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Meeting 2nd Friday of the month, September – May

9.30 – 11.30 at College Station WW Facility

2200 North Forest Parkway, College Station, TX

NEWSLETTER : MAY/JUNE 2015

At the May meeting the officers for the Garden Club Year 2015-2016 were installed by Eugenia Williams. Members enjoyed an excellent spread of finger foods at a pot-luck lunch following a very interesting program by District V Speaker (and out-going Director) Marlene Gilman, on the history of Garden Clubs and the benefits offered with membership. At the close of the meeting Suzanne Milstead gave a great mini-program on Creative, Traditional and Abstract Designs.



Reminder : Membership Dues were due at the May Meeting. If anyone still needs to renew, or new members want to join, it is not too late! \$20 for Regular membership, \$22 for Associate membership. Mail your checks to Debbie Puetz, whose address is in the yearbook.

Our Garden Club Publication "Gardening in the Brazos Valley" is now in it's 6th Edition, and is available at meetings or by contacting the Treasurer, or any Board Member - \$10 per booklet.

We don't normally have a full Newsletter in the months of June and July since we don't have any official meetings; however there are several events in which A&M Garden Club participates, so in the interests of keeping members informed, we will have an abbreviated Newsletter in these months.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE/JULY

Board Meeting Thursday June 4. 9 am at CS WW Facility

National Garden Week June 7 - 13. Displays at College Station and Bryan Public Libraries

District V Workshop Thursday June 11 in Hubbard, TX (it is not too late to register, just call to let them know you are coming so there are enough lunches :))

Workshop at Judy's house to make handouts for Independence Days Fourth of July Celebration, June 15, 9.30 am

A&M Garden Club booth at Independence Days, Heritage Park, Bryan. July 4 8.30-12.30

Watermelon Festival, Hempstead, TX. Saturday July 18

Awards Planning meeting at Helen's house. Tuesday July 21, 9.30 am

A&M Garden Club (indoor) booth at Butterfly Release, Brazos Center, CS Saturday July 25

JUNE GARDENING CALENDAR

PLAN: To keep flowers cut to prolong blooming. Select bulbs for fall planting. Adjust the lawnmower blade so it does not cut too close.

PRUNE: Cut older canes of oleander, climbing roses and other which bloom on new growth. Prune pittosporum, ligustrum, junipers, etc. for compact growth.

PLANT: Cockscomb, cosmos, marigold, zinnia, balsam (impatiens).

FERTILIZE: Dahlias every 2 weeks between bud and first bloom. Mums, monthly.

SPRAY & DUST: As needed.

WEATHER PROTECTION : Water deeply (if needed!!) and mulch.

BLOOMING NOW: Dahlia, Shasta daisy, gladiolus, althea, vitex, hibiscus, oleander, daylilies and many annuals and perennials, shrubs and trees.

VEGETABLES: Through June 15 you can still direct-plant cucumber, melons, okra, Southern peas, pumpkins, summer and winter squash from seed. Eggplants and pepper transplants can be set out during this time. Starting mid to end of July you can start again with sowing cucumber, sweet corn, melons, okra, Southern peas, summer and winter squash, and transplants of peppers and eggplants. Be watching in the July newsletter for "through dates" for July seeds and plants.

FRUITS: It looks like it will be a bumper year for figs and pears, and other stone and soft fruits. If you have any favorite recipes for summer fruits and vegetables which you would like to share, please send them to Helen before June 25 for inclusion in the July Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH THE LAST WORD!

Here's a quick note about District meetings/workshops for new members who are not yet familiar with Garden Club happenings (and for long time members who don't usually attend.) The State of Texas is divided into 10 districts, each one of which usually has a spring and a fall meeting, and these are hosted by different clubs throughout the District. District V is a large one, with 40 clubs represented, in 28 counties. Attendance usually requires some driving, sometimes 2 hours or so each, but it is always fun to car-pool, and a great way to get to know your fellow members. At the meetings there is always a "Ways & Means" Table, offering plants, pots, garden-related items, books, yard art etc. for sale. The first rule of car-pooling is to make sure to leave some room in the trunk for purchases!

It is not too late to plan to go to the District Workshop in Hubbard on June 11th - late registrations are always accepted, but it is nice to give the host club a call beforehand so they can make sure there are enough snacks and lunches. Details about the workshop can be found in the District V Newsletter that was recently emailed to all members, or you can call or email me if interested.



Fall 2014 meeting in Georgetown, Halloween themed :



Spring 2015 meeting in Austin at Zilker Park Botanical Garden

Until next time, stay cool and enjoy the roses!

Helen Quinn

HAPPY (BELATED MAY) AND JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO :

Helen B. May 7, Terri G. May 7, Idalia A. May 16, Pat R. May 27, Viola dIG May 29

Stephanie S. June 3, Sally K, June 25, Angelika H. June 26

