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Newsletter February 2010

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February 12 Meeting

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

Program - "Design Mechanics Out of the Box"
by Harriet Houston, Flower Show Judge from
Austin. Learn "how to" mechanics for flower
shows and your home floral designs.

Mini Topic - "Designs for the Flower Show" by
Suzanne M, with reference booklet and
information on upcoming design workshops.

Hostesses are Angelika Hoepfl and Kris Walker.

Prospective member guests are welcome.

Bluebird Nesting Houses



Kaye Hobbs, Sarah Barrick, Jane Cohen, Carolyn Guillotte, Judy
Schafer with some of finished bluebird houses. Hillary Jessup,
Dale Schafer, George Jessup and Bob Cohen also built houses.

A&M Garden Club members built 24 high quality,
bluebird nesting houses in a series of workshops.
Some are for sale at Feb 12 mtg. Coordinated
by Sarah Barrick, Carolyn Guillotte and Hillary
Jessup, this fund raising activity helps promote
bird conservation. Home Depot donated \$50
toward supplies. Profit already over \$100.

President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day early! Tell a friend in
GC how much you appreciate them and their
sharing with GC. And we have fun together!
Having knowledgeable and helpful GC members
share their GC skills with others is great!

We have a variety of interests and activities for
your participation. Select those that interest
you. The Bluebird House Project's
value of the houses is over
\$2008.00, based upon volunteer
hours and we had fun building
together. The Designing Women's
floral exhibit in the CS Library
reached new audiences. The
Paint It Pink birdhouse that A&M GC donated
to the Cancer Society Cattlebarron's Ball will
support community activities and again, reaches
new audiences. Thanks to Suzanne M for
helping with the donation and to Rose S for
coordinating with Cancer Society.



Enjoy gardening as we look toward spring. I
have onions to plant!

Jane Cohen, A&M GC President

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Events

Feb 22-23 Landscape Design School, CS
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



Meet Sandra Williams

Sandra Williams has been a member of A&M Garden Club for 6 years, Navasota Master Gardeners for 20 years, and an active contributor to the club. She grew up in Ellenville, New York. She considered a career path in medical illustration or veterinary medicine. She became a teacher and after joining the Department of Defense program for education around the world moved to Okinawa. She met her husband there and when he returned home to Texas, she followed and stayed. They had 2 daughters; she now has 2 grandchildren--a grandson 21 and granddaughter 3 months. She has traveled extensively through southeast Asia, Japan, Egypt, Tunisia, and often travels with another club member, Helen Quinn. She would like to see Europe and Australia. She volunteers regularly at the Holistic Garden. She has interests in painting, photography, reading, and sewing. She contributed the Educational Exhibit for the Flower Show last year, and did a mini program on alternative containers this year. Her talents are on display at the Holistic Garden as Dr. Novak asked her to do the Composting Mural and signage in the greenhouses there. Her favorite plant is "one that survives". She is a treasure trove of knowledge on gardening and receptive to questions.



Sandra's photo from Egypt-Bougainvillea on Kitchener's Island.

By Heather W

Happy Birthday - February

8 Pat Haberstroh

15 Kay Hamn

Member's News

Mary Ann T's hip surgery went well; hopes to be home soon. Sandra L has been on tv with her attorney's firm. Jane C is helping with Wellborn, asking for the right to vote from CS City Council.

Underwater Designs

Brazos Valley Creative Designers studied NGC Underwater Designs, a contemporary floral design with some or all of the plant material in water, to create magnified images. The creative designs were shared in CS Library display, with two NGC design books and information about the style.



Kaye H, Suzanne M, Heather W, Sheila M. Also I dalia A.

Landscape Design School

GC members interested in furthering their knowledge of landscape design are encouraged to attend the National Garden Club's Landscape Design School, Course I V, presented by Texas Garden Clubs - Suzanne Milstead, TX TGC LDS Chair and Dr. Shelia May, Co-Chair, and Texas AgriLife Extension - Dr. Bill Welch, Feb 22-23, at the CS Christ United Methodist Church, 4201 State Hwy 6.

The A&M GC will assist with the TGC Landscape Design School by staffing the refreshments for breaks and lunch. Sign up to help with Suzanne M. suzlds@gmail.com Attend lectures, when we are between "kitchen duties".

Registration \$115 (two lunches & tour included) (due Feb 12) speakers' topics are at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/LDFeb10/AnnouncLDIV2,10.html>.

Gardening Study School

GC members may enroll in the NGC Gardening Study School (GSS) series at TAMU. Course III, March 15-16, taught primarily by Dr. Joe Novak, includes Plant Growth, Pruning Techniques, Growing Outdoor Flowers, Botanical Gardens, Classifying Plants, and a Supplemental Topic.

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 Feb 12. A&M GC helpers may attend lectures, when we are between "hostess duties".

Golden Days

Daffodils were planted at the Wellborn Community Center Civic Project.

Suzanne M & Jane C see daffodils coming up in the bed the A&M GC did.

