
April Meeting

The A&M Garden Club met on April 12, 2007 at the Exit Center, with 19 attending. President Idalia Aguilar called the meeting to order. Jo Ann Cermin led the Pledge to the Flag. Mary Staffel gave the invocation. Norma Jean Stokes was Social Chair. Reading of the minutes were tabled, due to Mary Ann Taylor's absence to be with her husband. Jane Cohen is serving as Acting Secretary.

President Idalia Aguilar presented plants to Friends of the A&M Garden Club as a part of the 70th Year Celebration. A palm tree plant from Ruth Bertrand was presented to Tom Jackson, C.S. Medical Center.

The Treasurer's report was given by Idalia Aguilar and Ellen Pullen. The Balance Report and Projected Income Statement was presented to the club. Chris Walker moved, Pat Haberstroh seconded, motion carried, to accept the 2007 Budget. Dues of \$15 for next year are due, before April 20 to Ellen Pullen, to send to state.

Prayers were requested for Mary Ann Taylor and Ellen Pullen and their husbands. Guest of Kay Hamn and new member Faye Caldwell was welcomed: 12659 Hopes Creek Road, CS 77845, 690-0235.

Highlights of the 70th Year Horticultural Celebration on April 11 were given by Delma Cassaro on design, Aguilar on horticulture, Mary Staffel on memorabilia, Jane Cohen on photo contest, exhibits and door prizes, Margaret Ann White on welcome table. Elmer Krehibel was quoted as saying "this was the best show in the Brazos Valley". The history of the club, preservation of documents, and future growth and combined meetings were discussed.

Jane Cohen and Angelika Hoepfl reported on the District Meeting in Rockdale. Idalia presented the \$20 Membership Award to the Club, received at the District Meeting. The Design Workshop is \$25 for Design - April 25 by Judy Schafer, Line - May 9 by Jo Colonna, and Table - June 6 by Delma Cassaro. A sign up list for volunteers to help with the organization of the workshop was circulated. Registration is due at the first class at the Exit Center.

Idalia Aguilar presented *Cimbidum Sinescens* Orchid, as the Horticulture Topic. Members shared horticulture plants.

The program was "Seeds for Life" by Idalia Aguilar, Texas Garden Club International Chairman. The purpose of the program is to teach how to restore the land and provide food and income. The development of protocol and seed donation program were explained.

State Green Garden Club

The A&M Garden Club won top honors as The Green Garden Club of the Year at the 79th Texas Garden Club, Inc., Spring Convention at South Padre Island April 16-19. Idalia Aguilar, A&M Garden Club President, received the Green Club of the Year Certificate from Pat Graber, State Award Chairman.

Idalia Aguilar, President, said "The A&M Garden Club was recognized for our working together in an outstanding number of programs, donations, communications and civic involvement."

State Awards

The A&M Garden Club received several awards at the State Convention, including: Wild Flower Preservation, Publicity Press Book, Scrapbook, President's Report, Plant Texas, Club Newsletter, Flower Show schedule, Butterfly Gardening, Youth Horticulture, donations to Garden Club Programs and Arbor Day Celebration. Judith Schafer is Awards Chair for the A&M Garden Club.

State Officers

TGC, INC. roster will include four A&M GC members! Again, please remember to send your dues. Dues are late if paid after our meeting. If you haven't sent your dues, please call Ellen of your intent of payment.

Plants for 70th Year Friends

Friends of the A&M Garden Club who have been honored as a part of our 70th Year Celebration include:

- Marci Rodgers, College Station Parks and Recreation, maroon mum from Idalia Aguilar;
- Kelly Kelbly, Exit Center, Schefflera from Judy Schafer;
- Angelica Hoepfl and Mary Staffel, wreaths;
- Brenda Wilson and Mary Vinnage, The Eagle, plant from Delma Cassaro;
- Heather Reese, B-CS Convention and Visitor's Bureau, tulips from Ellen Pullen;
- Dr. Douglas F. Welsh, Prof & Extension Horticulturist, Tx Cooperative Extension, TAMU, paper white narcissus from Jane Cohen;
- Ginny Smith, TAMU Women's Social Club Gardening Interest Group organizer, flowering plant from Joyce Menefee;
- Tom Jackson, CS Med, palm tree from Ruth Bertrand.

