



# THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA IN ARLINGTON



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## AMGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please congratulate the following elected officers for 2018:

- President ..... Otto Witt
- 1<sup>st</sup> V P ..... Clint Probst
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP ..... Michael Auriene
- Secretary ..... Diane Posey
- Treasurer ..... Elbert Seal
- Director ..... Sam Dews



Happy New Year!!

As the incoming president, I hope that we can add some new blood to our club. For the next two months, each member should try to bring a guest. After next week's meeting we will have a short board meeting to discuss a budget for the coming year. Also we need suggestions from members with respect to topics that they would like to have presented as well as ideas to make our club more NOTICEABLE.

I will keep this message short and will try to do the same for our business meetings.

With the recent colder weather, we should have better fruit production this year and a lot fewer insects.

Otto



**Bring a Friend This Month!**

### NEXT MEETING

**January 15 at 7:00pm (every 3rd Monday)**

**Garden Room of the Bob Duncan Center**

**2800 South Center Street, Arlington, Texas**

## OFFICERS

President ..... Otto Witt  
Past President ..... Billy Clark  
1st Vice President ... Clint Probst  
2nd Vice President .. Michael Auriene  
Secretary ..... Diane Posey  
Treasurer ..... Elbert Seal  
Directors (Exp 2018) D. Holman & L. Jepson  
Directors (Exp 2019) G. Coe & E. Seal  
Directors (Exp 2020) Sam Dews

## 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 .....  
Scholarship ... Auriene & Schemensky  
Sunshine Report ... Richard Harrell  
Home & Garden Show Jepson  
Christmas Banquet Michael Auriene  
Membership ..... Billy Clark  
Nominations .....  
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.

Thoughts and prayers appreciated for our members with health issues.

## Snack Volunteers, January: Clint & Otto

Please Sign up at our next meeting for snacks!



## Speaker Spotlight

January 15—Sher Dunaway: 'Texas Game Birds'

February 19—TBD

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# 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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