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## AMGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow gardeners! The Texas Home & Garden Show in Fort Worth is approaching quickly and will be on August 20-21 at the FW Convention Center. For a number of years we have attended and it has resulted in a lot of interest in the AMGC. I hope you will add this to your calendar and be ready to help with the booth. You can contact me via email at [tsleblanc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsleblanc@sbcglobal.net) to confirm you can attend our booth and when. The show will be for 2 days, Saturday 10 am - 7 pm and Sunday 11 am - 5pm. There is NOT a Friday session this year. It gets you into the show free and we always make some time to walk around and check things out.

Saturday session times are 10:00 am to 2:30 pm OR 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Sunday is 11 am - 5pm. We really need more volunteers to man the booth, please consider coming and spending some time for the AMGC.

June's meeting guest speaker, John Hunt spoke about "Greenhouses Galore". This month's meeting guest speaker is Gina Woods, a Texas Master Gardener with over 25 years' experience with 'The Wonderful World of Bromeliads and Tillandsias. You won't want to miss it.

Look forward to seeing you all at the August 15th meeting, bring a friend or neighbor!

**Tim LeBlanc,  
President AMGC**

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### NEXT MEETING

August 15, 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
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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 ...	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.

**Tarek Rayan**, has lost his long battle with cancer. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.

## Snack Volunteers:

**Please Sign up at our next meeting for October and November snacks!**



## Speaker Spotlight

**August** - Gina Woods: The Wonderful World of Bromeliads and Tillandsias

**September** - Ice Cream Social



GINA WOODS

**Contact: Dallas County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau To book a speaker: 214-904-3053 or <http://www.dallascountymastergardeners.org/index.php/what-we-do/speakers-bureau>**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT** Gina became interested in gardening when she moved to a ranch in Mexico in 1987. Gina was fascinated with orchids and wanted to have a career even though job opportunities were limited for an American in rural Mexico who could not speak the language. She decided to build her first two orchid shade houses in 1991 and became the first commercial, cut-flower dendrobium orchid producer in Mexico. In the following 19 years, Gina expanded into plant rentals, events, and opened a retail location in Tampico, Mexico.

In addition to her love for orchids, Gina has a tremendous passion for education, and she served on the Board of Directors of the American School of Tampico for 7 years. Gina also enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, and entertaining. Gina speaks on Orchids, Bromeliads, and Tillandsias.

**CERTIFICATIONS: TEXAS MASTER GARDENER, Dallas County and Native Plant Maintenance by NPSOT MEMBER OF AND/OR WORKS WITH FOLLOWING HORTICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS (includes offices held):** Member, Tampico Garden Club from 1995-2010 President, Tampico Garden Club during its 50th anniversary year Co-founder and first president, Tampico Orchid Society Member, Designers with Flair, Founding member of Garden Masters, Designers and Diggers, Dallas Flower Show Judges Founders Group, NGC Student judge, Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Bromeliad Society, and Native Plant Society of Texas **EDUCATION:** Graduated from The Hockaday School, 1979 BBA, University of Texas at Austin, 1982 **Bronze Medal for Horticulture 1996\***

# August

## Planting

- Complete installation of warm season turf grasses by late August to mid September to ensure they're established before the first fall freeze.
- Plant ground covers and tropical and warm season annuals.
- Plant fall flowering perennials such as asters, Mexican mint marigold, Mexican bush sage (*salvia leucantha*), rain lilies, and garden chrysanthemums.
- Plant snap beans, lima beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, collards, eggplant, kohlrabi, okra, onion, parsley, Irish potatoes, squash, and watermelon for the fall.

## Pruning

- Prune out any dead or broken branches of woody ornamentals (trees and shrubs) but avoid major pruning until the dormant season.
- Pinch off spent crape myrtle seeds to encourage new blooms and prune basal shoots to keep plant in tree form. This is necessary all season long.
- Prune bush roses, and fertilize all roses according to soil test recommendation for fall blooming.
- Remove spent flowers of some perennials to encourage new blooms.
- Trim back leggy spring-planted annuals and fertilize if needed to encourage new growth and continued flowering.
- Stop pinching back chrysanthemums and Mexican mint marigold to ensure good bud development for fall blooms.

## Plant Care

- Watch for powdery mildew on cedar elms, crape myrtles and euonymus, and treat with fungicide, if necessary.
- Check pecan trees for aphids, shuck worms, webworms, and foliage diseases.
- Protect ornamental and peach trees from borers by applying a labeled borer preventive to the trunks in late August according to label directions.
- Be on alert for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns which will appear near paved surfaces and other hot spots in the yard.
- Watch susceptible ornamental plants for iron deficiency (yellowed leaves with darker green veins), aggravated by the hot dry weather, and treat with chelated iron if needed. Drench plants and avoid contact with hard surfaces that will stain.
- Keep young vegetable plants adequately watered and shade new plants from hot mid-day and afternoon sun.

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