

# The Austin Gardener

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## SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING, ZILKER AUDITORIUM 7:00 TO 9:30PM

Board of Directors meeting 5:30 to 6:30pm, Zilker Auditorium

Our September meeting welcomes everyone back from summer vacation with our annual ice cream social—Elizabeth Wong promises there will be plenty of ice cream and all the fixings. And we have two special speakers. First Paul Yura, the Southern Regional weather service meteorologist, will speak on “How our climate affects your Gardening.” Paul always has great information for all gardeners. Then Gani Venkappa, a member and Master Gardener, will speak on his experiences in “Creating a Backyard Food Forest.”

## OCTOBER 25 MEETING, ZILKER AUDITORIUM 7:00 TO 9:30PM

Board of Directors meeting 5:30 to 6:30pm, Zilker Auditorium

The October meeting we will have three breakout tables focusing on different topics for fall gardeners. This promises to be a fun and useful meeting.

## FALL EVENTS AT ZILKER GARDENS (see [www.zilker garden.org](http://www.zilker garden.org) for details)

September 15-16: Bamboo Club show and sale

September 21: Austin Women’s Federated Club luncheon and lecture celebrating the Taniguchi Japanese Gardens. Email Carol Blanchard ([blanchardc56@gmail.com](mailto:blanchardc56@gmail.com)) for more details and tickets.

October 20-21: Violet Crown Garden Club flower show

October 27: Porcelain Arts Club sale

Also thanks to Dick Peterson for advertising our club at the Home and Garden Show

## 2018-2019 TGCOA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Joe Yura, awarded four \$1500 scholarships to students graduating in December with degrees in Horticulture. Since 1973 the club has given \$112,700 for 102 scholarships. This year’s awardees are:

**David Figueroa** (Texas Tech) is interning this summer at the greenhouse of Mercer Botanic Gardens in Humble TX working with seed collection and propagation. One day he hopes to have his own nursery.

**Kaylee Ites** (Texas A&M) plans to work in commercial nursey production and management. She is interning at Bailey Nurseries in Onarga IL and has previously interned at the Walt Disney World Epcot.

**Brianna Salsbury** (Texas A&M) studied abroad in Guatemala working with coffee farmers. Since high school she has been breeding longhorn cattle, and this summer she is the Flying S Ranch land manager.

**Megan Tighe** (Texas A&M) is interested in landscape design emphasizing sustainability and environmentally proper plant selection. She has done two internships designing gardening activities for troubled teens.



David Figueroa



Kaylee Ites



Brianna Salsbury



Megan Tighe