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NEWSLETTER -MAY 2026

LAST MONTH'S RECAP:

ADD TO MARCH 2nd: District V Spring Meeting at Methodist Church, Temple, TX.

Attended by Jane, Robert, Michele, Jan, Khris. Also in some photos Linda Jean Brown, TGC State Pres.

Jane C won the Temple GC raffle of a \$150 cash prize, bird feeder, grandma's garden sign, quilted table runner, and floral design. The floral arrangement (on right in picture and additional snapshot) was lovely. (Jane shared her lucky number, which turned up trumps!!!! Whoop!!!)

Jan P won the raffle of a planter box. It was announced at the District V Spring Meeting that Heather White won both the District V and Texas Garden Club Member of the Year award. Additionally, A&M Garden Club received a second place award for its 2025-26 yearbook. The Club also had several winners in the Youth Award contests, including 13 first class winners who were forwarded on to State. "An award was also left out of an earlier District V report. March 2 Dist V Spring Meeting - awards included - first in District V for CE-6, Community Project with Native Plants/Wildflowers - Go & Grow Wildflower Seed Spread and Stomp on Oct 10 with Miss Rodeo Texas and Cheryl Lewis speaking on native plants. This project was part of RCP landscape and wildflower areas. Sorry you didn't get complete information previously."

ALSO ADD TO MARCH:

Heather White, Jan Porter, Rose Jarnagin, Greta Merritt and Linda Kenyon met with Robert Martinez at his home to plan for the 4/18/26 plant sale - opens at 10am, and everyone is welcome. A&M GC Proceeds go toward our 501c3 service to BCS.



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



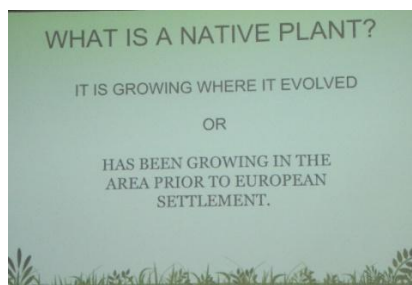
A&M GC was represented by Heather White at this Convention in Houston (the Woodlands). A&M GC had numerous Youth Awards that won 1st place and many went on to SCR/NGC.



Heather, a member since 2007, was awarded Co- Texas Garden Club Member of the Year, along with Dana Serafine of Plano GC in District X. Winners receive an engraved silver bowl and roses.

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 10: Veg & Herb Container Planting in the afternoon at Peace Lutheran.



April 18: 10:00am-2:00pm, Sat. Garden Tour and Plant Sale at Robert Martinez's Garden. Members' Potluck at noon.

NO PHOTOS???

April 28-29: SCR Spring Convention in San Antonio. Attending were members of Texas Garden Clubs District V. Tuesday night's theme was "Fiesta". Center front row is our representative, Heather W.



April 29: AMGC Coffee at Blue Baker, on Dominic, 9:30 – 11:00 (no photos available)

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2026

May 4th-6th: NGC Convention, St. Louis, Mo.

May 8th: AMGC Regular Monthly Meeting. End of Year Highlights. A&M GC 90th Birthday Party. Potluck -bring a dish to share and guests to help eat it!!!!

May 17th: Burleson County Garden Club "Showing and Growing our Roots" Flower Show 906 Hwy 36, Caldwell, TX 77836. Open 1 – 5pm. We are all welcome and may enter the flower show if we wish. (More to come).

May Coffee-Sunbeam Bagels, 315 S. Main St Ste 114, Bryan. Date/time TBA.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2027

May 1st 2027– Relocation of the Blue Star Marker

TO DO IN MAY, PER AGRILIFE

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, 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.

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**Did any of your plants suffer from excessive rain, wind or cold weather in the last few weeks? All is not lost – if they don't come back, consider planting again!!!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

This is my last Newsletter (as Heather noted, my “**Swan Song**”)! Please send any further photos/new information to Rose Jarnagin , who, per Heather, has graciously offered to take over the Newsletter effective June 1!!! Thank you Rose 😊

So, as my final “Did you know” ... The most familiar type of Swan, the “Mute Swan” (*Cygnus olor*) has no musical talents!!! However it is now thought that the lesser known “Whooper Swan” (*Cygnus cygnus*) might be the one who gave the ancient Greeks dating back to Pliny the Elder in CE 77 the basis for their belief that as death approaches, the creatures “sing”!!! Hence, at the end of any meaningful activity, the term “swan song”!



*The Singing Swan* (1655) by [Reinier van Persijn](#)