



THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA IN ARLINGTON

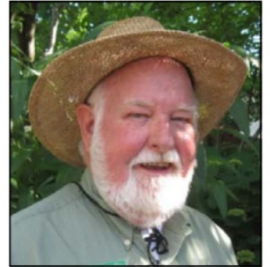


Volume 44

July 2017

Number 7

AMGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Start collecting seeds for our club to give away at the Fall Show.

We are getting estimates for new badges reflecting our name change to TGOA (The Gardeners of America) in Arlington, Texas. We will be getting new caps reflecting the name change.

Planning ahead. I want us to have Board of Directors Meeting either before or after our meetings. Members are welcome to the BOD meetings, this is "our club", so we all have a say in what the club does. If you have any input, please contact me with your suggestion.

The Fall Fort Worth Home and Garden Show is to take place in August 18 – 20, 2017 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center. Please keep this week end open to help the club at this show.

We need volunteers to sign up to provide SNACKS for the months August, October and November. Please look for the SNACKS Sign up Sheet at the next meeting. See you at the July 17th meeting. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.

(written by Billy Clark, President of TGOA in Arlington, Texas July 14, 2017)

July 17 Meeting Snacks

Clint P.

Diane P.

NEXT MEETING

July 17 at 7:00pm (every 3rd Monday)

Garden Room of the Bob Duncan Center

2800 South Center Street, Arlington, Texas

OFFICERS

President	Billy Clark
Past President	Tim Leblanc
1st Vice President ...	Clint Probst
2nd Vice President ..	Michael Auriene
Secretary	Otto Witt
Treasurer	Roy Schemensky
Directors (Exp 2017)	Jay Hertzler
Directors (Exp 2018)	D. Holman & L. Jepson
Directors (Exp 2019)	G. Coe & E. Seal

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Audit	Coe & Jepson
Awards	Billy Clark
By-Laws ...	Sam Dews
Finance	Elbert Seal
Plant Show ...	Elbert Seal
House	Auriene & Holman
Programs ...	Clint Probst
Publicity	Hertzler
Scholarship ...	Auriene & Schemensky
Sunshine Report ...	Richard Harrell
Home & Garden Show	Jepson
Christmas Banquet	Michael Auriene
Membership	Billy Clark
Nominations	TBD by the President
Photographer	Lance Jepson
Newsletter & Website	Clint Probst

National Director.....Michael Auriene



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 has had a nerve problem in his neck that is causing pain and numbness of my left arm. It is very hard to do much for it, but some steroids have helped, but they caused some other health problems to become worse. He asks us to keep him in our prayers.

Snack Volunteers, July: Diane and Clint

Please Sign up at our next meeting for snacks!



Speaker Spotlight

July—Melissa Brenner: 'Urban Homesteading'

The *Earthmen of Arlington* is published monthly by The Arlington Men's Garden Club, Inc. (AMGC) Post Office Box 174, Arlington, TX 76004-0174

Clint Probst, Newsletter Editor & Distributor

Clint Probst, Web Designer

Club Website: <http://arlingtonmensgardenclub.org>

Annual Newsletter Ad Rates:

\$35 (3.5x2 in) and \$100 (3.5x3 in); refer advertisement contacts to our Treasurer.



**July Speaker
Melissa Brenner
'Urban Homesteading'**

We are excited to welcome Dallas County Master Gardener, Melissa Brenner to cover the how and why of urban homesteading and some cool tips on incorporating principals of low-impact, sustainable self-sufficiency through fun and easy tasks like gardening for food production, rainwater harvesting, recycling, and generally simple living!

The current urban sustainability movement is a positive trend in American society. It has the potential to revitalize families and, thus, towns in our long tradition of self-sufficiency and independence. Homesteading in the city requires responsibility to one's neighbors and fellow citizens. When it is undertaken with such a foundation, this way of life yields rich rewards of experiencing the rhythms of nature & wonders of animal life



July

Gardeners To Do List For July

Planting

- Continue to plant warm season turf grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine, and Zoysia).
- Continue to plant ground covers, tropical and warm season annuals.
- Plant sweet and hot peppers, okra and tomatoes (first half of month) for fall harvest.

Pruning

- Prune out any dead or broken branches of woody ornamentals (trees and shrubs), but avoid major pruning during the heat of summer.
- Cut back spent flowers of annuals and perennials to encourage new blooms.

Plant Care

- Pay attention to the water needs of lawns, ornamental plants, and vegetables in the typically hot dry days of mid-summer, being attentive particularly to new plants with undeveloped root systems and to outdoor potted plants, which can dry out quickly. Water in the early morning hours (3 AM to 8 AM) to minimize fungal problems and evaporation.
- Continue to check crape myrtles for aphids.
- Continue to check ornamentals, flowers, and vegetables for spider mites.
- Inspect broadleaf evergreen shrubs such as euonymus and hollies for scale insects, and treat as necessary.
- Watch for lace bugs on azaleas, pyracantha, cotoneaster, and lantana.
- Fertilize chrysanthemums if needed.
- Mow turf grasses every 5 to 7 days, maintain Bermuda at 1 to 1 ½ inches and St. Augustine at 2 ½ in full sun and 3 to 3 ½ in semi-shade.
- Continue to check for chinch bugs and gray leaf spot fungus in St. Augustine lawns.
- Check lawn for grub worms by digging in several places. Grub treatments, if needed, are recommended if you find more than four grubs per square foot.
- Fertilize hanging baskets and other container plants regularly if needed.
- Harvest vegetables as they ripen.
- To reduce mosquito pests, check house gutters and any containers for standing water. For mosquito larva control, use Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis, israelensis*) as a larvicide.

**Arlington Men's Garden Club
(AMGC)**

P.O. Box 174

Arlington, TX 76004-0174

First Class Mail

