

AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

2ND QUARTERLY GARDEN UPDATE

2024 Event Calendar:

There is always something fun going on in the Gardens. The summer and fall schedule is full of exciting events.

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2024 Garden Recap:

2024 has taken off to such a great start! Executive Director Greg Lusk addresses some of the ways you can help us to continue to grow & thrive.

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Your support of our Garden Wish List helps us to expand and enhance our oasis on the plains. We sincerely thank you for your consideration!

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2024 Event Calendar

Music in the Gardens: Every Thursday night June - August | 7pm-9pm

The gardens are coming alive for your favorite Thursday night summer event. Our music in the gardens concert event series runs Thursday nights in June, July and August. The band lineup for this season is one to not miss out on.

Admission is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members!

July Jazz | Havana Night: July 19th | 7pm-9pm

A jazzy night full of music and fun! The local Patrick Swindell & Esquire Jazz band will be playing the night away. Food and drinks will be served. Sponsored by Bubbas 33 & Reed Beverage.

\$75 per ticket or \$600 per table.

Day with the Butterflies: September 14th | 9am-3pm

The day with the butterflies is one of our favorite events that includes an individual butterfly release. Details to come!

Pumpkin Fest: October 5th | 10am-2pm

Bring your family and enjoy our fall kickoff event featuring pumpkin painting, carnival games and so much MORE! This event is fun for all ages! Ticket details to come!

Halloween Ball: October 26th | 7pm-11pm

All Halloween lovers start planning your costumes now! We cannot wait to celebrate this spooky season with you! Tickets will go on sale later this year.

Christmas in the Gardens: December 2024 | 6pm-8:30pm

Christmas in the Gardens is back for another magical season of lights. Join us for the month of December for the best light show in town. Dates to be announced.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you following us on Facebook and Instagram yet? Be sure not to miss out on a thing! Our pages are being updated constantly with upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and happenings around the garden. Give us a follow today!



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@amarillobotanicalgardens

We Need Your Help!



The Amarillo Botanical Gardens, ABG, needs your help to continue to be at its best realizing its full potential. Help comes in many forms, all of which are vital for us to reach our goal to become a top-notch botanical garden and become a more valued institution in our community. We need volunteer help. Help to plant, weed, educators to work with children and adults, assistance with events, help in the office and people to serve on our board and committees. Also, in order for us to continue to grow and expand we are reliant on your financial assistance, memberships, donations and attending our events. All these things work together to ensure our success. At this point our greatest need is good ole garden help. People to come in and help weed and deadhead keeping the gardens looking fresh and clean for our many daily visitors. Our small staff has a very hard time getting everything repaired, planted and cared for and your help would be greatly appreciated. Those that come out for just a couple of hours a week can make a great impact for us. Gate volunteers who are able to come out for a few hours a week are a great help to the office staff allowing them to focus on their tasks without constantly being interrupted. No garden knowledge is required for this position.

We have an impressive children's education group who can always use more help, but our adult education is very lacking. Do you have a garden specialty others may benefit from? For example, basic gardening information. If so, please give me a call and we can see where you can get plugged in.

Do you like to plan and execute fund raisers or events? We are very dependent on our ability to raise money through special events, but these events are a lot of work for our small staff, assistance from the community is very important to us and a new set of eyes on things can also be valuable.

Your continued investment with your memberships, donations and attendance are what keep us going financially. Thank you for your valuable support. As you look over the newsletter, I think you will see that we are very busy taking advantage of our wonderful entertainment abilities to provide a range of interesting and fun events for the entire family. Please support those events and contact us if you would like to sponsor an upcoming special event.

Those of you who give to ABG, thank you very much. Your generosity is both vital and encouraging. It allows us to focus on what we need to do to keep the gardens going in an often harsh environment.

As you plan your days don't forget that ABG, a beautiful Oasis on the Plains, can use your abilities to help and inspire our community, assisting it to grow into something beautiful. Watch for upcoming events, new additions and programs that you may want to be part of.

Happy Gardening!

Greg Lusk

Executive Director
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Garden Wish List:

- Golf cart for daily use of garden upkeep.
- Used refrigerator for catering kitchen

Music *in the* Gardens

EVERY THURSDAY IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2024
**EXCLUDING JULY 4TH, 2024

Band Line Up:

06/13 - SOLANO PROJECT

06/20 - INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

06/27 - BUSTER BLEDSOE BAND

07/11 - TENNESSEE TUCKNESS & FRIENDS

7/18 - ANDY CHASE AND THE RHYTHM CATS

07/25 - SADIE'S RANGERS

08/01 - CAMERON JAMES SMITH

08/08 - RAK-45

08/15 - JACK CRYVER BAND

08/22 - TOUCHING VOODOO

08/29 - GEEZER'S GONE WILD



Music in the Gardens Food Trucks

The featured food truck will be different for each music in the gardens event. Please check out our social media pages weekly to see who will be here that Thursday.

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IRIS SOCIETY

If you would like to learn more about growing irises come and join the group that meets the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.



For more info contact
President
Bill Pittman.
806-679-7351

HERB SOCIETY

The meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.



For more info contact us via email at amatxherbs@gmail.com

SOUTH WEST GARDEN CLUB

Come join us on the 3rd Friday of the month from 9:30am -11:00am. Most meetings are held at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, but it is best to confirm the location prior to attending. Please call Kamron Atkinson for more information at

970-581-1237.



TIMBER CREEK GARDEN CLUB

The Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the members' homes. Locations will be posted at the Timbercreek gate or website.



For more information contact Carol Williams
cwilliams8611@sbcglobal.net



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ron Watts

Meet Ron Watts! He is the Gardens second quarter newsletter spotlight volunteer.

Ron grew up here in Amarillo, Texas and decided to remain here to raise his family. Ron and his wife Sandy will be celebrating 58 years of marriage this year and have two beautiful children together.

Ron was drafted into the Vietnam war and served in the Army, before coming home and attending West Texas State; where he earned a degree in business. Upon graduating, he along with a couple of other gentlemen founded the company Office Wise and has been providing the area with quality office supplies & furniture for the last 46 years. He is now retired and loves spending his days reading his newspapers (and yes we do mean multiple newspapers), volunteering, golfing, and working in his yard. When talking to Ron, he stated "There is always something new happening at the gardens and it is fun to see what Greg creates and how I can re-create it at home."

Ron and his family have been involved with the gardens throughout the years and joined the Board of Directors in 2017 serving as the Treasurer until 2023. He has been such a crucial part of the gardens, and we are beyond thankful to have him as a part of our team!



WEDDING & EVENT RENTALS

THE GARDENS PRIDE ITSELF ON GETTING TO HELP CREATE MEMORABLE MOMENTS FOR ALL OF OUR CLIENTS; FROM BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AND BABY SHOWERS, TO CORPORATE EVENTS, WE STRIVE TO MAKE EACH EVENT SPECIAL.

WEDDINGS
SHOWERS
COMPANY PARTIES
MEETINGS
REUNIONS

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(806) 352-6513.

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ABG WELCOMES *Brooke Busby*

Hello! My name is Brooke Busby, and I am the new event coordinator for the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. I am a small town girl that grew up in Canyon, TX. and now live on a farm outside of Happy, TX. I am married to my absolute best friend and biggest supporter. It was during the planning of our wedding that I fell in love with getting to help plan an event that brings such happiness to peoples hearts. I hope to get the chance to work with you and share my love for weddings & events.

2024 Monetary Donors:

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George & Bonnie Snell for Nancy Zimmerman

Your donations are greatly appreciated. It is because of generous donors like you that we get to continue our work here at our oasis on the plains.

If you would like to donate please visit our website amarillobotanicalgardens.org or give us a call at (806) 352-6513. Thank you