

**Texas A&M University Women's Club
Garden Interest Group
Programs and Activities for 2023-2024**

September 19: The Secret to Free Plants. *Debra Diamond, Jim Kracht, and Sue Schuelke, Brazos Master Gardeners, will discuss how the rising cost of plants in recent years has led many folks to turn to propagation and seed starting.*

October 17: Birds of Brazos. *David Scott, Rio Brazos Audubon Society member, will share his knowledge and experience of identifying and attracting resident and migratory birds to your garden.*

November 14: Inspired Holiday Designs. *Dr. Bill McKinley, TAMU Benz Endowed Chair of Floral Design and Senior Lecturer, will be presenting floral design that is inspired by music and the upcoming seasons for your table and home décor.*

December 5: A Gardener's Holiday Gathering. *Join us for coffee, appetizers and holiday cheer from 10 a.m. – noon at the home of Jan Vos at 3706 Park Meadow Lane, Bryan Texas (610-389-3685).*

January 16: Antique Rose Emporium: Past, Present and Future. *Jim and Kim Keeter, the new owners of The Antique Rose Emporium Nursery and Display Gardens in Brenham, will share their plan on expanding the offerings at the garden, including special events, educational classes and symposiums.*

February 20: Enhance Your Landscape Enjoyment with Fragrant Plants. *Skip Richter, TAMU Horticulture Extension Agent for Brazos County, gardening columnist for The Eagle and host of Garden Success on KAMU FM, will help you take your landscape beyond just visual beauty with plants that also offer delightful fragrances.*

March 19: TBD

April 16: Creating A Backyard Habitat. *Molly Harris – Brazos County Master Gardener and charter caretaker of their Pollinator Garden, will speak from her personal journey on creating a backyard habitat that provides food, shelter, and water to attract birds, butterflies, other pollinators and desirable wildlife.*

May 14: Brunch and Garden Talk. *Come with your ideas for the next year's garden program topics and/speakers and enjoy the company and conversation of your fellow gardeners. Social to be held at the home of Elizabeth Natsios, 4924 Firestone Dr., College Station, Tx 7845.*

Meeting Reminders:

- If you have a gardening question 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.

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When: Third Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- 9:30 a.m. Refreshments and conversation
- 9:50 a.m. Garden-related Announcements
- 10 a.m. Program and questions
- 10:50 a.m. Drawing for garden treasures from member donations
- 11 a.m. Clean-up & goodbyes (door closes 11:30 a.m.)

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

Dues: \$10 per year (cash only) collected at our first-in-person
Meeting. First-year members are free.

GIG is a garden interest group for members of the Texas A&M Women's Club. The TAMU Women's Club provides a supportive network For women affiliated with the university and scholarships for area In-coming horticultural students. **We also welcome all other gardeners or those who have an interest in gardening including other garden groups.** We welcome visitors and appreciate the garden knowledge they share with us.

Chair: Ann DeWitt

Treasurer: Lillis Fisher

Hospitality Coordinator: Rose Owens

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