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March 12 Meeting

Friday, Mar. 12, 9:30 am, Senior Circle Rooms,
2nd floor, CS Professional Bldg II, 1651 Rock
Prairie Road, CS.

Program - "Minimize Your Carbon Footprint -
Tasty Recipes from Homegrown Foods" by Lisa
Fritz, Staff Food Writer for The Eagle.

Mini Topic - "Blooms in My Garden" by Suzanne
M.

Hostesses are Ellen P, Geneva E, and Idalia A.

Prospective member guests are welcome.



Bluebird Nesting Houses

This was a great activity - 24 new nesting
houses added to our community. Suzanne
M reported that she already has blue birds
checking out her new blue bird house. Thanks to the
committee and "builders" Sarah B, Carolyn G, Kaye
H, Hillary J, Judith S, Jane C and husbands Bob C,
Dale S and George J.

Events

Mar 10 District V meeting, Georgetown

Mar 12 A&M GC meeting

Mar 15-16 Garden Study School, CS

April 6 A&M GC Wildflower Pilgrimage

April 9 A&M GC meeting

April 16 A&M GC Flower Show, "Gardening
Under a Green Umbrella". Set Up Thurs. 15,
2:30; Public Viewing, Fri., 12 to 3:30, 1651 Rock
Prairie, 2nd Floor.

April 23-25 SCR Convention, Addison

April 26-28 TGC Spring Convention, Addison

May 1 A&M GC Garden Tour, College Station

May 14-16 NGC Convention, Atlanta

President's Letter



Dear Garden Club Friends,

I'm ready for spring! My daffodils are
golden and so beautiful. Another variety is just
about to bloom. The daffodils planted at the
Wellborn Community Center are so cheery.
Wasn't that a great project!

Having a cough/cold in the spring is no fun.
And 2 weeks is gone. I'd much rather be
outside planting a garden. Have started some
Sweet 100 tomato plants - they're tiny! Hope
your plants survived the cold weather.

Be getting ready for our Flower Show in April.
Plan your designs, identify your
plants for horticulture, invite a
friend to attend.



Jane Cohen, A&M GC President

Gardening Study School

Enroll now in the NGC Gardening Study School (GSS),
course III, March 15-16, taught primarily by Dr. Joe
Novak. Plant Growth, Pruning Techniques, Growing
Outdoor Flowers, Botanical Gardens, Classifying Plants,
and Bonsai.

Registration is \$100 and includes meals. GSS registration
form is available on the A&M Garden Club web site at
<http://www.sallysfamilyplace.com/Clubs/GardenClub.htm>,
about 2/3 down the front page. Contact Jane Cohen, TGC
GSS Chair.

The A&M GC will assist with the TGC GSS by staffing the
refreshments for breaks and lunch. If you would like to
attend as a hostess and make a dish for Monday evening
meal, please sign up on Mar 12. A&M GC helpers may
attend lectures, when we are between "hostess duties".

Meet Carolyn Guillotte

Carolyn Guillotte is married with two daughters and seven grandchildren. Daughter Danielle's children are twins Carolyn and John Jr. age 2, Henry 4 and William 6.



Daughter Lisa's children are George age 16, Carolina 14 and Carlos 12. Carolyn often travels to Dallas to care for the four younger grandchildren while Danielle travels for work.

After her father died, Carolyn then age 7 moved with her family to the home of her maternal grandparents. Her family was very self sufficient butchering their own animals and growing their own fruits and vegetables which they canned or froze. She learned to make butter and cure meat in the smokehouse. Items were recycled and reused. What they could not grow themselves they often helped neighbors harvest and shared in that harvest.



From this beginning it is no wonder that Carolyn's gardening interests are Forest Gardening and Permaculture.

She hopes to one day establish an environment around her home that makes her more self sufficient. What really impressed her about the permaculture system is that it alleviates many of the problems that occur because of heat/lack of rain. She can also incorporate the ideas of the "victory garden" and "lasagna gardening" into this system. She is a voracious reader on these subjects and can give you a list of books/references.

Even those of us who may not be able to revamp our landscapes into the permaculture model, Carolyn says there are things we can all do. We can buy locally grown fruits and vegetables. We can choose native plants that are more suited to the local environment cutting back on water usage. She says you can even make changes by planting vegetables and herbs in pots. She is planning a whole garden for her second story deck!



By Sheila M

District V Meeting March 10, 2010

Leave from Sams at 6:55 am to go to Georgetown. Prereg is \$18, due Mar 3. Program is by Judy Barrett, author and publisher of "Homegrown" magazine. Bring pre-priced items for "Plants and Things". Let Jane know if you want to go and plans to ride together.

Landscape Design School

Neither sleet, snow, nor rain deterred students at LDS Feb 22-23. Suzanne M and Sheila M were co-chairs of this successful event



along with Extension's Dr. Welch & Cynthia Mueller. Thanks to GC members who assisted with set up, kitchen help, registration, and testing - Heather W, Sarah B, Judy S, Carolyn G, Ellen P, Millie P, Kaye H, and Clarice B. Master Gardener Ginny Smith helped along with husbands, Dale S, Joe M, Bob C.



Judy S spoke on Poisonous Plants for Grimes County Master Gardeners on Feb 9. Photo by Helen Q

Happy Birthday - March

4 Sarah Shelby

21 Jill Potyka

Memorium

Martha Wilhoit Oct 29, 1927 - Feb 21, 2010. Martha was the meet our member in Jan 2008 newsletter. Martha was GC Reporter, 1984-94, a member of the GC for over 40 years. Favorite flower - daylilly. Entered horticulture in the flower shows. She brought and bought at the annual holiday auction that was the fund raiser for the club for years. Arbor Day Committee will discuss plans.



Top photo above thanks Judy S. Photo left thanks Dale S.



Mexia Garden Club Feb. 17. Judy S, right, program on butterfly gardening. Sarah McReynolds, left, is TGC VC.

Dues Upcoming

Dues are \$20. Give check to Angelika at this meeting or the next, so she will have them before the state deadline.
