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Newsletter February 2007

Next Meeting

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

Program - "Gardening for Seniors" by Mary Ann Taylor. She will share the benefits of gardening, tools and equipment ideas, and suggestions for easy instructions on how to garden. Bring a friend.

Horticulture Sales Table

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. Helen Quinn, Chair.

Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 9:30 am, at Sally Koestler's home, 2004 Pebblestone, CS.

Web Site

The A&M GC is included in the Texas list on the National GC web page, <http://www.gardenclub.org/links/links.aspx?path=Root/HelpfulLinks/StateGardenClubSites?>

Thanks to Sally Koestler for doing the web site, updating pages, and adding more information.

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

Landscaping triangle park was added to the Highway 6 landscaping project in 1941-42. In 1943-44, admission of 10 cents was charged for the spring flower show, with money to be used for landscaping of triangle park "Coulter Park", the oldest mini-park in the state.

Encourage your friends to come to this year's Flower Show/Horticultural Celebration.

President's Letter

Dear Garden Club Friends:

As we start the second month of the year, we notice that "time" goes so fast, no matter how we plan to use it; we just never seem to have enough. Your Board of Directors has been active with the organization of the three major events that will commemorate our 70th Anniversary: the Horticultural Celebration, the Blue Star Memorial Ceremony and the newly planned Design Workshop.

Volunteers are required for the success of these events and we trust that each of you will share our excitement and somehow find the "time" to help us. With our celebrations we anticipate to promote and further interest in horticulture, flower arranging and gardening in our communities.

Please mark next Friday, February 9, on your calendars, Mary Ann Taylor will be presenting the program "Gardening for Seniors".....for certain we will find abundant and innovative gardening tips! See you next Friday.

Idalia Aguilar

Welcome

This newsletter is sent monthly to members and certain prospective members. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings. Bring a friend.

The A&M Garden Club has much to offer the avid, seasoned and/or novice gardener. We are the only federated club in the area and have state and national leaders in our club.

January Meeting

The A&M Garden Club met on January 12 at the Exit Center. The program was "Preparing for the Battle of Flowers Parade" by Jo Ann Cermin, showing ways to decorate with masses of flowers to build floats.

The Nominating Committee, Martha Wilhoit, Chair, presented the 2007-08 Slate of Officers. Elected were: President Idalia Aguilar; 1st Co VP Mary Ann Taylor, Sandra Williams; 2nd VP Yearbook/Web Sally Koestler; 3rd VP Flower Show Idalia Aguilar; 4th VP Hospitality Norma Jean Stokes; Recording Secretary Mary Staffel; Corresponding Secretary Judy Schafer; Treasurer Ellen Pullen; Reporter Jane Cohen; Co-Historians Helen Quinn, Carolyn Guillotte, Sandra Stuckey. Committees include: Protocol Delma Cassaro, Blue Star Memorial Eugenia Williams, Cheer Ruth Beltrand, Horticulture Helen Quinn, Awards Judith Schafer, Design Delma Cassaro, Garden Week Mary Staffel.

President Idalia Aguilar discussed the Horticultural Exhibition, "70 Years of Gardening in the Brazos Valley" for April 11 at the Brazos Center. Exhibits from gardening groups will include design arrangements and potted plants of foliage, flowering, and cactus/succulents. The community may participate in a 4x6" photo contest of flowers and horticulture, in cooperation with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, with entries due March 21. Go to the A&M Garden Club web site for information: <<http://www.sallysfamilyplace.com/Clubs/GardenClub.htm>> Educational and commercial exhibits are also invited to participate. The Horticultural Celebration show is open to viewing by the community.

Judy Schafer reported on plans for the Trail of Texas Native Edible and Medicinal Plants in cooperation with Dr. Joe Novak at the TAMU Holistic Garden, which will be supported by the A&M Garden Club. Delma Cassaro reported plans for a Design Workshop educational series. Judy Schafer reprinted "A Floral Design Primer" prepared by the A&M Garden Club. Eugenia Williams reported progress on the Blue Star Memorial Marker for the Veteran's Park.

Helen Quinn presented Clover as the Horticulture Topic. Federated Club Award entries for region and national were reported by Jane Cohen in Publicity, Arbor Day, Communication, and Membership. Members exchanged plants and seeds at the Horticulture Table. Sally Koestler and Mary Ann Taylor prepared name tags. Sara Jane Jordon shared the Brazos Valley Wildlife calendar by Dwight Bohlmeier from Blinn College.

The Eagle was recognized as a 70th Year Friend of the A&M Garden Club, with a plant provided by Delma Cassaro. President Idalia Aguilar welcomed guests Carolyn Burch and Geneva Eubanks. Judy Schafer announced the February 19-20 Landscape Design School at TAMU. Kay Hamn led the invocation. Jo Ann Cermin led the Pledge to the Flag. Mary Ann Taylor, Secretary, and Ellen Pullen, Treasurer, gave reports. Sandra Williams and Judy Schafer hosted the Board meeting on January 10.



Night Blooming Cereus

by Norma Jean Stokes.

Newsletter

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

Design Workshop

Sign up for our special education series: April 25, May 9, and June 6.

"Birds & Blooms On-Line"

<newsletter@email.birdsandblooms.com>

THE FOLLOWING garden riddles can be answered with the names of flowers. If you're completely stymied, the answers are shown below. Enjoy!

1. What a guy did when proposing marriage.
2. An udderly bad barnyard accident.
3. What John's mom says every morning.
4. Sad Southern gals.
5. A country with lots of automobiles.
6. Groups of sheep.
7. Farm critter's whiskers.
8. Keeps a woman warm.
9. Used for eating ice cream.
10. What you might call a lousy female boxer.
11. A child did this to a birthday candle.
12. Obstetricians are relieved to hear this.
13. Grows between mountains.
14. A man's name and an old writing instrument.
15. What temperatures below 32° do.

1-Aster; 2-Cowslip; 3-Johnny-Jump-Up; 4-Bluebells; 5-Carnation; 6-Phlox; 7-Goatsbeard; 8-Lady's Mantle; 9-Coneflower; 10-Black-Eyed Susan; 11-Bluet; 12-Baby's Breath; 13-Lily of the Valley; 14-Jonquil; 15-Freesia.

Upcoming Events

from District V Newsletter, # 5, Feb 2007
Feb 19-20 Landscape Design School, C.S.
Mar 16-17 SCR Convention, Tulsa, OK
Mar 27 District V Spring Meeting, Rockdale
Apr 11 A&M GC Show - we're in Dist.V Newsletter!
Apr 16-19 TGC Spring Conv., S. Padre Island
May 24-28 NGC Convention, Boston
June 6 District V Workshop, Hubbard