



A&M Garden Club Newsletter

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Past President: Jane Cohen

Upcoming Events:

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| April 1 | 10:00 A&M GC Board Mtg. - Hilton Hotel |
| April 1 | Membership annual dues are due |
| April 4 | 2:30 pm Flower Show Committee Setup.
3:00-4:30 pm accept flower show entries. |
| April 5 | A&M GC Flower Show Carriage Inn, Bryan, TX
Entries - 8:30-9:30 am |
| April 8 | 9:30 A&M GC Meeting Hilton Hotel |
| April 8 | 1:30 pm Butterfly Garden Workshop
Suzanne Milstead's Home |

A&M GARDEN CLUB - APRIL MEETING

Speaker: Roland H. Wauer "Brazos Valley Butterflies - Up Close and Personal"

Mini Topic: Lenora Patranella "Artichokes and Cardoon"

Hostesses: Mary Ann Taylor, Ellen Pullen, Idalia Aguilar

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual membership dues are due April 1, 2011. Regular dues are \$20.00, Associate dues are \$22.00. Please bring your checks to the April 8 meeting. Please make the checks out to **A&M Garden Club**. Angelika will be collecting the money at the meeting since Kay will not be there. You may also mail your check to Kay at: Kay Hamn, 113 Timberlake Drive, Bryan, TX 77801.



A&M GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

2011 A&M Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show "Easter Parade: For Children of All Ages" will be on Tuesday, April 5, from 12:30-3:30PM free and open to the public and will be at The Carriage Inn. Please share this information with your friends, your family, clubs and organizations, and your church members. Our best publicity is a personal invitation. The primary goal of the National Garden Clubs is to educate the public and our club members about horticulture and its use in gardening, landscape design, environmental study, and floral design. A Flower Show is one of the most important ways we show this to the public. The Flower Show Committee is hopeful that all club members will attend the show.

Entry Information: All club members are expected to provide entries for the show. **Entries this year are Monday, April 4, from 3:00-4:30 PM and Tuesday, April 5, from 8:30-9:30 AM.** No exhibits can be accepted after 9:30 AM and all exhibit "tweaking" must be finished by that time.

Horticulture: The Horticulture Chairman, Kaye Hobbs, and her team would greatly appreciate it if your entry card is completed in pencil before you come. If you don't know the botanical name of your specimen, please make an effort to find it before you come - the horticulture subcommittee can help but will not look it up for you. If you have not picked up cut specimen bottles and entry cards already, they are available from Kaye Hobbs. The committee strongly discourages bringing your own bottles but if you do, make sure they are clear, colorless glass and are clean. Due to the short amount of entry time, it would be appreciated if as much of your horticulture as possible can be brought and entered on Monday afternoon. This should be quite

April 15 10:30 am Arbor Day Event
College Station Cemetery
Garden Club Lane,
Bryan, TX

April 19-20 TGC Spring Convention
& Installation
El Paso, TX

April Birthdays:

Geneva Eubanks April 9
Suzanne Milstead April 14
Gladys Stone April 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.

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

possible for container plants but it is understandable that cut specimens may not be able to come until Tuesday.

Design: The Design Chairman, Suzanne Milstead, will be completing entry cards for the designers and have them ready at the show. Please remember to read the schedule carefully regarding frame of reference limitations and requirements for all designs. The schedule requires a 3 X 5 card describing the design and the materials used to make it and have a title for your design. You may place your design or any portion of it during the entry times; however, it must be completed by 9:30AM Tuesday. If you are unable to do your design, YOU, the designer (not the FS Committee), must find a replacement. A completed design can be placed by another club member if you cannot be at the show, but someone cannot "complete" the design for you as all work has to be the work of one person. Completed designs cannot be touched by anyone except the designer--do not leave until Suzanne has checked your design for conformance. Also, designs must be removed immediately following the show on Tuesday. If you cannot be there, you must specify someone to remove your design.

Special Exhibits: Entry cards will be available at the Horticulture desk and can be completed on site. Exhibits must be removed at the end of the show Tuesday.



GARDEN THERAPY WORKSHOP - EASTER HATS & EASTER EGGS



Mary Ann Taylor and Judy Schafer led the Garden Therapy workshops at The Carriage Inn on March 11 on Easter Hats. Approximately 12 Easter Hats were made. A second workshop on March 25 was held on decorating Easter Eggs. Both of these Artistic Crafts will be featured in the Flower Show in the Special Exhibits section.



HONORS

Carolyn Guillotte was recently honored at the Texas State DAR Convention as the woman who planted the most trees in the state. We are so very proud of Carolyn's work and many will recognize her interest in populating the landscape with trees. Suzanne Milstead wrote an article featuring this known as Susie's Ministry which was featured in the Lone Star Gardener earlier this year.

DISTRICT V SPRING MEETING

The District V Spring Meeting was hosted by the Spring Lake Garden Club in San Marcos, Texas, on March 10, 2011. Five A&M Garden Club members attended including: Kaye Hobbs, President, Heather White, 3rd VP Flower Show, Suzanne Milstead, Reporter,



SEEDS FOR LIFE



Don't forget to bring packets of flower and garden seeds for the "Seeds for Life Project".

Margaret Ann White, Parliamentarian, and Jane Cohen, Immediate Past President. The event was in the beautiful, newly built St. Mark's Episcopal Church and approximately 71 attended the event. Several district raffle items were available including a Texas Flag wheelbarrow, painted wooden chickens, a plant stand and potted planter, and a large piece of driftwood; there was a club raffle item of an original ceramic bowl. The Ways & Means table featured several special plants including bluebonnets and herbs, and also several design items. There was a morning breakfast spread, a general assembly meeting and a report by the zone directors. Marlene Gillman announced the District workshop will be Thursday, June 9, in Kempner, hosted by the Browning Community Garden Club and is a training session for officers. A delicious lunch trio of salads and dessert buffet was served. Following lunch, the speaker was Brett Gustafson, Landscape Architect and Special Projects Supervisor at the University of Texas. We learned many interesting things about green space preservation at UT, water conservation efforts, and moving very large live oak trees. Then there was an award ceremony with the presentation of several awards to our club accepted by Kaye Hobbs. The A&M Garden Club president, Kaye Hobbs, presented Dr. Jane Cohen with a corsage on behalf of the club in honor of her installation as new District V director. Jane was installed and presented with a bouquet of roses and a gavel. Finally, the door prizes and raffle items were distributed. Kaye Hobbs won a spa basket and Heather White won the plant stand and potted planter. The group had a great time and encourages other club members to attend zone, district, state, and national functions to get to know other garden club members, share ideas and have the chance to buy great plants.

HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP

Below are pictures from hanging design workshop held Feb. 18. Those attending were Suzanne Milstead, Heather White, Margaret Ann White, Kaye Hobbs, Mary Ann Taylor, Rose Smith. We worked on hanging designs and designs for the flower show. Margaret Ann White has been active in the A&M Garden Club longer than any other member who still attends and takes part in activities. She is so proud of the hanging design she made in a container that was made by Jane Cohen.



CALLING THE TECHNO SAVVY GARDENDERS!!!

If anyone is interested in assisting with the computer aspects of the clubs activities - Yearbook preparation, Newsletter, Web Page - please contact Sarah Barrick. We would like to have several club members cross trained. If you volunteer to help, you would be mentored by Sarah.