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President's Corner

Happy New Year and lets make 2019 a banner year especially since it is our 50th Anniversary. We had a productive 2018 which culminated with a fantastic Christmas and Installation and Award Party. We must pay a special thanks to Darlene and David Badorski and their volunteers for

planning and executing this wonderful celebration. The meal provided by Chef Jenny was superb with everyone getting plenty of good food to eat. The desert bar was packed with a variety of delectable goodies and everyone enjoyed the wine bar. The installment part of the 49^h annual event was led by Joe Shinnars who added some humor to the otherwise somber part of the program. As President it was my great honor to present the President's Award, which is a annually revolving trophy, to John Opiela. John has been totally dedicated to the club for many years, especially in 2018. He participated in almost every event throughout the year and was always willing to lend his time and talent when needed most and in the true spirit of making our club great. John was long overdue for the President's Award. This was the only award presented this year, to emphasize its meaning and value. We topped off the evening with the traditional poinsettia door prizes and Vallerie Hartfield's expressionist dance about the true meaning of Christmas.

Please be prepared to volunteer for the surge of first quarter 2019 events. The 39th Annual Spring Home and Garden Show will once again include a Children's Garden and the usual plant sales on 22-24 February. This year the Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair will take place on March 1-3 with our judging on March 2. The SAWS Spring Bloom will also take place in early March but the date is yet to be determined. Please

volunteer for these events because it makes our club more visible to the

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ARTICLE SUBMISSION: Very short articles may be telephoned to: Jeff at 680-5347. Longer articles and photos should be emailed to Jeffbeido@hotmail.com. Submissions requested by 15th of each month.

2019 Calendar of MGCSA Events

Jan 3, 2019 MGCSA Thursday at Grotto:
Exec. Mtg. 5:30 p.m. General Mtg 7 p.m.

Feb 7, 2018 MGCSA Thursday at Grotto:
Exec. Mtg. 5:30 p.m. General Mtg 7 p.m.

Feb 22 -24 2019 San Antonio Home &
Garden Show - Alamo Dome

Mar 1 -3, 2019 Alamo Regional Science &
Engineering Fair at St. Mary's Univ.

January Speaker: Grace Emery on Herbs

From Darlene Badorski

Since the art of cooking was developed Herbs have always been bracketed with spices to enliven and enhance meals. Our January meeting we will explore growing herbs indoors, containers and outdoor gardens.

Our guest speaker, Grace Emery member of San Antonio Herb Society; where she held Public Relations Programs Vice President, Parliamentarian, and 1st Vice President. She is currently serving a second year term as President of Bexar County Master Gardeners

Grace has been interested in gardening since an early age, when she was living on an apple farm in New York. Horticulture was second nature for her, and she competed in local and state events yearly.

Learning to adapt to the Texas gardening; Grace developed true inspiration; and she was a specialist for the Texas Superstars, and a Vegetable Specialist as well. Grace enjoys helping gardeners learn what we can grow here in South Texas. She speaks to groups about the uses of herbs for culinary and medicinal purposes, and planning use of companion herbs in a vegetable garden to ward off the pests.

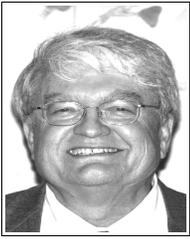
Join us for an informative meeting, *getting started with herbs.*

Directions to Grotto Pastoral Center

Please see bottom left page 5.

Snacks for January 2019 : A-L

We ask you to remain AFTER the meeting to help clean and straighten up so everyone can leave as soon as possible. Thanks.



Calvin's Corner

By Calvin Finch, Retired Texas A & M Horticulturalist.

We can expect more freezing temps in January. Have your Insulate, Plankets, and other coverings ready for action. If temperatures are predicted for under 26 degrees, you need to have heat sources ready to protect your citrus, especially the lemons and limes. I like mechanics lights but make sure the light bulbs aren't LED type. They don't provide much heat. Poultrey lamps also work well.

In the vegetable garden it is time to plant your onion transplants. The nurseries are offering red, white, and yellow varieties. "Legend" is one of the yellow onion selections. It is described as an improved 1015 with larger bulbs, faster maturity, and even improved nutrition. The red creole is a selection that offers some old-fashioned onion pungency for consumers that want it.

Harvest your greens leaf by leaf. Broccoli should produce secondary heads for harvest this month. You may also be able to harvest some carrots, radish, turnips, and beets. English peas will start blooming.

In the flower garden, stocks, dianthus, alyssum, calendulas, pansies, cyclamen, primula, and snapdragons should be blooming. If we get the expected cold spell the snapdragons will retreat into their no-bloom pause for a month or 6 weeks.

It is still a good time to plant shade trees. Live oak, Texas red oak, Mexican white oak, cedar elm, Mexican sycamore, bur oak, Chinese pistache, and chinkapin oak are all good choices. They and anaqua are eligible for the CPS shade tree rebate. Anaqua is a native evergreen tree that grows slowly to produce a dense crown that provides excellent cover and yellow berries for the birds.

Be careful not to plant shade trees deeper than they were growing in the container. The bark evolved to protect the trees internal workings from the air, not the soil. Trees planted too deep are prone to rot at the point where they are buried in the soil.

If you are blessed with deer you may want to consider viburnum, pomegranate, Texas mountain laurel, yaupon holly, nandina, Mexican plum, pittosporum, agarita, esperanza, thryallis, dwarf Chinese holly, poinciana, iris, paperwhites, and four-o'clocks in your plantings. If you received a gift of forced paperwhites for the Holidays, plant them in a corner of the lawn or shrub border. They will prosper in sun or part sun and naturalize to bloom in January as one of the first representatives of the 12 months of color list.

Butterflies visit our landscapes twelve months of the year in the San Antonio area. This month they are collecting nectar from stocks, alyssum, dianthus, calendula, and pansies from the flower garden. The blue curl (Phacelia) wildflower is a favorite nectar source and it appears it may begin blooming on some sites this month. Horseherb is an important part of the sustainable winter lawn of many homes, and a favorite nectar source for black swallowtails and other butterflies through the winter.

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general public and we can have fun at the same time without paying the price of admission.

As we begin the new year I would like to reiterate our main goals which are the same as last year. The biggest challenge I see this year and years to come is growing our membership with "active" members who want to belong and make a difference in San Antonio's premier garden club. We need to draw younger members who show an interest in gardening and a desire to promote the art of gardening. Therefore, I ask that all of you support the MGCSA by finding ways to accomplish our goal of growing the membership with a focus on the younger generation members. Obviously, we will continue to rely on our older members who have the experience and garden skills to mentor younger members

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Directions to Grotto Pastoral Center
 It is now called "**Martires Oblatos De Espana Pastoral Center**". From Blanco Road, inside Loop 410, you can access the center by turning at Mt. Sacred Heart Road, go 400 feet, and turn right into the parking lot or turn at the entrance by the Grotto marque on Blanco. These both lead to a large parking lot in front of the Pastoral Center. Members and guests may park anywhere in the lot. For security reasons, use the door on the left side of the building. Address is 5712 Blanco Road.

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MGCSA: General Meeting Jan 3, 2019 7 p.m.

Location: **the Grotto.**

Meeting 7 p.m.

Speaker: **Grace Emery On Herbs**



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