Newsletter



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2025 EVENT CALENDAR

GardenFest - Saturday, April 26th | 9am-2pm

A day full of flower sales, shopping, crafts and more. Kick off spring with us here in the Gardens! Admission \$5.00 each | Members & children 5 & under are FREE.

Music in the Gardens - Thursday, June 5th - Thursday, August 28th | 7-9pm The Music in the Gardens summer series is back! The concerts take place every Thursday night through June, July, and August. Admission \$10.00 each | Members \$5.00 each | Children 5 & under are FREE

Summer Gala - Friday, July 18th | 7pm-9pm A beautiful gala benefiting the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. Individual \$100.00 each | Table of 8: \$750.00

Day with the Butterflies - Saturday, September 13th | 9am-2pm A one of a kind event featuring an individual butterfly release, educational activities, booths and more! Ticket prices to be announced.

Trail of 1000 Jack O'-Lanterns - October 22nd - 25th | Times TBD See the Gardens in a whole new light, with an evening lit by 1000 Jack o'-Lanterns. More details and ticket prices to be announced.

Christmas in the Gardens - December 2025 | 6:00-8:30pm Christmas in the Gardens is back for another magical season of lights. Join us in the month of December for the best light show in town. Dates to be announced.

DOTANICAL GARDENS 2025 MUSIC IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

CONCERT 7PM TO 9PM TICKETS: \$10 GENERAL | MEMBERS \$5

6/05: INSUFFICIENT FUNDS 6/12: SOLANO PROJECT 6/19: BIG G AND THE TRADEWINDS 6/26: STEUEN BIRHENFELD 7/03: MOON DOG 7/10: HATIE BETH MIHM & COYOTE ROSE

RICK LOOBY HOMES

- 7/17: CAMERON JAMES SMITH 7/24: TOUCHING UOODOO 7/31: CHRISTOPHER ERIN & THE OBUIOUS FEW 8/07: TENNESSEE TUCKNESS
 - 8/14: JACK CRYUER AND BAD DECISIONS
- 8/21: PARTY OF 6
- 8/28: GEEZERS GONE WILD

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In the Garden

Looking forward to the many possibilities of a new growing season has gotten us through this past winter. We have been planning and dreaming of all the possible changes we could incorporate and are implementing a few key ideas. We are continuing in our efforts to raise money for our free-flight butterfly house. We have installed a new arched bridge at the Dusty McGuire Japanese Garden. Our amphitheater is currently being renovated, and we are constantly moving plants and redesigning planting beds. This year we are very focused on maintenance and design, including our conservatory which includes a new reverse osmosis system. Also, we have several great events planned, beginning with our annual GardenFest on April 26th and then Music in the Gardens beginning each Thursday evening, June through August.

The free-flight butterfly house will be a very exciting addition, focusing on the education of our native butterflies and seated within a pollinator garden. We still need sponsors for this new addition, please contact me if you have any questions about how you can become involved.

If you have been out for a visit, you may have noticed the arched bridge at the Japanese Garden needed to be replaced. We are happy to announce that Anne Stich has, again, stepped up and provided for a new bridge. It was built by Mike McGee, a lifelong metal worker, who has constructed a good-looking and very well-built bridge that will last for a very long time. Thank you, Anne, for this upgrade to our property.

Our amphitheater has needed some upgrades for a while as well. With the beautiful trees and the shade they produce, coupled with the extreme amount of use in that area we were struggling to keep a healthy lawn going. We have replaced the lawn with artificial sod which will require much less input and labor, it will always look good and be ready for the next event. We also added more electrical outlets and made repairs to the retaining walls in that area. This work has been done by Green Plains Design and the ABG staff. We hope you come out to GardenFest and see this new upgrade yourself.

Our tropical plants in the Mary E. Bivins Tropical Conservatory have been suffering due to our reverse osmosis system not working. Tropical plants are very sensitive to poor water quality. Our

good friends JoAnn and Mel Stapleton have generously provided for a new Reverse System. We and our tropical plants thank you

Please come out for GardenFest. Members are free. It will be a beautiful day of plants sales, including the best geraniums in the area, along with 30+ local vendors.



Happy Gardening Greg Lusk



INDIVIDUAL: \$60 SENIOR: \$50 FAMILY: \$115 GRANDPARENT: \$110 PHOTOGRAPHY: \$150 OASIS: \$1000+

All memberships include:

- Unlimited free admission to the Gardens during regular business hours.
- Half price admission to Music in the Gardens during the summer.
- Free Admission to Christmas in the Gardens.
- Free Admission to GardenFest.
- Reciprocal Member to over 300 Gardens
 worldwide.
- Discounted pricing for many of our in-house hosted events.

GARDEN WISH LIST:

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

ABG Spring Hours

The the temperatures are warming up and the flowers are beginning to bloom. Come out and enjoy a beautiful day in the Gardens. We are currently observing our spring hours.

Spring Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 1pm-5pm



PLANTS TO LOOK FOR IN THIS YEARS VEGETABLE GARDEN:

- FILDERKRAUT CABBAGE
- WALKING STICK KALE
- Brown Sugar Tomato
- PIPPINS GOLDEN HONEY PEPPER
- Pueblo Blue & Navajo White Corn
- Amarillo Del Norte Beans
- SONORAN CUSHAW SQUASH
- O'ODHAM SOAM MILIN WATERMELLON

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: BETTY CONNELL

Meet Mrs. Betty Connell! She lived in Southeastern New Mexico for 48 years and moved to Amarillo, Texas in 2021. After attending a luncheon event hosted at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, she began volunteering in September of 2023. She has many duties here at the gardens, but some of her favorites include interacting with the visitors while taking admissions and working in the conservatory garden. When interviewed she said, "I enjoy being out in the conservatory with all of the tropical plants and being able to see the little ducks play in the waterfall while I work." Mrs. Betty is always one of the first volunteers to jump in and lend a helping hand. The Gardens

would like to thank Mrs. Betty for all that she does for us.



ABG GARDEN CLUBS

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 at 806-679-7351.

SOUTH WEST GARDEN CLUB

Join the club 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.

For more information call Janis at 806-676-2179

HERB SOCIETY

The meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 11:30am-1:00pm at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. For more info contact us via email at <u>amatxherbs@gmail.com</u>

2025 Monetary Donors:

Dianne Capell Steve Catron & JoAnn Catron Stapleton Anne P. Stich

In Kind Donations:

Marble Depot Janean & Bill Thompson Irwin Greenhouse Inc.

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.



<u>Pictured above:</u> The new new arched bridge at the Dusty McGuire Japanese Garden. Donated by Anne Stich and constructed by Mike McGee.

<u>Pictured on the right:</u> The Amphitheater artificial turf renovations. Work is being done by Green Plains Design and the ABG staff.



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