

October 12 Meeting Highlights

Darell Vollert of Chappell Hill presented a slide program on "Back Yard Birds and Plants That Attract Them", along with birds' songs.

Judy Schafer reviewed plans for TGC State Meeting in Killeen, April 6-9. We will furnish flowers for the Tuesday theme of Cowboys and send \$25 to help host meeting.

Mary Ann Taylor announced the Blue Star Memorial plaque dedication and wreath presentation at the Veterans Park on Nov 11. Geneva Eubanks presented invitations for friends and family.

Helen Quinn, Horticultural Chair, presented the featured horticultural specimen of the month, Euphorbia "Diamond Frost".

Jane Cohen discussed the Civic Development Group "Let's Go Native" Grant program, the Pottery Workshop at Living Water Pottery, and distributed membership brochures. Angelika Hoepfl will mail the award applications. A flag committee (Jane Cohen, Penne Mathews and Kay Hamn) will secure flag and stand for Exit Center.

The State Garden Club magazine, Lone Star Gardener, featured articles by A&M Garden Club's own Contributing Editors. Penne Mathews reported on the Poetry Contest. Norma Jean Stokes, Hospitality Chair, shared refreshments.

Mary Ann Taylor, Vice President, presided with 32 guests and members. Judy Schafer, Corresponding Secretary, announced tour to Peckerwood Gardens, and thank you from President Idalia Aguilar. Reports were given by Mary Staffel, Secretary; Ellen Pullen, Treasurer; and Sally Koestler, Name Tags.

Communication

- * This newsletter is sent by postal mail by Corr. Sec. Judy Schafer to those without e-mail.
- * Send your items and suggestions by the end of each month to <j-cohen@aggienetwork.com>, Newsletter Editor. Newsletter is sent monthly to members and certain prospective members and friends.
- * <<http://www.sallysfamilyplace.com/Clubs/GardenClub.htm>>

New Members, Updates & Corrections

- * Bizon, Mary Jane, 5120 Bellerive Bend, CS 77845, 690-9853, <MJBizon@tgmail.com>, Oct 25
- * Bredthauer, Clarice, 2317 Avon, B 77802, 779-3201, <cbbb3@yahoo.com>, Dec 20
- * Caldwell, Faye, Feb 15
- * Eaton, Virginia, 201 Pershing, CS 77840, 680-0372, <gordon.eaton@verizon.net>, May 4
- * Hatcher, Polly, 4720 Williamsberg, B 77802 776-1222, no e-mail, Oct 3
- * Mathews, Penne, Apr 19, <mathewsp@navasotaisd.com>
- * Mercer, Polly, <pmercer@peoplepc.com>
- * Shelby, Sarah, 4516 Raymond Stotzer, CS 77845, 260-8149, <soshelby@verizon.net>, Mar 4
- * Quinn, Helen, <hortiq@embarqmail.com>

A&M Garden Club Newsmakers

- * The October District V Newsletter included the A&M Garden Club's Photo Contest by Jane Cohen and an August meeting picture from Idalia Aguilar.
- * The Fall Lone Star Gardener magazine featured articles on "Creative Flower Containers" by Suzanne Milstead, "The Pass Along Christmas Cactus" by Helen Quinn, and "Prickly Pear Cactus" by Deana Dossey, Judy Schafer's daughter.

TAMU Speakers

Sandra Williams (left) and Judy Schafer (right) spoke to Dr. Joe Novak's sociohorticulture class of 200 students on Oct 18 on a panel of older gardeners, telling how, why and when they started gardening and how gardening has changed as they have gotten older. The students asked questions, with good exchange between students and panel about how to water to save water, ideas for container gardening for apartments, plus other questions.



Reminders

- * Dues \$15 are past due to Ellen Pullen, Treas.
- * NCG Calendar Vision of Beauty, \$6 from Ellen.
- * Commercial seeds (Seeds for Life) to Kris Walker.
- * Thanks to Sharon Jasper for sharing crinum lillies.
- * Rockdale Garden Club's Prayer - "Dear God, Please look down on our little garden. Please make it better than our neighbors."
- * Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Gardening!