

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 3, presented by Texas Garden Clubs - Suzanne Milstead, TX GC Chair and Dr. Shelia May, Co-Chair, and Texas AgriLife Extension - Dr. Bill Welch, Sept 14 - 15, 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 Sun. evening to ice the beverages and Mon. & Tue. with breaks & lunch. You may attend some lectures, when we are between "kitchen duties". We will be paid a stipend for staffing the tables.

Registration \$100 (two lunches included) form and speakers' topics are at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/LDSept09/Flyer9,09.html>. TGC members who pass the exams for all four courses are eligible to become nationally accredited Landscape Design Consultants.

From Suzanne Milstead.

Gardening Study School

GC members may enroll in the NGC Gardening Study School (GSS) series at TAMU. Course II, October 15-16, taught by Dr. Joe Novak includes Understanding Plant Diseases and Garden Pests, Growing Vegetables, How New Plants Are Developed & Evaluated, Container Gardening, Lawns and/or Alternatives, Judging & Selecting Produce.

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 and Hillary Jessup, TGC GSS Assist Chair.

The A&M GC will assist with the TGC GSS by staffing the refreshments for breaks and lunch. If you would like to make some homemade bread/cookies for refreshments on Thursday morning or a dessert for the evening meal, please sign up at the meeting. Those helping are invited to attend some lectures, when we are between "hostess duties". We will be paid a small stipend for hostessing.

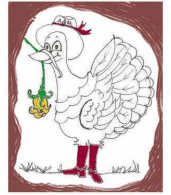
Golden Days Daffodil

Golden Days Daffodils is a project of new National Garden Club President, Renee Blaschke, of Texas. Members are encouraged to help plant daffodils across our nation! Give your order for daffodils that you want to plant and your check to Sandra L at Sept 11 meeting. Idalia A has donated some for the Zone mtg and Jane C has donated some for Wellborn Ctr landscaping project. We are also working with TGC on daffodils for the Governor's Mansion, when it's restored. Will have another Flyer at the meeting for you to learn more about this project and to place your order for daffodil bulbs.



Zone II Mtg Nov 13

Register now - for Friday, Nov 13, 9 am - 3 pm. It's the same day as our regular meeting. Registration is \$18. Registration form is sent separately. Lunch will be a hot catered meal of barbequed smoked turkey and brisket, side dishes, and trimmings. As hosts, first time since 1999, we need all members to participate.



Suzanne M has arranged an educational and fun program, "Roses" by John S. "Pat" Patterson, accredited Rose Judge, member of the American Rose Society since 1972, past president of Houston and Charlotte (NC) Rose Society.

Mary Ann T is assembling the favors for all attendees, with great HEB cloth bags filled with assorted "goodies". Talk with her if you have paper to contribute to recycle into tablets. If you have small items for favors, let her know. Flower pots, decorated by our members, are door prizes. Thanks to Heather W and Eugenia W for the courtesies. Sandra W, Judy S, Helen Q and Jane C have exhibits on pollinators, biodegradable pots, Wellborn Ctr landscaping.

Special vendors are 1) Cindy Gomez, Living Water Pottery, with floral vases and garden related and outdoor art and 2) Kathy Staples, It's My Bag, with handmade designer purses of silk & unique fabrics, with floral & other designs.

We need your help with 1) cookies/breads for morning refreshments, 2) desserts for lunch and 3) plants and things. Please sign up on Friday where you can help.

Heather W has sent information about the ways & means table. Proceeds supports District GC activities. Share plants, gently used garden items, and design materials. Let Heather <heathermwhitemd@aol.com> know what you have to bring, so we'll have many different kinds.

We need each member to bring 2 or 3 different and/or unusual plants you've grown or even an old favorite, so we have a variety for attendees to purchase several to add to their collections. If you haven't started any plants for the sale, it is not too late!! Lots of things are just getting started including herbs which are reasonably easy to grow and sell well. Deliver plants before 9:30 am on Nov 13.

Members who went to the propagation workshop may swap some of their new plants, so you have more variety of successfully propagated plant material from which to select your best donations for the Zone mtg.

Be sure the pot is clean, and the plant is free of insects. Label the plant with your name and the plant's name. Add planting and growing information if you can. Price it. Most sell for a few dollars, like our regular plant table.

Donate garden related items - gloves, tools, plant stakes, fertilizer, implements, books, food items (breads, jams, herbs, oils), etc. Donate items to use in floral designs, that grow in our area and other clubs might want.