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District V Newsletter

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Take Care of the Earth: BLOOM

DISTRICT DIRECTOR - SUZANNE MILSTEAD



It's a New Year! Keep the momentum going with our theme: Take Care of the Earth: Bloom. We can still Learn More, Do More, and Share More. Make this a renewal time to add new members. This is especially important to your club now and the future. Challenge each member at your next meeting to bring a friend or potential member? Plan for it. Make it fun. Be inventive. Have a prize. Include a special welcome for these folks. Could they wear a recycled hat? Give them a call before and after the meeting. It's these personal connections that are made that encourage joining. Get them involved right away so they feel a part of your club.

LEARN MORE: Check out our NGC Schools coming up on page 2, Important Dates to Remember. Note that the Flower Show Schools in Dallas or Houston, District V has funds to assist with attendance.

DO MORE: District V gathers on March 9 in Kempner for our Spring Convention. Plan on carpooling with club members to attend. It's always fun to be with your garden friends. Kempner has planned an excellent meeting for us and we'll install the new District V officers for 2017-2019. We'll still have a grand program, garden shopping, and time to socialize with others. Look for the registration information in this newsletter and sign up today. Be sure you meet the deadline so we can better prepare for your attendance. Registration form is included in this newsletter on page 3.

The upcoming **TGC Spring Convention is April 18-21 in Odessa**. Highlights include a design program, "*Driven to Abstraction*." There's a workshop for making Coke Bottle Terrariums. Another is "*Container Gardening in the Texas Landscape*." Plan on wearing 'bling' for the installation of our new directors and new president. Afterwards, District V hosts a special reception for our new director. I can hardly wait! So, mark your calendars for both of these garden club events. Registration forms are found in the **Winter Lone Star Gardener** and on the TGC web page.

SHARE MORE: Continue to send to Trish Fullerton:

- "Yard of the Month" Include the winning yard and club.
- Community activities: Every project and program has merit.
- TGC District V Facebook: Our page continues to grow. I see and read about such interesting activities and ideas. Have you 'liked' our page? Find this page by looking at the top bar on your own Facebook to search. Just put in our name: TGC District V and click 'like'.

- Club Activities and Anniversaries: Send in photos and announcements of your club. Is your club celebrating an anniversary? Let me know so you can be recognized in upcoming newsletters.

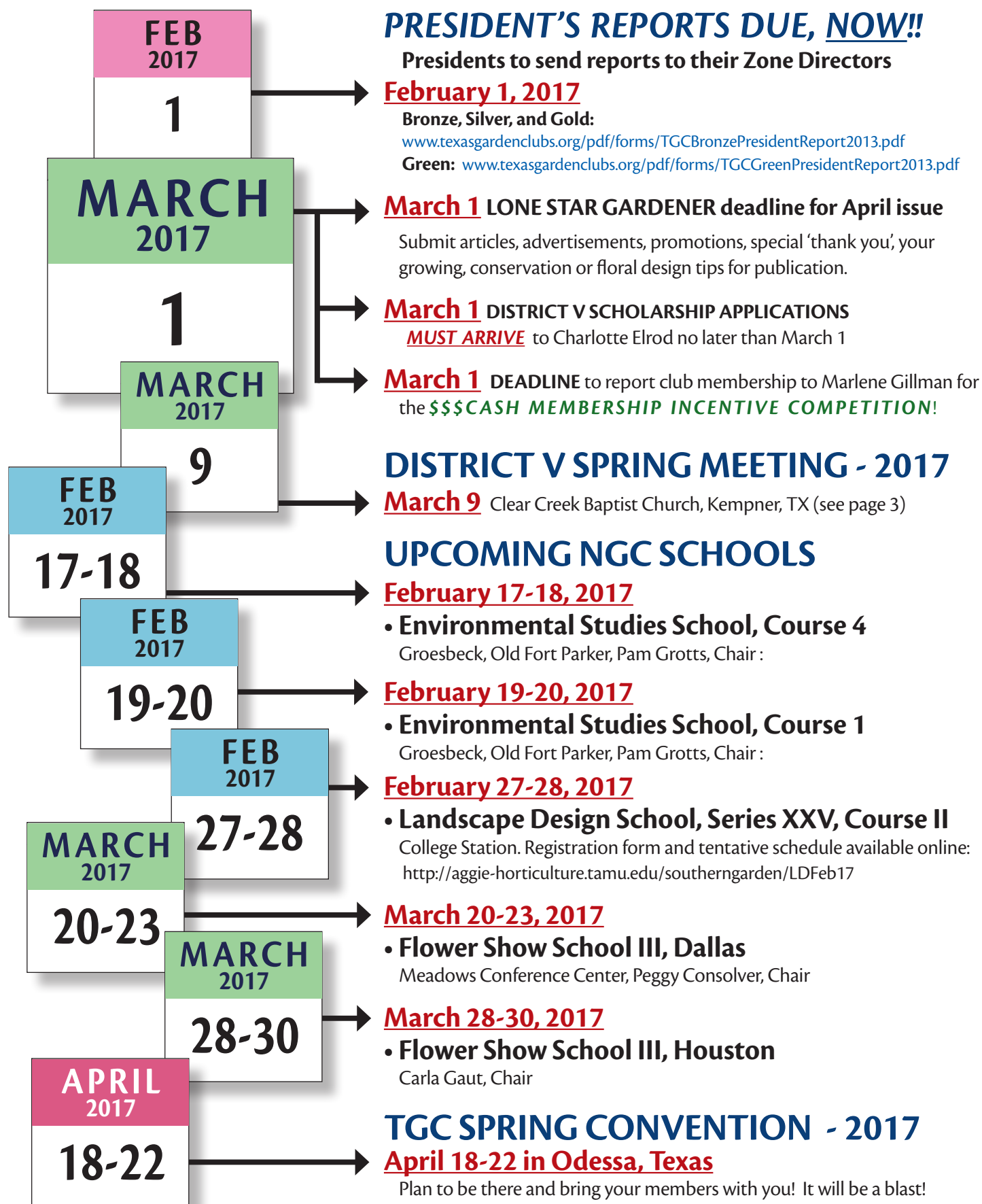


We are grateful for the service and impact our garden clubs are making in our communities, our friendships, and ourselves. I'm looking forward to continuing to visit several garden clubs, either giving programs or just enjoying meeting new friends. Even though the calendar says it is just February, spring will be here before we know it.

Suzanne Milstead TGC District V Director scisuz@gmail.com



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



HOSTED BY BROWNING COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

District V Spring Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

3350 FM 2657, Kempner, TX**Come learn everything you've ever wanted to know about peppers**

Fiesta Time!



Sombrero decoration competition!
Silk or real flowers! Be Creative!

SCHEDULE

- 9 -10 am Hospitality/Shopping
 10:00 am Welcome and opening ceremony
 10:30 am Program
Jeff Oaks, Belton Veggie Guys
It's all about peppers!
11:30 am Sombrero Parade and Voting
(Minimum one entry per club, no maximum)
 12:00 pm Lunch served
 1:00 pm Installations and Reports
2:30 pm Sombrero Winners,
 Raffle, and Announcements
 2:45 pm Adjourn



FROM LAMPASAS Go 15.2 miles West on Hwy 190, turn right FM 2657, go 1.2 miles
FROM KILLEEN Take Lampasas (190 E Bypass), after 5.1 miles, left on FM 2657, 1.2 miles on rt.
FROM BRIGGS (HWY 183) Take FM 2657 15.9 miles towards Copperas Cove

Remember items for Ways & Means sale "PLANTS & THINGS"

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BROWNING COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB & MAIL REGISTRATION TO:**Mollie Bersch: 512 Meggs, Copperas Cove, TX 76522 Telephone: (254) 547-2864 Email: mbersch@hotmail.com****\$20 Luncheon Cost - \$28 Late Registration (After February 27th)**

Name _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Email or phone _____ Club Name _____

Credentials:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Former TGC President | <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate President | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Study Con. | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former NGC President | <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Con. | <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Accredited Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Con. | <input type="checkbox"/> TGC Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Design Con. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dist. V Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member | | | |

¡AMIGAS!



¡MERCADO!



¡PLANTAS!



¡SORTEOS!



GLOBAL GARDENING IN GUATEMALA

by Johanna Roman

The **A&M Garden Club** recently conducted several gardening workshops for Mayan kids in Guatemala. On the annual Guatemala Gardenista Trip, 5 AMGC members were joined by 3 Violet Crown Garden Club members, 2 Brazos Valley Master Gardeners, and two garden enthusiasts. They offered 4 “**Learn, Grow, Eat & Go**” sessions to school kids from several impoverished villages.

physical activities. **AMGC** plans to coordinate another trip to Guatemala in Oct 2017. Interested? Email Johanna Roman at johannadcr@hotmail.com



Through fun and interactive games and activities, kids learned about parts of the plants, floral design, recycling, how to prepare healthy snacks using fruits and vegetables, how to establish a school garden and how to benefit from





Visit Goldthwaite's Legacy Plaza

By Hazel McCoy



Are looking for a different tour? This one is best taken in the spring, but has many interesting subjects year round. Have I piqued your interest now? If so, come and visit the Botanical garden in Goldthwaite. In the middle of this small town in central Texas you will be transported to the banks of the Colorado River as it might have looked 6,000 to 10,000 years ago. You will find a trickling stream finding its way through rocks and still pools, surrounded with native plants, identified by small signs. To your surprise, many of the trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials and grasses identified here are growing here today. Some in your garden .

The stroll through the gardens will be made more interesting by the signs explaining the history of the land, the people who inhabited this country, their and their daily life.

The Gardens are open Monday thru Saturday 9-4 and Sunday 1 thru 5. The admittance is \$5 for adults and kids up to 17 free. Tours may be arranged with a guide who will explain further the plants and time frame that you are walking through.

We are very interested in sharing this history of our past and welcome the opportunity to give tours to school children, scouts, and other groups of young people.

To arrange tours, or further questions contact the director, Jan Fischer at (325) 642-7527. Come and enjoy a most interesting step through past history. <http://legacyplaza.org>



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& Native American
Interpretive Center

District V Quarterly Newsletter

Our District V newsletter is published four times yearly: February, May, July and October. Deadline for each issue is the 1st of the month preceding publication. All members may receive the newsletter at no charge via e-mail by sending your name, e-mail address, and club name to: Dr. Jane Cohen j-cohen@aggienetwork.com To receive the newsletter by mail send check (TGC – District V) for \$10 to: **Trish Fullerton** | 505 North Hope Street | San Saba, TX 76877 | 325-372-3084 | tfullerton505@centex.net

Announcements of club events and publication of club news and pictures will be published at no cost to members but subject to editing depending of space available.



L to R: George Russell - LCRA, Thomas Thompson - SSGC Bldg & Grounds, Martha Leigh Whitten - LCRA, Dianna Furlan - SSGC Historian, Nancy Van Etten - SSGC VP, Tony Guidroz - City of San Saba, Jimma Byrd - SSGC Treasurer, Stan Weik - LCRA & City of San Saba, Trish Fullerton - SSGC President, Beth Griess - SSGC Reporter, Lori Burger - LCRA

LCRA Awards San Saba Garden Club A \$20,000 Grant For Historic Clubhouse Renovations

Grant To Fund Improvements To The Historic Mill Pond House, Home of the San Saba Garden Club.

The San Saba Garden Club will be able to make much-needed improvements to the Mill Pond House in Mill Pond Park thanks to a \$20,000 community development grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority and the City of San Saba.

Planned improvements to the Mill Pond House include installing energy efficient windows and an HVAC system, replacing old plumbing fixtures with water-efficient equipment and adding educational signage detailing the history of the building.

Other planned improvements include installing American Disability Act (ADA)-

compliant entrances to restrooms, refurbishing the existing ceiling, upgrading the kitchen and repainting the building floors and walls.

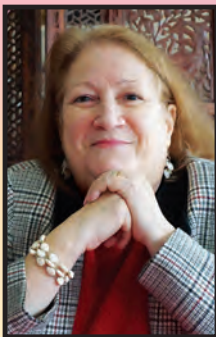
The Garden Club also received an additional \$5,000 matching grant from San Saba Community Foundation to help with the project. The San Saba Garden Club was founded in 1936 with a deep commitment to community partnerships. The Mill Pond House is one of the oldest buildings in San Saba and serves as the Garden Club's clubhouse. In addition, the Mill Pond House is used by the public for meetings gatherings and special events.

The community grant is awarded through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program, which provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's electric and water service areas. The program is part of LCRA's effort to give back to the communities it serves. The City of San Saba is one of LCRA's wholesale electric customers and a partner in the grant program.

More information about the LCRA grant program is available at lcra.org/cdpp.



Suzanne Milstead



Michele Wehrheim

In the spring at our district meeting in Kempner, we will be installing Michele Wehrheim as our new District Director. Michelle will be picking support staff to help her manage the various aspects of the district's organizational management (in other words – chairmanships). In the next two months she will be calling members who have been recommended to fill chairmanship for the next two years. Please be open to accepting her request. None are overwhelming in time or difficulty. As an awards chairman you can sit at your breakfast table with club members as fellow judges – enjoy their company and help with award judging. It's easy and it's fun. The only meeting you would be asked to attend is in May in Georgetown where Michelle can put names and faces together as her board meets to be ratified. Please say "yes" when asked – you won't regret it!

Passing the Gavel

GARDENING FOR THE RECORD:

View Gardening through a Camera Lens

Lucy Fry, Master Gardener & Photographer, *revised by Suzanne Milstead*

Gardeners have many tools, but one is often forgotten, a camera. Cameras can be in a phone, a quick shot type or a professional model with lots of bells and whistles. The amazing thing about all this is that the fundamentals of a gardener and photographer go hand in hand.

There are dozens of websites with guidelines to enhance your photos. One of the best is photograpymad.com, which begins: "These guidelines will help you take more compelling photographs, lending them a natural balance, drawing attention to the important parts of the scene, or leading the viewer's eye through the image."

Some secrets shared were:

- Keep the camera steady or use a tripod. This prevents blurry, out of focus photos. Use the viewfinder on your camera.
- Be aware of your background. The fewer distractions, the more pleasing the photo. If necessary, recompose the picture or move the distraction.
- Bright sunlight is not always your friend. It can result in crisp, dark shadows (not desirable). Better times are early morning, late afternoon or twilight in the garden. Some photographers call this "sweet light." Experiment with daylight, including a cloudy day or just after a rain.
- Composition is important. Get down on the level of your subject. Avoid pointing straight down at a subject; instead get close or zoom in and fill the

screen. Look for the unusual and avoid the traditional. Drama makes memorable images.

- Lighting is of utmost importance for any photograph, and shooting in the garden is no exception. Strong shadows on a flower are usually no more flattering than shadows on someone's face. Pay attention though; properly placed shadows can make the photograph all the more interesting. Another option is to use back lighting to your advantage. This is especially effective when photographing fall foliage.
- Critiquing a photograph is part of the process. Try not to use words like



good or bad when evaluating a photograph; successful is often a better choice. It depends upon whether your photograph has an ultimate purpose other than pleasing you. A photograph is truly successful if you can view it time and again and always feel like coming back for another look.

- Capture all the things that give your garden its personality - flowering blooms, butterflies and insects, vegetables, trees, yard art and structures.

And finally, here's a quote from Ansel Adams, whose photography is considered some of the best - if not the best of the 20th century: "A great photograph is a full expression of what one feels about what is being photographed in the deepest sense, and is, thereby, a true expression of what one feels about life in its entirety."

DUES

District V Dues of \$15 per CLUB are due by May 31st.

Because District V is changing Treasurers on March 9th, clubs will need to mail dues:

BEFORE March 9: Charlotte Elrod, 2714 Pecan Drive, Temple TX 76502

AFTER March 9: Janice King, 318 San Gabriel Street, Rockdale TX 76567

TGC Dues of \$7 per CLUB MEMBER are due by May 31.

Mail TGC dues to Bert Pool, Office Manager, 3111 Old Garden Road,
Fort Worth, TX 76107 | 817-332-6602 | tgcoffice@aol.com

Membership Incentive Deadline Draws Near

For a number of years the district has encouraged membership recruitment with monetary rewards. This year is no exception. Clubs who have increased their membership 5 or more members beginning **1 June and ending 1 March** are eligible for a **\$25 stipend**. This check will be awarded at the Spring Meeting in Kempner on March 4th. In order to receive this money **YOUR CLUB MUST** report their membership gain to Marlene Gillman by **March 1st** so the checks can be cut. **NO EXCEPTIONS. The club with the greatest membership gain will receive \$100.**

Please report your membership gains to: Marlene Gillman, 3553 Love Road, Killeen, TX 76542 (254) 628-7762 jegillman@embarqmail.com.

Three World Class Garden Club Members Named

Each District V Zone nominated and voted for their World Class Garden Club Member Zone Award at the District V Fall Meeting in Georgetown. These women will be inducted into the World Class Garden Club Member Hall of Fame at the District V Spring Meeting in Kempner. Congratulations to all!



Dawn Turner
Brownwood / Zone 1



Jan Miller
Mexia / Zone 2



Velia Sanchez-Ruiz
Violet Crown / Zone 3

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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.

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel# _____

Email _____

Garden Club Members ONLY: ☐ Credit ☐ Refresher ☐ Audit

Member of _____ Garden Club

Master Gardeners ONLY: Member of _____

Chapter County _____

Master Gardeners who complete a course may apply for 12 hours of credit to their requirements for continuing education in their county. Master Gardeners must pass this course exam to use it for continuing MG education credit.

A copy of the reference book, **Stewards of the Land** which covers all four courses, is **optional** for taking the course for credit. Books must be ordered before February 5, 2017. (Sorry, no orders accepted after that date.)

Stewards of the Land \$40.

Registration fee \$145. by Feb 1, 2016

Registration fee \$165. after Feb 1, 2016

Make check or money order payable to:

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Mail to: Michele Wehrheim, Registrar
1218 Haines Drive College Station, TX 77840
(313) 649-1067

You will be sent an email to confirm receipt of registration. We will communicate hotel information, event details and other last minute items by email. (If you do not have an email, we will mail it to you.)

QUESTIONS: email Michele Wehrheim (313) 649-1067

texaslandscapedesignschool@gmail.com or

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/LDFeb17>

It's OUR Turn

Every four and a half years the state convention hosting duties fall to District V.

This is a wonderful opportunity to show off Central Texas, and in some cases be instrumental in initiating new ideas into convention programs. We at District V have always looked upon this hosting as a time when our district can show its individuality with innovative ideas. We will host the **Fall TGC Convention** at the **Courtyard Marriott in Killeen on October 17-19, 2017**. Marlene Gillman and Charlotte Weiss will serve as co-chairmen. We have selected **"Change is in the Wind"** as our theme. Our theme has a three prong meaning: "Change" as in the fall season; "Change" as TGC will be seeing some major structure shifts; and "Change" at the district where we hope to engage new members in the convention planning process to ensure we old timers pass the baton of excellence to our future leaders.

This is Charlotte's first experience with TGC convention planning, but she brings experience with conventions from her association with other organizations. Likewise Debbie Burrows will serve as our registration chairman and treasurer, with Charlotte Elrod serving as her mentor. There are many small chairmanships in presenting a convention, and if you are interested please let us know, and we will work together to find a good volunteer fit for you.

One area we would like to get word out early is for local vendors. Traditionally there is a sales area, and if you know of someone who has merchandise that would fit in our garden club genre, please help us to hook up. There will be an affordable space charge, but you would have a captive clientele. A vendor can be anyone in the area so keep an eye and ear out. We need some fresh merchandise!

As days fly by, we will be contacting clubs through their presidents for help with door prize baskets and decorations. *Pulling together, no one club should be heavily burdened.*

Together we will present the best state convention yet! A little hint at what is on the agenda – "High Tea" for a return to the Victorian era. Hope to see you there, and that we can count on your help.

Marlene Gillman – jegillman@embarqmail.com
Charlotte Weiss – indianpointretreat@gmail.com

New "Ring of Honor" members to be recognized at the District V Spring Meeting

Three years ago, District Director Sherie Clarkson established the **"Rose Ring of Honor"**, which recognizes members of District V that have been **members of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc for at least 50 years** and the **"Iris Ring of Honor"** which recognizes members that have been **members for at least 25 years**. This will be an on-going honor and those recognized at the District V Spring meeting will have their names listed in the May newsletter and added to the ring of honor plaques. ***Please send in the names of your club members for this honor and the number of years they have been members of TGC, Inc to Sherie Clarkson, PO Box 395, Mason, Texas 76856 by March 1, 2017.*** This is a way we can honor our long-time members and preserve our past.



Billie Kathryn Butler

2/11/1928 ~ 1/1/2017

Kathryn Lancaster Butler, one of the founding members of the L&M Garden Club, served as L&M's first president in 1959, and twice again in later years. She remained in L&M Garden Club, as well as Goldthwaite Garden Club for many, many years.

Thank You

After 12 years of business I have decided to close Ye Olde Thyme Herb Shoppe as of March 1, 2017. It is a bittersweet decision, but one I feel it is time to make.

I want to thank everyone in District V that has encouraged, bought herbs, had me speak at their club meetings and just in general been supportive. I will still be doing programs on herbs for District V.

I recently completed my master gardeners class and will be presenting as that. I will be bringing several herbal items from my business to the District V Spring Meeting on March 9 for the district to sell. Again, I truly appreciate District V for helping me during the years.

Sherie Clarkson
Ye Olde Thyme Herb Shoppe

A couple living in the Lampasas area (Ed and Sue Lilley) are master gardeners and master naturalists. They have developed walking trails on their land with an emphasis on native plants and a mixture of design elements. They welcome groups to enjoy the trails. The end of April through May is the best time to enjoy the flowers. Call them to schedule your outing at 512-556-6646.

Thanks, Debbie Burrows

Dear AGM Garden Club friends,

I wanted to send a quick note to thank you very much for your support towards our Global Gardening activities in Guatemala this past year, and to share with you a report and some pictures of our 2016 workshops abroad.

On behalf of all the kids and families we have helped: Muchas gracias!

Johanna Roman
Chair - Global Gardening

Thank you, District V Garden Club members, for a fabulous term as your Ways & Means Co-Chairs. Always knew we could count on your bringing unique plants and merchandise to our tables and suggesting goodies for the next meeting. It has been fun getting to know everyone and bringing items we knew you had to have! All are encouraged to bring checkbooks and cash as we have one last chance to entice you to share your money with District V.

Look forward to seeing you March 9th in Kempner, and introducing you to the new W & M Chairmen.

Della Setser & Charlotte Weiss
2015-2017 Ways & Means Co-Chairmen

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:

District V Scholarship applications must receive by March 1st by Charlotte Elrod
2714 Pecan Dr, Temple TX 76502

