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Reporter Millie Parrack  
Historian Judy Schafer  
Immediate Past President Idalia Aguilar  
Parliamentarian Margaret Ann White

## Newsletter January 2009



### Next Meeting

**Friday, Jan. 9, 9:30 am** (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. of month)  
Exit Teen Center, 1600 Rock Prairie Road, C.S.

"Invasive Plants - Identify, Prevent and Control Practices" by Dr. Barron Rector, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist, Rangeland Ecology & Management Department, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, TAMU.

### Activities:

- a) Horticulture Sales - donate plants and gardening and design items
  - b) Design Tip - Suzanne Milstead
  - c) Exhibitor - Heirloom Gardens
  - d) April 3 & May 8 meeting date & place vote.
- Hostesses: Penne Mathews, Faye Caldwell.

### TGC Update

District dues proposed increase \$15 per club.  
At the TGC state meeting, budget management and possible dues increase was a concern.

### Upcoming Events

- Jan 10 Work Day at Wellborn Community Center
- Jan 12 Prepare Decorative Flower Pots
- Jan 14 Prepare Decorative Flower Pots
- Jan 17 Work Day at Wellborn Community Center
- Feb 13 GC A&M GC Meeting
- Feb 16-17 Landscape Design School, College Station
- Mar 6 Arbor Day & Memorial Planting
- March 13 A&M GC Meeting
- Mar 19-20 Garden Study School, College Station
- Mar 27-28 SCR Convention, Albuquerque, NM
- Mar \_\_\_ Dist V Spring Convention
- April 3 A&M GC Meeting
- April 17 A&M GC Flower Show
- Apr 21-25 TGC Spring Convention, Midland
- May 8 A&M GC Meeting
- May 13-16 NGC Convention, Houston

### President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends,

The December Social was very enjoyable, lots of good food, and educational. Thanks to Heather and her family for hosting, to everyone who brought the goodies. Thanks for the design displays and discussion. I'm enjoying my "present" and planning how I'll use. The A&M Garden Club is really a great group!!!

As the new year begins, take a few moments to think about what you can do in this New Year to make your life more pleasant, to make your life more meaningful, and to give a bit of joy to those around you.

As you think about resolutions or goals, make one to become more involved with the A&M Garden Club. We have several projects coming up this spring. Take part and get better acquainted with other members.



Please let me know your ideas and suggestions.

Jane Cohen, President 2008-09

### Happy Birthday - January

8 Sarah B, 11 Judy S, 14 Eugenia W, 15  
Margaret Ann W, 25 Mary Ann T, 30 Barbara P

### New Members - Welcome

Sue Ann Lockard Oct 18 979-690-1585  
1890 Barron Road, CS 77845  
sueann@locarrdandwhite.com  
Hillary Jessup Jul 22 979-693-1749  
115 Lee Avenue, CS 77840 cell 777-1518  
hillary@jessup1.com

### GC Awards

40 entries were submitted to District, State, National and South Central Region. Wow!!!

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## Hatcher Memorials

Polly Hatcher's family has designated memorial funds through the A&M Garden Club for paver stones at the TAMU Holistic Gardens, for a TAMU Scholarship, and for a Garden Fund, working with Idalia A. The paver memorials have been completed. If you would like to contribute to the TAMU Scholarship and the Garden Fund as a memorial to Polly, send or give donations to the A&M Garden Club, % Angelika Hoepfl, 2903 Pierre Place, CS 77845.

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## Civic Native Pocket Garden Project

College Station Wal-Mart  
J. Scott Hancock, Co-Mgr,  
donated a pallet (126) of red  
Castlewall Paving Stones for  
the retaining wall for the  
Wellborn Community Center.  
Work days for Jan. will be  
confirmed at our meeting.



Scott, Jane & stones

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## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of Heather White-Chair, Geneva Eubanks and Eugenia Williams presented the 2009-10 officer nominations. Vote at January meeting. Install May.

President - Jane Cohen

1st VP Programs - Heather White

2nd VP Yearbook/Web - Sally Koestler  
with Asst Sarah Barrick

3rd VP Flower Show - Suzanne Milstead

4th VP Hospitality - Eugenia Williams

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## Arbor Day

Kay Hamn, Angelika H, Joyce M, and Dorothy L are planning the Arbor Day Crepe Myrtle planting and Memorial Ceremony at the CS Cemetery on Friday, March 6, 10:30 am.

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## Communication

Send your items and suggestions before the end of each month to <j-cohen@aggienetwork.com>. web: <http://www.sallysfamilyplace.com/Clubs/GardenClub.htm>

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## NGC Schools at TAMU

Two NGC Schools will be offered this spring:  
Feb 16-17 Landscape Design School Mar 19-20  
Garden Study School. Nell Zeigler, LDS chair  
asked the A&M GC to help.

A LDS committee (Clarice B, Kay Hamn, Ellen P, Mary Ann T) is helping schedule members to hostess. Several members are needed to help staff the refreshment and lunch tables both days, Monday and Tuesday, 7:45 am to 12 noon or 11:30 am to 3:45 pm. We'll have sign up forms at the Jan. meeting for you to indicate which 1/2 day you can help, held at the Christ United Methodist Church, 4201 State Hwy 6, exit Green's Prairie or 40/Fitch. Helpers get to listen to the speakers, when we're not restocking the refreshments.

If you want to register for the LDS course to become nationally accredited Landscape Design Consultant, contact Tammy Landry, Department of Extension Horticulture, MS 2134 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2134, 845-7342, email [tlandry@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tlandry@ag.tamu.edu), or download form at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/index.html>. Registration is \$90 (two lunches included).

More details on the GSS later - it will be at the TAMU Holistic Garden at TAMU. Idalia Aguilar and Judy Schafer are helping coordinate GSS.

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## Flower Pots

Decorative Flower Pots will be prepared on Jan. 12 and 14. Heather White, ways & means chair, has about 50 pots to be painted. Sign up at the meeting to prepare the pots, sketch designs, and paint, and finish the 10" terra cotta clay pots.

If you want to bring a pot of your own to decorate, when you paint one for the club, let Heather know. Clean your pot. Old, used pots take more coats. Tips: Sand all rough spots off, especially inside the drain hole. Use 150 or finer grade sandpaper. Then use green scrubbies to make surfaces smooth. Soak in hot water and scrub. Soak pots in water for 24 hours, clean, and dry for 24 more hours or several days.

