

District V Newsletter

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Director's Letter



Dear District V Garden club members and Gardening Friends,

What a great 2 years this has been. Thank you to District V Garden Club members, clubs, officers, and committee chairs for your efforts "Growing Together". I am so proud of the District V clubs and members – in sharing of knowledge about gardening; in service to their Garden Club, community and state; in friendship; and in helping Garden Club reach out to new members. We know you have a choice of your activities, and we appreciate that you've chosen Garden Club.

As I said at the District V spring meeting, you are an outstanding District. I have been honored to serve as your District V Director. I've wanted to promote communication to enable increased awareness of educational opportunities, membership recruitment, service to your communities and ideas to support plans and outreach. Thanks to all of you for your participation and for your support. Thank you for the mentoring from so many and your patience as I served and tried to do my best. I appreciate the many District V volunteers in Garden Club.

District V has had so many accomplishments these past two years – a) the Daffodil project and the Governor's Mansion Tea, b) our 75th Anniversary, c) excellent meetings, workshops, and special events, d) the TGC Member of the Year: Idalia Aguilar, e) the NGC Member Award of Honor for SCR: Nell Zeigler, f) hosting TGC Convention in College Station and thanks to the great committee and all of your efforts and participation – we had about 75 members attend – and members enjoyed and learned at the TGC Convention, h) new members and new friendships, I could name so many accomplishments – thank you all for your efforts.

Thank you to District V for the National Garden Club "Life Membership". Thanks to my sweet husband, Bob, who is so supportive and caring.

Please continue your involved participation in your club, your community and District activities. I look forward to Sherie Clarkson serving you and District V as Director for the next two years.

Jane Cohen

District V Director 2011-2013

Thank You

The members of District V wish to thank Dr. Jane Cohen for her service and administration as District V Director, 2011-2013. Jane took office 2 years ago and has had a theme of "Growing Together". Under her guidance, the district membership has grown substantially and we have expanded our numbers with the formation of a new garden club in Mason and a membership surge in the McGregor Garden Club. One of Jane's big projects during her administration was to celebrate the district's 75th Anniversary. She called upon all the clubs in the district to plant two trees honoring the Anniversary. Clubs celebrated and shared their stories and pictures with Anniversary Chairman, Renee Blaschke, former NGC President. Renee compiled the information into a commemorative scrapbook with specific information about each club and presented it to Jane. Jane foresaw the value of the internet and set up the email transmission of our district newsletter saving us a great deal of money and tripling our newsletter circulation. Jane loves to reach out and visit with the club members and she traveled to many clubs that invited her for an event, a dedication, or program.

Perhaps the most rewarding and demanding project she chaired was the Daffodils at the Governor's Mansion. A four year project that collected monies for daffodil bulbs to be planted on the newly renovated mansion grounds culminated this past February with a luncheon, tea, and visit with Texas's First Lady, Mrs. Anita Perry. The extra bonus is that the mansion sits right in the middle of District V.

Most District Directors attend their final state convention ready to introduce their successor and enjoy the meetings, but this was not to be. District V as hosts, required Jane's presence at many functions and she will continue her service to Texas Garden Clubs as a member of our new TGC President's board of Directors. Jane continues to serve the state and our district with the new administration.

Jane Cohen has a long association with Texas A&M University, and "Howdy" and "Whoop" are just natural as greetings for her. Dr. Jane Cohen may be passing the gavel but her continued involvement in the future of District V and Texas Garden Clubs is evident. She will work closely with Sherie Clarkson in the smooth transition of our district leadership and be on call for advice. Congratulations and thank you, Jane, for a job well done.

The membership and officers who served under your leadership.

Congratulations

Nell Zeigler

2013 Member Award of Honor for South Central Region

District V Spring Meeting in Temple

The District V Spring Meeting was hosted by Temple Garden Club was held on March 26, 2013. Temple hosted in a new venue, Country land Grand Reserve Ballroom, and it was beautiful. Following a fabulous lunch we were entertained by Master Floral Designer, Norman Northen, as he explored the topic "What Is Your Signature Color?" It was a great day with recognition of the serving board and the installation of the 2013-2015 board by Virginia Pargmann.



District V Director, Jane Cohen, gifted each member of her Executive Board with a hand turned wooden bowls.



The newly installed 2013 -2015 District V Executive Board

In the July issue of the District V Newsletter you will find:

**National, State, and District Officers and Themes
List of all District Officers, Awards Chairmen, and Club Presidents
Speakers List
Pilgrimage List**

Deadline for July Issue is June 1st.

District Awards

Zone I

BROWNING COMMUNITY GC – Kempner
 President's Report – Silver – Class 2 – 1st Place
 Donations – Friendship Book
 Arbor Day
 Endowment
 TGC Scholarship
 District V Scholarship
 President's Book

BROWNWOOD GC
 President's Book – Wanda Pylant
 Sandy Clark
 Donations – District V Scholarship
 TGC Endowment

GATESVILLE GC
 President's Report – Green - Class 1 – 3rd Place

GOLDTHWAITE GC
 President's Report
 Donation – TGC Scholarship

KILLEEN GC
 Club Service Award – Gold – Citation
 Arbor Day – A-ii – Gold – 1st Place
 Flower Show Schedule – Gold – 2nd Place
 Yearbook – Gold - 1st Place
 Donations – Pocket Garden
 Marbridge Farms
 TGC Endowment
 District V Scholarship
 President's Book – Sandra Jones

MASON GC
 President's Report – Green – Class 2 -1st Place

SAN SABA GC
 President's Report – Bronze – Class ii – 1st Place
 Yearbook – Class A iii –Bronze – 3rd Place
 Historic Preservation – Bronze - 1st Place
 Civic Achievement – A ii Bronze – 1st Place
 District V Scholarship Recipient
 Stephen Austermann – Cherokee HS

TEMPLE GARDEN CLUB

Arbor Day – Class A ii – Bronze – 1st Place
 Yearbook – Class A iii – Bronze – 1st Place
 President's Report – Bronze – Class ii – 3rd Place
 Donations - Memory Book
 Paul Maddox, Barbara Trainer
 Stephen Burres
 Youth Posters - Sponsor
 Grade 5 – 1st Place – Emily Gist
 Grade 5 – 2nd Place – Hannah Shadburn
 Grade 5 – 3rd Place – Shaela Bivens

Zone II

A&M GC

President's Report – Bronze – Class ii - HM
 Conservation – Magnolia Green Award – 1st Place
 Conservation – N – 8 – 1st Place
 Club Service Award – Bronze Rating - Citation
 Club Program – Class ii – Bronze – 1st Place
 Butterfly – A ii – Bronze – 1st Place
 Arbor Day – A ii – Bronze – 2nd Place
 TGC Community Service Award – Bronze - HM
 Historic Preservation – N51 – 1st Place
 Horticulture Award of Merit – Class A ii – Bronze -1st Place
 Literary Horticulture Interest – Class ii – Bronze – 1st Place
 World Gardening – Class ii – Bronze – 1st Place
 Website Award – N -63 –Class ii – Bronze – 1st
 Litter Control/Recycling – Class ii – Bronze – 1st Place
 National Garden Week – N -53 – Bronze – 2nd Place
 Special Achievement Award – N – 7 Class ii – 1st Place
 President's Book – Hillary Jessup
 Kaye Hobbs
 Donations – Seeds for Life
 Brookwood
 Daffodils for Governor's Mansion
 Birdseed

BROWN BAG GC - Waco
 President's Report – Green – Class I – 2nd Place

COMMUNITY GC - Marlin
 President's Report – Green – Class I – 1st Place
 Yearbook – Green – 1st Place
 Donations – HQ Office Expenses

**Zone II – Awards
Continued****FLEUR-DE-LIS GC -Cameron**

President's Report – Bronze – Class I – 1st Place

FOUR SEASONS GC –Waco

President's Report – Green – Class iii – 1st Place

LINWOOD ACRES GC – Rockdale

President's Report – Green – Class ii – 1st Place

Donations – Building Maintenance

Seeds for Life

President's Book – Margo Gilles

McGREGOR GC

President's Report – Bronze – Class iii – 1st Place

Yearbook – Bronze - 2nd Place

Scrapbook – Class iii – Bronze – 1st Place

Landscape Design – N - 49 Med. Club – 1st Place

Landscape Pocket Garden

Landscape Design – N -49 Med. Club – 1st Place

Community Service – Bronze – 1st Place

Youth Award – Poster Sponsor

Youth Poster Awards – Grade 5

1st Place – Kyndall Houchin

2nd Place – Gracee Johnnene

3rd Place – Valerian Noemi Licea

HM – Bridgette Burdine

HM - Jade Luna

HM – Abby Lucksinger

HM – Audrey Lillard

Donations – Endowment Fund

MEXIA GC

President's Report – Bronze – Class ii – 1st Place

National Garden Week – N 53 – Class ii – Bronze -1st

Scrapbook – Class ii – Bronze – 1st Place

Yearbook – Class iii – Bronze – 2nd Place

Club History – Bronze – 1st Place

Arbor Day – A ii –Bronze – HM

Donations – Friendship Book

Seeds for Life

Endowment Fund

Zone III**GEORGETOWN CG**

President's Report – Class iii – 1st Place

GEORGETOWN GC -Continued

Yearbook – Bronze – 2nd Place

Website Award – N 63 – Class iv – Bronze – 1st Place

Donations – Building Maintenance

Brookwood

Marbridge Farms

Pocket Garden

TGC and Dist. V Scholarship Funds

GIDDINGS GC

President's Report – Bronze – Class ii – 2nd Place

Arbor Day – A ii – Bronze – 3rd

Blue Star Memorial Landscape – Bronze – 1st Place

Yearbook – Class ii – Bronze – 1st Place

Donations - Brookwood

Marbridge Farms

Endowment Fund

President's Book – Eleanor Floeck

District V Scholarship

LAGO VISTA GC

President's Report – Class iii – 2nd Place

Youth Poetry Sponsor

Youth Poetry Awards – Grade 4

1st Place – Christa Robinson

2nd Place – Kyle Cagle

3rd Place – Esther Long

LIBERTY HILL GC

President's Report – Class iii – 3rd

Yearbook – Class iii – Bronze -HM

Donations – Blaschke Landscape

Seeds for Life

Endowment Fund

Presidents Book – Billie Gates

SMITHVILLE GC

President's Book – Kathy Bertram

Donations – Blaschke Landscape

Marbridge Farms

Building Maintenance HQ

Endowment

Scholarship

HQ Expenses and Landscape

TAYLOR GC

President's Book – Arlene David

Donations - Endowment

Scholarship

**Zone III Awards
Continued**

VIOLET CROWN GC – Austin

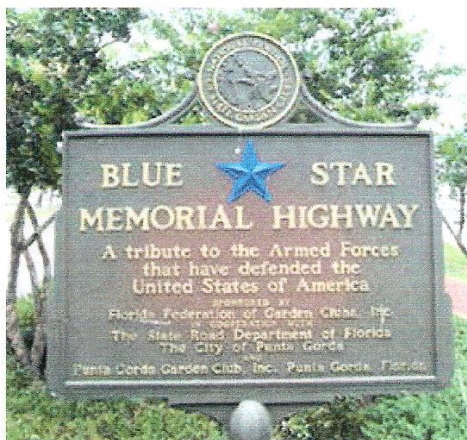
President's Report – Gold – Class ii – 1st Place
 Yearbook – Gold – 2nd Place
 Flower Show Schedule – Gold – 1st Place
 Community Service – Gold – 1st Place
 Donations – Daffodils for Governor's Mansion

YAUPON GC - Austin

President's Report – Bronze – Class ii - HM
 Yearbook – Class I – Bronze – 1st
 Donations – Daffodils for Governor's Mansion
 President's Book – Betty Hager

CENTRAL TEXAS JUDGES COUNCIL - Temple
 President's Report – Division iv – 1st Place

WACO IRIS SOCIETY
 Donations – Pocket Garden



You are cordially invited to attend
 The Dedication of a Blue Star Memorial Marker
 Honoring our Veterans
 Saturday, 18 May 2013 10:00 am
 Corner of Hwys 84 & 317 in the City of McGregor
 Sponsored by: The McGregor Garden Club & The City of McGregor
 For planning purposes, please RSVP
 NLT 10 May 2013 to
 Della Setser 254-848-9388
 dsetser@hotmail.com

Mark Your Calendar

Spring Lake Garden Club
 San Marcos
 Celebrating 50+ Years
 September 12, 2013
 More Information in Next Issue

*Congratulations
 Community Garden Club
 Of Marlin
 90th Anniversary
 Organized March, 1923
 Charter Member of TGC*

*Thought to be the first Garden
 Club in Texas*

Waco Iris Society Standard Flower Show

By Heather White, Flower Show Judge

The Waco Iris Society, an affiliate member of TGC in District V, held a standard flower show on April 6th at the Clarion Hotel in Waco. The show theme, "Across the USA", featured designs with iris and over a hundred entries of cut iris. The show was judged by Iris Society Judges who have a tougher criteria than entries for TGC judging. All the entries were pristine and posed a very difficult job for the judging



team. An additional enticement to attend an affiliate show such as the Iris Society is the availability of pristine bulbs to purchase for your garden. Pictures of the blooms were available to insure the buyer could see form and color before purchase.

The show was much like our garden club flower shows, just restricted to one particular flower type. There were 4 classes and an extensive educational display. Peggy Cathey, pictured at left won the Best Artistic Design of the Show. Peggy is the president of the Waco Iris Society and can be reached at natvtxn1@windstream.net. Other winners were Mitchell Whitley of Waco for the Horticulture Division with his bloom, "Queen of the Show", and Bill Calhoun of Cranfills Gap for his design "Take Me Out to the Ballgame".

Specialty clubs are very important in NGC/TGC members. They can provide program speakers, and are an excellent source for purchasing high quality plants that are botanically named. Check out society clubs in your area, and a short drive to visit a club or a day trip to see one of their shows or plant sales will be well worth the effort.

AUSTIN DAYLILY SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

1-4 pm - Saturday, May 25th

Free and open to the public - Zilker Botanical Garden Center, Austin TX



Daylilies are dependable, easy-care perennials that are **hardy in Central Texas!** These prolific bloomers are tolerant of drought, adapt to most soils, and grow well in full sun or light shade.

Hundreds of colorful and unusual blooms will be featured in the show and will be **available for sale.**

For more information on the Show and **Austin Daylily Society**, please visit www.austindaylily.org



We're looking for **NEW MEMBERS!**
Sign up here: www.austindaylily.org/members/

You Are Invited
To A&M Garden Club
and
Keep Brazos Beautiful
Small Standard Flower Show

"Carnival Cornucopia"

June 9, 2013
1:00 to 5:00 pm

Hilton Hotel
801 University East
College Station

A \$2.00 Admission Fee as a
Donation to Keep Brazos Beautiful

85th TGC Convention in College Station

Our convention in College Station in April was a huge success. This was totally due to the collective efforts of the BEST District in TGC. There is no way Suzanne and I could thank each of you for your help. This was a team effort with people with special talents taking charge of major chairmanships, then tapping their individual clubs for support. We never for a minute worried about our committees, knowing each one took charge and delivered without a hitch. When we had a hiccup, as all events have, we pulled together and solved it without the attendees any the wiser. To all the clubs who donated funds to the door prizes – they were awesome and everyone received one upon registration. To those of you who attended, we know you were proud to be members of the hosting district. The district did a great job and we can't tell you thank you enough for having the faith in us to act as your chairmen.

Suzanne and Marlene



District V at The Installation Banquet



Arbor Day Tree Dedication
Sherie Clarkson, Sarah McReynolds,
Marlene Gillman, and Jane Cohen.



Nell Zeigler Receives Member of Honor Award from Freda Martin.
TGC President, Kathy Cox, looks on.

2012 State Awards Presented at TGC Convention

Before you check out the state awards to our district, it is time to thank a person who is responsible for District V doing so well. For the last 15 years that I know of, Nell Zeigler has been our district's Awards Chairman. Every year she preached, prodded, enlightened, and worked with chairman and membership to submit awards for events and projects that they do. When there was no chairman for the award she assembled a judging team from her own club in Gatesville to see that a submission was given a chance to go forward to state. She has worked tirelessly for our district to see that each club gets its due recognition. Had you been at convention, you would have heard the statement "from District V" at least once in every series of awards. We are a big district, but the frequency of our acceptance of awards can only be attributed to the indomitable spirit of our own Nell Zeigler. Nell has decided to step down for health reasons but she can never be replaced. We will struggle through the transition, but will continue to seek her advice and guidance as we strive to continue to encourage clubs to submit awards for the many wonderful things you do in your garden clubs. Thank you, Nell, we will continue to make you proud of District V.

Congratulations!

Garden Club of Year 2012
Bronze Garden Club of the Year
A & M Garden Club

Green Garden Club of the Year
Linwood Acres Garden Club
Rockdale

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR
Janell Zeigler

BROWNING COMMUNITY GC – Kempner
Publicity Press Book – Bronze – 2nd

GATESVILLE GC
President's Report – Green 1 – Hon. Men.

KILLEEN – GC
Arbor Day – Gold – 1st
Yearbook – Gold – Hon. Men.
Club Service – Gold – Citation

SAN SABA GC
Civic Achievement – Bronze – 1st
Yearbook – Bronze – Hon. Men.
President's Report – Bronze -

SAN SABA GC - Continued
Historic Preservation – Bronze – 1st

TEMPLE GC
Arbor Day – Bronze – 1st
Community Concern – Bronze – 1st
President's Report – Bronze - HM
Yearbook – Bronze – 1st

A&M GC
Club Program – Bronze – 1st
Horticulture Award of Merit – Bronze – 1st
Magnolia Green Conservation – Bronze – 1st
Mary Badham Kittel Award – Bronze – 1st

State Awards – Continued

A&M GC – Continued

Literary Horticulture Interest – Bronze – 1st
Conservation Award – Bronze – 1st
Special Achievement – Bronze – 1st
Publications N 12 – Bronze – 1st
Publications N 13 – Bronze – 1st
Litter, Recycling, Reclamation – Bronze – 1st
World Gardening – Bronze – 1st
Decoration of Historic Building – Bronze – 1st
National Garden Week – Bronze – 1st
Website – Bronze – 1st
Club Service – Bronze – Citation
Arbor Day – Bronze – 2nd
Butterfly Award – Bronze – 1st
Community Concern – Bronze -1st

BROWN BAG GC – Waco
President's Report – Green – HM

COMMUNITY GC – Marlin
Presidents Report – Green – 2nd
Yearbook – Green – 1st

FOUR SEASONS GC – Waco
President's Report- Green – 3rd

LINWOOD ACRES – Rockdale
President's Report – Green – HM

McGREGOR GC
Yearbook – Bronze – 1st
Scrapbook – Bronze – 2nd
Community Landscape – Bronze – 1st
Pocket Garden – Bronze – 1st
Community Service – Bronze – 1st
Youth Poster – Woodsy Owl – First Grade
Kyndall Houchin 1st Place
Youth Poster – Woodsy Owl – Second Grade
Gracee Johnnene – 2nd Place
Youth Poster – Smokey Bear – Third Grade
Valeria Noemi Licea – 3rd Place
Youth Poster – Smokey Bear – Fourth Grade
Audrey Lillard – 3rd Place

MEXIA GC

Club History – Bronze – 1st
President's Report – Bronze - HM
Scrapbook – Bronze – 2nd
Yearbook – Bronze – 2nd
National Garden Week – Bronze – 1st

GEORGETOWN GC

President's Report – Bronze – Gold Medal
Yearbook – Bronze - HM

GIDDINGS GC

Yearbook – Bronze – 2nd
Blue Star Memorial – Bronze – 1st

LIBERTY HILL GC

Yearbook – Bronze - HM

VIOLET CROWN GC - Austin

Community Service – Gold - HM

YAUPON GC - Austin

Yearbook – Bronze - HM

To all the clubs who submitted
And won,
Congratulations for your wonderful work
And for
Submitting the awards for judging.

Nell Zeigler

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Killeen, 76542

June Workshop Scheduled

Please plan to join your new board and awards chairmen for the District V Workshop on June 13th at the Carleen Bright Arboretum in Woodway hosted by McGregor Garden Club. This is a great opportunity to share and garner new ideas for your club's next year's activities. As you have seen in this issue with the list of awards, there are opportunities for your club to be recognized for all the wonderful things they do as a club. This year Virginia Pargmann and Marlene Gillman will co lead the workshop as we transition to the new team. We will have a new **membership challenge** that will allow all the clubs to make money and you will want to know the details of that. We will have a presidents session for new and repeat club presidents to meet and talk with Sherie Clarkson our District Director, and get the goals and expectations she has for the district. We will have sessions on Yearbooks, Membership, Pilgrimages, Speakers, and many of the easy awards. Books will be available at the Ways and Means table to help guide you through the leadership and awards process. This is a valuable workshop for old and new members. It is a good idea to bring all your officers so you can cover all the sessions when they are presented concurrently.

As the out-going Workshop Chairman, Marlene Gillman will have club signs, podiums, and boxes available for the last time. Bring 3 of your officers and received one of the above. We will also recognize the club members who travel the greatest distance with a special gift as well as the club members with the greatest number in attendance. If the "Gillman Home Workshop" has not filled your winning item from last year, please let them know so they can be sure to have plenty of everything on hand. Jay is in the workshop now getting started on club signs.

The workshop is an opportunity to get your club year off to a strong start in planning. You can never get too much information and guidance. You just then have to decide what fits your situation and start the planning process.

McGregor Garden Club has a beautiful venue and we hope you will join us for a great day of fun, information, and rewards in a relaxed fun format. Come join us on June 13th – we'll make it worth the trip.

Virginia Pargmann and Marlene Gillman, Co-Chairmen

Browning Community Garden Club – Kempner – Community Project



Cove House a shelter for homeless men, women, and families is harvesting vegetables from the square foot raised beds provided by members of the Kempner club.

McGregor Garden Club

Invites You to the District V Workshop
Thursday, June 13th

Carleen Bright Arboretum, 9001 Bosque Blvd., Woodway, TX
254-399-9204

Registration, Shopping, Coffee	9:00 am
Welcome & Workshop Sessions	10:00 am – 12:15 pm
Lunch	12:30 pm
“Short” Open Discussion on Awards	1:15 pm – 1:45 pm
Open Forum on Speakers and Program Ideas	1:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Recognition of Participating Clubs	2:00 pm
Adjournment	2:30 pm

Registration and fee due by June 7th - \$18.00
Late registration and walk-ins \$20.00

Make Checks payable to: McGregor Garden Club

Mail registration form and check to:

Lavonne Westbrook

125 Crockett

McGregor, TX 76657

254-840-3295

lewbrook@sbcglobal.net

DIRECTIONS

From I-35 take Hwy. 6 on the south side of the city – go west to Bosque Blvd. Turn left (south) and the Arboretum will be on your right as you enter the Woodway neighborhoods.

From Hwy. 84 – take the Estates Dr. exit – go west to Bosque Blvd.

Make plans to attend as many different sessions as possible. Brochures will be available for purchase. Award entries may be picked up at the workshop. Bring yearbooks, scrapbooks, award entries, etc. and ideas to share

District Workshop Registration

Mail form and check (Made payable to McGregor Garden Club)

\$18.00 by June 7th - \$20.00 late and walk-ins to:

Lavonne Westbrook, 125 Crockett, McGregor, TX 76657

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TELEPHONE_____E-MAIL_____

CLUB_____AMOUNT ENCLOSED_____

Don't forget pre-priced items for “Plants and Things” Plan to tour the garden? - Yes No