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Newsletter
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2nd VP Yearbook/Web Sally Koestler
3rd VP Flower Show Idalia Aguilar
4th VP Hospitality Norma Jean Stokes
Recording Secretary Mary Staffel
Corresponding Secretary Judy Schafer
Treasurer Ellen Pullen
Treasurer Intern Angelika Hoepfl
Reporter Jane Cohen
Co-Historians Helen Quinn/Suzanne Milstead

Next Meeting

Friday, May 9, 9:30 am (2nd Fri. of month)
Exit Teen Center, 1600 Rock Prairie Road, C.S.
Program - "Floral Arrangements in History"
Activities: 1) Installation of Officers by Nell Zeigler, past member of A&M GC & State Chair Landscape Design Schools 1996-97, 2) Members club dues of \$15 are due to Ellen Pullen, 3) 2008-09 Budget Approval, 4) Horticulture Sales Table, 5) What's New in Horticulture, 6) Bring lunch goodies.

Board - Incoming Board met May 2

Pot et Fleur April 12

Forty baskets were prepared for the Show and Sale at TAMU Horticulture Building during Parent's Weekend, in cooperation with Dr. Joseph Novak for many plants. We



sold \$500, profit about \$450. Thanks to many members who donated, prepared and sold baskets, spoke on arranging baskets (Idalia A, Heather W, & Delma C), and helped with the numerous details. Thanks to Idalia's daughter for all the roses! Pictures: Top: Jane C., Angelika H., Heather W, Mary S., Above Right: Heather & Margaret Ann W sell baskets. Bottom: Baskets created - Left: Suzanne M, Ellen P at Exit Center; Right: Suzanne M, Mary Jane B, Angelika H, Idalia A, Judy S, Eugenia W, Jane C, Kay H, Sandra W, Mary Ann T at America's Country Store.



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President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends:

My most deep appreciation is due to each and every one of you for your trust and constant support in these two wonderful years in which I have been honored to serve as your A&M Garden Club President.

Your dedication and generosity has been present in each and every endeavor we have together accomplished. Our goals have been met through increased membership, creating an awareness of our Club in our communities, educating the public in Horticulture and Design and honoring our military heroes.

Our unified efforts have been recognized by Zone II, District V and State. For two consecutive periods, we have received the TGC Green Club of the Year Award.

This evening we will have the National Awards ceremonies; we might not win an award at National level, but as your President, I present a first place Blue ribbon to each of you as Garden Club members and friends!



We welcome our President elect Dr. Jane Cohen and the new Board members, whom I foresee will lead A&M Garden Club to continue its legacy in service to our communities.

Idalia Aguilar



P. S. Just got back from Awards; our Club received second place in NGC, Inc. World Gardening!





Pocket Butterfly Garden

Suzanne Milstead and Judy Schafer taught six kindergarten classes of 50+ students. Native and other plants for butterfly were planted on April 20 in at CS First Baptist Church with Kim L.



Above: Four containers planted at garden corners. Judy &



Suzanne write plant tags & Jane C waters plants. Left: Suzanne shows butterfly larva, Judy teaches about life cycle of butterfly, Idalia A assists with a class.

TGC 80th Spring Convention in Killeen

"Heroes, Cowboys and Wildflowers" was the theme April 6-9. The A&M GC won TGC Outstanding Green Club and ten firsts: Arbor Day, Club History, Hort Award Merit, Publications, Publicity, Scrap book, Special Achievement, World Gardening, Club Service. Received Awards "Congratulations Letter" from Kathy Cox. Great workshops, food, designs, lots!



Idelia receives Green Award from Judy Russell



Delma at exhibits and helped with floral designs



Judy showed horticulture and helped with auctions.



Evening Social at Dist V Dir Marlene Gillman's home. Nell Ziegler on left.



Suzanne & Jane receive pin from Judy as first timers

Summary of April 11 Meeting

Dr. Doug Welsh, Texas AgriLife Extension, spoke on "Roses for the Brazos Valley" at the April 11 meeting of the A&M Garden Club. Selection of roses, planting and soil preparation, insect and disease management, pruning, and care were discussed and a handout was distributed. Sandra Williams introduced the speaker.

President Aguilar reported on awards: first in State and \$25 for World Gardening Project and 10 first place honors. Judy Schafer shared photos from the Killeen State Convention and issues of the Lone Star Gardener. Mary Ann Taylor, on behalf of A&M GC, presented a very special orchid specimen, a Cattlea Laungedoc, one of the oldest species cultivated in England at the end of the 18th century, to Idalia Aguilar for her service to the Club as President over the last 2 years.

Idalia Aguilar, President, reported on ten memorials for Polly Hatcher. An Arbor Day planting of a crepe myrtle will be April 18, Restever Cemetery, in memory of Evelyn Allen, a past A&M GC President and many other offices.

Angelika Hoepfl was on the March 31



Suzanne M, ___ Angelika H, ___ Judy S, Idelia H, Ellen P, Kay H, Jane C, Mary S, Mary Ann T.

Noon KBTX -TV Show, publicizing the A&M Garden Club's April 12 Pot et Fleurs Show and Sale at TAMU Horticulture Atrium. Heather White coordinated sales plans. After the meeting, members prepared "in pot" Pot et Fleurs for the Show, totaling 40 baskets.

Kris Walker collected for Seeds for Life to help developing countries. The plant exchange was enjoyed and contributions go toward courtesy committee activities. Norma Jean Stokes was thanked for the hostess table at each meeting. Angelika Hoepfl and Mary Staffel surveyed members on budget plans. Jane Cohen surveyed members on plans and activity preferences for 2008-09.

President Idalia Aguilar conducted the meeting on April 11 at the Exit Center, with 23 members and 3 guests. The invocation was given by Vice President Mary Ann Taylor. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Jane Cohen, President Elect. Recording Secretary, Mary Staffel, submitted the minutes. Angelika Hoepfl asked for budget requests for 2008-09. Copies of the minutes of the March meeting and the April Board meeting were placed on a table. Ellen Pullen gave the Treasurer's report and reminded members that the annual membership dues were due.

Communication

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