



**Texas A&M University
Women's Club
Garden Interest Group (GIG)**
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September 17: Veggie Gardening with the Seasons. *Mike Vidrine*, Brazos County Master Gardener, has gardened from the Midwest to the tropics of Brazil. Mike will share his knowledge and experience in growing vegetables and fruits in the Brazos Valley.

October 15: How Native Plants Support Life As We Know It. *Cheryl Lewis*, President of Post Oak Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas and Brazos Valley Master Naturalist, will show us how we can support pollinators and other wildlife in our own backyard.

November 19: Growing Heirloom Bulbs Native to the Brazos Valley. *Robert Martinez*, Brazos County Master Gardener who has grown bulbs in this area for 30 years and is a regular at the Brazos County Farmers' Market, will speak to us on these relatively carefree plants.

December 10: A Gardener's Holiday Gathering. Join us for coffee, appetizers, and holiday cheer from 10 a.m.-noon at the home of our gracious hostess, Anita Szabuniewicz.

January 21: The Soil Food Web. *Dr. Sam Feagley*, retired TAMU Professor and Agrilife Extension Service state soil environmental specialist, will explain the complex living system in the soil and how it interacts with the environment, plants, and animals.

February 18: Growing Roses in Brazos Valley. Maggie Boriski, James Kneip, and Jo Ann Ottis, members of the Brazos Valley Roses Society, will share their knowledge and experience on best rose varieties, growing tips, and disease treatment.

March 17: Garden Floral Design. *Bill McKinley*, TAMU Benz Endowed Chair of Floral Design and Senior Lecturer of Floraculture, will walk us through the basics of floral arranging using garden flowers and Texas natives.

April 21: Gardens for Your Spirit, Imagining and Designing a Meditation Garden. *Jim Kracht*, Brazos County Master Gardener, will explain the what, why, where, and how of meditation gardens and the tools to imagine and design your own meditation garden.

May 19: Meet and Share. Share photos of your favorite plants, ideas for program topics, and any speaker contacts for planning the coming year.

Meeting reminders

- If you have a specific gardening issue and would like to get ideas from the group, bring it to the meeting. Together, we might find an answer that works.
- Consider donating new or gently used garden-related items to each meeting for our drawings.
- Sign-up to bring refreshments to a meeting.
- If you are a master gardener, consider being a mentor to a beginning gardener or a new-to-Texas gardener.
- For those who are interested, we hope to have a few field trips in addition to our regular meetings.

GIG meets the third Tuesday of the month 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and conversation
- 9:50 a.m. garden-related announcements
- 10 a.m. program and questions
- 10:50 a.m. drawing for garden treasures donated by members
- 11:00 a.m. clean-up and goodbyes (door closes at 11:30 a.m.)

Where: **Education Room of the George Bush Presidential Library**, 1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station.

Dues: \$10 per year. First year new-comers are free.

GIG is a garden interest group for members of the Texas A&M Women's Club. The Women's Club provides a supportive network for women affiliated with the university and scholarships for area incoming horticultural students.

We also welcome all other gardeners or those who have an interest in gardening including other garden groups in the area. We welcome these visitors and appreciate the garden knowledge they share with us.

Co-Chairs: Ann DeWitt and Renée Frisbie

Co-Treasurers: Neshia Brown and Lillis Fisher

Co-Hostesses: Sherry Carlson and Sheila Fields