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Newsletter April 2009

April Meeting

Friday, April 3 - Redith Kiser, Brazos County Master Gardener and Certified Rainwater Harvesting Consultant, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, TAMU, spoke on "Rainwater Harvesting - Water Conservation" at the Senior Circle Rooms. Hostesses were Norma Jean S, Mary Ann T and Heather W.

Sandra W presented "Blooms in My Garden". Sarah Barrick was elected '09-10 Recording Sec. Judy S reported on the recent Texas Garden Club's Garden Study School at TAMU (outstanding). Judy S, Idalia A, Heather W and Suzanne M discussed the Flower Show.

A&M Garden Club - 69th Flower Show

Bring your friends to our Flower Show, "Aggie Traditions" on Friday, April 17, 12:30 to 3:30, CS Library, 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy S. Awards ceremony at 3.

Members will exhibit "Aggie Traditions" in small 8" floral designs in creative or traditional choices. Horticulture classes include cut specimens of annuals, perennials, roses, bulbs. Container grown plants include flowers, ferns, foliage, fruit, planters, dish gardens, cactus terrariums. Other items include vegetable and fruit exhibits and tree and shrub nodes.

Come help set up the room on Thursday, April 16, 3:30 - 4:30. Entries will be accepted from 4:30 to 5:30 on Thursday and on Friday, 8:30 to 9:30 (use side door at front left of building from 8:30 to 9 am). Limit of 10 per member.

Suzanne M is Chair of Horticulture, Heather W is Chair of Design, and Sandra W is chair of the Special Exhibits Division - pollinators. Delma C, Judy S, Idalia A and Jane C are co-chairs.

President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends,

Thanks to all of you for helping make our Flower Show outstanding. I look forward to seeing your designs, horticulture and exhibits.

My tomato plants are blooming. Thank you so much for sharing - the lilies from Sharon J last year and the plants from Judy S are blooming; the Bald Cypress from Carolyn G is leafing out, and the plant/weed I can't identify is growing! Judy Barrett spoke on "What Can I Do with My Herbs?" at Austin Herb Society's April meeting.

Read about the many activities and meetings in this newsletter. Congratulations on the many District and SCR awards - Judy S was named SCR Member Award of Honor! Thanks to Idalia A as Awards Chair.



Thank you for being a member of the A&M Garden Club. We really do have a great group! Please let me know your ideas and suggestions.

Jane Cohen, President 2008-10

Dues Due

Angelika H, Treasurer, asks members to pay your \$20 dues for next year. Bring your check to the Flower Show. Dues have to be sent to state before late May. Mail \$20 to Ellen P or to Angelika H, 2903 Pierre Place, CS 77845.

Polly Hatcher Scholarship

Dr. Novak has recommended four students for the \$350 Polly Hatcher Scholarship to be awarded to one Horticulture student. Their applications will be at the Flower Show if you'd like to help rank the applicants.



Spring Flowers
by Suzanne M

Happy Birthday - April

9 Geneva Eubanks 14 Suzanne Milstead
19 Penne Mathews 29 Mary Stone

Welcome New Members

* Jill Potyka, 5110 Wallis Rd, B 77808, jill@bcsm.com, 778-0806, March 21; * Redith Kiser, 4652 S. Windjammer Court, CS 77845, redith@suddenlink.net, 739-2731, Nov 5

Arbor Day Memorial

The committee, Angelika H, Dorothy L, Joyce M, and Kay Hamn, planned a lovely service held Mar 6 at the CS Cemetery, remembering Polly Hatcher, Polly Mercer, Rosemary Boykin, and Kathi Dudley. Member Kay Hobbs donated crepe myrtle from Brazos Valley Tree Farm.

Bryan council woman Anne Horton read proclamations. KBTX -TV covered the ceremony. Picture was in The Eagle on March 29.



Idalia A & Millie P listen as Mary Ann T and Ellen P sing "Whispering Hope".
Photo by Judy S.

Upcoming Events

Apr 17 A&M GC Flower Show at Library
Apr 21-25 TGC Spring Convention, Midland
May 2 Mexia Flower Show
May 8 A&M GC Meeting at Senior Circle Rooms
May 13-16 NGC Convention, Houston
June 7-13 National Garden Week

Wellborn Center Landscaping

Planting was done on April 10 at the Wellborn Community Center. We had an assembly line working. Thanks for the plants and donations.



Sam May, Jane C, Suzanne M, Sheila M get plants in bed.



Bob Cohen & Suzanne's granddaughter water.

Garden Study School March 19-20



Dr. Joe Novak takes 20 students to tour the Holistic Gardens. Judy S was GSS Chair, Sandra W was Proctor and Helen Q was Registrar. Student responses were excellent. TGC President Judy Keillor is 3rd from left.

District V Meeting

The Spring Convention in Killeen on March 17 saw "Wild Flowers of Central Texas". A&M GC won the Membership Award and won 13 first place awards, 9 second places, 6 third place, and 5 honorable mention awards. Also the A&M Garden Club received certificates as 7 Youth Contest Awards Sponsor, 33 Youth Awards (Youth Committee - Margaret Ann W, Penne M, and Joyce M) in Youth Poetry, Youth Posters, Environmental Posters, Pre-School Environmental Posters. Will Cohen, High School Speech, will be recognized at the State meeting in Midland.

South Central Region

SCR Convention was March 27-28 in Albuquerque, NM, and included Barbara May, NGC President, on Grants for Horticulture Therapy and the new Plant It Pink emphasis; Programs (Daffodils, Designs, Bonsai); Silent Auction; and meeting GC members. Send your favorites to update the Installation Manual - Garden Prayers, Memorials, Readings, etc. to Nell Denman <endenman@comcast.net>. We were the 2nd highest award winner: Judy S - Member Award of Honor, Jane C - Communication, Ellen P & Angelika H - Membership, Suzanne M - Club Program, and Citation for Blue Star Memorial. Additional first awards were won for Youth Awards in Youth Poetry - Grace Lewis and Intermediate Essay - Jesslyn Welch. Second place awards: Judy S & Mary Ann T - Community Concern, Idalia A - Sweepstakes. Honorable Mention Awards: Arbor Day, Yearbook Theme - Sally K, and National Garden Week - Mary S.



Linda Whetsell & Jane C