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## Garden Club Meeting

**May 21, 2025 6:30 pm at the  
"J" for meet & greet. 7pm for  
the program.**

**Speaker: Katerina Graham Topic:  
Integrated Pest Management**



This month we are honored to have as our speaker Katerina Velasco-Graham, Research Assistant, Texas A&M Research Center, Dallas. Katerina holds a B.S. in Animal Science, an M.Agr. in Wildlife Management/Environmental Education, and an M.S. in Horticultural

## Visitors Welcome

### CLUB MEETING LOCATION

**At the Jewish Community Center, Big D room.**

**7900 Northaven Road, Dallas — Next to North Haven Gardens.** Directions: From southbound U.S.75, Northaven Rd. is second street south of Forest Ln. turn west. From Hillcrest Rd. Northaven is fourth street north of Royal Lane, turn east.



## President's Message

Hello May flowers! Now that most plants have greened up, the anticipation of blooms is at the top of the wish list. The early bloomers are going strong with buds on many other plants growing.

The different colors can be used to our advantage to showcase a theme. A little planning can go a long way to get the look and feel you want. Here are a few basic tips and guidelines to achieve your desired results.

White- an underrated color- is very good at helping your eyes rest between viewing the many other colorful blooms. Be sure to plant some white blooming plants around the garden.

Yellow is a color that shows up very well in the distance. It tends to make objects appear closer. Yellow will help make a large area feel cozier.

Blue and pastel colors help make the area seem calmer and cooler. Although blue colored blooms can be hard to find, blue and pastel colors help slow down the action. Think of a cottage garden. Even though it may be busy, the soft colors tend to bring a feeling of lightness and peace. It is also easier to grow pastel colors in the shade, adding to the calm feeling.

Bold colors heat up the action. They excite the eye, thus energizing the brain. These hot colors can play a big role in the feeling of movement and energy in the garden.

Green is very tranquil. There is a reason spas choose a very soft green to help induce the feeling of calm and rest. Plantings of soft light green calm our brains.

When you head to the garden centers for plants, keep in mind the feeling you want your garden have and buy the colors that make you feel good.

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— Anna



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# Catmint

Catmint, "Walkers Low", is an excellent long-lived perennial plant. The bees love it but the deer and rabbits do not. It thrives in harsh conditions making it a good water wise selection. This plant is very easy to grow in full Texas sun. It also can easily survive 11 degree temps in the winter without any extra mulch or protection. Catmint is a wonderful perennial for beginner gardeners, giving quick satisfaction for the planting effort. It starts blooming early and it will be covered in bees. The blooms profusely beginning in spring and go es through summer. The lavender spikes are a great attraction to pollinators. The mature size is about 18" tall and 3 ' wide. It can be trimmed back if necessary, but not required. Catmint makes a stunning addition to the garden. By Anna Williams



# Puzzle 4: Spring Flowers

...brings May  
flowers

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LILY OF THE VALLEY  
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CREeping PHLOX  
FORGET ME NOT  
GLORY OF THE SNOW  
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LUPINE  
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SIBERIAN SQUILL  
VIOLET

Saffron comes from the stigma of a crocus





**Anna Williams, Geraldine Schweb and Mike Rector represented our club at the Meet and Greet at North Haven Gardens. Anna made the wonderful banner for the event. Well done and Thank You to Anna, Geraldine and Mike.**





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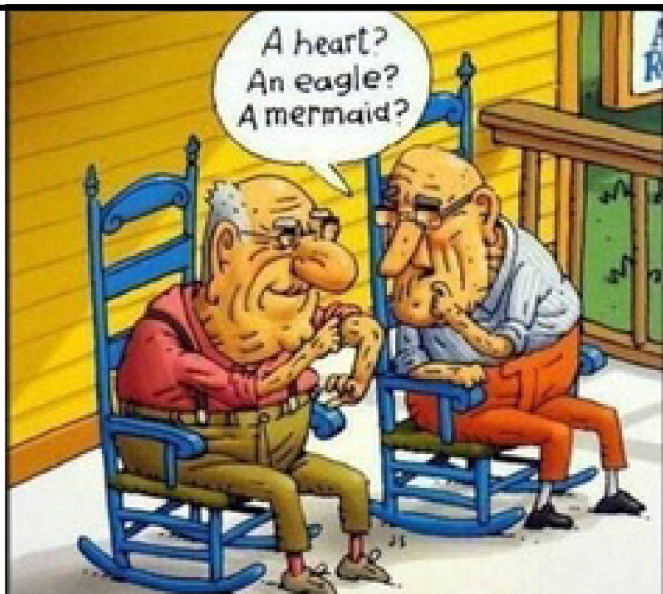
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