

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



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A Letter From Your Garden Club President

Peace Be With You!

I hope this newsletter finds all of our members well and in good spirits. We do have a few of us under the weather. I know Velma will list all of those needing our prayers.

The good news is this pandemic **will** come to an end.

God is in Control. And the flowers and trees are blooming. The weather is warming up. There is a light at the end of the tunnel!

Just remember, each of you is loved and greatly appreciated. The Garden Club is strong. The officers will be putting plans in place for next year. I hear there is the possibility of a plant sale in the Fall.

We will meet again soon. Happy Easter.

Debbie



We are all living in this most extraordinary time. It is completely new to us. Each one of you is handling it the best way you can and in your own unique way. After being inundated by dire news and predictions and many times feeling glued to every word on the television, computer news feeds, and even on facebook... **there has come a reckoning that..we must do something.** Some are doing a lot more cooking than normal. Some are taking the opportunity to clean out

closets. Being garden club members, many are working in our yards, pulling weeds, planting flowers, making flower gardens and vegetable gardens. And we have been inspired to share pictures of our plants and gardens. Velma Harrington was inspired to put palm branches on her door and Sharon Wegenhoft made Eastertime wreaths.



In last month's newsletter we encouraged everyone to **keep in touch through our love of gardening.** And you did:



Many members have been sharing pictures of what is blooming in their yards. **Janet Johnson** shared the beautiful picture of a newly hatched baby bluebird, a monarch butterfly, an orange lily, bright colored petunias, and a caterpillar. **Sandy Barrett** shared an absolutely gorgeous picture of her purple orchid and pictures of her yard and yard art. **Debbie Braden** shared a picture of her butterfly garden and her beautiful bottlebrush tree. **Velma Harrington** shared a picture of her irises, begonia, and amaryllis blooming.

Yard of the Month and Community Beautification



Yard of the Month for April was awarded to Jesse and Judy Garcia at 129 Burford Street.



Community Beautification for April awarded to Henneke Funeral Home, Robert and Kathy Henneke, 1515 Montezuma Street

Update on Midtown Park Planting Place....



As you know Sharon Wegenhoft has worked diligently getting The Planting Place at Midtown Park cleaned up and ready for whenever we can plan our next Garden Club Plant Sale. In last month's newsletter there were pictures of Logan Daley leveling the property, Travis Wegenhoft and Brenda Boehm helping clean it up. Sharon has followed through with Mr. Donald Warschak about the City hauling in some gravel for us for the area under the watering/shade frame. And they did it. Yay for Sharon and everyone that helped. And thanks to Mr. Warschak and the City.

As Membership Chair of District IV Sharon Wegenhoft is

calling clubs reminding them to timely pay dues. Therefore please send in your personal dues to Cheryl Rose so she can send our dues into District.



KEEP THESE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AND FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS:

JL Obenhaus, husband of member and Past President Joan Obenhaus, passed away. There was a private burial with a celebration of life planned for later. Our sincere condolences to Joan and to the Obenhaus family.

Regena Williamson's mother passed away with private burial. Our sincere condolences to Regena and family.

Janet Johnson, member and First Vice President of Columbus Garden Club, has been moved to a rehabilitation center in Houston. She is making great progress. TIRR Moursand St., Houston, TX 77030. Should anyone want to send cards. No visitors of course. .

Ann Moore was taken to hospital with bad headache, was tested and treated and was able to come back home.

Lynda Counts is at a senior apartment complex The Delaney, 21700 Bellaire Blvd. Unit 200 in Richmond, Texas 77407. Her cell phone number is the same, 979-732-1043. She is not allowed visitors at this time (because of the current virus threat) so a call would be very helpful.

Joanne Cook, a gardener emeritus, had a hip replacement and is at rehabilitation in Katy. Her phone is 281-505-3738. Please call after 5:30 because most of her day is in therapy.

Please remember our senior members of garden club:

Elrose Baumgart at TLC

Flo Dukes at home

Bernice Lehmann at Parkview in Weimar

Margaret Golla at TLC

Sylvia Marburger at TLC

Jewell McNabb at River Oaks Healthcare Center

Lucille Neuendorff (friend of garden club) at TLC

Delores Purcell at Oaks Assisted Living

Katy Seymour at her daughters home

Helen Stritch at a nursing home

Congratulations to Erica and Russell Braun, birth of baby girl Brooke Rose.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Enjoy the beauty of your flowers.