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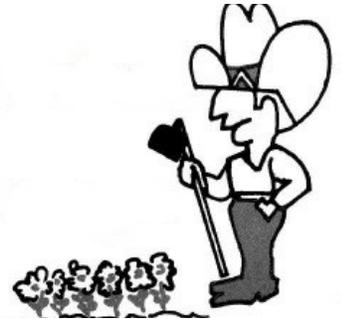
## AMGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Texas expert offers tips and ideas for you.

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### Bright Blooms

Create colorful medleys of warm-season annuals by mixing zinnias (*pictured*), cosmos, Mexican sunflowers (also called tithonias), portulacas, and celosias. This combo gives many weeks of heat-resistant performance with plenty of flowers for display and cutting for quick bouquets. Select a sunny spot with good drainage, and mix in 3 to 5 inches of organic material such as compost, pine bark, or peat along with a slow-release fertilizer. Celosias come in spiky or crested forms. Contrast these with rounded masses of dwarf zinnias or portulacas.



### Entire State

**Veggies**—As soil temperatures warm in your area, set out vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. Consider old standby tomatoes such as 'Carnival,' 'Celebrity,' and 'Patio,' as well as heirlooms such as 'Cherokee Purple,' 'Yellow Pear,' and 'Red Pear.' Many of the smaller types, including 'Sun Gold', are so tempting they are often eaten in the garden! There are lots of selections of eggplants and hot and mild peppers.



Bring a Friend This Month!

### NEXT MEETING

April 16 at 7:00pm (every 3rd Monday)

Garden Room of the Bob Duncan Center

2800 South Center Street, Arlington, Texas

April 16, 2018 AMGC SPEAKER — Sher Dunaway

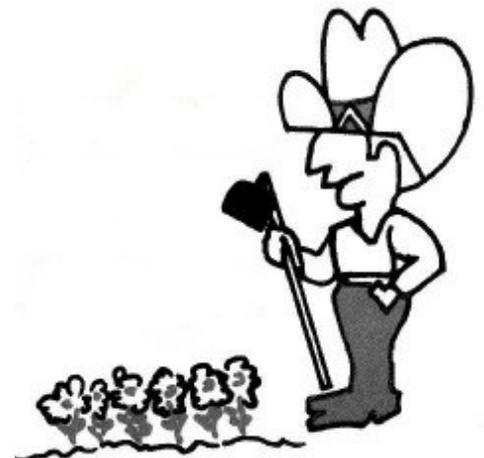
**April Speaker**

**Sher Dunaway**

**'Biblical Herbs'**



There are numerous references in the Bible to a wide variety of herbs. Obviously, most of these herbs are well-suited to dry, desert-like conditions as one would find in the Middle East. When researching the herbs to include in the Bible-themed herb garden, one may find different herbs referenced for the same verse. This inconsistency is due to the many different translations of the same verse. One translation may attempt to specifically identify an herb while another translation may refer to it more simply, as in "bitter herb." Historically, herbs like spices, are rich in legend, fact, lore, romance, and business. Wars have been fought, trade routes established, lives sold, and cultures, countries and businesses founded, all in the name of the plants we call herbs.



**INVITE A FRIEND TO THIS MONTH'S MEETING!**

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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.

Thoughts and prayers appreciated for our members with health issues. Elbert Seal is feeling better after a bout with the flu. His wife, Charlene, needs our prayers.

## Snack Volunteers, Otto & Roy ?

Please Sign up at our next meeting for snacks!



## Speaker Spotlight

April 16—Sher Dunaway: 'Biblical Herbs'

May 21—Charlotte Canion 'Texas Superstars'

- **April**
- **Gardeners To Do List For April**
- **Planting**
- **Plant ground covers and warm season annuals and perennials as soil temperatures warm and the danger of frost has passed, such as cannas and gladiolus corms. It's best to wait until next month to plant hot weather annuals such as calladiums, elephant ears, periwinkles, and zinnias.**
- **Plant warm season turf grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine and Zoysia) starting in mid April. Plant Bermuda grass seed only when nighttime temperatures average 65 degrees.**
- **Early April plant: tomatoes, snap beans, radishes, cucumbers, corn, lima beans, mustard, peppers and squash. Late April plant: watermelon, southern peas, okra, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, eggplant, and pumpkin.**
- **Pruning**
- **Prune spring blooming shrubs and vines after they finish flowering.**
- **Allow foliage on spring bulbs to die back and dry before removing, so it can store food for next year**
- **Shade trees may be pruned. However, do not prune live oaks and red oaks between Feb. 15 and June 30.**
- **Plant Care**
- **Fertilize azaleas according to soil test recommendations after they finish blooming.**
- **Check roses, ornamentals, and vegetables for powdery mildew, prevalent in mild, moist spring weather.**
- **Check new growth on ornamental plants weekly for aphids and scale insects and treat if necessary.**
- **Apply first fertilizer treatment to established warm season turf grasses (first to mid April). Use a fertilizer based on a soil test (which may cost as little as \$10) and follow recommendations. "Weed & Feed" products are not recommended.**
- **Mow established warm season turf grasses weekly or as needed.**
- **Use broad-leafed weed control products to eliminate spring weeds such as dandelions, henbit, and chickweed. Some types can damage St. Augustine. Always read and follow label directions. ~Begin harvesting cool season vegetables.**
- **Water all your plants when they're dry, but be particularly diligent with new plantings that can quickly dry out in our persistent spring winds. Use 3 – 4 inches of mulch on all flower, shrub and vegetable beds.**

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