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AMGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time marches on! Another year is beginning for our garden club and it time to start planting. I am sure that our Newsletter Editor will be putting some tidbits about what to be planting in January.

A great time was had by all that attended the AMGC Installation Dinner on December 3, 2016. My thanks to Michael and Kitty Auriene for making the arrangements at the Macaroni Grill. The food was excellent. Also, my thanks to Tom Wilten for doing the Installations.

As Program Chairman, Clint Probst has been lining up some informative programs for our 2017 meetings. The January meeting will be about Carnivoreous Plants. The program for February will be about Tomatoes. If you would like to hear/see a program on a specific subject, please let Clint know.

Planning ahead. I want us to have Board of Directors Meeting either before or after our Monthly meetings. Members are welcome to the BOD meetings, this is "our club", so we all have a say in what the AMGC does.

Already we can look forward to participating in the Fort Worth Spring Home and Garden Show (February) and the Fall Show (August). We have been invited to participate in the Arbor Day event at the Southeast Campus of the Tarrant County College in April.

We need to discuss having an AMGC Spring Flower and Garden Show and start getting plants and vegetables ready as our individual entries.

If you have not paid your club dues, it is time. The total is \$25.00 for the whole year. Please give your cash or check to Club Treasurer Roy Schemensky.

See you at the January 19th meeting. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.

(written by Billy Clark, President of the Arlington Men's Garden Club, December 28, 2016)

NEXT MEETING

January 19 at 7:00pm (every 3rd Monday)

Garden Room of the Bob Duncan Center

2800 South Center Street, Arlington, Texas

Annual Dues! You can bring a check to our meeting on Monday, January 19 or mail to:

Roy Schemensky, 1903 Alpaca Ct, Arlington, Texas 76001

OFFICERS

President	Billy Clark
Past President	Lance Jepson
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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 ...	
Finance	Elbert Seal
Plant Show ...	
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.

Please keep Ray Brown, past president and charter member, in your thoughts. He has been in rehab since November 8 and is recovering from lung surgery.

Snack Volunteers:

Please Sign up at our next meeting for snacks!



Speaker Spotlight

January - Sher Dunaway, 'Carnivorous Plants'

February—Tom Wilton, 'Tons of Tomatoes'

January 19, 2016 AMGC SPEAKER — Sher Dunaway



**January Speaker
Sher Dunaway
'Carnivorous Plants'**

Tarrant County Master Gardener Sher is a speaker through the Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau.

Sher earned her Master's Degree in Anthropology/Sociology from The University of Texas, Arlington, TX . She also holds degrees in Art History, Interior Design and Photography. She is a member of The Garden Club Council of Fort Worth, The Fort Worth Garden Club and The Woman's Club of Fort Worth where is on the Board of Directors. She is an avid gardener and holds gardening workshops state wide

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT:

The "President's Call To Service Award" is a Lifetime Achievement Award given to by the President of the United States of America to individuals for their lifelong commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer service. The recipient has to have volunteered a minimum of 4,000 volunteer hours. Our club member, Billy Clark, has been given this prestigious award for his volunteer hours as a Dallas County Master Gardener. Let's all congratulate Billy Clark on this prestigious award!

AMGC Most Valuable Member

The AMGC voted on which member of the AMGC is the Most Valuable Member for 2016 at our meeting on November 21st.

Results of the election were announced at our December Installation meeting and Holiday Party. Congratulations to the winner, Roy Schemensky, who received the "Little Man Award".



INVITE A FRIEND TO THIS MONTH'S MEETING!

January

Gardeners To Do List For January

Planting

- Continue to plant new shade trees, fruit trees, and evergreen shrubs. Mulch root areas.
- Continue to transplant established trees and shrubs while they are dormant.
- Finish planting pre-chilled tulip and hyacinth bulbs if you did not do so in December.
- Plant any bare-root plants including fruit and nut trees as well as roses.
- Continue planting pansies, snapdragons, kale, Swiss chard and other cool season annuals. Plant onion transplants anytime soil is ready. Plant spinach and snap peas mid to late month.

Sow seeds in flats or containers to get a jump on the season. Petunias, begonias and impatiens can be started now. Tomatoes, peppers and beans can be started in late January into mid February indoors, in a hot bed or heated greenhouse.

Pruning

- Prune with a purpose. Do not “top” any trees or shrubs including crape myrtles. Never leave stubs. Cut flush against remaining branches on shrubs and along the branch collar on trees. Peach and plum trees should be pruned to encourage horizontal branching, remove any strongly vertical shoots.
- Continue to prune evergreen trees such as magnolias, live oaks, and wax myrtles to minimize possible ice damage.

Re-shape evergreen shrubs and shade trees, as needed, during the winter dormant period.

Plant Care

- Check houseplants for insect pests such as scale, mealy bugs, and spider mites.
- Continue to mulch leaves from the lawn and remove debris from turf areas to reduce disease and insect problems.
- Continue to water lawn once every three weeks or so, if you have not had at least 1” of supplemental rain.
- Watch for scale insects on camellias, hollies, and euonymus.
- Water outdoor landscape plants, as needed, when the soil is dry. Water plants thoroughly before a hard freeze to reduce chances of freeze damage.
- Fertilize pansies and other winter annuals about once a month throughout the winter.
- Protect tender plants from hard freezes.
- Till and prepare new planting beds when soil is workable. Work in organic material. Add compost and mulch to all beds. Recycle your Christmas trees. Contact your city’s waste disposal department for sites. Know your soil by getting a soil test.



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