District V Newsletter

February, 2015

Number 7



Dear District V Garden Club Members,

Here it is, another New Year. I hope each and every one of you are having a great New Year. Last year was a tremendous year! Some of the new things that we did turned out to be successful and I hope will continue to be. I don't know how we can top 2014 but I think as garden club members we are always thinking of new and inventive ways of doing things. Of course, we keep some of our favorite traditions that we love, also. I hope that 2015 will be a wonderful blend of old and new, making this one of the best years in District V.

In continuing to keep with my theme – "Plant a Seed to Grow – Preserve the Past, Embrace the Present and Plant a Seed for the Future", I want to finish up my term as district director with "Plant a Seed for the Future". Many of the clubs in District V are already ahead of the game with their programs on recycling, water conservation and especially the saving of our birds, butterflies and bees. Others are sponsoring junior garden clubs, giving programs to schools and making the public aware of the new and exciting projects that garden club has to offer. It is my wish that each garden club in District V will continue to plant these seeds to grow for the future and pass on this great legacy that is TGC.

If you were not able to attend the District V Fall Meeting, you missed a great time. I cannot remember when I have had so much fun learning. I want to congratulate Marlene Gillman and her committee on the excellent meeting. I can hardly wait to see what they have planned this year. Be sure and make a note to plan on attending the District V Fall Meeting in Temple this fall. You will not be disappointed.

Don't forget that I am still continuing the District V Ring of Honor to be presented at the District V Spring Meeting March 4^{th} in Austin. There are two different Rings of Honor – the Iris Ring of Honor for members that have been members of TGC for Twenty-five years and the Rose Ring of Honor that recognizes those that have been members of TGC for fifty years. I know that there are several who were not honored last year, so now is the time to send their names into me.

Now is the time to mark your calendar for **Wednesday**, **March 4**th as this is our District V spring Meeting to be held at Zilker Park in Austin. Sandra Holt, president of the Violet Crown Garden club, and her committee have been planning an excellent meeting which includes a tour of Zilker Park as the main program. This meeting will be a little more formal than the fall meeting because we need to do some business, give out awards and install the new District V officers for 2015 - 2017. But in no way will it be dull. Look for the registration information in this newsletter and sign up today.

And while you are filling in your calendar, don't forget the upcoming TGC Spring Convention April 19-23 in Tyler. Those of us who attended the fall state convention in Abilene got to see a glimpse of things to come with this convention. I cannot think of a better place in the springtime than Tyler with their rose gardens and nurseries. I know I can hardly wait. Plus, this will be the meeting where our newly elected District V Director will be installed along with a new state president, her officers and the rest of the district directors. If you have never attended a state convention and you like bling, this is the one for you.

I am looking forward to continuing to visit several garden clubs, either giving herb programs or just enjoying meeting new friends. And even though the calendar says it is just February, spring will be here before we know it. Here is wishing you a very rewarding garden club year, keeping with my motto – if you can learn something that will encourage you, meet a new friend and have a good time, then it has been a successful day. Hope to see many of you in the coming months. *Sherry*

Where Were You? An Editorial by Marlene Gillman

When your club last hosted a district event, did you sit on pins and needles as slow registration threatened the financial success of the venture? Did you lament to your fellow club members how disappointed you were that other clubs did not answer the call to your "long planned" event? No one understands how hard your club worked to plan and host this event! Why wasn't every club represented? We have all felt this disappointment, but in the next club year were you there for your sister club to support their efforts?

We don't want to call it apathy, but for lack of a better word maybe it applies. Most of us in garden club are of a generation that was raised with a strong sense of commitment and appreciation of gatherings at church, family, community or club events. What has happened to that sense of duty and commitment? Along with good manners are we going to fall victim to the present generations' lack of commitment? Has our casual society eroded the appreciation of a clubs' efforts to support garden club district meetings? I bet the majority of our district members have never attended one of our seasonal meetings – yet we work so hard to make them appealing and educational to all the members.

It's time to make an effort! Twice a year we meet – two days out of 365 and you can't find the time to support the people who work so hard to keep this wonderful district – vital and growing? We plan, plot, and produce fantastic meetings with the garden member in mind. Please don't sit at home and let life pass you by. Come join the happy group of gardeners for our next District Meeting on March 4th in Austin. Our generation must set the example!

District V Newsletter

The District V Newsletter is published quarterly – October, February, May, and July. You may receive the newsletter at no cost via e-mail by placing your name and e-mail address on the District E-List. To do so, contact:

Jane Cohen j-cohen@aggienetwork.com

For those who do not have e-mail, the publication is available in hard copy by mail for \$10 per year (4 issues). Send check payable to TGC-District V to:

Marlene Gillman 3553 Love Road Killeen, TX 76542

Membership Challenge

The district issued a membership challenge in mid June at the Summer Workshop. Because our spring meeting is scheduled early (March 4th) the time frame for new members will be June 25th to February 20th. Count your new members recruited and registered during this span. If you increased your membership by 5 or more you are eligible for a cash incentive recognition for growth. Send the list of new members by February 20th to:

Marlene Gillman 3553 Love Road Killeen, TX 76542 mgillman@embarqmail.com

Clubs will be recognized at the Spring Meeting in Austin with their checks.



District V Spring Convention Violet Crown Garden Club of Austin

Invites you to

Is It Spring??

You can never tell what the weather will bring, but bring your club members and usher in spring at Zilker Park Botanical Garden as part of our District V Spring Convention on Wednesday, March 4th. Our host club has arranged an after lunch

small group, docent led tour of the gardens which is being underwritten by the district. There are carts available for those with limited mobility to participate. The carts are limited and must be reserved to insure they are charged and ready on our tour date. (See below on reservation form.) We have ordered perfect weather but just in case an alternate program has been arranged should Mother Nature throw us a curve ball. This is an important meeting for our District to conduct a little business and recognize clubs for service, membership, and awards. We will recognize our out-going board and install our new board to lead us for 2015-2017. Every endeavor is being made to make the business and recognition portion of the meeting fit in the morning session.

WHEN – March 4th, 2015

Hospitality begins at 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting begins at 9:15 a.m. and General Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE – Zilker Botanical Garden

2220 Barton Springs Road

Austin, Texas Parking is somewhat limited and car pooling is suggested. Tell the park attendant you are attending the Violet Crown Meeting and you will enter without a fee.

Deadline for Reservations February 25, 2015

Cost of Luncheon - \$18.00 Late or Walk-In Fee - \$25.00

Remember to bring items for Plants and Things Sales Table

Registration Form (One per member, please) Cost of Luncheon - \$18.00 <u>Deadline – February 25, 2013</u> Late or Walk-In Fee - \$25.00 (Make checks payable to Violet Crown Garden Club) Send to Mary Alice DeBow 1500 Brown St. San Marcos, TX 78666

madebow@hotmail.com 512-878-0820

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Do You Have the Winter Doldrums?

If you are suffering from the "Winter Doldrums" and can't seem to get focused on any one thing - maybe we can recommend a worthy diversion. Landscape Design School II is now taking enrollment reservations for their February classes. Scheduled for Monday and Tuesday the 23rd and 24th of February, the classes are held at the George Bush Library in College Station from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The four courses are designed to be initiated at any stage so shake off the glooms and get a "kick start" to the gardening season. The content is a journey enlightening the student to gardening history, new and old theories, and wonderful power points of beauty and design. Taught by TAMU professors and supplemented with guest speakers from the southern states, every school offers wonderful educational material for every gardener.

The two day course includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages for both days in the tuition fee of \$145.00. Garden club members can make reservations without penalty of late fee up to February 20th. Canvas your club and come as a group and make it a girls' overnighter. With the decreased cost of gas those of you in the Zone II area could easily carpool in each morning and do the school on a shoestring. Don't miss out on this opportunity to broaden your knowledge and brighten these winter days with plans of your dream garden. (See the following page for the registration form)

Reminder

District V Scholarship Application is due by March 1st. The application and information are in the Bylaws and Standing Rules Brochure and can be found in the last issue of the District V Newsletter. Your club president has a copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules if you cannot locate vour old newsletter.

> Mail the applications to: **Charlotte Elrod** 2714 Pecan Drive Temple, TX 76502

> > Do not delay!

In Loving Memory Of Billie Noack Former District V Director A beautiful woman both inside and out. A wonderful mentor and friend. Member of Linwood Acres Garden Club

Nothing can fill the hole in our hearts but our vonderful memories will remain forever.

If You Could Be of Assistance

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In the next few months our in-coming District Director, Suzanne Milstead, will be making calls to fill her Board of Directors. This board consists of district members who are willing to help with the smooth running of our district. This may be in the manner of judging a particular award or serving on a committee to evaluate scholarship applicants. No one job is difficult, but if we do not share the load they fall to the few who are willing. A term is 2 years and the job or jobs usually only take an afternoon (2 hours) to judge and send it on to the next level. For awards Marlene Gillman will be on board to advise and most of the chairmanships are simple and straightforward and the former holder willing to advise. Please be open to serving and say yes when asked.

Thank You

Congratulations

Jean Stewart World Class Garden Club Member – Zone II

The Giddings Garden Club

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL SERIES XXIV, COURSE II February 23-24, 2015 <u>NEW LOCATION: George H. W. Bush Presidential Library</u> theater in the Rotunda (free parking) <u>College Station, TX</u>

THE SCHOOL IS OPEN TO ANYONE WISHING TO ADD TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN. Texas Garden Club, Inc. members may attend the schools to work toward a Landscape Consultant's rating. Members that have already finished the course may refresh once a year for four years and work toward a Master Consultant rating. To maintain this rating one must refresh at least once in 5 years.

MASTER GARDENERS who complete a course may apply for 12 hours of credit to their requirements for continuing education in their county.

Registration Form **<u>Please print legibly</u>**

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Questions: email Michele Wehrheim (313) 649-1067 texaslandscapedesignschool@gmail.com or https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/

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Happenings on Iris Hill By Sherie Clarkson

Burr!!! I do believe old man winter is here and he plans on staying awhile. I knew deep down that those sunny 70 degree days recently were just a tease before it turned cold an icy. Well, fear not as this is the time to bring out all the gardening catalogs that have been coming in the mail and plan for the future. One of the good things about cold weather (if there is such a thing) is that I now have time to actually read those gardening books and catalogs that I have been collecting all year. There is a reason for everything and winter is the time to take a break and kick back. To sit in front of a nice fire with a cup of hot tea and a stack of gardening material and start planning for the future is a perfect wintertime activity. Throw a couple of football games and the new series of Downton Abby and it will make the dark, cold days of winter better.

And since the calendar says it is February, my thoughts always turn to roses. No, not the kind you get for Valentine's Day, however I would never turn those down, but the bare-root plants that I ordered months ago. Of course, they always seem to show up on my door step during the coldest day of the year. You know you are a gardener when you are out in the garden in February planting rose bushes when the temperatures are hovering around freezing. Through the years, however, I have learned that you can keep the bare-root roses in a cool place just fine until a nice sunny day. That is why a gardener is always learning. Don't forget this is the time of year to also prune your roses. Even the antique roses will appreciate a little trim now. And don't forget to plan a regular feeding schedule for your roses. They are heavy feeders and need the right nutrition to produce those wonderful blooms. After all my years of growing roses, I have developed my own plan for feeding roses and with what materials and I can say it makes a difference. If you would like a copy of my rose feeding schedule, let me know and I will send you a copy.

With more and more being written about alternative medicines to keep us healthy, people are becoming more aware of the fact that Vitamin C helps prevent colds. Now, there are several good sources of Vitamin C in everyday fruits and vegetables, but why not try something different. This winter, to ward of those winter colds, try using rose hips to get your daily requirement of Vitamin C. By drinking several cups of Rose Hip Tea each day, you will get your recommended dose of Vitamin c. Make sure your hips come from organically grown roses and add a little honey for added benefits and sweetness.

Rose Hip Tea

1 tsp. dried rose hips (Rubrifolia or Rosa Rugosa have the biggest ones but any variety will work) For each cup of tea, put 1 teaspoon of dried rose hips into a teapot. Add very hot water (not boiling, to preserve the Vitamin C) and allow to stand several minutes, covering the teapot with a cozy or thick towel. Enjoy!

Also, this is the time of year that a gardener needs to walk around their yard and look at the structure. This is a good opportunity to think about adding a walkway, a retaining wall or a great piece of garden art. It is much easier to visualize these now. Of course don't forget to look for those first small signs of spring peeking their heads out of the ground. I know when I start seeing the first daffodils or crocus blooming, spring cannot be far behind. If you have not planted bulbs in the past, make a note to plant some this fall and you will be rewarded next spring. So, until next time, happy gardening.



Congratulations are in Order

Our own Eleanor Floeck was honored as Texas Garden Club Member of the Year at the fall convention in Abilene. Along with the long overdue recognition for her service to TGC and District V she was presented with an engraved silver Revere bowl amid tears and smiles. Eleanor is a member of the Giddings Garden Club.

On behalf of all of the district members and your home club Congratulations, Eleanor

State Convention Open to All

As a member of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. you are invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming state convention in Tyler, April 19-23. You probably think to yourself – it doesn't really pertain to you – but you are mistaken. No one is totally content with the full TGC package – so I urge you to get acquainted with the structure of our organization at the policy level. Knowing the "whys and wherefores" makes it so much easier to "pitch" and/or "explain" state objectives if you understand their foundation. Every club should send their club president to ensure your club is represented and in full knowledge of what transpires on your behalf at state.

District V has over the last five or so years, marked an increase in overall attendance and we invite all clubs to join us at the state convention. We make an effort to sit together whenever possible at meetings and events to show our unity and strength. It is not all business but a great deal of fun and camaraderie.

You do not necessarily have to attend the entire convention (although we encourage you too) bring a fellow club member and share a room for the awards night or the installation. There will be informative symposiums/workshops, a tour, great food and fellowship. We invite you to join the District V Delegation in Tyler in April. Check out additional information on the following pages.

Flower Shows

If your club plans a Flower Show this spring and require accredited judges, please contact Jo Colonnetta to insure you have your show properly covered.

> Jo Colonnetta 107 Mulberry Circle Georgetown, TX 78633-4567 512-869-1095 joviranch@suddenlink.net

In Memoriam Alyne Fisher October 1919 – April 2014 Member of AAGC – President and Treasurer Member & Judge of National Plant Society Life Member TGC, Inc. & Violet Crown G.C.

In Memoriam Jean Rice April 1927 – August 2014 Member Violet Crown G.C. – 1955 -2014 Master Flower Show Judge Master Design Consultant Benz School of Design Our annual Spring Convention is filled with business and fun, shopping and a tour. We have a trip planned to Tyler Junior College. Registration will begin on Sunday, April 19th at 1:00 PM.

Sunday is an excellent chance to experience almost every variety of food at one of our restaurants in Tyler, many within walking distance of the hotel.

Day 2. Monday. April 20th Complimentary Workshops will be available to all attendees from 3:00-4:30 PM. Judith Bussey, District III Director, member of Newton GC and the Bamboo Society, will have interesting information about including bamboo in the home landscape. Immediately after, a presentation by Carol Patterson, member of Fannie Marchman GC, Mineola, will give you ideas of fun ways to recycle "junk" as containers.

Tyler Junior College "Apache Belles" will give a short performance that evening. After the "Belles" the presentation of the awards, which everyone is anxiously awaiting, will be given. Club members, plan to be there to celebrate or congratulate.

Day 3. Tuesday. April 21st The Environmental Consultants are hosting the breakfast on Tuesday. Each table will have herbs as decorations. The Environmental Consultants are selling the plants to raise money for their scholarship.

You don't want to miss lunch on Tuesday. An "uncommon comedy" team will be here to entertain and make us laugh. That afternoon buses will take attendees to Tyler Junior College for a campus tour of the new Center for Earth & Space Science Education, the Ina Brundrett Azalea Garden and Arbor Day ceremony.

Day 4. Wednesday. April 22nd Do you know about Keyhole Gardening? That is the subject of the program at Wednesday's breakfast and our speaker is Doug McKelvey, son of Carol Moore, State President Elect for 2015-2017.

The installation of Officers for 2015-2017 will be the highlight of our week. Pionette Garden Club, Palestine, is hosting a reception for our new officers and everyone is invited to join them in congratulating these ladies who will be leading our organization for the next two years.

There are many attractions in Tyler that are open to the public free such as the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden and the 1859 Goodman-LeGrand House and Museum. Our historic Depot Railroad Museum is also free to the public.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 ZONE WORLD CLASS GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

ZONE I – MARTY PORTMANN – KILLEEN GARDEN CLUB ZONE II – GAYLE BEENE – MEXIA GARDEN CLUB ZONE III – JEAN STEWART – GIDDINGS GARDEN CLUB



Convention Chairman

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Convention Registrar Anne Brown 2701 Brentwood Tyler, TX 75701 903-566-4459 abrn525@att.net Page 9

Mention Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. for quoted rate Call the Holiday Inn Tyler directly to make hotel reservation/s. Holiday Inn Tyler is located at 5701 South Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703. Please call 903-561-5800 to make your reservation since a limited number of rooms are reserved at the convention discount. Single/Double \$99.00 per night, HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE – April 1, 2015

Day 1 - SUNDA	Y, APRIL 19	4:30	Board buses back to Holiday Inn
1:00-5:00	Convention Registration	6:00	Cash Bar
1:00 -3:00	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00	Judges Council Dinner
3:00 -5:00	Finance Meeting		Former NGC Pres Renee Blaschke
Dinner on you	rown		
		Day 4	- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
Day 2 - MONDA	AY, APRIL 20	7:00-	
7:00-9:00	Breakfast		Keyhole Gardens
9:00-1:00	Convention Registration		Speaker: Doug McKelvey
9:00	Executive Committee	9:00	Reconvene General Session
Noon	Lunch Convention Attendees	Noon	Lunch
1:30-3:00	Board of Directors		Youth Awards
3:00-4:30	Complimentary Workshops	5:00-	6:00 Installation Rehearsal and
	Bamboo in the Landscape		Official Photographs
	Repurposed Containers	7:00	Banquet and Installation of
5:00-5:45	Flower Show Judges Meeting		2015 -2017 Officers
	Former NGC Pres Renee Blaschke		
6:00	Cash Bar		Reception hosted by Pionette GC ,
7:00	Awards Dinner		Palestine, TX
	Tyler Jr. College "Apache Belles"		Everyone welcome
	Presentation of Awards		
	Districtors, please pick up awards for clu	bs	
	in your Districts after all awards have be	en prese	ented
		Dour	- THURSDAY, APRIL 23
Day 3 - TUESDA	AV APRIL 21	8:30	Complimentary Continental
7:00	Breakfast	0.30	Breakfast for Executive Committee
8:00 - 1:00	Convention Registration		
0.00 2.00	Environmental Consultants		and Board of Directors only
	Tyler Zoo	9:00	Monting of Executive Committee and
	Speaker: Keith Mills	9:00	Meeting of Executive Committee and Board of Directors
9:30	General Session		board of Directors
Noon	Lunch (Wear any Hat)		
	Program: EMPOWER YOUR FLOWER		
	Margaret Smith & Gladys Nokes		
2:30	Board buses to Tyler Jr. College		
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TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

87TH Spring State Convention

April 19 -23, 2015 Tyler, Texas

Hosted by District III Flower Show Judges Council and Tyler Council of Garden Clubs

OR SCHEDULED EVENT FOR MORE THAN ONE DAY. ONE DAY REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15.00.

 Please select and fill in amount for each event you plan to attend

 REGISTRATION FEE (15.00 ONE DAY; \$30.00 FOR 2 OR MORE DAYS)

MONDAY, APRIL 20	
BREAKFAST	\$15.00\$
LUNCH	\$17.00 \$
DINNER - AWARDS BANQUET	\$30.00 \$
TUESDAY, APRIL 21	
BREAKFAST – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS	\$15.00 \$
LUNCH - Program: EMPOWER YOUR FLOWER	\$17.00 \$
TOUR TYLER JR. COLLEGE SCIENCE CENTER & ARBOR DAY CEREMONY	\$15.00 \$
DINNER - JUDGES COUNCIL DINNER & PROGRAM	\$30.00 \$
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22	
BREAKFAST - LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANTS	\$15.00 \$
LUNCH - YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON	\$17.00 \$
INSTALLATION DINNER AND CEREMONY	\$40.00 \$

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Complimentary Continental breakfast for new Executive Committee & Board of Directors only Please indicate if you will attend Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (DIABETIC OR GLUTEN ONLY) Please circle

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

Registration Deadline is April 10, 2015 (\$10 Late Registration Fee) No refunds after April 10th. Make checks payable to District III Flower Show Judges Council, 2015 Spring Convention. Mail check and registration form to: Anne Brown, 2713 Brentwood, Tyler, TX 75701, 903-566-4459.

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE - APRIL 1st FOR CONVENTION RATE.

Bulletin Board

District V Spring Meeting

March 4th

Zilker Botanical Garden

Reservation Deadline February 25th

Club Presidents

If you have not sent in your President's Report to District Director, Sherie Clarkson, Please do so immediately. 87th TGC, Inc. Spring Convention

Tyler, Texas

Hotel Reservation Deadline April 1st for the convention rate.

Registration for Convention Deadline April 10th

Help

In order to keep our leadership roster up to date, please send the following information to: Marlene Gillman at mgillman@embarqmail.com

Name of Club In Coming President's Name **Full Mailing Address Telephone Number E-mail Address**