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## Newsletter January 2008



### Next Meeting

Friday, January 11, 9:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. of month)  
Exit Teen Center, 1600 Rock Prairie Road, C.S.  
Program - "Native Plants" by Suzanne Milstead.  
Activities: Horticulture Sales Table, "What's  
New in Horticulture", Election of Officers.

**Board Meeting** - No meeting in January.

### Members

\*Judy Schafer and Suzanne Milstead will present a butterfly program on January 9 to the Tri County Diggers Garden Club (members live from Madisonville to Huntsville area).  
\*Martha Wilhoit was GC Reporter, 1984-94. She has been a member of the GC for over 40 years, joining when her husband, Dr. Randolph C. Wilhoit, became a TAMU chemistry professor and later Thermodynamics Research Center Associate Director. Favorite flower - daylily. Her son and wife in California came for a week at Christmas. Her youngest child moved back from Turkey last summer, with 3 teenagers in C.S. Martha was 80 on October 29.  
\*Penne Mathews joined the GC last fall. She is a retired CS school speech therapist and works part time in public schools. Husband Mike is retired CS police department. Judges horse shows and does photography. Daughter Minday, grandsons Jarod-9, and Jaden-born Nov 27. Enjoys wildflowers and colorful flowerbeds.

### Happy New Year

Is one of your New Year resolutions to stop and smell the wildflowers? Gardening is meant to be fun, so plan manageable activities. Resolve to spend more time enjoying the beauty you created. Pick out a perfect spot in your garden; take in the tranquil sights and sounds of nature.

### President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends:

We start the new year recognizing the numerous achievements obtained by our Garden Club. We have obtained a new image in our communities, honoring our war Heroes, bringing floral cheer to Hospice, having numerous informative programs, increasing our membership from forty-one to fifty members and soon we will be voting for the approval of a group of dedicated nominees to serve as officers.

Our Club is enriched by each and every one of our members; please do consider giving a helping hand, serving with the organization of the many projects and activities that mark our calendar. Starting with our next meeting, where you can help us organize a display and sale of flowers and plants in baskets (Pot ET Fleur) as our spring horticultural activity.

Yours in Gardening,

Idalia Aguilar

### New Members and Updates

\* Patranella, Lenora, 901 Esther Blvd., Bryan, 77802, 775-6052, Sept. 23. Welcome!

### 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>>

## Summary of December 14 Meeting

President Idalia Aguilar called the meeting to order and welcomed guest Linda Novasad. Invocation was given by Judy Schafer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Idalia Aguilar. Ellen Pullen distributed design calendars and gave the Treasurer's Report. Mary Staffel read the minutes. Plants were taken to Norma Jean Stokes and to Sandra Lawrence.

President Aguilar introduced Mary Ann Taylor, who gave a review of the Flower Shop mystery books by Kay Collins.

Suzanne Milstead reported on the upcoming Master Gardeners' training sessions, beginning January 15.

Judy Schafer reported on the Landscape Design course February 18-19, Christ United Methodist Church, 4201 State Hwy 6, C.S. Members will hostess, serving at the refreshment table and receive \$200 fee. Members may listen to some of the classes, when they are not busy serving.

The State Convention, "Heroes, Cowboys, and Wildflowers" will be April 6-9 in Killeen. A perfect score was received on the Texas Award application for World Gardening.

Jane Cohen distributed the current club newsletter, shared photos from the Blue Star Memorial dedication at the Veteran's Park on November 11, reported on the Flag Committee for a desk top flag set to be stored at the Teen Exit Center for meetings, and the grant application for "Trail of Texas Native Edible and Medicinal Plants".

The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate for 2008-09: President Jane Cohen, 1st VP Suzanne Milstead, 2nd VP Yearbook/Web Sally Koestler, 3rd VP Flower Show Delma Cassaro, Assistant/Schedule Idalia Aguilar; 4th VP Hospitality Norma Jean Stokes, Assistant Eugenia Williams; Recording Sec. Kay Hamn, Corresponding Sec. 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.

Members exchanged plants by drawing. A luncheon and Christmas songs were enjoyed. Thanks to members for helping decorate and share.

Thanks to Suzanne Milstead for sharing photos.

