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Newsletter
Summer 2008



L-R Seated: Nell Ziegler, Installing Officer; 2008-2009 A&M Garden Club Officers: Jane Cohen, Suzanne Milstead. Standing: Ellen Pullen (Membership), Delma Cassaro, Margaret Ann White, Norma Jean Stokes, Judy Schafer, Eugenia Williams (Assistant Hospitality), Heather White (Ways & Means), Kay Hamn, Mary Ann Staffel (Budget), Mary Ann Taylor, Angelika Hoepfl. Also Idalia Aguilar (Assistant Flower Show Schedule) and Millie Parrack (Assistant Historian).

Calendar

May 30, Container Garden Clinic for Habitat
June 1-7, National Garden Club Week
June 6, Container Gardens Presented to Habitat
June 11, Killeen, District V Workshop
June 20, Pressed Flower Workshop
July 1, TGC Gardener of the Year nomination due
Aug 22, Beginning Coffee and Membership Social

Pot et Fleur

A \$250 donation from Show at TAMU was presented to Dr. Novak on May 15 in appreciation of his support.

Garden Club Week

Mary Staffel is updating our displays for CS and Bryan Libraries. Share with her: your pictures, gardening display items, etc.



Jane Cohen, Angelika Hoepfl, Dr. Joe Novak, Sandra Williams, Judy Schafer.

President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends,

Thank you for the honor of serving as your President.

I look forward to a great year as we grow together as A&M Garden Club members, as we continue our traditional activities, and as we enjoy new treasurers as we journey on our Garden Path. Make your path happy and educational.

Please let me know your ideas and suggestions. Volunteers are needed for committees and hostesses for meetings.

Theme: "Gardening Together with Tradition and Treasures". The beginning coffee will be August 22, 9:30 am, at the home of TAMU President Dr. Elsa Murano, One Circle Drive, TAMU. Enjoy your summer.

Jane Cohen
President 2008-09



District V Summer Workshop

June 11 Workshops, plants, ideas, lunch. \$10 by June 1 to Killeen Garden Club % Betsy Hilliard, PO Box 132, Killeen, TX 76540. Contact Jane if you want to ride together, leave Exit Center around 7:20 am or have questions.

Pressed Flower Cards

A 'pressed flower' card making workshop will be given by Judy Schafer on June 20, 9:30 am, at her home. Judy has often given these art cards, so if you have seen them, you know that they are beauties.

Cost: \$5. per person to make 2 cards. Supplies you need to bring: pressed flowers, scissors, ruler, pencil, small artist brush, and clear craft glue that dries clear if possible, sack lunch and drink.

Collect your small flowers and small leaves when the flowers are dry. Big, thick flower heads do not do well. Place between 6 layers of newspaper, or phone book pages and weigh them down with books, board, or something heavy. Takes about 2 weeks for them to dry and press. Stems or leaves with texture also are needed as these are like miniature floral arrangements. Look for leaves that are small and not smooth.

If you plan to attend, email Suzanne Milstead, scisuz@earthlink.net or let Judy know that you wish to come. Judy can accommodate about 10 comfortably so let us know ASAP that you wish to come and can bring your own pressed flowers. It's fun and very easy to do!

Web site that you might wish to view:
<http://www.preservedgardens.com/how-to-press.htm>

Gardening Poetry

Mary Ann Taylor will collect ideas for an inspirational garden saying to use on a paver in the TAMU Holistic Gardens. Tell her your ideas. Our contribution from the Pot et Fleur show will go toward an 8x8" paver. The inscription may be only 14 characters per line maximum, 5 lines. Three examples, with lines indicated, are:

Take time to	/smell the	/
flowers.	/The A&M	/
Garden Club		
Plant	/a garden;	/
Plant	/happiness.	A&M/
Garden Club		
Gardening	/shows belief	/
in tomorrow.	/The A&M	/
Garden Club		

Seeds for Life

Kris Walker asks that you collect this year's seeds on sale. We can't send seeds that are old.

New Members

Sheila May, 5411 St Andrews Drive, CS, TX 77845-1947, <sdmaymd@yahoo.com>, 979-703-8703, May 11.
Kaye Hobbs, 20881 FM 2154, CS, TX 77845, <kphobbs@txcyber.com>, 936-870-3993, Dec. 29.

2008-09 Dues Past Due

Dues are \$15. State dues have been sent, but send soon to be in yearbook to Angelika Hoepfl, 2903 Pierre Place, CS 77845. Over 15 are still needed - please rejoin soon!

Habitat Container Gardens

In partnership with the National Garden Council, we will make Container Gardens for the seven homes in the Habitat for Humanity Builder Blitz. Heirloom Gardens, 12900 Old Wellborn Rd., CS, will host a clinic on Friday May 30, at 9:30 am, to help us plant the NGC container gardens with "Perfectly Simple Container Garden" plants from garden author Pamela Crawford.

Helping coordinate the Habitat Project is Mary Jane Bizon, <MJBizon@GMAIL.COM>, 690-9853. Helping are: Mary Jane B, Jane C, Kay Hobbs, Angelika H, Sheila M, Suzanne M, Mary Ann T, Margaret Ann W, Heather W, and Eugenia W. Judy S and Jane C are donating some plants. Idalia A is contributing to the project.

Participating members will present the container garden they made to the seven new home owners at the dedication on Friday, June 6, 5:30 pm, Celia's Dream Lane, Bryan (Angels Gate subdivision off of Palasota). One of these homes will be the 5,000th Habitat house built in Texas. A&M Garden Club members are invited.

A&M Garden Club

Nell Zeigler, Texas Garden Club, a former member of the A&M Garden Club, installed A&M Garden Club officers (shown on the heading of this newsletter) at the May 9 meeting of the A&M Garden Club at the Exit Center.

Suzanne Milstead summarized Idelia's Floral Design Exhibits for member's review. Delma Cassaro showed a small flower design and discussed Flower Show guidelines. Members enjoyed a luncheon.



Reports were given on the Pot et Fleur Show by Jane Cohen, memorial pavers and scholarships for Polly Hatcher by Judy Schafer, proposed budget by Angelika Hoepfl, district meeting by Jane Cohen and Nell Zeigler, and Butterfly Pocket Garden by Judy Schafer. Jane Cohen discussed plans for club projects and activities for next year. Suzanne Milstead announced a Pressed Flower Workshop for June 20. Heather White discussed fund raising projects.

VP Mary Ann Taylor presided at the Exit Center with 24 members. Kay Hamn read the blessing. Mary Staffel led the pledge to the flag. Kay Hamn served as Secretary. Ellen Pullen gave the Treasurer's report and collected dues. The plant exchange was enjoyed and contributions go toward courtesy committee activities. Norma Jean Stokes was thanked for the hostess table at each meeting. Door prizes from State Conference and National Garden Council calendars were awarded.