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AMGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow gardeners:

I have asked Clint to pass on this email to all of you for me. As you have noticed in my newsletter notes recently life's events have brought my wife and myself out to Colorado to live. In the last two months we have found property, purchased it and begun building a site where we can park our RV and build the first structure. All of this has gone amazingly fast and while it is exciting it also pulls us out of Texas, where we will soon be selling our house and becoming full-time Coloradans. While I had expected to be coming back around the middle of each month to accompany my wife for scheduled visits (and therefore make our meetings till Dec.), that isn't how things are turning out. While she is there now, I am up in the mountains pouring a foundation for a barn. It is beautiful, wonderful and I am thoroughly enjoying myself with 11 hour days. However, this does mean that I am no longer there to be an active president till my term is over in two more months. Therefore, I am sad to state I am tendering my resignation as president of the AMGC. At October's meeting the Directors will have a board meeting to consider the nominations for the new leadership for 2017 that I have been active in getting set up. These nominations as established will be offered to you at the November meeting to vote upon. I encourage you all to remain actively involved in this process and support the club. My best wishes to you all and to the AMGC. The past 2 1/2 years has been a wonderful experience for me. Thank you all and best wishes!

Tim LeBlanc

Dear Members,

I am happy to volunteer to be first Vice President for 2017. I will also continue to publish our monthly newsletter and do my best to keep our website updated. Please excuse this very slapdash newsletter. Many of you may know that October is a difficult time for me due to my responsibilities at the State Fair of Texas. Thanks for your patience!

Clint Probst

NEXT MEETING

October 17, 2016 at 7:00pm (every 3rd Monday)

Garden Room of the Bob Duncan Center

2800 South Center Street, Arlington, Texas

OFFICERS

President	Tim Leblanc
Past President	Billy Clark
1st Vice President ...	Clint Probst
2nd Vice President ..	Elbert Seal
Secretary	Otto Witt
Treasurer	Roy Schemensky
Directors (Exp 2016)	Otto Witt
Directors (Exp 2017)	M. Auriene & J. Hertzler
Directors (Exp 2018)	L. Jepson

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Audit	Schemensky & Leblanc
Awards	Billy Clark
By-Laws ...	Ed MacLeod
Finance	Elbert Seal
Plant Show ...	Tim Leblanc
House	Auriene & Holman
Programs ...	Clint Probst
Publicity	Hertzler
Scholarship ...	Auriene & Schemensky
Sunshine Report ...	Richard Harrell
Home & Garden Show	Jepson & Clark
Christmas Banquet	Michael Auriene
Jr. Livestock Show	Conley & Seal
Membership	Jack Sinclair
Nominations	TBD by the President
Photographer	Lance Jepson

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OUR SUNSHINE REPORT

AMGC Members and/or their family's health conditions and well-being, as received, are listed below. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Ric Overley asks for prayers because he cannot drive any longer and cannot come to our meetings.

Stephen Short had a heart attack on Sept. 4th, then had triple bypass on Sept. 12th. He is recovering well. He is on "face book" if anyone wants to Friend him.

Snack Volunteers:

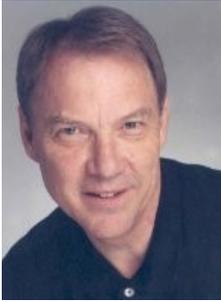
Please Sign up at our next meeting for November snacks!



Speaker Spotlight

October - Brad Sandy, 'Fall Planting for the Best Spring Ever!'

December—Holiday Party!



BRAD SANDY

PERSONAL STATEMENT

SINCE 1992 BRAD HAS BEEN A BUSINESS COACH WORKING WITH OWNERS OF FACTORIES, SERVICES, AND DINING. AFTER WRITING TWO BOOKS ON SELLING, HIS CLIENT LIST INCLUDED BELL HELICOPTER, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, SPRINT, AND AT&T. THIS COACHING HELPED HIM TO LOOK INTO THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM IN 2001. SINCE THEN HE HAS HELPED TO GROW THE SPEAKER PROGRAM AND STARTED THE FIRST ROSE SALE. SINCE 2008 HE HAS BEEN A SPRING AND FALL PRESENTER AT THE DALLAS ARBORETUM. HE HAS ALSO SOLD SUPPLIES TO SOME OF DALLAS' TOP LANDSCAPE COMPANIES, WORKING ON PROJECTS LIKE THE GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND KLYDE WARREN PARK.

BRAD'S TALKS INCLUDE:

5 TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

CURB APPEAL

FALL PLANTING FOR THE BEST SPRING EVER

THE CONTEMPLATIVE RELIGIOUS GARDEN

CERTIFICATIONS

TEXAS MASTER GARDENER, DALLAS COUNTY, 2003

RECOGNITION & AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK:

EVENT CHAIRMAN, DALLAS HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

DESIGNER: CONSERVATION SERIES TALKS FOR THE DALLAS HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

INITIATOR: FIRST ROSE SALE FOR THE DALLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

- October
- Gardeners To Do List For October
- Planting
- Begin refrigerator chilling of tulips and Dutch hyacinths (about 8 weeks) in preparation for late December to early January planting.
- Plant daffodils from late October to mid November.
- Plant pansies, flowering kale and cabbage, dianthus, cyclamen, violas for fall color as the weather cools at the end of the month.
- Plant cool season fescue grass by mid month or overseed established fescue lawns if needed. If you choose to overseed a Bermuda lawn with winter ryegrass, do so by mid month.
- Divide and re-plant ground covers like liriopse and mondo grass, as well as new ground covers.
- Select and plant shrubs and trees, especially those that are grown for fall foliage, while fall color is visible. Late October is an excellent time for planting shrubs and hardy perennials, although it's best to wait until the winter dormant season for planting shade trees, or transplanting large woody shrubs or ornamental trees such as crape myrtles.
- October to January is the time to plant trees and shrub that are 'balled & burlap'.
- Plant cilantro, garlic, leaf lettuce, parsley, radishes, spinach, and turnips.
- Pruning
- Prune dead wood from trees and shrubs, but wait until the dormant season for major re-shaping. Tidy the garden by removing spent summer annuals, pruning dead bloom spikes off warm season perennials, and re-shaping overgrown perennials later in the season.
- Plant Care
- Watch for scale insects on ornamental plants such as euonymus, hollies, gardenias, and camellias, and treat as necessary. Watch for brown patch in St. Augustine lawns and control with fungicide as necessary.
- Fertilize established fescue lawns according to soil test recommendations.
- As the weather cools, bring potted tropicals and houseplants inside, inspect for insects which could multiply rapidly indoors.
- Mulch or gather leaves regularly as they drop, as a thick leaf layer on lawns can promote insects and diseases and delay winter dormancy. Add excess leaves to the compost pile or shred leaves and use as mulch in beds.

