

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



November, 2023

Let's Celebrate.....Fall



THE FLOWER SHOW is here. It is this Wednesday, November 8 at the Nesbitt Memorial Library from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.

- **Container-grown horticultural exhibits** will be accepted on **Tuesday, November 7**, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- **Design exhibits** will be accepted on **Wednesday, November 8**, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
- **Cut horticultural exhibits** will be accepted from **9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8**.

All exhibits must remain in place until 3:30 p.m. on November 8, 2023.

Thanks to everyone who has helped organize and who has participated in the Flower Show. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come.

Changing Out Flowers in Courthouse Planters For Fall



Janet Johnson says the Courthouse Planters Committee cleaned up and planted for Fall on October 23. “We were able to keep the Sweet Potato vines and Dusty Millers but added Snapdragons and Coleus.” Workers were Wanda Anglin, Nancy Galloway, Patti Schindler, Debbie Braden, and Janet Johnson. (Picture of Planters are below.)





And Then We Decorated For Fall at the Courthouse Square



Hay Bales – Fall Garland – Pumpkins and Scarecrows The Committee met on the morning of Monday October 23 to decorate for Fall at the Courthouse Square. Those that helped decorate included: Velma Harrington (Chairman), Brenda Boehm, Nancy Galloway, Patti Schindler, Wanda Anglin, and Sharon Roensch. Brenda Wyman’s husband David was there to help too. Garland and lights were placed around the Gazebo. Haybales placed in front of the gazebo were decorated with garland, pumpkins, and scarecrows. Colorful Fall decorative flowers were placed in the planters nestled in with the fresh flowers recently planted by the Courthouse Square Planters committee.

On the corner of the square, Wanda Anglin and Brenda Wyman colluded to build a jalopy full of scarecrows. Then Brenda “left the country” but sent her husband David to help “man handle” the hay bales to construct the jalopy. Wanda was able to get the hay bales from Walter at Banks Ranch in Ellinger. HEB’s Stephen Theiss once again



donated pumpkins for us to use as decorations and Wanda picked the pumpkins up from HEB and got them to the square. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED.



Our Scarecrow

Jalopy...



The Committee also decorated the seating area that is closer to the Blue Star Memorial and garden. Decorative flowers were added to the planters, pumpkins were placed around and the benches were decorated with garland and other fall decorations. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate...the Courthouse Square Planters Committee and the Fall Decorating Committee and those that donated hay and pumpkins.



Youth in the Garden

On October 7 the Youth in the Garden worked on both the Visitor Center and the Live Oak Bed...mostly weeding. On October 21 they returned and spent a little time with Wanda Anglin and Nancy Galloway on the Live Oak Bed to finish up the weed prevention and weeding that Sandy Barrett, Live Oak Bed chairman, had worked so hard on the previous 2 weeks after a bit of cooler weather set in. Sandy does something over there almost every day and has for years.



Pictured (L-R) Alley Fitzgerald, Lauren Braden, McKenna Booker, Ella Brger and Nancy Galloway

After finishing the couple of things Sandy had asked the Youth in the Garden to finish up, they moved over to the Midtown Butterfly Garden that Nancy is chair of (and where Sandy sneaks over frequently to pull weeds and plant donated plants.) *If you are looking for Sandy and she is not in her salon, check Midtown gardens.*

At the butterfly garden, Nancy found dozens of caterpillars and quite a few ladybug larvae that she showed the students who seemed to know a lot about them already. The team weeded the walkway around the garden and the edges of the garden. Nancy waded into the milkweed to weed in there as not all the students were prepared to protect their skin



from milkweed juice. Wanda washed the pergola. It is in pretty good shape now!

-----Article submitted by Wanda Anglin



(left) Alley Fitzgerald, Laura Braden, McKenna Booker, and Ella Berger with Wanda Anglin at Midtown Butterfly Garden

They weeded the pathway around the butterfly garden and created more of a separation between the grass and the edging to keep the bermuda grass



from going over into the walkway. Nancy pulled weeds in the garden while she explored all the caterpillars and ladybug larvae. Wanda took a bucket and brush and removed years of algae and dirt buildup from the arbor. The butterflies seem much happier.

The Youth in the Garden program has been a wonderful experience. It certainly has helped Columbus Garden Club and it has helped students earn Community Service credits and knowledge about gardening and pollinators.

Grant Awards

The Columbus Community Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC) awarded two grants we applied for (thanks to Marian Schonenberg and her reviewer, Wanda Anglin). The CCIDC administers the City of Columbus' half-cent 4-B sales tax revenues (approved by voters in 1995) for economic and community development. They offer annual Community Development Grants to those who have projects to help the City achieve those goals. The CGC has been awarded funds for the following 2024 projects:

- \$1,275 – Visitor Center Butterfly Garden educational signs for butterfly lifecycle and native plants. The 42”x30” butterfly lifecycle sign will bring a lot of color and interesting information to the garden. This project will further the bigger idea of making the garden more educational and more of a tourist designation.
 - Larger (12”x18”) signs to share the plant name and a bit about its desirable characteristics (drought tolerant, flowering, etc.) and value to pollinators (nectar, host, etc.). Would have a QR code linked to a page about the plant on our website.
 - Smaller (less than 4”x10”) signs to simply identify the name of the native plant in the garden.
- \$1,800 – Trash Off/Fall Sweep – Our CGC umbrella project, Keep Columbus Beautiful, had an injection of cash for its 2024 City-wide cleanup events, Trash Off (in the Spring) and Fall Sweep (in the Fall). Funds were awarded for advertising, supplies, and promotional signs for these 2 events.



This is a mockup and not representative of exactly how the sign will look.

During the grant awards meeting, a CCIDC representative commented that the Garden Club always makes so much of the money we are awarded and they were happy to approve our requests. Great going, team!

Butterfly Milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa
 Monarch butterfly host plant providing food for its caterpillars



Our members out and about in District IV.....and beyond!

Sharon Wegenhoft attended the TGC, Inc. Fall Convention in Ft. Worth, TX. October 17-18. She says they heard and acted on a good deal of business for TGC.

Debbie Braden, Nancy Galloway and Sharon Wegenhoft attended the District IV Officer's meeting in Houston, October 19. Debbie is the Secretary for District IV and did a good job of keeping the minutes of the meeting. Nancy Galloway is the District IV Newsletter Chairman and asked for clubs to send news and pictures for the next publication of the District IV Newsletter. Sharon Wegenhoft is the Headquarter Trustee and reported on her meetings at Ft. Worth at the Fall TGC Convention. The big thing is that TGC has decided to keep our Headquarter's Building but to investigate leasing it out. That has been successfully done in the past. Of course it must be presented to the membership at the TGC, Inc. Spring Convention in Abilene TX April 8-12, 2024. The membership will make the final decision on what to do.

We submitted the Scholarship Report for District IV from Marian Schonenberg, Scholarship Chairman as follows. One application has been submitted by Lauren Kasel of Kingwood. Her application meets the district requirements. Kasel is working her way through college. She has completed 84 hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.48. The officers attending voted to award her a scholarship of \$1,500.

Marian is also District IV Life Membership Chairman. We submitted her report. District IV currently has 253 life members on the active roster. The Life Membership level in District IV was established in 1984 to generate funds for the Garden Therapy Project at the Brookwood Community providing 39 years of program funding. Life Membership fee is \$30.

Life Membership Application forms may be found in the June copy of the District IV Newsletter or members may contact Marian Schonenberg.

If anyone would wish to serve on the District IV Board of Directors in any capacity please contact any of our members listed in this report and we will pass your name on to be considered for the next officer cycle. It is a great opportunity to learn about Garden Club.

Some upcoming dates of importance include Houston Federation Meeting November 10, 2023. It is held at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Boulevard, Bellaire TX. The speaker will be Sherri Harrah, Owner, Plants for All Seasons. They will have a Workshop on Tea Cup Succulents -\$25. Planning ahead, December 8 is the HFGC Christmas Brunch. The Theme is "Holly – Days." The speaker will be Karen Pollard, Owner, Peony Perfect Designs. Her topic will be "Traditional with a Twist." A \$40 ticket is required for the Brunch. Please bring unwrapped toys and gift cards for those served by the Star of Hope. Décor will be done by Royal Oaks

Garden Club. There will be a Silent Auction, raffles & door prizes plus Poinsettias Drawings. Sounds like a lot of fun. Please consider attending.

Flower Show School II will be held at Bayland Community Center January 29 - February 1, 2024. Please contact our Regena Williamson for more information.



After the Dist. IV Officer's meeting the group stopped by Enchanted Gardens, because why not! And had to pick up fairy garden items.



*Nancy Galloway...
The Butterfly Lady*



Pumpkins, plants and garden club ladies make for a very enjoyable end to a very busy day.

Last Month's Meeting Highlights... But first, we need to catch up with a



picture of the hostesses from our very first meeting in **September**. The officers of the club served as hostesses as they traditionally do for the first meeting. And oh there was an abundance of goodies for everyone. Pictured are: Back Row – Nancy Galloway, Velma Harrington, Jennie Pritchett, Patti Schindler. In Front – Helen Huddleston, Janet Johnson and Debbie Braden.

And now, let's review October's meeting....

Our President, Janet Johnson, enjoying the meeting....

The Speaker was Heirloom Bulb Rustler Robert Martinez. Many of the bulbs he finds can be traced to the early 1800's brought by early Texas settlers.



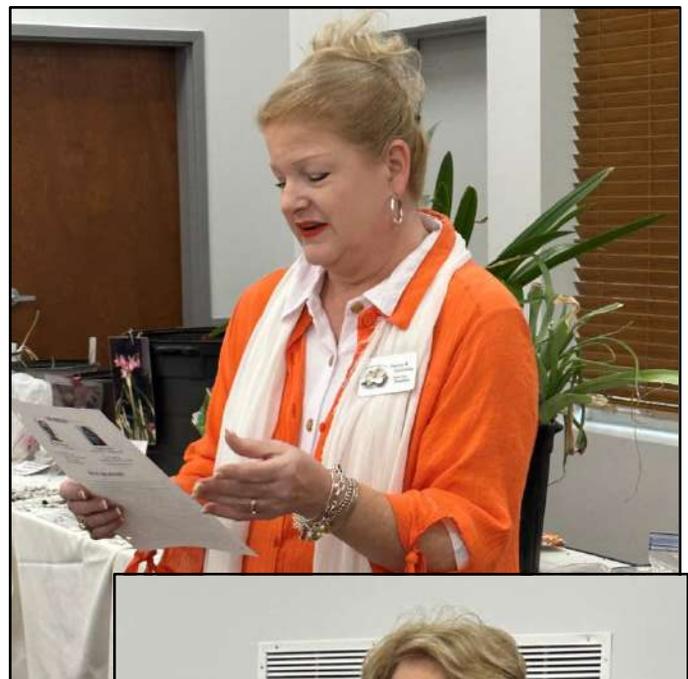
Wanda Anglin helped out with the picture presentation while speaker Robert Martinez talked about the bulbs he brought to the meeting.





Patti Schindler and Velma Mae Magnolia opened up discussion about Christmas Silent Auction items and donations to garden club approved charities. Lots of discussion. We decided to decide later for next year.

We have good times at Columbus Garden Club meetings.



Handling Business

Jennie Pritchett Reading the Minutes

Nancy Galloway Making Announcements

Helen Huddleston Talking About November Flower Show



**Finally!
Time to get
bulbs.**

Sandy Barrett and
Ericka Braun choose
their bulbs.

**So many
bulbs....**

(On right) Janet Johnson sacking up some bulbs. Sandy Barrett found lots of bulbs to plant. Chris Schobel looking for some bulbs and Ericka Braun enjoying the day.



Hostesses:

Lead Hostess: Wanda Anglin

Patsy Hodge, Jodi Sebesta, Ericka Braun

Getting Ready for Flower Show



Let's Celebrate!!!



Helen Huddleston and Regena Williamson held a flower show workshop at Nesbitt Memorial Library on November 1. This was to give members an opportunity to ask questions and get help.

Attending the workshop were Helen Huddleston, Regena Williamson, Sharon Wegenhoft, Debbie Braden, Patti Schindler, and Ann Pavliska.



And, remember

This Year's Scholarship Quilt was again designed and sewn by Sharon Heimann. It is a kingsize quilt called Foothills Trails. The drawing will be held at our Christmas Tasting Luncheon. **Be**

sure to get your tickets from Sharon. Each ticket is \$2. A book is \$10 and has 6 tickets. Each member is being asked to sell 5 books.

The Scholarship Quilt will once again be shown at Ladies Night Out, Thursday December 7, from 3-9 pm. Tickets will be sold there.

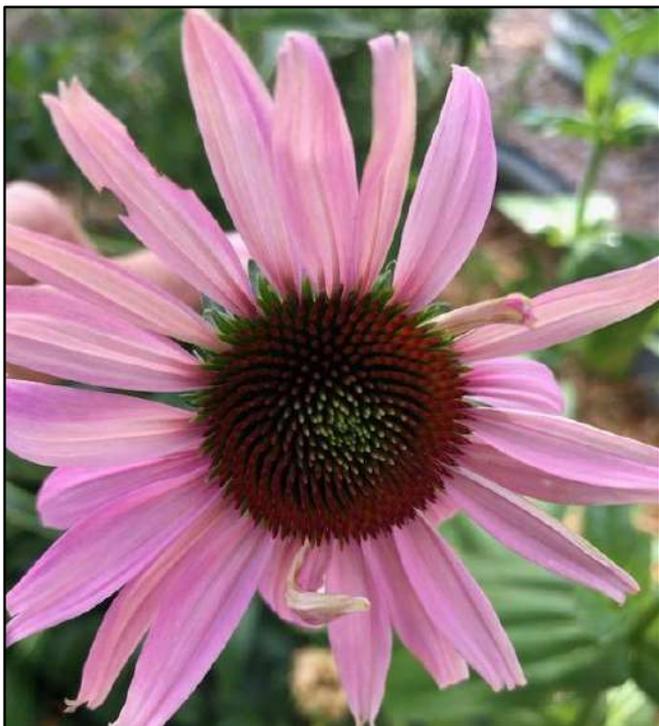
(OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Flower Show II will be held January 29-February 1, 2024 at Bayland Community Center in Houston, TX
- Flower show III will be held September 30-October 3, 2024 at Bayland Community Center in Houston, TX
- District VII Spring Convention in February 22, 2024
- TGC Spring Convention, April 8-12, 2024 Abilene, TX. District VIII hosting at the MCM Elegante Hotel
- SCR Spring Convention April 24-25, 2024, Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Delta Hotel
- NGC Spring Convention - Denver, Colorado, June, 2024 (Dates TBA)

SHARING OUR GARDENS WITH EACH OTHER

Let us know how you are gardening and include pictures of your plants and gardens. If you are on facebook you can chat with other garden club members, share pictures, ideas, memes, club activities and other fun stuff on the new **private group site** that is “up and going” thanks to Wanda Anglin. Just look up on facebook, Columbus Garden Club Private Group. This is a group seen only by CGC members. If you have problems finding the private group you can contact Wanda at 713-628-6545. Also, follow our public page: fb.me/columbusgardenclubtx. Or, you can always text me (Velma), at 979-253-0055 or email velma.george07@gmail.com to share pictures in the newsletter.

Pictures from Janet Johnson
(Left) Jerusalem Sage
(Below) White Rose



(Left) Pink Cone Flower – (Right) Red Turks Cap





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 there is a death in the family please contact:

Janet Johnson – She will notify the appropriate members to communicate with the club.

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

Keep Jodi Sebesta in your thoughts and prayers.

NOVEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

John and Terri Brasher

101 Memorial Ln.

The yard has many beautiful flowers, ferns, periwinkles, plumeria, begonias, Jude, and many other beautiful plants



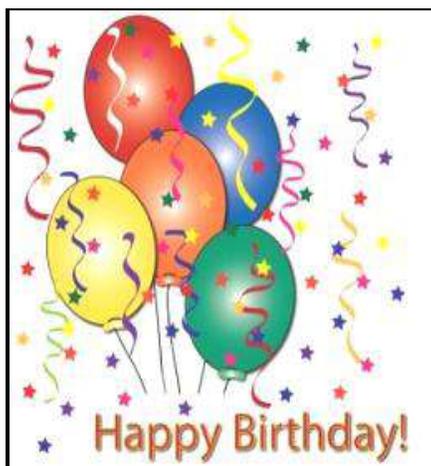
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

General Surgery of Texas
1860 Highway 71

In front of the business has a huge hummingbird bush and periwinkles.



November Birthdays



06 Helen Huddleston
27 Cheryl Rose

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