



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Nov 1 Deadline for awards
 to District Chairman

Nov 5 10:00 Board Meeting
 Hilton, Board Members

Nov 12 9:30 A&M Garden Club Mtg.
 Hilton Hotel

Nov 18 Zone II meeting
 Rockdale

Dec 3 9:00 Carriage Inn Wreath
 Workshop

TIP OF THE MONTH

DESIGN:

Sign up for the workshop on Functional Tables presented by Suzanne Milstead at the College Station Library at 9:30-11AM on Dec. 17. Everyone is welcome. Even if you do not plan to enter this class in the flower show, you can benefit your holiday table settings and pick up some good ideas about design. Make this holiday special by bringing floral design to your table.

HORTICULTURE:

Long range planning is important. Pour over your magazines and think about your plantings for the spring. Fall and winter are times for laying out your garden for next year. It is such a joy to look out and find something in bloom or peak foliage in my yard throughout the year.

DONT FORGET TO BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

Wreath Project:

If you have any Christmas decorations (greenery, small birds, tiny stuffed animals, bells, etc.) that you want to donate to use in the wreath project, please bring them to the November meeting.

Brazos Valley Food Bank:

Bring canned goods to the meeting to donate to the Food Bank. **Do not** bring them into the meeting room though, they will be collected outside before or after the meeting in the parking lot. The Club will place a collection box either outside or inside the door for this purpose.

Scrapbook Committee:

Now collecting fall information for the scrapbook. Please bring any items you may have to the November meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Friday, November 12, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. - Hilton Hotel

Speaker: Helen Quinn on "Propagation of Bulbs"

Hostesses: Clarice Bredthauer, Sheila May, Mary Staffel

November Birthdays:

Joyce Menefee	Nov 1
Rachael Mohr	Nov 5
Dorothy Lorenz	Nov 10
Carolyn Guillotte	Nov 28

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. Also remember to take your items home with you if they do not sell. Hillary does not have a place to store them between meetings.

THANK YOU.

MUST HAVE BOOKS FOR ALL OF US

By Suzanne Milstead

You've got to have these books: *The Flower Expert*, *The House Plant Expert*, both by Dr. D.G. Hessayon and the *Handbook for Flower Shows!* All the books are available from National Garden Clubs and are invaluable. In the House Plant book, it not only has pictures, but Secrets of Success that include temperature, light, watering, potting, and propagation. Many plant selections also have special problems and how to correct them. How many books do that? The comprehensive Flower Expert, also lists varieties, along with what site and soil are recommended as well as how to propagate. Toward the end, the most complete advice on plant care and propagation is explained in detail so that anyone can become a master! The Handbook, too, is a valuable resource for complete information on horticulture, growing prize winning specimens, exhibiting, and plant families and how to grow them successfully. I wouldn't be without this. You'll also find complete information on designing, how to, what kinds, and how to best create a winning entry. These 3 books are garden club members must haves! Treat yourself to an early Christmas gift by ordering from National Garden Clubs: <http://www.gardenclub.org/home.aspx> then Shopping, then click on Member Services or call 800-550-6007 and ask for member services.

SOCIOHORTICULTURE

By Judy Schafer

On Oct. 21, 2010 the Senior Garden Panel (Sandra Williams, Judy Schafer, Pam Lylery, Jay Pritchard, and Dr. Novak) spoke to Dr. Novak's Sociohorticulture class (in background), about how senior citizens sometimes have to change their gardening to fit changed needs and abilities. There were 2 classes. This was the 11:10 class. The earlier class met at 8 am. This part of the group works on Wed. mornings on projects related to the Holistic Garden. On this day we checked in bulb orders and bagged bulbs to be chilled for the December sale to support the Holistic Garden.



THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Nominating Committee will be calling members soon to ask for their help in filling Officer positions for the 2011-2012 year. Information on each position is listed in the back of your yearbook starting at the bottom of page 34 in the "Constitution and Bylaws" section. Please consider taking a turn as an Officer. The club really needs you. Plus the Board Meetings are a lot of fun!!