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## Newsletter February 2008



### Next Meeting

Friday, February 8, 9:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. of month)  
Exit Teen Center, 1600 Rock Prairie Road, C.S.  
Program - "How to Make Corsages" by Norma  
Jean Stokes. Activities: Horticulture Sales  
Table, "What's New in Horticulture", Arbor Day.

**Board Meeting - February 1, CS Library.**

### Members

\*Sally Koestler - her gardening interests came from her grandmother, a great gardener, who named her daughter (Sally's Mom), after her favorite flower, Gladiola. Sally's 4-H vegetable garden won lots of medals. Her favorite plants are orchids, old fashioned roses, and wants to add gladiolias. Sally is adding a greenhouse for her orchids. She has some yellow bearded iris to dig up where her greenhouse will go.

\* Kris Walker - enjoys her back yard, sitting on her screened porch, looking at oleander, anything that grows and has pretty flowers. Kris came from Copenhagen, Denmark, serving in the Danish Air Force, assigned to NATO in Oslo, Norway, met husband from Louisiana, came to US in 1965. They have a son in CS, and enjoy their 7-month old grandson. Favorite flower - red rose. Currently President of The Med's Sunshine Auxiliary Volunteers, sits on the Board of Trustees for The Med.

### Communication

\* This newsletter is sent by postal mail by Corr. Sec. Judy Schafer to those without e-mail.

\* Send your items and suggestions by the end of each month to <j-cohen@aggienetwork.com>, Newsletter Editor. Newsletter is sent monthly to members and prospective members and friends.  
<<http://www.sallysfamilyplace.com/Clubs/GardenClub.htm>>

### President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Members,

It is winter weather, yet several Hellebore bulbs are starting to flower, when February comes, we all know that spring is near. This is the time when Garden Clubs around the country are planning Flower or Horticulture Shows and many other activities. Our Club is in the process of putting together a Pot et "Fleur" sale for April 12. An activity that promises an opportunity for our Club to obtain some funds but most of all, an occasion for us to get together and have fun!

Waco Garden Clubs have issued an invitation to "Everything's Coming Up Roses", District V Spring Convention, Lakewood Christian Church, Thursday, March 13. Barbara Vance will present the program "EarthKind Roses for Busy People", several members are attending, please let us know if you will like to join us.

Special thanks are due to the following members; Kay Hamn, Geneva Eubanks, Ellen Pullen, Jane Cohen, Clarice Bredthauer, Millie Parrack, Lenora Patranella, Norma Jean Stokes, Viola de la Garza, Angelika Hoepfl and Delma Cassaro for signing up as volunteers to help with the Landscape Design School. If you would like to volunteer please call, there is always room for helping hands!

Included is a lighthearted prayer sent by Peggy Duty in the last District V Newsletter:

Dear God of all things  
Please look down upon our labors  
And make our little gardens  
Much better than our neighbors.

Happy Gardening,  
Idalia Aguilar



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## Valentine Wishes

Do you have a valentine wish for a favorite plant, gardening item, etc.? Consider these:



1. Birdhouses, lots of birdhouses.
2. Funding to enable retirement, to garden uninterrupted by the annoyance of earning a living.
3. A way to protect my hands, yet feel the earth; same invention for my feet - no stickers.
4. Children type flowers (something a four year old would think is really cool)
5. Flowers for my winged friends (butterflies, bees, birds, hummers)



6. Herb Garden - unusual ones, chocolate mint, lemon basil, licorice basil, variegated.



7. Heart Garden - Plant and grow thyme, using a little heart-shaped container, creeping thyme seed, soil, and granite drainage medium. 4"L x 5"W x 1.25"H

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## New Members and Updates

- \* Rachel Mohr, 4108 Windswept, CS 77845, 951-965-0508, Nov. 5, rachel@badnoodles.com
- \* Ellen Pullen email: eptupper@verizon.net

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## Seeds for Life

Bring vegetable seeds and/or flower seeds to Kris Walker. Help make a difference in somebody's life. No child should have to go to bed hungry. This GC project has changed people's lives. Donate seeds or dollars.

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## Calendar

- February 18-19, CS, Landscape Design Course
- March 13, Waco, District V Spring Convention
- March 28-29, Hot Springs, AR, SCR Convention
- April 6-9, Killeen, 80<sup>th</sup> TGC Spring Convention  
"Heroes, Cowboys and Wildflowers"
- June 5, Killeen, District V Workshop

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## Summary of January 11 Meeting

Suzanne Milstead presented "Native Plants and Pocket Gardens". Focal points, design, growing conditions, identification, selection tips and planting guidelines were discussed, using visuals of native plants of our area. Handouts of the presentation were distributed. Native seeds and plants for pocket gardens were shared.

Mary Ann Taylor presented the 2008-2009 slate of officers, who were elected: President Jane Cohen, 1st VP Suzanne Milstead, 2nd VP Yearbook/Web Sally Koestler, 3rd VP Flower Show Delma Cassaro, Assistant Idalia Aguilar; 4th VP Hospitality Norma Jean Stokes, Assistant

Eugenia Williams; Recording Secretary Kay Hamn, Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Taylor, Treasurer Angelika Hoepfl, Treasurer Assistants Budget Mary Staffel, Membership Ellen Pullen, Ways and Means Heather White, Reporter Penne Mathews, and Historian Judy Schafer, Assistant Millie Parack.

Helen Quinn, Horticultural Chairman, showed the featured horticultural specimen of the month, *Gaultheria procumbens*, also called Eastern Teaberry, American Wintergreen, and Berries & Bells, and handed out an illustrated information sheet.

Idalia Aguilar demonstrated "Pot et Fleurs", illustrating the design and materials used. A spring community event with sale of baskets will be on A&M Parents' Day weekend, Saturday, April 12, 10 am to 12 noon, Horticulture Atrium, with profits benefitting Dr. Novak's Holistic Garden.



Suzanne Milstead announced the upcoming Master Gardeners Classes. Kay Hamn signed up hostesses for the Feb. Landscape Design Course. Flag Committee of Jane Cohen, Kay Hamn, and Penne Mathews presented US and TX flags, on stand, in holder, with case.



President Idalia Aguilar sent the President's Report to District V Director, Marlene Gillman. She reported on her phone call to Andrew Pitts, who is spearheading the "Plots for People" program. She received the October letter from Austin Charitable Trusts of Wells Fargo.

Jane Cohen shared the current GC newsletter, circulated get-well cards for Delma Cassaro, Sandra Lawrence, and



Mayan farmer Esperanza Hernandez

Viola de la Garza, and reported on the Public Relations Award application. Suzanne Milstead reported on a Butterfly Garden project with Native Plants with preschool class at First Baptist Church on Welsh. Aguilar reported on her meeting with the Guatemala farmer at the A&M AgriLife Conference and the booklet and training that the A&M Garden Club provided.

President Idalia Aguilar conducted the meeting at the Exit Teen Center. Invocation was given by Mary Staffel. The Pledge of Allegiance by Mary Ann Taylor. The Pledge to the Texas Flag by Jane Cohen. Ellen Pullen, Treasurer, distributed design calendars. Angelika Hoepfl gave the Treasurer's report. Mary Staffel read the December minutes. 27 present.