

# The Magnolia



Columbus Garden Club Newsletter

June, 2025

## June Begins a New Garden Club Year, 2025-27



*Regena Williamson (President), Nancy Galloway (First Vice President), Cheryl Rose (Second Vice President), Ann Pavliska (Treasurer), and Velma Harrington (Reporter/Publicity and Historian) were installed as new officers for the 2025-2027 term. The meeting/luncheon was held at Brookwood in a private room. Jennie Pritchett (Secretary) and Wanda Anglin (Parliamentarian) were not in attendance. They will be installed at our first meeting in September.*





*Patti Schindler hands over her Treasurer's duties to Ann Pavliska. Cheryl Rose looking forward to her new position as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.*



*(above right) Garden Club members Marian Schonenberg, Chris Schobel, Debbie Braden and Sandy Barrett enjoyed visiting and anticipating a wonderful lunch.*



*(above) Janet Johnson, now a past president, was feeling relaxed and looking forward to some free time.*



*(right) Velma Harrington and Sharon Roensch enjoyed the day.*





*Regena Williamson and Nancy Galloway excitedly explore their gift bags especially designed for them.*

*(Below)*

*Ida Sivley, Karen Payne, and their guest enjoyed the day.*



**Ericka Braun announced the scholarship recipients for 2025-2026**

The winners are:

**Cheyenne Burns** who will be studying Education at Blinn in Brenham with plans to be an elementary teacher or vocational agriculture teacher focusing on horticulture or floral design.

**Madelein Zajicek** who is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class and plans to study Biology at the University of Texas and become a biology teacher.

(More to see in future newsletter after we take a picture of our scholarship recipients.)



## Let's Reflect on our Plant Sale in April

There was so much to report in our May newsletter that your Newsletter Editor was overwhelmed by all of it and forgot to include the Plant Sale pictures. Oops! So here are some moments of that day. (Thanks to Patsy Hodge for all of the wonderful pictures.)



Our customers, members of our community, look forward to finding their special plants each year at our Columbus Garden Club Plant Sale.



JoAnn Sebesta enjoyed shopping for plants and visiting with Marian Schonenberg and other garden club members and friends in the community. The Bake Sale was successful again this year. Elisa Guerra, Stephanie Cabrera (Youth in the Garden) and Sandy Barrett look over some of the bake sale items and casseroles. (Elisa and Velma's grandson Andrew Cooper help each year.)





Ann and Eddie Pavliska were there with Ann's garden Art. Cheryl was there to give out information about the plants that customers were buying. Patti Schindler was our trusty cashier.



Oh the joy of "talking plants" with our wonderful garden club plant sale customers. Brenda Boehm does "a very good job of this".







Top Left – Brenda Boehm and Cheryl Rose enjoyed the day. Top Right - Janet Johnson and Regena Williamson just love finding more plants. Left -- Elisa Guerra, Stephanie Cabrera (Youth in the Garden member} and Sandy Barrett were a great help.



Right – Round and round she goes and where she stops --- nobody knows.

It is time for the drawing! **“hey guys, look this way!”**







**Woo Hoo! And the grand winner is.....**



**Janet Johnson was the winner of the Scholarship Wagon.**



## And, how did we do financially with the Plant and Bake Sale this year?

This is just a summary. Our new Treasurer for **2025-27**, Ann Pavliska, will be giving a more detailed report that includes expenses and a comparison to past plant sales.

### Gross Sales:

Scholarship Wagon	\$564.00
Bake Sale	291.00
Non-Plant Sale	279.00
Plant Sale	5,998.50

GROSS TOTAL	<b>\$7,132.50</b>
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## We Love Celebrating National Garden Week



*Velma Harrington, Debbie Braden, Patti Schindler, Sandy Barrett, Regena Williamson (President), Sharon Wegenhoft, and Wanda Anglin attended Commissioners Court.*





*Garden Club members Velma Harrington, Wanda Anglin, Regena Williamson (President), Mayor LoriAn Gobert, Ann Pavliska and Patti Schindler attended the City Council meeting.*

Columbus Garden Club members attended Commissioners Court and also the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 27 where proclamations were signed recognizing the Week of June 1-7 as National Garden Week. This is a week-long event sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. encouraging community involvement, pride, and outreach through gardening.

Locally, the garden club meets during that week to make flower arrangements that will be delivered to county and city offices, local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, our hospital, the Chamber of Commerce, newspapers, radio station and members of the community. The club promotes community beautification through maintaining gardens around the community, encouraging homeowners to plant and landscape their yards encouraging businesses to beautify their business or store fronts with gardens and planters. Each month a Yard of the Month Award and a Community Beautification Award is presented.

## **LOTS OF FLOWERS WERE NEEDED FOR MAKING OUR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**



Members cut flowers and greenery out of their own gardens and some flowers were purchased from area merchants.





(Below) Janet Johnson and Nancy Galloway are both excellent at flower design. Nancy is also great at making bows.







Sharon Roensch (previous page, left) loves lots of color in her arrangements.....and she brought us cookies to enjoy while we put together our arrangements. She also brought bags of delicious tomatoes for us to enjoy at home. Thank you, Sharon, for our treats.

Sharon Wegenhoft (previous page, right) was with us reminding us not to have leaves in the water. It was so good to have her with us at the proclamation signing at the courthouse and at this day of making and delivering the arrangements.



Just look at all the beautiful and colorful arrangements. Those attending this special event were Nancy Galloway, Wanda Anglin, Janet Johnson, Velma Harrington, Sandy Barrett, Sharon Wegenhoft, and Debbie Braden. Donna Shirley, a former garden club member who has moved back to Columbus, came by to meet everyone and to visit. Sharon Roensch had to leave before we could take the picture. And, always thanks to Keith Johnson and Mike Braden for their help. (Keith took this picture for us.)





Look at all the containers of flowers in the background that were brought to us to make our flower arrangements. Wanda was excited about all the packets of seeds that were donated by WalMart to the club.

## Share Your Garden

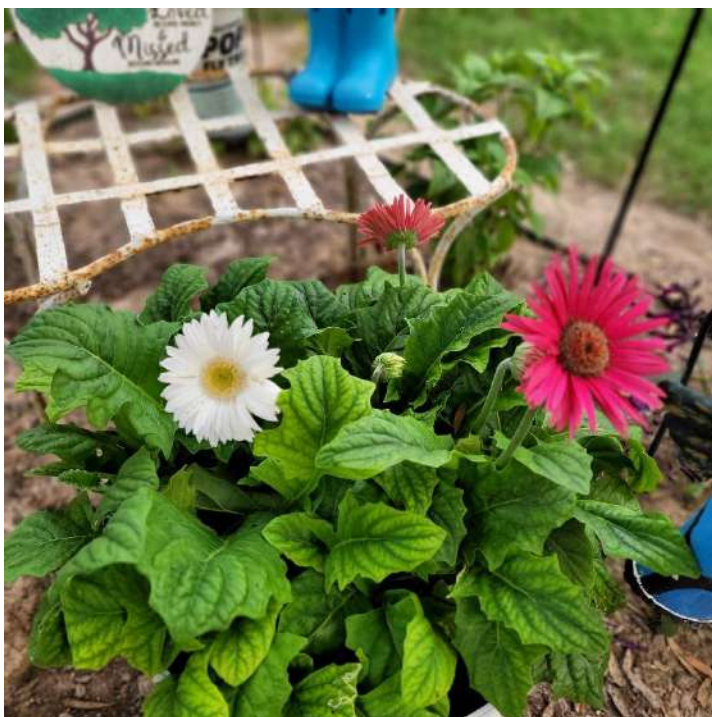
Wanda shared these pictures.

Do you see the fly?



Very interesting.....a spider, its web  
.....and its shadow





Bren Wyman shared beautiful Gerbera Daisies and a Crown of Thorn

## 2025 Spring Convention

### District IV, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Several Columbus Garden Club members traveled to League City March 27, 2025, to attend the District IV Spring Convention. The event was hosted by the League City Garden Club and held at the Johnny Arolfo Grand Ballroom.

Debbie Braden, Marian Schonenberg, Wanda Anglin, Nancy Galloway, and Sharon Wegenhoft were treated to a day of learning, visiting, and shopping. The theme of the Convention was “Wild About Wildflowers.”

Barry Ward from Trees for Houston gave the keynote address about Trees, and Martha Richeson, Texas Master Naturalist and Native Plant Society member presented a discussion on native flowers and the pollinators they attract.

Debbie Braden served as secretary for both the District IV Board of Director’s meeting which was held before the General Assembly as well as the General Assembly. Marian Schonenberg reported on Life Memberships, the District IV Scholarship Award Winner, and Area 9 Clubs. Sharon Wegenhoft delivered the Trustee report as well as the Area 7 Clubs. All five CGC members attended both the Director’s Meeting and the General Assembly.



Dr. Heather White assisted by SCR Director Sarah McReynolds installed the following CGC members as officers for the District IV Board of Directors:

District IV Director – Sharon Wegenhoft

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Director (Newsletter) – Nancy Galloway

Area 7 Coordinator – Wanda Anglin

Area 9 Coordinator – Marian Schonenberg

Scholarship Chairman – Marian Schonenberg

Life Membership Chairman – Marian Schonenberg



Columbus Garden Club was well represented by these ladies. It is always enjoyable to attend District IV Conventions and all the above are wished a productive two years of service to District IV.

Congratulations to Sharon Wegenhoft, Wanda Anglin, Marian Schonenberg, Nancy Galloway and Debbie Braden.

--- Sharon Wegenhoft



## Midtown Native Butterfly Garden -- Janet Johnson

The midtown native butterfly garden is now totally native! We worked it with **Step 1** – cleaning it out of all non-native plants and annoying weeds. **Step 2** - we planted all new native plants and completely mulched it. Thankfully we got all this done before that week of rain which was great for setting the new plants. Now we just will maintain the bed and let plants settle in and grow. I was there the other day and there were butterflies flying around and enjoying the blooms. Hopefully this fall the monarchs will discover this little bit of heaven and then next spring for years to come.



I would like to thank all these ladies who came and worked on this project - Sandy Barrett, Karen Payne, Ida Sivley, Wanda Anglin, Debbie Braden, Patti Schindler, Regena Williamson, and Keith Johnson. Also thank you Ida Sivley for the bird and butterfly drinking stations. – Janet Johnson





## 90 Miles on Hwy 90 -- Marian Schonenberg



On Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> some of our club members set up shop for the 90 Miles on Hwy. 90 event at 201 Oak Cluster Dr.

Regena Williamson, Janet Johnson and Marian Schonenberg sold plants and assorted household items. We sold \$424.00 worth of plants and donated the funds to CGC. We also accepted \$89.50 in donations for seeds donated by WalMart. Those donations will go to CGC.

Addie Werland (below) sold lemonade - \$81.55. Proceeds will go to 2 charities including the Visitor Center Butterfly Garden. Janet Johnson and Addie had a wonderful day.





# Texas Master Naturalist Program

The Texas Master Naturalists Gideon Lincecum Chapter will hold a program, "Meet Your TPWD Biologists", on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 9:30 am in

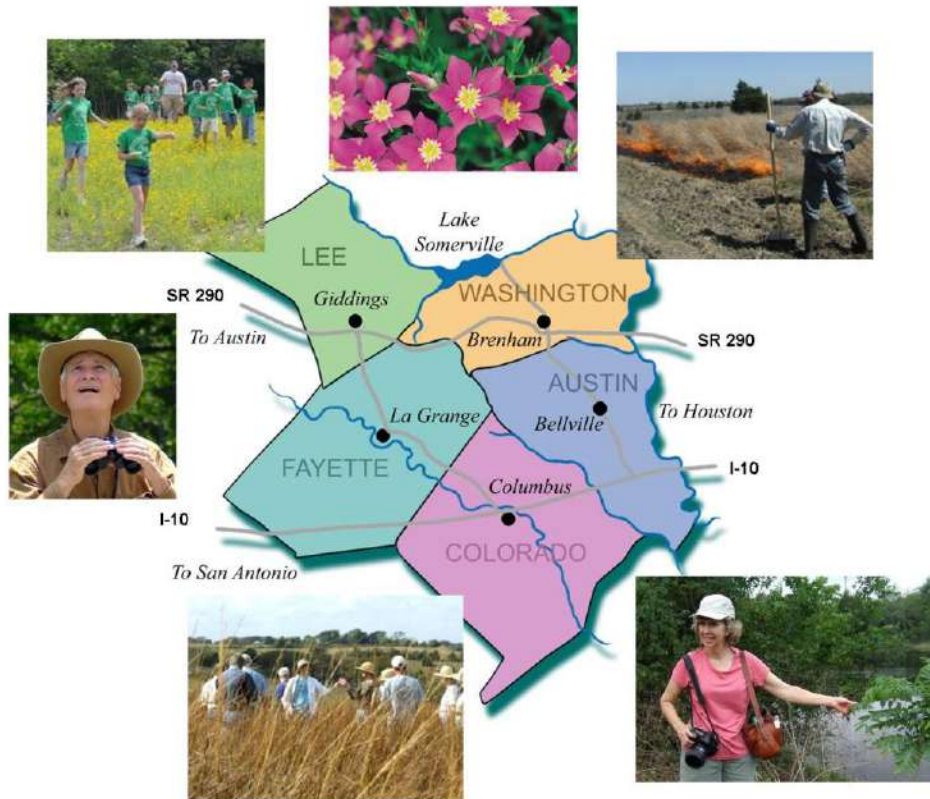
Columbus. The county biologists, as a panel of experts, will share their insight about land stewardship and resources to assist landowners: Katie Edwards (Colorado), Drake Rangel (Fayette), Mark Lange (Austin), Laura Sherrod (Lee), and Stephanie Damron (Washington).

## Program Details

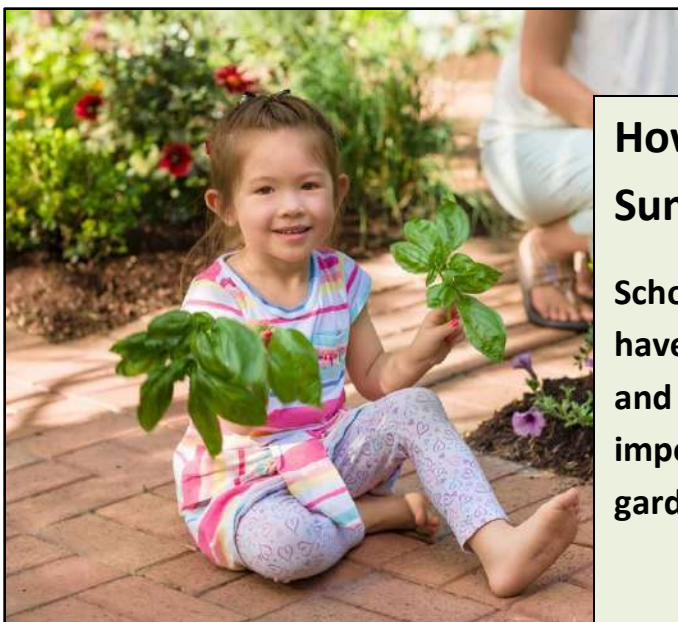
- **Saturday, July 19, 2025, 9:30 am-noon**
- **The Lighthouse next to St. Paul Lutheran Church at 201 Veterans Dri., Columbus**
- **Following a short chapter business meeting, the "Meet Your TPWD County Wildlife Biologist" moderated panel will begin. Bring your questions.**
- **As always, the public is welcome to this free event.**

**Texas Master Naturalists (TMN)** are a corps of volunteers working to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within our communities for the State of Texas. The Gideon Lincecum Chapter is formed from volunteers from 5 counties: Colorado, Austin, Fayette, Lee, and Washington. Learn more about TMN and how to join during our certification classes from January to May annually: <https://txmn.org/glc/>.

-- Wanda Anglin







## **How To Keep Kids Learning This Summer — Susan Martin, Proven Winners**

School's out for summer, but the learning doesn't have to end! The garden is filled with inspiration and opportunities for kids to practice all sorts of important skills. Take a closer look at how your garden can become the teacher.



## **A Fun Project with Children in Your Family....**

**Make with leaves, bark, acorns, twigs or whatever you may find in your garden.**



# Help Columbus Garden Club earn funds by recycling your HP and Canon printer cartridges.

Turn in your cartridges to Marian Schonenberg or Brenda Boehm. This project only applies to HP and Canon. Thank you for helping.

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## Getting Club Emails? Want to Send an Email to the Entire Club?

### Get Emails

Are you receiving emails from the Club? About 4, sometimes 6 are sent monthly including meeting announcements and reminders, the newsletters, and information about upcoming events. If you are NOT receiving emails from the Club, go to this website: <https://tinyurl.com/cgc-emails> . Enter your email address there and you will begin receiving all emails sent out by the Club.

### Send an Email to the Entire Club

FYI...in the past, there was confusion about our Club email address which is [hello@columbusgardenclub.org](mailto:hello@columbusgardenclub.org) . Please note that when someone sends an email to this address, the Website/Social Media committee and some Board members get the email. It is NOT an email that sends out announcements or information to the entire Club.

The way to send an email to the entire club is to prepare what you want to say and send it along with any images to Cheryl Rose ([cherylscgc@gmail.com](mailto:cherylscgc@gmail.com)) AND Wanda Anglin ([wanda.anglin@hotmail.com](mailto:wanda.anglin@hotmail.com)). Cheryl and Wanda will coordinate putting your information in our tool called MailChimp that will send out to the entire Club.

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## Joys, Love and Concerns



**Sharon Wegenhoft** is home after having triple bypass heart surgery and is doing very well. She wants to thank everyone for all the visits made, prayers, cards, letters, and “well wishes” sent after her recent illness. “They meant so much to me. I am on the mend and doing well. Thanks again.”

**Patti Schindler** wants everyone to know that she is continuing doing well after knee replacement surgery and most recently emergency surgery for



appendicitis. She thanks everyone who has called and was concerned with how she was progressing. She says, "it really meant a lot to me."

Please keep **Jennie Pritchett and family** in your prayers. Jennie's brother, Gordon Kaiser, recently passed away. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

And please continue to remember **Martha Jordan, Dell Szymkowski, Katy Seymour, Chris and Gene Schobel** and so many of our members who are in need of our thoughts and prayers.



**Lenora and Alex Wilke**

welcomed their first baby. **Regena Williamson** is a first time grandmother. Kleo Nyx Wilke was born at 1 am May 2 in College Station, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Welcome to the World, Kleo!

**So that we can better communicate and express our love and concern for each other**, if you know of a **garden club member or family of a garden club member who is ill or has had a death in the family** please contact:

**Regena Williamson** – She will notify the appropriate members to communicate with the club.

**Cheryl Rose** – She is the person in charge of notifying the club.

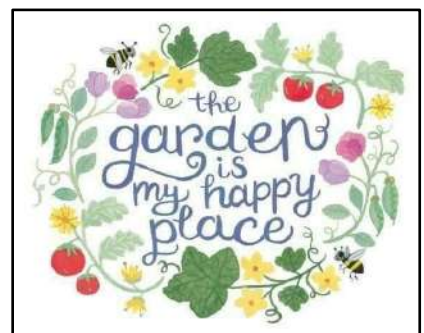


**It's time to celebrate June Birthdays:**

**June 11 Regena Williamson**

**19 Shirley Allmon**

**29 Janice Harbich**





## Yard of the Month – JUNE

Home of: Yvonne Barrow  
and John Mann  
313 Dewees St.



June Yard of the Month was awarded to 313 Dewees St. The homeowners have created an idyllic small town America home with its craftsman cottage appeal and a yard full of old timey

garden favorites and charming water features. You could sit for hours on the porch and be well-entertained by the beauty of the flowers and greenery, sound of the old well pump water feature, and wildlife flitting about. The white picket fence is festooned with patriotic buntings for Memorial Day and Independence Day. A beautiful collection of birdhouses sit above well-tended plantings of knockout roses, magnolia, spider plants, agapanthus, and ferns shaded by towering oaks.





## **June Community Beautification Award**

### **Columbus Wellness Center**

107 Schult Drive

The June Community Beautification Award was awarded to Columbus Wellness Center at 107 Schult. Native flowering shrubs and Mexican feathergrass create this spectacular show of early summer color. Thanks to the team of 4 that manage the Wellness Center and the hospital's grounds, the birds, bees, and butterflies as well as passers-by enjoy butterfly bush, sotol, narrowleaf zinnia, Henry Duelberg salvia, and dozens more native species.



This expansive garden is proof that natives can be tamed to create a stunning semi-formal landscape.