

Even if you find the “right” diary and each year you file it with the preceding year, then you have a question, how do you know which year to search? If you forget the name of a plant, assuming it survives you can do a search on an app, but if it doesn’t make it then what?

Share your thoughts – I can publish in the March Newsletter! I plan to use a desk calendar this year, which leads me to suggest we produce an AMGC Garden Calendar for next year as a fundraiser!!! (More to come on this ....)

We have had a slow couple of months of activities, but as you will see from the above Calendar for Feb/Mar/April, this is about to change!!! And then in May we celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Stay warm, safe, dry and filled with the prospect of Spring around corner!!