

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



November, 2021



What a beautiful time of the year. It is a time of giving thanks and this year there are so many things to be thankful for that the list is quite long. It is so good to be together again...as a club and as friends. It is good to be able to get out and about and starting to feel free from fear of an unseeable virus. We are thankful to have projects and work to do to spread the joy of gardening. It is so uplifting to create beauty, bring joy and make **a more beautiful community**. It is joyful looking forward to being with family during the holidays and giving thanks for the bountiful gifts we have been given.

Fall is in the Air....



It was a very windy day when garden club members Velma Harrington and Sharon Wegenhoft helped decorate areas of the courthouse square. Some of the coleuses needed to be replaced. Crotons and snapdragons were used. In picture (bottom left) Sharon Roensch, Brenda Boehm and Sharon Wegenhoft decorated the gazebo with garlands, wreaths and lights.



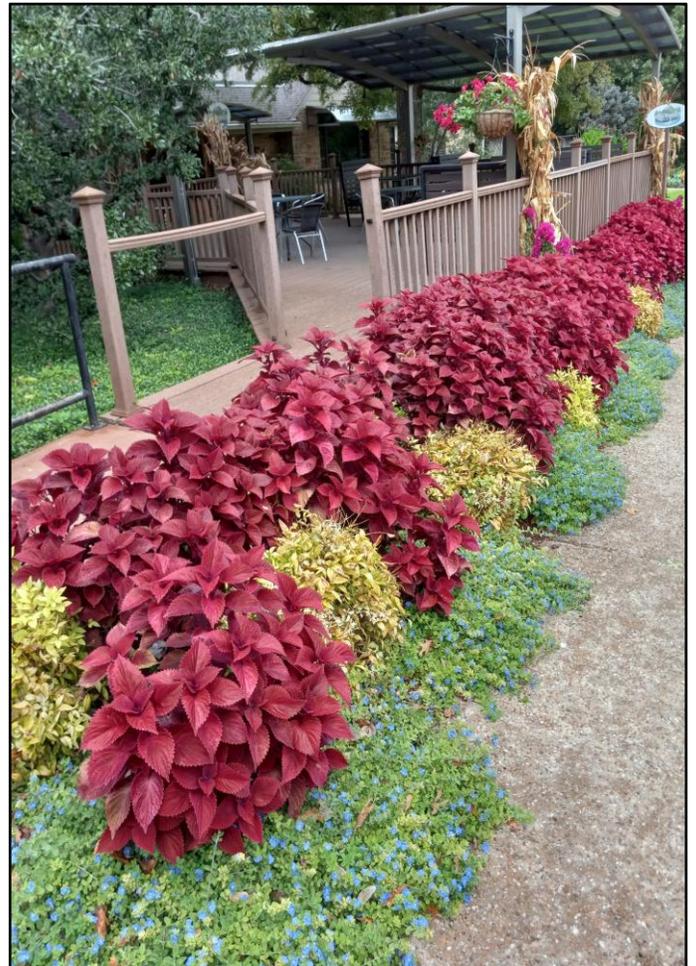
We have trimmed the courthouse gazebo with fall colored garland and wreaths and lights shimmering through at nighttime. Fall colors have been added to some of the planters and pumpkins have been scattered around. The Blue Star Memorial bed has had pumpkins added and the Court Oak Bed looks like a picture postcard of an autumn scene. Thank you to Marian Schonenberg, Sandy Barrett, Brenda Boehm, Sharon Wegenhoft, Sharon Roensch and Velma Harrington. And, a big thank you to Columbus HEB for donating the pumpkins. Let Stephen at HEB know how much we appreciate their help. And, thank you to Patti Schindler and Sandy Barrett for loading up the pumpkins and distributing them around the square.



Arboretum in Ft. Worth Decorated for Fall



Sharon Wegenhoft attended the Texas Garden Club Fall Convention at the State Headquarters October 12-13. This convention had a “bare bones” structure so it consisted of mainly the officers of TGC. Routine administrative reports were given. Work has not begun on the new walking path which will be laid with bricks which have been purchased in memorial.



Columbus Garden Club will have a brick in that walk when it is complete. We were all urged to encourage new membership and to remind clubs to enter awards by November 1. There was a program presented about recycling and one about all the new technology available to clubs for communication. Between meetings there was a small amount of time to tour the Ft. Worth Arboretum which was expressly decorated for fall. It is a beautiful place so hopfully our club can do a pilgrimage there in the future? Notice the red head coleuses planted around. These are the same coleuses that have brought such beautiful color to the planters at our courthouse square.

We are so happy to welcome these new members to our club. Judy Bunge, Joan Bunge, Nancy Galloway, Patsy Hodge, Amanda Hopkins, Jennie Pritchett, and Stacy Renner have joined our club and we are so happy to share our love of gardening with them. We are looking forward to getting to know each of them and to learn from them.

Happy gardening, y'all!



There is so much going on here. Do you know what it is? First of all, you can't possibly miss the beautiful scholarship quilt in the background because it is yet another creation from Sharon Heimann. Sharon says, "this is a design by Quiltsmart and a technique called paper piecing. I purchased the fabric long before I had a pattern in mind so I think 'it was in the cards'." The quilt is a king size (104" x 104"). This year it won Grand Champion in the Open Show division at the Colorado County Fair where it competed against quilts from three other counties. It is the quilt that will be won by a very lucky person at the club's annual Christmas tasting luncheon with the proceeds going to the Columbus Garden Club scholarship fund. The club has been giving scholarships to deserving seniors from Columbus for over 25 years and Sharon has donated many of the quilts for this project.

Then, there are the wonderful garden club ladies who are holding awards that were won this past year by our award winning club for different projects. But the most impressive award is being held by Joann Obenhaus (in the front row in the center) president of the club. She is holding the National Award (first place and overall winner) for the club's efforts in decorating an historic home. In fact, in 2019 the club celebrated decorating an historic home for Christmas for 40 years. This project is in cooperation with Columbus Historical Preservation

Trust who owns the homes that the club decorates. The club not only decorates in a manner of the 1800s but the club members show the homes to third grade students from **Columbus Elementary and St. Anthony's Catholic schools**. The children learn about how the Dilue Rose-Harris home and the Alley Log Cabin may have been decorated and how the families lived during those times. The history fits well into the school curriculum of Texas History. Projects considered for this national award must have a high percentage of club member participation, well documented planning and publicity, and include involvement of others from the community.

The club is in the process of planning for this year's decorations and organizing the Children's Tour. The Historic Christmas Holiday Open House Decorating Day committee met Nov. 5 to plan our decorating day, **November 22 at 9 a.m.** at the Dilue Rose-Harris Historic House, 602 Washington St. and the Alley Log Cabin which is located on Bowie St. CGC will also decorate the fence line of the Santa Claus Museum, 604 Washington St. Please come help decorate and make our city festive for the Christmas Holidays!

Debbie Braden has arranged for CGC to once again resume the Historic Christmas Holiday Open House **Decorating Day Luncheon** at 12 p.m. November 22. It will be held at the Buddy Rau Room in the Stafford Opera House, 425 Spring St. Please call Debbie Braden if you would like to help with that luncheon.

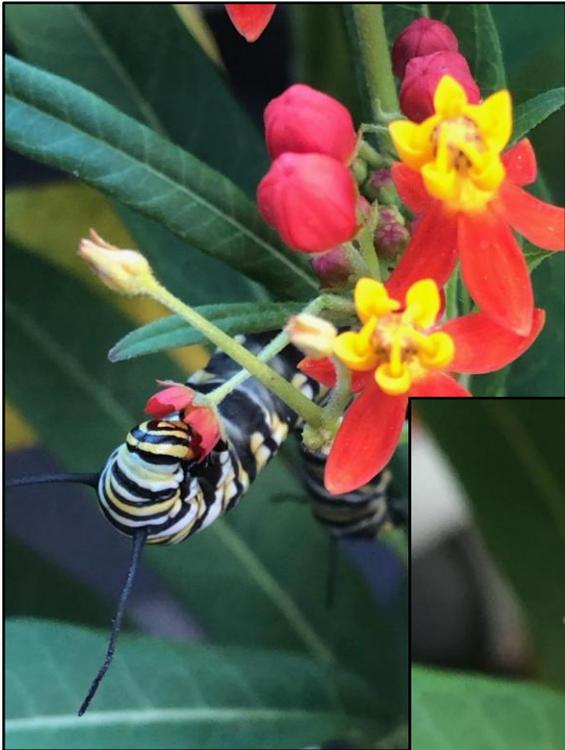
The third grade students from Columbus Elementary and St. Anthony's School will tour on Wednesday, December 1 starting at 8:30 a.m. The fourth grade students will tour on Thursday, December 2 starting at 8:30 a.m. We are having the fourth graders tour because they missed last year due to Covid 19. We have a prepared script which serves as a guide to make it easy to docent. We need lots of volunteers to help both days. It is a fun and happy time to be with the children and share Columbus' rich history with them. So please consider helping in this delightful activity. The more the merrier!

Sharing Pictures

Our members have really grown in their interest and in their knowledge of the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Amanda Hopkins sent a beautiful picture of a chrysalis and a picture of a beautiful monarch with wings outstretched.

Janet Johnson also sent some of her pictures of a monarch caterpillar really getting into enjoying a really good meal....going...going...gone.

Nancy Galloway has been releasing monarchs at the Visitors Center and enjoying teaching other garden club members and school children about the life cycle of the Monarch.



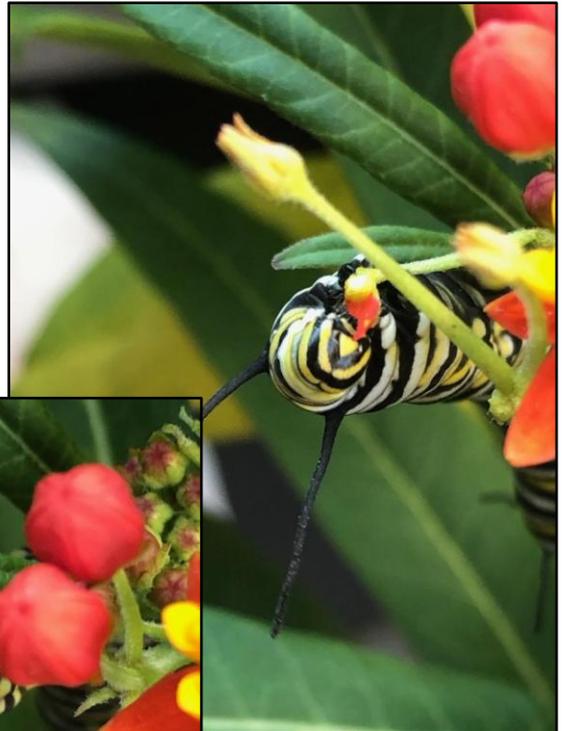
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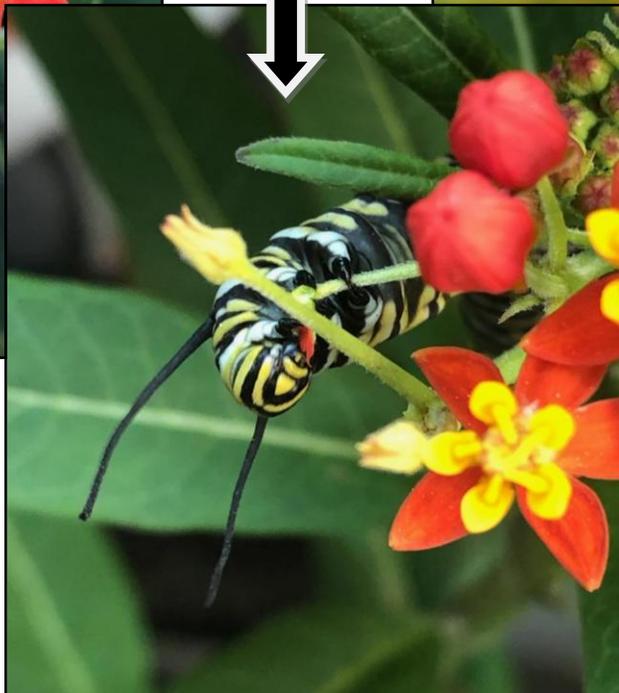
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Columbus Garden Club members enjoy gardening but they also enjoy the pollinators of the garden...



Change is good....
Life is beautiful.

Planning ahead – After Thanksgiving, it is just a “hop, skip and a jump” before the Christmas holidays begin. And, for the garden club, it will be time to have our **Christmas Tasting Luncheon on December 8.** Please look at your garden club yearbook on page 407 for a list of the committee members for this event.

Regena Williamson is the Overall Chairman of this event. Chairmen of the committees are:

Decorating	Debbie Braden
Drinks	Cheryl Rose
Entertainment	Cheryl Rose
Luncheon (setup, arranging and clearing the serving area etc.)	Andrea Utz, Sharon Wegenhoft
Scholarship Quilt	Sharon Heimann
Silent Auction	Cheryl Rose
Mistletoe Sack Drawing	Velma Harrington
Cashiers	Patti Schindler
Clean-Up	Each committee, sub-committee and general membership

Cheryl Rose is asking you to please let her know if you have items for the **Silent Auction**. If possible please get items to her the day before the luncheon. If not, bring item early in the morning of the event.

Velma Harrington needs items for the **Mistletoe Sack Drawing** by December 3 so she can put items together into baskets or pots to make nice displays. And, if you have some baskets that she can use for this, please let her know.

A reminder.....Support Brookwood with a Life Membership

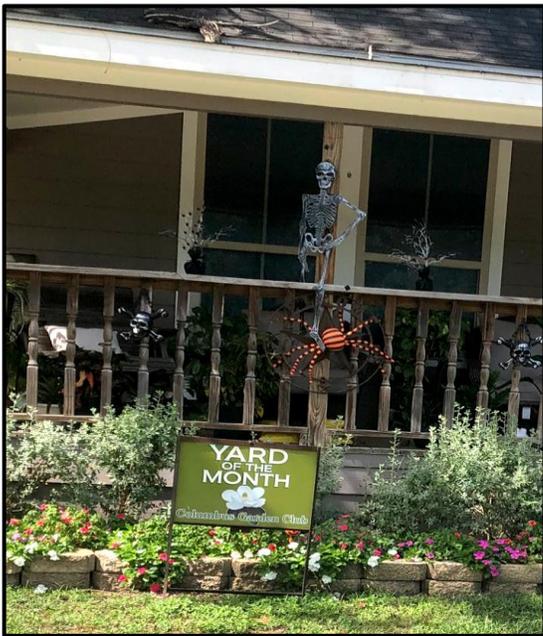
Consider honoring a friend (or yourself) with a District IV Life Membership. The cost is \$30. All funds from the life membership program benefit the Brookwood Community Garden Therapy Project.

The Brookwood Community provides an education environment that creates meaningful jobs, builds a sense of belonging, and requires dignity and respect for adults with disabilities, through the grace of God. Located in Brookshire, the Brookwood Community is a non-profit 501©3 residential facility and vocational program for adults with learning disabilities.

District IV Coastal Prairie Council of Texas Garden Clubs adopted the Garden Therapy Project shortly after the community opened. Garden club members provide volunteer work teams and financial support for the garden therapy program.

You can support this program too by becoming a Life Member. Contact Marian Schonenberg 979-733-4343 or curtissautomotive@sbcglobal.net

Yard of the Month



Home of Terry Stovall
832 Washington Street

Community Beautification



Colorado County Agriculture
316 Spring Street



Remember our Birthdays:

November
27 Cheryl Rose

