

The Austin Gardener

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AUGUST 24 MEETING, ZILKER AUDITORIUM 6:30 TO 9:30 PM

No Board of Directors Meeting in August

The August meeting starts with our annual ice cream social, a cool and relaxed meeting where members bring their favorite ice cream flavor and the trimmings to share. Our speaker, Troy Smith from Brite Ideas, will discuss "How to Build a Hydroponic System." Hydroponics is a system of growing plants without soil in a nutrient rich water solution. Troy will discuss some of the many different styles and systems available to hydroponic gardeners. Doors open at 6:30, the meeting starts with the ice cream social and visiting at 7:00.

SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING, ZILKER AUDITORIUM 6:30 TO 9:30 PM

Board of directors meeting 4:30 to 6:30, Zilker Auditorium

The September speaker will be Steve Kainer from Hill County Water Gardens will discuss "Creating your own Water Garden." The Hill Country Water Gardens has nine ponds, fountains, and disappearing water features on their five acres. Steve will share his knowledge in building and caring for a water garden.

SEEN AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN AUGUST

Photographs by Rich Blumenthal

In August Austin gardens are famous for the lack of flowers. Yet, when Rich and I took a walk around our Travis Heights neighborhood on August 10, many blooming plants caught our eye. Here are a few:



Turk's Cap



Pink Rain Lily



Firebush



Plumbago



Coralbean Seeds



Passion Vine



Bird of Paradise

JULY MEETING : BUILDING A SUCCULANT TERRARIUM

Keri Anderson demonstrated how to build a succulent terrarium by building one in a round glass bowl during the meeting. The enclosed design of terrarium requires less water and makes them more eco-friendly than the usual floral designs.

