

# Blooms & Barrels



1. Jerry Christensen awaits visitors stopping by our well-stocked HCMG booth.
2. The Garden Shed has great deals!
3. Our crew gathers for last minute prep & instructions.
4. Tish Hulett is ready to resupply the tables when crowds descend on the geraniums.

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Shortly after the doors opened, our cashiers got busy.



Rae Raiford, Sue Hall, Wil Rolfe & Anne Brown gather at the greeter's table.



Minutes before the sale opens, Jodi Tippens, Anne Brown & Chairman Janell Dahms stop by our Black & Bloom salvias.



Sandy Lewis, Rachel Garrison, Janice Walker & Fernando Gonzales are ready to get to work.



Checking out our Texas Mountain Laurels are Jan Sewell, Melayne Arnold & Judy Beauford.

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Tom Collins shows us that he knows his stuff!



Voted "Most Creative Garden Cart", one customer outfits the barn's table rack with potted plants and boxes!



Some of our 1710 plants ready for their new homes. Shoppers rapidly filled their containers.



Linda Proffitt & Trudy Boardman served a gourmet brunch to sale volunteers following a quick sell-out.



## HCMG MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

March 2, 2022

Hill Country Youth Event Center

### **Call to Order (Please Silence Your Cell Phones)**

Dave Kinneberg called the meeting to order.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation – Patti Schlessiger**

**Verification of Quorum** – Rita Aliperto established that a quorum has been met but many members had not yet signed in. The sign-in sheet was circulated.

**Welcome/Opening Remarks** – Dave acknowledged and welcomed the newly graduated interns to the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**– Rachel explained line-item entries on the report. Jackie Connelly made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Allan Perry.

### **Committee Reports**

**Greenhouse Committee** – Fernando Gonzalez thanked Anne Brown, Janice Walker, Vickie Killeen and Sandy Martin, said without them this weekend (referring to Blooms and Barrels sale) wouldn't happen. Fernando went over plant pricing: \$10 for 1-gallon pots; \$14 for 2-gallon posts, \$14 for geraniums. Respectively, \$8, \$11, and \$11 for MGs to purchase any leftover plants. He also discussed when MGs could purchase plants, and where to park on moving day and sale day.

**B&B Plant Sale** – Janell thanked the Greenhouse Committee for their hard work. She explained what she needs for move day and sale day. She also discussed when MGs can purchase plants on sale day. MGs who have signed up in VMS to volunteer at the sale should arrive by 8:15am, wear their name tags, comfortable shoes, logo-wear and requested help afterwards to clean up. Janell will email volunteers' roles later today. Dave thanked Vickie Killeen for a 'well advertised' sale.

**Education Committee** –Donna Bellis recognized those who helped with the 2022 class; mentors, facilitators, the Education Committee for making it possible to graduate 29 interns. She also awarded the graduates of the 2020 class with gift cards for the Plant Haus.

**Public Programs Committee** - Ray Tiemann spoke about the Plantastic working with Justin Klinksiek on putting together a public program on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The curriculum will consist of oak wilt, turf grass, fire-wise landscaping and a tour of the demonstration garden.

Beth McMahon will be conducting a class in September on landscaping and lawns. She is looking for help.

### **Other Announcements**

**Gardening 101** – Patty Zohlen announced that gardening classes are being held every other Saturday from 10:30-11:30am at the Butt-Holdsworth Library. She is asking for volunteers to speak. She circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in speaking or offering ideas. Reaching out to the public is a part of our mission at HCMGs.

**Tom Daniels Elementary**—Dave thanked Imelda Horne and Kara Grant for putting together a presentation for 88 students at Tom Daniels School in very short order.

**Glory Community Garden** - Pam Umstead said Tom Daniels School contacted her about a tour through the garden for approximately 90 first graders. Anyone interested in participating (not necessarily helping) can show up Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> between 8-8:30am.

**River Cleanup (July 23)** – Dave mentioned that those interested in volunteering should contact him. HCMGs will have a table there. Diane McMahon gave an overview of the program.

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**Name Tags, Logo Wear Items** – Dave mentioned we receive a price break for name tags, so if anyone needs a replacement, contact Jackie Connelly. For logo wear such as shirts, and caps, Melayne Arnold is the contact person.

**Final Comments – Dave Kinneberg**

**May CEU Program** – Fire-wise Landscaping, by Anne Brown.

**Instructions for “Spring Tour of the Demonstration Garden-** Participants were counted and asked to assemble in front of the Extension building.

Chris Seifert won the door prize.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Aliperto, Secretary

**Adjournment**

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The photos are stunning. At 9:17, most tables were empty and the line of customers waiting to pay the cashiers stretched around the interior of the display area. (Equally stunning photos). I asked several people if they were upset with the situation and, surprisingly, no one was. Typical comments were: “next year we’ll get here earlier” or “I was told this would happen.” One person said we should change our advertisement to say: “open from 9 to 1 or until we sell out – which usually takes 20 minutes.” Maybe we should.

**Photo Credit: Rita Aliperto**



The training program and the B&B sale in 2022 were both great successes. March Madness was carried off without a serious hitch. The skill of our committee chairs combined with their experience and dedication along with the efforts of many HCMG members (and the new interns!), made it all work. Who wouldn’t be proud to be part of such an amazing group!

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## The Class of 2020 Recognized

During our April 6 business meeting, Education Chairman Donna Bellis presented gift certificates to members of the Class of 2020 that attended the meeting.

The Class of 2020 was interrupted by the Covid 19 lockdown. Students completed their class instruction online, but the organization was not able to gather to celebrate their graduation. No classes were held in 2021 due to the pandemic. The graduation ceremony for the class of 2022 was the first held since the Covid 19 lockdown.

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**Present at the meeting:** Marge Muniz, President Dave Kinneberg, Jan Boldt, Lola Auger, Allan Perry, Secretary Rita Aliperto, and Phil Goodrich

