



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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Past President: Jane Cohen

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 3** Garden Therapy Wreath Workshop at Carriage Inn 9:30AM - Mary Ann Taylor
- Dec 10** A&M Garden Club Christmas Party at Hillary Jessup's home, bring a garden item value \$15 & snack to share
- Dec 13** Brookwood Pilgrimage meet at Sam's at 9:30 - Lynda Kramer
- Dec 17** Functional Capsule Holiday Table Workshop at College Station Library at 9:30AM - Suzanne Milstead

TIP OF THE MONTH

Horticulture

Horticulture entries for the Flower Show must be grown from seed or immature transplants to maturity in under 90 days OR be in your possession for at least 90 days before the show. The exception to this is combination plantings where plants are grown together such as planters, dish gardens, and terrariums where the time requirement is 6 weeks together before the show. Bearing this in mind, you need to have purchased your plants that you wish to show in our April 5 show by January 5 and you will need to have seeds and plants organized for very early planting for those you wish to exhibit. If you are planning on showing plants you have had for a long time and they are in containers, grooming them for best growth habit and appearance begins months before the show with fertilizer, rainwater if possible, and a keen eye for insects and disease. We want to show off our best to the public at Carriage Inn in a few months.

Design

There is a novice class in the spring flower show which will allow anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in design to enter this class. Those who feel intimidated by design to feel free to ask Idalia Aguilar or Judy Schafer, both Master Judges, for assistance and guidance. Part of the joy of design is to stretch out of your comfort zone and express yourself in a creative way. Signup for all design classes will be available at the December Christmas Party.

Garden Therapy Workshops - Save the Dates!!

Garden Therapy is a terrific program of workshops designed to combine our love of horticulture and design with our outreach to the community. This year our program is chaired by Mary Ann Taylor.

The first workshop is to make holiday wreaths on **Dec. 3 at Carriage Inn at 9:30AM**. Materials have been donated by club members and we need as many club members as possible to help with the workshop.

There are two other workshops planned for the spring in conjunction with the Special Exhibits section of the Flower Show. The residents of Carriage Inn will be making garden spring hats **March 11 (1-2:30PM)**, and decorating Easter eggs March **25 (1-2:30PM)** and these will be Artistic Crafts in the Flower Show on April 5.

December Birthdays:

Jane Cohen	Dec 16
Clarice Bredthauer	Dec 20
Helen Quinn	Dec 20
Kaye Hobbs	Dec 29

SCRAP BOOK ITEMS

Do you have an item to go
in the scrap book?
Bring it to the monthly meeting.

Please be kind, turn it in on time!
It's hard for the ladies to go back
and insert late items after
the pages have been designed.

WAYS & MEANS TABLE

Don't forget to bring your plants
and/or gardening items for the
Ways and Means Table
available at each meeting.

**Please price the items before you
bring them to the meeting.**

Zone II Meeting - Rockdale, TX

Road trips are a highlight for members as they have time to share and to get to know one another outside of a club meeting. Members Suzanne Milstead, Idalia Aguilar, Carolyn Guillotte, Judy Schafer, Kay Hamn, Sandra Williams, Kaye Hobbs and Jane Cohen traveled to Rockdale on Nov. 18 for the Zone II meeting. Jane was recognized as Zone II member of the Year for her numerous contributions. Our club was again recognized as Garden Club of the Year 2010. Zone president's recounted their club activities. After lunch, a speaker from Master Naturalists gave an informative talk on frogs and toads along with sounds that they might hear in their yards. The theme was Get Hoppin' - and everyone left with one of the decorative frogs as a parting gift.



Jane Cohen received the World Class Garden Club Member Zone Award from Tina Schnell, Zone III Director, and Virginia Pargmann, District V Director. Pictured on right is Sarah McReynolds, TGC Vice Chair. Thank you to the A&M Garden Club for submitting my name for this recognition.

