

## Meet Our Members

A new column, written by members to help us meet other members, starts this issue. The list of writers will circulate at the Sept 11 meeting, if you'd like to participate. This will help us get to know each other.

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### Meet Shelia May

Shelia's a former master gardener and had one of those 'wow' gardens with hand crafted copper gates and wooden obelisks while living in Brenham. Nature photography using macro lenses is a hobby shared with her husband. Sheila is also Regent (President) of the local La Villita D.A.R. as well as a former physician.

By Suzanne Milstead



### NGC Pink Birdhouse

Rose S is working with Reba Ragsdale and Bryan/College Station American Cancer Society to donate the NGC pink birdhouse, with Suzanne M's support, for their fund raiser.

This charming but fully functional birdhouse is designed with a pre-made entry hole in front and is ready for immediate hanging. Added to your garden or patio, it's a beautiful way to bring nature closer to you. More information is on line, NGC web site. The Plant It Pink birdhouse is available at [www.louisvillestoneware.com](http://www.louisvillestoneware.com) or [www.joncarloftis.com](http://www.joncarloftis.com). For every birdhouse sold, Louisville Stoneware Co. will donate 10 percent of the selling price to Susan G. Komen for the Cure and five percent to NGC garden therapy programs that introduce horticultural therapy into various health care settings.

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### Bluebird Houses

We are making bluebird nesting houses as one of our ways and means projects. Our Bluebird House is designed for easy maintenance by "Mama" and the landlord. This high quality bluebird box is made of durable 1" red cedar and built to wildlife specifications. Bluebird house orders are due by Nov 13 or order early for Christmas gifts. Order form will be available at GC meetings. Committee is Hillary J, Carolyn G, and Sarah B.



## "Mulch the News"

By Suzanne Milstead



Everyone knows that to conserve water and keep weeds down you must mulch. But, it can be expensive with alot of beds. Instead, lay a thick layer of newspaper, 3 or 4 sheets thick. Then, add a thin layer of your decorative mulch to cover the news.

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## Youth Contests

Encourage your children and grandchildren to enter the youth contests, due Oct 9 to Heather W, .Margaret Ann W, Joyce M, Penne M. Areas include:

- Poetry - Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Poster - 1-5 grades
- Environmental Poster - Preschool 3-5 years and K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Essay - 9th through 12th grades
- Speech - 9 - 12 grades
- Distinguished Service - 9 - 12 grades

Also, various Scholarships are available. District for University rising Freshman or Sophomore is due Nov 15. TGC/NGC for College Junior, Senior or Graduate Student at time of application is due to state before Oct 15.

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## Upcoming Meet Our Members Articles

Please send me your article by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. You may write up any member not previously reported:

- Sept - Angelika H
- Oct - Sarah B
- Nov - Hillary J
- Dec - None
- Jan - Heather W

Need writers for Feb, Mar, Apr, May

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## Polly Hatcher Scholarship

Taylor Annette Paine received the \$350 Polly Hatcher A&M Garden Club Scholarship for Fall 2009. A Junior, she has a strong interest in Horticulture Therapy, using plants to help others. Is a horticulture student of Dr. Joe Novak. Congratulations to Taylor and thanks to the Polly Hatcher Family for this Memorial Scholarship.

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## Happy Birthday - September

2 - Mary S., 22 - Kris W., 23 - Lenora P.

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## Communication

\* This newsletter is sent by postal mail by Corr. Sec. I dalia Aguilar to those without e-mail.

\* Send your items and suggestions by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to <[j-cohen@aggienetwork.com](mailto:j-cohen@aggienetwork.com)>. Newsletter is sent to members, prospective members, friends.