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Newsletter March 2008



Next Meeting

Friday, March 14, 9:30 am (2nd Fri. of month)
Exit Teen Center, 1600 Rock Prairie Road, C.S.
Program - Sheila McQueen - "Composting"
Activities: Horticulture Sales Table, "What's
New in Horticulture".

Board - Current & Incoming Board March 19

New Members and Updates

* Carolyn Guillotte, 936-394-1970, c: 979-581-5106

Members

* Delma Cassaro - likes a lot of flowers, roses, daylilies, tropical plants. Has huge Bird of Paradise, about to bloom again. Gardening interests began about age 18, when her girlfriend gave her some dahlia bulbs, which grew into beautiful blooms. Gardening runs in her family, sisters & mom grew flowers. Being Scottish, she likes gardening. Joined GC in 1965, was Certified Flower Show Judge in Louisiana. She says that her tests in January showed she is cancer free and thanks for the prayers, cards, letters, and calls. Family: 2 married sons (one in LA and one here) and 2 grandsons, Dominic & Adrian, ages 9 & 13.

Sandra Lawrence - favorite flower, lily, such as the Oriental lily. Has always been interested in gardening, as the younger sister, she worked in garden with family in Indiana, doing vegetables, especially tomatoes. Flowers were always her thing and misses growing the flowers of her childhood. Was in another group and joined the GC about 2 years ago. Is glad to be back home and thanks everybody for their kindness, cards and phone calls when she was in the hospital. Looking forward to a new season.

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 Friends:

Once more our appreciation is due to the group of outstanding ladies of our Garden Club that so graciously hosted the meals and coffee breaks at the recent Landscape Design School and, with their commitment, have increased our treasury.

We have a busy schedule this month having our first Pot et Fleur workshop Friday, March 7 at 10:00 am at America's Country Store. The event has been organized by Jane Cohen, our enthusiastic President elect. Ms. Ann Deleon will be teaching us how to create the historical plant and flower design and with this we begin the preparations for the Basket Sale at TAMU.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for District V Spring Meeting at Waco. We have several members attending; please let me know if you would like to join us.

At our meeting this month Ms. Shelia McQueen will present the program "Composting", an important topic that will benefit all our gardens. In addition I have been told that our Horticulture Chairman has a special featured plant for us and please don't forget to bring seeds for the "Seeds for Life" Chairman!

At the end of the month, I will be attending the South Central Regional meeting at Arkansas and hope to bring back to our Club an award ... or ... perhaps two?

Idalia Aguilar



Dues Upcoming

Dues for the GC are \$15. Give your check to Ellen at this meeting or the next, so she will have them before the state deadline. Calendars are available for \$5.



Landscape Design School "Hostesses" February 18. L-R: Norma Jean Stokes, Ellen Pullen, Faye Caldwell, Kay Hamn, Geneva Eubanks, Jane Cohen. Note the trays of snacks, ice drinks to the left and coffee at the back and to the right.



Landscape Design School February 18. L-R: Clarice Bredthauer, former resident & TGC Judge Nell Zeigler, Norma Jean Stokes, Idalia Aguilar, Jane Cohen.



Landscape Design School February 19. L-R, front Idalia Aguilar, TGC Pres. Judy Keillor, Jane Cohen; 2nd *Helen Quinn, *Suzanne Milstead, *Judy Schafer, Angelika Hoefpl, Ellen Pullen; 3rd *Margaret Ann White, *Carolyn Guillotte, *Heather White, Geneva Eubanks, Faye Caldwell.

Others who helped were Millie Parrack, Angelika Hoefpl and on Sunday night Judy Schaffer. *Attended course.

Calendar

March 7, 10-11:30, Pot et Fleurs, America's Country Store. Make traditional baskets.

March 13, Waco, District V Spring Convention - "Everything is Coming Up Roses", fee \$18, Speaker, Barbara Vance, "Earthkind Roses for Busy People".

March 23 Easter

March 28-29, Hot Springs, AR, SCR Convention

March 31 KBTX TV Noon, Angelika Hoefpl, Pot et Fleurs

April 6-9, Killeen, 80th TGC Spring Convention "Heroes, Cowboys and Wildflowers"

April 11, Regular Meeting Speaker Doug Welsh "Roses", Make Commercial Pot et Fleur baskets

April 12, 9 am-12 noon, Pot et Fleur, TAMU Hort. Atrium

May 9, Regular Meeting, Floral Arrangements

June 5, Killeen, District V Workshop

July 1, Gardener of the Year, TGC nomination due.



Summary of February 8 Meeting

Norma Jean Stokes demonstrated "How to Make Corsages", with tips on design, attachment skills, and decorations. Members made corsages for local nursing home residents. Virginia Eaton exhibited her carefully preserved, over 50 year old, wedding corsage.

Helen Quinn, showed featured horticultural, onions, and handed out an illustrated information sheet. Heather White presented a fall fundraising project (collect pine cones now for fire colors).

Jane Cohen discussed the Pot et Fleur show and sale to be April 12, TAMU Horticulture Atrium, from 9 am to 12 noon. Chairs: Publicity and Organization-Jane Cohen; Transportation and Sales-Heather White; Design Consultant-Delma Cassaro; TV-Angelika Hoefpl; Demonstrations-Idalia Aguilar. On Friday, March 7, the American Country Store at Wellborn will help us make traditional baskets. Members were urged to start growing potted plants and collect baskets for the special event. Also, commercial style baskets will be prepared on Friday, April 11, after our regular meeting.

President Idalia Aguilar gave Board report recommending not reading the minutes at the general meetings and not holding Board meetings during months of little activity. Motion made and approved to hold community activity, a nonstandard Small Design exhibit, with a horticulture exhibit and a photo contest in spring 2009.

Suzanne Milstead announced upcoming Master Gardeners Classes. Kay Hamn reported on hostesses for the Landscape Design School. Kris Walker collected vegetable and flower seeds for Seeds for Life. Idalia Aguilar reported on meeting with the Guatemala farmer at the A&M AgriLife Conference and the booklet and training that the A&M Garden Club helped provide. The District V Spring Meeting will be March 13 in Waco.

Invocation was given by Kay Hamn, Pledge by Sandra Williams. Ellen Pullen distributed calendars. Mary Staffel read minutes.

