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Newsletter January 2007

Next Meeting

Friday, January 12, 9:30 am, Exit Teen Center,
1600 Rock Prairie Road, College Station.

Program - "Preparing for the Battle of Flowers Parade" by Jo Ann Cermin. Come and learn more about ways to decorate with masses of flowers. View tips on building and decorating an antique car for the 5th largest parade in San Antonio. Jo Ann says decorating for floats "breaks" arrangement rules.

Horticulture Sales Table, Helen Quinn, Chair. Bring a plant to share at the meeting and buy other's plants to help fund memorial trees for members and cheer plants and cards.

Nominating Committee, Martha Wilhoit, Chair.
2007-08 Officers - Vote at Jan. Meeting

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Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 9:30 am, at Judy Schafer's home, 2313 Morningside Drive, Bryan. Hostess is Sandra Williams.

President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends:

We wish the best for the New Year to all our members. The beginning of the year is a special time to enjoy all those colorful catalogues and dream about new plants for our gardens. After all, we are a group that is passionate about growing beautiful plants and learning how to garden in the Brazos Valley.

As result of our dedication, additional Awards applications have been sent in different levels: to State - the Membership Award of District V; to South Central Region - Publicity Press Book, Arbor Day Award, and Membership Award: to National Garden Clubs - we have sent for a Membership Certificate.

A note was sent to me with this message: "The heart is happiest when it beats for others". I find this to be true, so do keep that in mind and feel free to suggest any garden or design related activity you may consider would benefit our Club. Our thanks to all who have accepted to serve, we have a wonderful report from the Nominating Committee! If you are not on the board, you might yet get a call to serve on a committee. It is more fun to serve when we are able to share responsibilities.

See you Friday, when Jo Ann Cermin will tell us the secrets of "Preparing for the Battle of Flowers Parade".

Idalia Aguilar

December 2006 Meeting

The A&M Garden Club met on December 8 at the home of Sandra Lawrence near Wellborn. Program was: History of Wreaths by Helen Quinn; A Living Wreath by Delma Cassaro and Idalia Aguilar; Bows for Wreaths by Norma Jean Stokes; Making a Wreath by Judith Schafer and Sandra Williams with Mary Staffel.



Judy Schafer, Idalia Aguilar, Mary Staffel

President Idalia Aguilar reported on the veteran's Blue Star Memorial marker plans. Judith Schafer and Mary Ann Taylor reported on flower arrangements provided to Hospice. A Design Workshop was discussed. Judith Schafer reported on the Native Plants for Medicinal Therapy tour to American Botanical Council and Zilker Gardens in Austin and a proposal for the Horticulture Gardens on campus with Dr. Joe Novak.

Christmas music was led by Jo Ann Cermin, Idalia Aguilar and Jane Cohen. Mary Ann Taylor led the plant exchange. Angelica Hopfl and Mary Staffel won wreath door prizes by Judith Schafer.

Martha Wilhoit's 2007-08 Nominating Comm. report was officers (on reverse side) and committees: Protocol-Delma Cassaro, Blue Star-Eugenia Williams, Cheer-Ruth Beltrand, Horticulture - Helen Quinn, Awards-Judith Schafer, Design-Delma Cassaro, and Garden Week-Mary Staffel.

The Horticultural Celebration for our 70th year will be April 11, Brazos Center, 11 am to 6 pm. Other Garden Clubs, TAMU Student Groups, and Horticulture Businesses are being invited to have exhibits. The community may participate in a 4x6" photo contest of flowers and horticulture in the Brazos Valley, in cooperation with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The Horticultural Celebration is open to viewing by the community.

President Idalia Aguilar welcomed 21 members and prospective members. Jo Ann Cermin led the Pledge to the Flag. Past Member Evelyn Allen was introduced and rejoining was Dorothy Lorenz.

E-Mail List

An e-mail list has been set up for the A&M Garden Club. Only those on the list may send messages for meeting announcements, newsletters, and communication with each other. Send messages to <AM-GardenClub@listserv.TAMU.edu>.

Habitat for Humanity

by Jo Williams from Keeping in Touch NGC Newsletter Periwinkle and Bloom has committed to repeating their generous offer of "container gardens in a box" for Habitat 2007 Blitz Build homeowners. Their new collection will be available in the Spring.

Arbor Day

A tree will be planted in memory of Eileen Kramer for Arbor Day. Eileen was A&M GC President in 1973-74, 1976-77 and 1983-84.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Membership News

Helen Quinn was elected as 2VP of the Tx Master Gardeners' Association. She will serve on the Board, update bylaws, and assist with programming.

Celebrating 70 Years of Service 1936/37 - 2006/07

In 1937-38, the A&M Garden Club began a project that lasted for years, beautification of a local cemetery as well as Hensel Park. In 1946-48, a 5 year plan was developed with Mr. F.W. Hensel to beautify the College Station Cemetery.

NGC Mission Statement

National Garden Clubs, Inc., provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

Lone Star Gardener

Our District will be featured in the Apr-May-June 2007 LSG magazine. Articles & pictures needed by Jan. 12 to Pres. Idalia Aguilar or Rep. Jane Cohen.

Newsletter

Send your items each month by the first of each month to Editor Jane Cohen, <j-cohen@aggienetwork.com>.