



TGC Keeping in Touch
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**TGC President's Letter
 to Club Presidents**

Happy Fall As cooler weather comes, hope your fall gardening activities and your club projects are bountiful. You have so many great club projects and services in your communities. The recent TGC Gardening Study School and Landscape Design School were good. Thanks to all who helped and attended. Hope to see you in Abilene Oct 15-17 for education and fun at the TGC Convention.



Sarah McReynolds
 2013-2015 Texas Garden Club President
 "Changing Our World Through Education & Friendships"

Awards - Write a 3 page report of your projects in your communities. Share highlights of your activities and recognize your club's expertise and accomplishments. Club award packets for NGC and TGC awards are due to District by Nov. 1. Study The National Gardener and Texas Awards booklet for requirements. See www.gardenclub.org/, then education, awards.



Water Conservation - Do your part to help conserve water. Plant in the fall when new trees require less watering than in the summer. Ask your club members to share at a meeting the ways that they are conserving water.

National Garden Club Conservation Pledge - I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.

Dragonfly - As a creature of the wind, the dragonfly represents change. It's iridescent wings are incredibly sensitive to the slightest breeze, and so we are reminded to heed where the proverbial wind blows - lest we run into stormy weather.



Texas Arbor Day - Friday, Nov. 7. Plan to participate in Texas Arbor Day. The 83rd Texas Legislature recognized the first Friday in Nov as Texas Arbor Day, not the last Friday in April as previously.

"... we are excited about kicking off tree planting season in November," Texas A&M Forest Service Urban Forestry Manager Pete Smith said. "Fall is really the best time of year to plant trees across the state, no matter where you live." Planting trees this time of year gives them a better chance of surviving the Texas summers.

London Travel - Go with TGC to Gardens of London and Chelsea Flower Show May 15-22. This Royal Horticultural Society-Collette partnership offers a guided tour of London, blocks of free time to explore, Hampton Court Palace, RHS Kew Gardens, RHS Wisley Gardens, The Savill Garden, and the trip highlight, Members Only Opening Day at the Chelsea Flower Show. To take advantage of the early booking discount, reservations & deposits must be received before Nov 9. After that date, the number of seats available will be reduced to the actual number of reservations received. For more information go to: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/623698> or Helen Quinn, TGC Trips Chair, 936-718-0531, hortiq@gmail.com.



Have Fun - Add a few jokes at meeting:

1. What does the letter "A" have in common with a flower? They both have bees coming after them.
2. What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by the diameter? Pumpkin P
3. High School Science Quiz: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.