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Garden Club Meeting

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WATER WISE:

Getting the most from every DROP

By Jim Bartholomew



Garden Club Member and Rockwall County Master Gardener B of Architecture U of Kansas. Moved to Dallas after KU. We moved in 1994 25 miles east and built a house in the middle of a cow pasture. Where my yard has been on the wild side
— We LOVE Texas WILD FLOWERS.

Wanting to be a better / smarter gardener I joined the Garden Club in 2003 and became a Rockwall County Master Gardener in 2013. I've taken TAMU AgriLife Advanced Training courses:

WATER WISE and RAIN WATER HARVESTING.

Married to Karen 51 years,

3 daughters + husbands and 11 grand children



President's Message

It's Tulip Season!

Such a beautiful welcome to Spring. Daffodils showing off. Tulips swaying in the breeze. For Texans to enjoy these, first there is work. The bulbs require chilling for several weeks in the back of the fridge. Then comes the planting, and waiting. No instant gratification. But, boy what a show! Such a beautiful scene. Life is kind of like that. A lot of 'work, wait and see'. It's a good reminder that while work might not be the funnest at times, usually the payoff is really good. Our bodies are made for work. Pulling weeds, raking, planting, and cleaning are necessary. But when you sit back and look what you have done, there is a sense of accomplishment. Things are in order, and the wait for beautiful flowers or tasty produce doesn't seem so long. I am eagerly waiting for the Italian green bean seeds that I planted to start producing. After my work, I am now resting and waiting til harvest time. You can find me in the garden, *waiting*.

April's Club meeting Location

**At Spring Creek BBQ
In Richardson, Texas**

For members only

**Dinner @ 6:30pm
Program @ 7pm**

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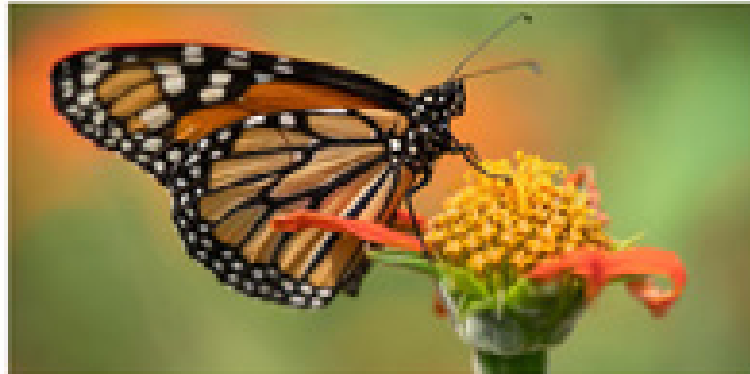
Come early for the best selection, this is our most popular plant sale of the year!



Beyond Milkweed: Creating a Migratory Oasis for Monarchs

Texas A&M AgriLife experts encourage planting nectar-producing plants ahead of fall migration

PUBLISHED ON May 29, 2024



While monarch butterflies rely on milkweed as a host plant for eggs and caterpillars, a variety of nectar-producing plants are needed to fuel their fall migration. (Laura McKenzie/Texas A&M AgriLife)

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — With the summer season ramping up, experts with Texas A&M AgriLife said now is the ideal time to create an oasis for monarch butterflies that will funnel through Texas during their annual fall migration to Mexico.

Although monarchs are generally known for their specialized relationship with milkweed plants, they rely on a wide variety of nectar-producing plants during fall migration, said Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Entomology, Travis County.

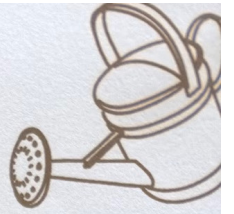
“They usually start heading south through Texas around September into November,” Brown said. “At that time, our goal is to provide them with enough nectar resources and energy to make it to their overwintering grounds.”

Submitted by Jim Bartholomew

Continued on the website in Lettuce Entertain You

I just wet
my plants

Puzzle 85: Watering



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Mystery Search

This month on the *website*, **NOT IN THE GREEN THUMB**, we will have a hidden **Bunny** for you to find. This is for members only. We are changing the format. Instead of the first to find the Bunny winning, the name of everybody who finds the Bunny by Noon on April 14th and emails us at info@thegardenclubofdallas.com, will have the chance to have their name drawn for a prize .



Bob Grossman is our March winner. He discovered that the Four Leaf Clover was on the bird feeder in Lettuce Entertain You. Congratulations to sharp eyed Bob.

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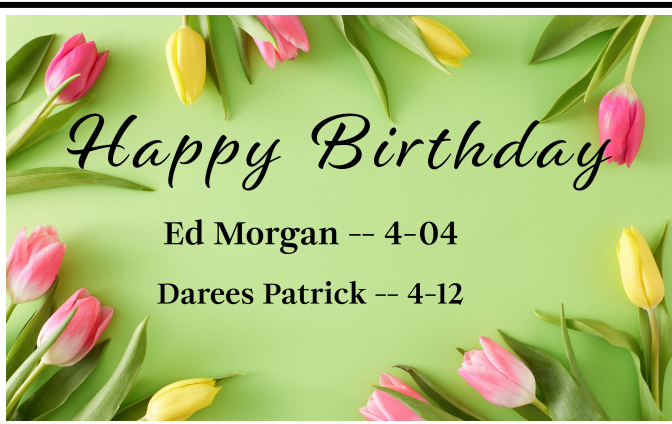


Board Meeting

7 pm

April 9, 2026

at the home of Dares Patrick



\$50 Door Prize Winners

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Bob Grossman won



Dares Patrick (left) won

March Club Meeting



Jerry Burrows won a drawing for a gift from Dares Patrick



Mike Rector won Gerber Daises



March Meeting with Malcolm Avaritt



Mark Johns won Plant Markers from the speaker.



Laurie Pessetto won Day Lilies from the guest speaker



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