



TGC Keeping in Touch

Sarah's E-Blast - Tx KIT #13
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TGC President's Letter to Club Presidents

Greetings! Hope your next Garden Club year will be great. Help your Club and members grow in knowledge, to enjoy their membership, and to make a difference in their community.

I've just returned from a Texas Garden Club trip to Portugal and the Azores. Join us on the next trip to visit the Gardens of London, featuring Chelsea Flower Show. Early booking discount, must be received before 11/9/14. Information: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/623698>

Sarah McReynolds

2013-2015 Texas Garden Club President

"Changing Our World Through Education & Friendships"

Lone Star Gardener - The LSG was distributed in early August and is on the TGC web site - www.texasgardenclubs.org. Encourage your members to read LSG.

TGC Fall Convention - Oct. 15-17 in Abilene. See information in the Summer LSG (as above). Registration by Oct 1.



IRS 990N - IRS filing is required by Oct. 15. Review Aug. 2013 Tx KIT online for reminder or contact TGC Office 817-332-6602 or e-mail - tgcoffice@gmail.com.

Landscape Design School - Sept. 29-30 at the Bush Library in College Station. Information aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/

Awards - Most awards are due Nov. 1. Help your club submit projects for awards. Many successful community activities should be recognized. For more information - www.gardenclub.org/awards

NGC KIT - The national KIT is posted at www.gardenclub.org/resources/

Butterflies - Two ideas From NGC Butterfly Chairman Marian M. McNabb follow:

1) **Monarch Watch:** Consider two ways to help our Butterflies this fall. NGC has partnered with Monarch Watch, University of Kansas. Collect Milkweed seed native to your area and send in so they can be started and sent back to our area in the spring as plugs. Collect at least 1/2 ounce of seed, label the type of Milkweed, and send to: Monarch Watch University of Kansas 2021 Constant Ave. Lawrence, KS 66047-3729



Notify Sarah if your club participates, so she can notify Marian.

2) **Plants for Butterflies and Pollinators.** Milkweed is the host plant for the Monarch; the Monarch's and other butterflies and pollinators need our help. Add a few plants in your garden, using these lists:

Annuals: Cosmos, Marigolds, Forget Me Nots, Moonflowers, Zinnia's, Nasturtians, Lantana, Petunias, and Tithonia aka Mexican Sunflowers.

Perennials: Asters, Catnip, Coreopsis, Beebalm (Monarda), Yarrow, Butterfly Weed, Daisies, Liatrus, Phlox, Sedum, Woolly Lambs Ear, Mint, Parsley, Dill.

Wild Flowers: Coneflowers, Dandelions, Goldenrod, Milkweed, Butter N Eggs, Clover, Dame's Rocket, Wild Mustard.

Get everyone started on planting for our Pollinators. Keep track of the Butterflies and Pollinators you see, and keep them coming to your garden every year.

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