

District V Newsletter

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Issue #2



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Dear District V Garden Club Members,

Here it is October already and I hope your clubs are enjoying a good start to another year of garden club. Now that summer is over and the cooler days of autumn are upon us we can once again think about all the things we enjoy involving garden club. From the educational programs, field trips to exciting places, and lasting friendships formed, it is hoped that garden club will supply all its members with something that perks their interest. And above all, remember to have fun along the way.

To keep with my theme – “Plant a Seed to Grow – Preserve the Past, Embrace the Present and Plant a Seed for the Future”, I want to introduce the first of these – Preserve the Past. I wish to establish a District V Ring of Honor for garden club members that have been a member of Texas State Garden Clubs, Inc. for 25 and 50 years. The 25 years will be known as the Iris Ring of Honor, as the iris is the flower that is in District V’s emblem and the 50 year will be known as the Rose Ring of Honor, as the rose is the flower selected for the state. There will be more information about this in the newsletter.

Mark in your calendars several important dates that are coming up. The Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Convention will be held October 17-19 in Houston and will have a medieval theme. Then in November there are three zone meetings for District V. Encourage your members to attend the meetings as the host clubs are planning some exciting programs.

Each club president will share a few minutes on their club highlights. Each zone will nominate two members to serve on the Zone Nominating Committee and one member will be elected to serve on the District Nominating Committee. These positions are selected in the odd-numbered years. Each club president should bring two copies of your yearbook to the zone meetings or mail one to your zone director and to the District Director. A big thank you to each of the clubs that will be hosting the fall zone meetings.

Zone I Meeting hosted by Browning Community Garden Club in Kempner on November 12th.

Zone II Meeting hosted by Brown Bag Garden Club and Four Seasons Garden Club in Waco/Woodway on November 19th.

Zone III Meeting hosted by Kyle Garden Club and Spring Lake Garden Club in Kyle on November 7th

The deadline for most of the awards to District Chairmen listed in this issue of the newsletter is **November 1st**. If there is not a chairman listed for your awards, please contact Marlene Gillman, District Awards Chairman. Each club is encouraged to enter at least one or two of their special projects as the awards recognize the activities of your club.

I am looking forward to attending several special garden club events and doing herb programs this fall. I especially enjoy the fall zone meetings as this is the place to get to know each other and find out what other clubs are doing. Of course, the great programs are a plus, also. After attending the state convention this spring, I can hardly wait for the fall state meeting. It sounds like a great time. I hope each and everyone of you is looking forward to a fun-filled fall full of garden club events.

Sherie

Spotlight on Ways and Means Chairmen Sylvia Mertink and Sandra Miller



Sisters and best friends, Sylvia and Sandra

Our Ways and Means Chairmen, Sandra Miller and Sylvia Mertink, are sisters from a family of seven, 4 girls and 3 boys. Sandra married and moved away from home when Sylvia was less than a year old so they didn't actually grow up together like most siblings. In spite of the age gap and separation, the girls bonded having lived in the same house, helped work on the same farm, and attended the same schools in Jarrell, Texas. The home they grew up in has now been lived in by 6 generations of their family.

Sandra's husband, John, was in the Marines when they married and they lived in San Clemente, CA for a short time before coming back to live in Houston, San Marcos, and Austin. Sandra and John worked for the telephone company in San Marcos and Austin for a combined total of 65 years. They have two sons and a daughter and consider their family as their greatest achievement.

Sandra, an artist and crafter at heart, managed working and caring for home and children with all their activities, still made time whenever she could to attend classes with the intention that someday she would be able to pursue her artistic passion. That time came when she and John retired from AT&T and moved back to the homestead in Jarrell. According to Sandra there is still not enough time for all the things she wants to do but "at least I have my best friend and sister helping me".

On the other hand, Sylvia never left the farm. She and her husband, David, moved into the old family home when they married and still live on the farm near Jarrell. Sylvia went to work right out of high school at the Texas Workforce Commission and continued to work there for over 30 years. Sylvia and David have two boys and she was very active in their school activities, especially their sports, as they were growing up. Once Sylvia retired, the sisters lived right next to each other and formed a close relationship. Once a year they try to take a trip with their other 2 sisters and keep the family closeness perpetuated doing genealogy research along the way.

They both belong to the San Gabriel Woman's Club as well as the Georgetown Garden Club (Sandra is President and Sylvia is the Membership Chairman). Sandra also belongs to the Daughter's of the Republic of Texas – and is still working on Sylvia to join. Sandra sews, quilts, and always has some kind of arts and crafts project going. Her favorite pastime is caring for her grandson, Seth. Sylvia has found volunteering to be her retirement passion. She enjoys working with and for the senior citizen population in Jarrell where she takes her turn to cook for them once a week and provides transportation for appointments through Faith in Action in Georgetown.

Sisters and best friends, they are fun to be around and District V is fortunate they are passionate gardeners and garden club enthusiasts.

District V Newsletter

The district newsletter is published 4 times yearly – July, October, February and May.

Deadline is the first of the preceding month.

All members may receive the newsletter at no charge via e-mail by sending your name, e-mail address, and club name to:

Dr. Jane Cohen –
j-cohen@aggienetwork.com

To receive the newsletter by mail send check (TGC – District V) for \$10 to:
Marlene Gillman
3553 Love Rd.
Killeen, TX 76542 254-628-7762
mgillman@embarqmail.com

Add these dates to your club's calendar.

March 14, 2014
District V Spring Meeting
Hosted by A&M Garden Club

June 19, 2014
District V Summer Workshop
Hosted by Killeen Garden Club

District V Club Happenings



A&M Garden Club sponsored an informational booth at the Brazos Valley Natural History Museum in Bryan as part of the museum's recent fundraiser on July 27th. The fundraiser theme "Wish Upon a Butterfly" featured hands on activities for the young visitors and open house access to the museum. Club members prepared packaged seeds of host/nectar plants to give to attendees along with hand made butterfly bookmarks. An extensive educational display featuring a power point presentation of various butterfly species and their life cycles. The club had excellent participation and enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the public and youth. Club member, Judy Schafer, was instrumental in the success of this club community event.

Mason Garden Club celebrated its 80th birthday anniversary recently. The club was federated with TGC, Inc., in 1933. The club was disbanded in early 2000 but was re-established in 2011 and is now going strong once again. The club and its sister club, The Petal Pushers, which was a group of young women who met separately from the regular garden club but did many projects around the community along side the garden club. Also recognized were the families and friends of past garden club members. A great afternoon of looking at past scrapbooks and yearbooks, sharing memories and talking about what the garden club has planned in the future was enjoyed. The icing on the cake, so to speak, was the nice rain shower we witnessed which is a joy to any garden club member.



The Killeen Garden Club honored two long time members, Edna Wayne Gilmore and Della Mae Fogle pictured with Betsy Hilliard in the center, at an afternoon tea on August 15th. The honorees have a combined membership of over 100 years with the club. They played major roles in the club's growth over its last 64 years of club federation with Texas Garden Clubs. Both ladies contributed many hours to the beautification of the Killeen community with major tree plantings and flower beds around public buildings. Both of the honorees are former flower show judges and have mentored many members

along the way. It was a great opportunity to thank them for their continued guidance in the club they helped to develop.

If your club has a special event you would like to report, send picture and copy to Marlene Gillman mgillman@embarqmail.com and I will include it in the next newsletter, space permitting.



Crown Bees and National Garden Clubs, Inc Partner to Add Gentle Mason Bees to Gardens

National Garden Clubs, Inc. announces a partnership with Crown Bees to increase native bee awareness, and encourage gardeners to add gentle, rarely stinging mason bees for food and flower pollination. Creating edible landscapes and bee-safe habitats in back yards can help save the food supply threatened by declining honey bee pollinators.

HGC President, Linda Nelson, says that “**MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE**” in our environment is the goal shared by this newly formed partnership”. Crown Bees is a mason bee pollination and education company and National Garden Clubs, Inc. is the largest worldwide nonprofit organization of volunteers pursuing gardening’s best practices and education for a sustainable environment.

President Nelson says that, “The hallmark of National Garden Club activities is to protect and conserve our natural resources, and to promote education so we may all be better caretakers of our beautiful planet.” She also says that, “Increasing bee awareness and promoting the use of bee safe products allow us to be part of this powerful solution”.



Debbie Skow (Native Bee/Bee GAP Chairman for NGC) stated that she will be working to collaborate with Crown Bees to implement 1) A NGC Bee Speakers Bureau to increase bee awareness and practices, 2) encourage bee products in annual plant sales by individual garden clubs, 3) develop a bee education program for our youth programs and 4) to implement the BeeGAP (Gardeners Adding Pollinators) program where members raise mason bees to pollinate gardens. Crown Bees purchase excess bees to send to commercial farmers to supplement honey bee pollinators.

Dave Hunter, founder of Crown Bees, said, “This is a groundbreaking alliance to reach communities everywhere with an easy backyard garden solution to the declining honey bee population. Nearly 1/3 of our food supply is threatened by lack of pollination. We need more alternate bee pollinators to keep food on tomorrow’s table. Bees flourish in an edible landscape and that is a great solution in which we all benefit.”

For more information related to any of the above subjects you may visit NGC at www.gardenclub.org or Crown Bees at www.crownbees.com.

State and District Dues Due Now

TGC, Inc. - \$7.00 per member due now
 Youth Club - \$1.00 per club
 Affiliates/Councils - \$15.00 per club
Texas Garden Club, Inc.
 3111 Old Garden Road
 Fort Worth, TX 76107-3498

District V Dues

\$15.00 per club
Becky Williams
 204 Rancho Bueno
 Georgetown, TX 78628-9518

Can't wait to see you

At the Zone I Fall Meeting

November 12, 2013

Wonder what the program is about?

Browning Community Garden Club



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION DISTRICT V, TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

SCHOLARSHIP BOARD: District V Scholarship Chairman, the Scholarship Committee, which consists of one member from each of the three Zones, and the District Director.

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To encourage study and continued practice of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Land and Water Management, and acceptable allied subjects.

Application may be made only through the District V Scholarship Chairman.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be Texas residents and living in District V; a rising college Freshman or Sophomore; scholastic record of at least 3.0(B average or better); definite plans to continue in the discipline in which the scholarship is granted.

JUDGING: The following criteria shall be paramount:

1. Academic record
2. Character
3. Aptitude
4. Evidence of interest in field chosen
5. Financial need

Ability shall be the first consideration

RE: APPLICATION: Applicants, including previous winners, may apply for any semester of his freshman and/or sophomore year's study provided that all requirements are met and current recommendations are attached. One student could receive a maximum of four semesters' scholarship aid for his freshman and sophomore studies.

DECISIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD SHALL BE FINAL.

Scholarship Application Time

To Club Presidents and Club members of District V

The Scholarship Committee would like to encourage you to take the District V Scholarship Application and Scholarship information which is located on the next page of this newsletter or go to the District V website (<https://sites.google.com/site/tgcdistrictv>) to the counselor of your high school or Horticulture or Financial Advisors at a college. We hope to have many applicants.

Important: On the Scholarship Application is #5 requirement.

Endorsement from a club in District V, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

The endorsing club should provide the counselor with the name of club and name and phone number of club contact person for the scholarship and information to secure a letter of club endorsement to be included in the application.

Charlotte Elrod, District V Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship Amount \$1,000

Date _____

DISTRICT V
TEXAS Garden Clubs, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Texas Residents Only)

This scholarship shall be granted to either an entering college freshman or a rising college sophomore .

NAME IN FULL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

Birthplace and date _____

Resident of Texas for how long? _____ Married _____

School or College last attended _____

Class entering FR _____ Soph. _____ Proposed Major _____

Occupational Objective after Graduation _____

Extra-curricular activities (Attach a list covering last two years)

What activities, work experience, or background do you feel would be of importance to the Board judging your application? (Attach)

What other financial aid will you have? _____

DOCUMENTATION:

1. An official letter from the proper authority or current school or college giving scholastic average, class standing and recommendation.
2. Complete transcript of courses taken.
3. Two letters of character; one academic, one civic or other.
4. A statement of financial need from head of family or guardian.
5. Endorsement from a club in District V, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.
6. Photograph, no smaller than 3" x 3". Name printed on back.

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DISTRICT V SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN AND RECEIVED BY MARCH 1 FOR THE FALL TERM. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE FINAL.

District V Scholarship Chairman: Charlotte Elrod, 2714 Pecan Drive, Temple TX 76502
(254-771-2407)

Happenings on Iris Hill



In the last newsletter issue, I told you I was going to try my hand at lasagna gardening. I know there are many of you out there that have tried this type of gardening with great success and know what I am talking about and many of you who are going, “what is lasagna gardening?” When I first heard of this type of gardening it was from a master gardening program given to my garden club. At first I thought it might be raising plants that you would use in making Italian foods, such as lasagna. But, no, it is a whole new way of gardening.

Since I wanted to extend my herb garden, I decided I would try this with a fall vegetable garden and then in the spring replant it with herbs. I started by laying out my bed with string. You can use different kinds of things such as chalk, garden hose or spray paint to mark the outline of your bed. Make sure all the rocks and debris are removed. Then, I weed eated all the grass down as far as I could. I have a friend who did a bed and she did not even do that. But I wanted it to be nice and flat. Once that was done then I started layering, just like making lasagna, hence the name.

Take cardboard of any kind; old boxes, Coke cartons, anything that can be laid flat. If you have a recycle center, there is always a good supply of cardboard. If not, the local grocery store usually has plenty of boxes they are going to throw away. Be sure when you are placing these that you overlap. You do not want any grass or weeds growing up between the layers. This step may take a little more time but it will be worth it in the long run. Next, make your newspaper layers. You can do this several different ways. I take my newspaper layers and soak them in a garden cart filled with water. Others have told me that they spread the newspapers and then watered them thoroughly. I think the soaking method works really well, especially if the wind is blowing. That way your paper doesn't end up all over the yard. After you have several layers of newspaper, then spread compost over it all. This can be compost that you have made or the stuff you get in bags, you can even throw your compost right into the garden. Make a nice thick layer of this and water it down also so it will not blow away. I lined my garden with stones to keep the paper down and it looks neater, but that is only a personal thing. Although still hot the garden had some shade and I have easy access to water, so far so good. Later in the fall I will start replacing the vegetables with herbs and then finish with several other plants in the spring. This is a great way to recycle as it seems I always have newspapers and cardboard.

Patricia Lanza, the person who first wrote about this amazing new gardening idea, won a Quill & Trowel award from the Garden Writers Association of America for her book, “Lasagna Gardening.” This book gives you all the information about her experiment. She also wrote “Lasagna Gardening for Herbs” and “Lasagna Gardening for Small Spaces.” These books give you step-by-step guide to the wonderful world of lasagna gardening and can be purchase on line or in most bookstores.

So, that is what is happening on the hill right now. With fall in the air, I am in the planting mood and this is the perfect time to put in perennial herbs and other plants. With the cool weather, the plants have a good chance to get established before cold weather arrives. I am looking forward to establishing a herbal butterfly and hummingbird garden. There is nothing more amazing than to have a mass of migrating monarchs in your yard during the fall. Until next time, Happy Gardening from Iris Hill.

Sherie

District V to “Preserve the Past” by Honoring Members

By Sherie Clarkson



One of the things that garden clubs seem to do best is to honor their past history by having anniversary parties, planning afternoon teas in the garden, complete with gloves, large hats and those wonderful little tea sandwiches or honoring our war heroes with Blue Star Memorials. Now, District V wants to honor our members that have given their time and effort over the years in order to make our garden clubs what they are today.

In order to do this, District V wants to establish two different level of honor. The first will be for members of Texas Garden clubs, District V that have been members for at least twenty-five years and then for the ones who have been a member for fifty years. These will be called the “Iris Ring of Honor” for twenty-five years, after the flower that is in the District V emblem. The fifty year will be known as the “Rose Ring of Honor” for the Texas Garden Club’s flower. Honorees will be recognized at the District V Spring Meeting and their names will be printed the February newsletter.

In order to recognize your longtime members, I ask each club president to send me the names and number of years of each of the members who have been members of TGC for twenty-five and fifty years so we can place them in the “Ring of Honor”. This is a way we can honoring our ling-time members

and preserve our past. Please send these to Sherie Clarkson, District V Director, P.O. Box 395, Mason, TX 76856 by December 31, 2013.

Important Words

The **five** most important words: *I am proud of you.*

Four important words: *What is your opinion?*

Three words we should not omit: *If you please.*

Do you know the **two** most important words? *Thank you.*

The smallest word is used far too often. *“I”*

**Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.
Mission Statement**

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral design, environmental concerns, and garden therapy for men, women, and children and encourages participation and support in educational programs for both the very young and advanced students. It is the purpose of this organization to preserve, protect and conserve the natural resources of the county and to maintain and enhance the beauty of our lands.

Attention All Clubs

Has your club filed a **Form 990N** with the **IRS**? This annual filing is necessary to maintain your club’s tax exempt status. The filing is performed electronically and requires minimal information and is uually performed by your club **TREASURER**. If you need assistance, please contact District Treasurer, Becky Williams at: cbwilliams01@netzero.com or 512-876-5429.

Make These Corrections!

Officer Roster

District V Treasurer
Becky Williams
204 Rancho Bueno Dr.
Georgetown, TX 78628

Waco Iris Society New Pres.
Glenn Huddleston
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Whitney, TX 76692-4960
254-694-5446

Awards Chairmen

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 3553 Love Road, Killeen, TX 76542 254-628-7762
 (If there is not a chairman listed for the award you wish to submit, please send to Marlene)
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- Backyard Wildlife Habitat – Judy Schafer – zypjudv@aol.com**
 2313 Morningside Bryan, TX 77802-2326 979-822-3208
- Bird Education & Protection – Charlotte Weiss – indianpointretreat@gmail.com**
 312 Winding Creek Ln. McGregor, TX 76657 254-848-2274
- Butterflies – Harriet Houston – dhouston@austin.rr.com**
 8725 Tallwood Austin, TX 78759-7529 512-345-6736
- Civic Achievement – Trish Fullerton – tfullerton50@centex.net**
 505 North Hope Street San Saba, TX 76877 325-372-3084
- Club History – Lynetta Barnett – lbarnett@centex.net**
 142 C.R. 190 Mullin, TX 76864 325-985-3457
- Conservation & Litter Control – Dolores Rumpf – doloresrumpf8@gmail.com**
 10607 Parkfield Dr. Austin, TX 78758-4749 512-836-2190
- Flower Show Schedules – Suzanne Milstead – scisuz@gmail.com**
 1512 South Oaks College Station, TX 77845 832-746-2875
- Historical Preservation – Jan Miller – janisann809@yahoo.com**
 809 E. Hopkins St. Mexia, TX 76667 254-562-7054
- Landscape Design – Billie Noack – billienoack@gmail.com**
 116 East Bell Ave. Rockdale, TX 76567 512-446-7437
- Plant Texas – Hank Belopavlovich – hank@satman.com**
 201 Bronco Blvd. Liberty Hill, TX 512-755-4246
- Publicity – N-3 Literary Horticultural Interest**
N-12 Publications (Newsletter, Magazine or Bulletin)
N-13 Publications (Manuals/Handbooks, Educational, Horticulture/Design, History, Membership, Calendars, Other)
N-44 Publicity Press Book
N-27 Radio and/or TV
Chairman – Jane Cohen – j-cohen@aggienetwork.com
 3655 McCullough College Station, TX 77845-6689
 (H) 979-690-3500 (C) 979-224-5680
- Scrapbooks – Sandra Holt – hhsaholt@att.net**
 8724 Tallwood Austin, TX 78759-7543 512-345-3164
- Yearbook Judges/Affiliates – Peggy Duty – pasd@mindspring.com**
 4001 N 22nd St. Waco, TX 76708-1644 254-754-5119
- Yearbook – SILVER – Vi Gordon – violetgordon@wmconnect.com**
 164 Cypress St. Meadowlake, TX 78654 830-693-3606
- Yearbook – BRONZE – Jo Ann Rogers – No e-mail**
 309 Liberty St. Gatesville, TX 76528 254-865-2295
- Youth Poetry – Frances Briggs – francesbriggs@att.net**
 22017 Redbird Drive Lago Vista, TX 78645 512-267-4832
- Youth Posters – Evelyn Jez – evelynjez@hotmail.com**
 7844 FM 3117 Temple, TX 76501 254-983-3921
- Youth Speech/Essay – Idalia Aguilar – idaliaaguilar@hotmail.com**
 3071 Thurman Rd. College Station, TX 77808-7971 979-778-5672

Planning to Enter a Scrapbook for 2013-2014?

Now is the time to start thinking and preparing a club scrapbook for next year's awards consideration. In the perfect world the scrapbook chairman would gather all the items from the preceding month and sit down and assemble the pertinent pages while everything is fresh, thus not being rushed in the summer and trying to remember details of the event. I would love to be this person, but I am not. Although I suggest you to do it month by month, you of course find your own process.

A club scrapbook is the perfect way to record your club's history from year to year. There are some problems as you may have encountered, as to how and where to store the past volumes. Some clubs give the scrapbook to the outgoing president. I personally think the storage problem can be reduced by condensing the "competitive" scrapbook to a two year volume by selectively keeping only those pages that reflect the club year and membership of a historical nature. Whatever you do with your scrapbooks, no one can deny that to reflect back on past achievements through this media is wonderful.

The best way to begin preparing a scrapbook for competition is **purchase the Scrapbook Brochure** from our Fort Worth Headquarters. The book has some wonderful suggestions for how to form a functioning committee to get the job done with the minimum of headaches. Also it has some super tips on how to organize the monthly materials to make the assembly easier. Like all TGC brochures, it leads you through the process explaining the requirements as to required page sequence and great tips on journaling and picture placement. Just being a scrapbook enthusiast does not make a winning garden club scrapbook because there are a great many rules. Buy the book and make life easier for yourself and increase the chances of a winning entry.

District V has always been very heavy into scrapbook competition at the state level, but I warn you that the brochure is the key to a winning entry. Good Luck!

Membership

As your club garners new members, please send the new names and addresses to the District Membership Chairman, Marlene Gillman, 3553 Love Road, Killeen, TX 76542. We are developing a **welcome** packet that will include a letter from our District Director, a brief overview of the structure of TGC and how District V fits into the organization, etc. to each new member. It is important that we let these new members know they are welcome and informed from the very beginning. Any suggestions as to additional inclusions to the packet are welcome.

Marlene Gillman, District V Membership Chairman

State Convention in Houston

It is not too late to register for the state convention to be held on October 18th and 19th at the Marriot Greenspoint Hotel in Houston. The deadline for registration is the 10th of October. Rooms are still available at the rate of \$99.00 plus tax. You can find registration forms in last issue of the District Newsletter or on the TGC website -

www.texasgaedenclubs.org

Hope you can attend and join our delegation from Dist. V.

SUPPORT HOSE

MAKE A HOSE GUIDE with two terra-cotta pots.

Place the bottom pot upside down at the corner of a flower bed that you want to protect from the dragging hose. Stack the other pot right side up on top of the first one. Push a

dowel through the drainage holes to anchor the pots to the ground.

Alternatively, pound pairs of stakes a hose-width apart at each corner of the bed, and lay the hose between the stakes.



Violet Crown Flower Show

Violet Crown Garden Club of Austin will present a Standard Flower Show "Nursery Rhymes from the Past" on October 19 and 20, 2013 at Zilker Botanical Gardens, 2220 Barton Springs Road in Austin - Saturday 1-4:30 And Sunday 1-4:00. Open to the public, flower show is free with paid admission to Zilker Botanical Gardens.

A&M Garden Club Participates in College Station's 75th Anniversary Celebration At the George Bush Presidential Library

By Heather White

A&M Garden Club formed in 1936 and was federated in 1937. It was originally formed by the wives of Texas A&M (College at that time) and was thus called A&M Garden Club. College Station was a community but not incorporated until 1938. The club has contributed to many College Station civic projects including cemetery plantings of trees and roses, the Keep Brazos Beautiful Flower Show, and is currently working on the restoration and beautification of the Richard Carter Park, the city's only historical park. The club has won Garden Club of the Year twice in the past 5 years, most recently in 2013. This year, College Station is celebrating its 75th birthday, and A&M Garden Club was asked to assist in the exhibit which will be at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station from October 21 through January 4.

For the museum exhibit, floral arrangements were requested to accompany furniture pieces contributed by Linda Harvell, owner of Texas Trading Post, and longtime College Station resident. The pieces were Victorian and turn of the century. Floral arrangements at that time were traditionally arranged in mass design. Due to the nature of the exhibit, only dried or artificial material could be used. Although NGC designs for competition do not permit artificial material, some silk chrysanthemums and greenery were required to complete the designs and provide color. The designers contributing to the exhibit were Suzanne Milstead, Norma Jean Stokes, and Heather White.



Arrangement for a coffee table

Cream pottery soup tureen is from the late 1800's and owned by Heather White's great-great-grandmother, Estella Bonnell. The arrangement of hydrangeas, yellow and eucalyptus was executed by Suzanne Milstead, Norma Stokes, and Heather White.



Floral designs in this period were very traditional with mass placement of floral material and repetition plant material.

Arrangement for china cabinet

Pulled cream and blue clear glass is from Rebecca Vajdak for an arrangement of chrysanthemums baby's breath, eucalyptus ferns and evergreens. The designers were Jean Stokes and Heather White.

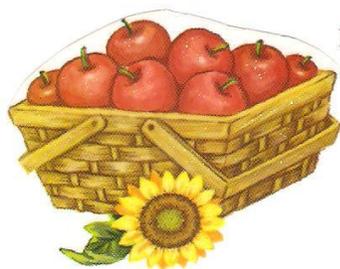
Arrangement for make-up table

The container in this floral design is part of a six piece bedroom personal grooming collection which included a large bowl and pitcher from the Victorian period (late 1800's). It, too, belonged to Heather White's great-great-grandmother, Estella Bonnell. The arrangement by Norma Jean Stokes features the very traditional mass placement of floral material with emphasis on color combinations and form.



*Congratulations A&M Garden Club
On a display well done!*

You Are Invited to the Zone I Fall Meeting



Browning Community Garden Club of Kempner

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

**Clear Creek Baptist Church
FM 2657 and FM 3046
Kempner, Texas**



9:00 a.m.
Registration, Coffee, & Shopping
10:00 a.m.
Welcome & Business Mtg.
Noon – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Program:
“Creating Habitat for Hummingbirds”
Mark Klym of TPWD
Adjourn – 3:00

Registration Fee - \$20 After - Oct. 25 - \$22
Make Checks to Browning Community GC
Mail to:
Margaret Hoke
787 CR 4744
Kempner, TX 76539

Directions: From SH 190 turn on FM 2657 just west of Copperas Cove. There is a stop light to facilitate the turn. The church is several miles on FM 2657 on the right hand side of the road.

Don't Forget Items for Plants and Things



District V, Zone II, Fall Meeting
Hosted by Four Seasons GC and Waco Brown Bag GC
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
The Arboretum
Bosque Blvd. & Estes Dr.,
Woodway, TX

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Shopping
10:00 a.m. Welcome and Business Meeting
Noon Lunch (Chicken Salad Croissant, Fruit Cup,
Chips, Homemade Desserts)
1:00 p.m. Program- “Fairy Gardens”
Sandra Killough
Owner of Bonnie's Greenhouse



Registration fee: \$18 due by November 12th
Late Registration \$20 and Walk-ins - \$25.00
Make Checks to: Four Seasons Garden Club
Mail to: Peggy Duty
4001 N. 22nd St.
Waco, TX 76708

Directions to Arboretum

From South: take Hwy. 6 – Meridian (Exit 330B), go west to Bosque Blvd., turn left (south) and the Arboretum is on the right at Bosque Blvd. and Estates Dr.

From Hwy 84: take the Estates Dr. exit, go west to Bosque Blvd. Arboretum will be straight ahead.

REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR PLANTS AND THINGS
(priced in increments of 25c/50c/75c or \$1.00)

Zone III Fall Meeting
November 7, 2013
Kyle First Methodist Church
408 W. Lockhart, St.
Kyle, TX 78640

Hosted by Kyle Garden Club and Spring Lake Garden Club – San Marcos

9:00 a.m. Hospitality and Shopping
 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Business Meeting
 Noon – Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Program by Tim Miller of Millberg Farm
 (Tim is the president of Kyle GC)
 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Registration Fee - \$12 by October 29th
 Late registration and walk-ins - \$17.00
 Make checks payable to:
 Spring Lake Garden Club
 Send to: Sally Simmers
 520 Blanco River Ranch Road
 San Marcos, TX 78666-8505
asimmers@centurytel.net
 512-392-2431

Directions:
 From North on I-35 Exit 213 FM 150
 Take right on E. Center St.
 Right on N. Nance St.
 First left onto W. Lockhart
 The church will be on the right
 Additional parking behind the building



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 Registration for Fall Zone Meetings

Zone I
 \$20 by October 25th
 \$22 Late and Walk-ins
 Make Check payable to:
 Browning Community GC
 Mail to:
 Margaret Hoke
 787 CR 4744
 Kempner TX 76539

Zone II
 \$18 by November 12th
 \$20 Late and \$25 Walk-ins
 Make Check payable to:
 Four Seasons Garden Club
 Mail to:
 Peggy Duty
 4001 N. 22nd St.
 Waco, TX 76708

Zone III
 \$12 by October 29th
 \$17 Late and Walk-ins
 Make Checks payable to:
 Spring Lake Garden Club
 Mail to:
 Sally Simmers
 520 Blanco River Ranch Road
 San Marcos, TX 78666-8505

NAME _____
 CLUB NAME AND CITY _____

 PHONE # _____
 E-MAIL _____
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

If reservations are for more than one person please attach a list with name – phone # and classification listed on the right of this form. Make it easy – make a copy for each additional individual.

Please check ALL applicable categories:
 NATIONAL: Former President _____
 Current Officer _____ Chairman _____
 STATE: President _____ Officer _____ Chairman _____ Trustee _____
 REGIONAL: Director _____ Officer _____ Chairman _____
 DISTRICT: Director _____ Officer _____ Chairman _____
 FORMER STATE PRESIDENT _____
 FORMER DISTRICT DIRECTOR _____
 COUNCIL PRESIDENT _____
 ZONE DIRECTOR _____
 CLUB: President _____ Member _____ Guest _____
 LIFE MEMBER: National _____ South Central Region _____
 State _____ District _____
 JUDGE (Check Highest) Master _____ Life _____ National _____
 Emeritus _____ Student _____
 CONSULTANT: Landscape Design _____ Master Design _____
 Gardening _____ Environment _____

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 “PLANTS AND THINGS”**