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Newsletter December 2009

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December 11 Meeting

Friday, Dec. 11, 9:30 am, Hillary Jessup's home, 115 Lee Avenue, CS, with all members bringing a lunch dish. Foods can be finger type foods.

Bring a Plant or Garden Item for the Gift Exchange, a "Rob Your Neighbor" fun sharing, where we pick numbers out of hat and then each person selects either from the plant table or "robs" a previously selected plant from someone who had a lower number. The 3rd owner gets to keep the plant.

We'll hear from Sarah B with the Nominating Committee report (vote Jan), Suzanne M with Flower Show plans, Suzanne M with Landscape Design School plans, Suzanne M with Christmas arrangements and Angelika H with financial report from the Zone mtg.

Prospective member guests are welcome.



Events

Dec 4 Garden Therapy at Carriage Inn
Dec 7 Pilgrimage to Brookwood
Jan 8 A&M GC meeting
Jan 9 &/or 15 Bluebird House Workshop
Feb 12 A&M GC meeting
Feb 22-23 Landscape Design School, College Sta.
Mar 15-16 Garden Study School, College Station

Happy Birthday - December
16 Jane C 20 Clarice B
20 Helen Q 29 Kaye H



President's Letter



Dear Garden Club Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your efforts resulting in the outstanding Zone meeting. Committees functioned, you made our guests feel welcome, and everything went well. You were great! Working together to host the meeting helped our group grow. Enjoy the pictures. Some thank you highlights are listed:

- Well, what a wonderful Zone meeting. The members of the A&M Garden Club did an outstanding job. Eleanor Floeck, TGC Trustee Chair, Giddings
- THAT WAS THE BEST ZONE OR DISTRICT MEETING I HAVE EVER BEEN TO!!!!!! ... (in) almost 30 years ... congratulate your club for me!!! Sarah McReynolds, TGC Vice President, Groesbeck
- ... hear of the many projects of The A&M Garden Club as well as those of others in your Zone. I do appreciate your support for my programs over the years and ... Landscape Design Study Courses. Bill Welch
- ... The BBQ turkey and brisket with "trimmings" was delicious!! Again, we had a great time and many thanks to all! Suzy Davis, Marlin GC
- ... everything was lovely - well planned! Good food, great program and many happy faces. Virginia Pargmann, District V Director
- ... a terrific Zone II meeting ... Nell Zeigler, TGC District V Awards, Oglesby
- ... everything was just perfect. Tina Schnell, Zone II Director



Thanks to Norman Jean S. and the club for the corsage - lovely. Thanks to Mary Ann T for the "thank you" fruit basket - yummy.
Jane Cohen, A&M GC President

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Sarah Barrick, Rose Smith and Geneva Eubanks) needs to hear from you and where you are willing to serve next year.

Grapevine Wreaths

On Friday, Dec 4, 10 am, Carriage Inn, (room left of front entrance, the Garden Therapy Committee of Judy S and Mary Ann T will lead a wreath work-

shop with the residents. Items needed are small pine cones, silk holiday poinsettias, red ribbon, wire to attach things, and other materials for the residents to decorate the wreaths. Sandra



Nov 23 wreaths - Suzanne M, Dale S, Jane C, Judy S, Sheila M, Kay H, and Bob C.

W made several grapevines. We enjoyed doing flowers with this group in early fall. Come help.



Board Meeting

The Board and Zone Committee will met on Dec 4 at 9 am at Carriage Inn, 4235 Boonville Rd, B, before wreath program.

Brookwood Tour

The Brookwood pilgrimage is Monday, Dec 7, leave from Sam's at 8 AM to carpool. The facility is known for it's gardens, gift shop (plus plants) and restaurant, with gourmet type meals for \$8 to 15 per person. We will have our guided tour of the facility and then lunch and shopping, planned with Sue Ann L, who is also a Docent with Brookwood. Notify Heather W if you plan to attend so tour and lunch seating can be arranged. This will be a great trip and the facility will be decorated for the holidays with poinsettias and other holiday decorations, so come get in the spirit!!

Communication

E-mailed to members, prospective members, friends. Sent by postal mail by Corr. Sec. I dalia Aguilar to those without e-mail. Send your items and suggestions before the end of each month to <j-cohen@aggienetwork.com>.

New Members - 2009

Welcome: Pam Boyd, Hillary Jessup, Sue Ann Lockard, Jill Potyka, Mickey Walters.

Programs



Judy & Sandra spoke on poisonous plants, earthkind landscaping and native plants to Little River Basin Master Gardener group of master naturalists and Cameron Garden Club members in Milano. Stopped and shopped at road side gourd market near Gause, west of Hearne. More than 30 attended.

Bluebird Houses

The Bluebird Committee met on November 6 to prepare bluebird nesting houses and materials for the Jan 9 or 15 (depending upon the weather) member workshops. Members who will make houses: Sarah B, Jane C, Carolyn G, Kaye H, Angelika H, Hillary J, Judy S. Almost 20 houses have been ordered.



Landscape Design School

Suzanne M, TGC LDS Chair, and Sheila M, TGC LDS Co-Chair, are preparing for Course 4 to be Feb 22-23, with two garden tours. Contact Suzanne M for registration information at suzlds@gmail.com. Web Site - The Southern Garden.

Gardening Study School

Thanks to the A&M GC for hostessing & conducting the GSS II last October. GSS paid A&M GC \$100 for your responsibilities and expenses with the school and appreciates you!

The GSS Class III will be Mar 15-16 at TAMU, conducted by Dr. Joe Novak. Topics include: Plant Growth, Pruning Techniques, Outdoor Flowers, Garden Tour for plants for gardens, plants that can be problems, and gardens for special areas.

The GSS registration form is on the A&M GC web: www.sallysfamilyplace.com/Clubs/GardenClub.htm, about 2/3 down the front page. Contact Jane C, TGC GSS Chair, j-cohen@aggienetwork.com.
