

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



January, 2022



We are all looking forward to a new year and hoping that it brings good things to our country, our families, and brings an end to the Covid virus that has plagued our lives for two years now.

As Columbus Garden Club members we are looking forward to another good and exciting year full of learning more about gardening and learning

more ways to make A More Beautiful Community. There are many things to look forward to in the coming months of our 2021-22 garden club year.

Your club officers met last week to review and plan upcoming events.

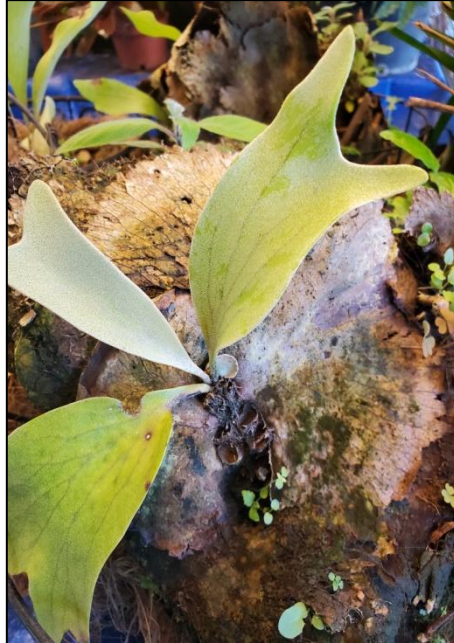
This Wednesday, January 12, at our regular garden club meeting, Regena Williamson will have a program about preparing for our upcoming Flower Show. The show will be April 13 at Nesbitt Library. The theme will be "Go Ask Alice". Regena has been instrumental in encouraging our club to

continue its heritage of participating in flower shows. A few years ago she started out by having the club do a very simple basic show. It turned out that the members did enjoy doing it again and felt like the flower show did add to their gardening knowledge. Come to our January garden club meeting and find out more.



On March 30 our club will be hosting the District IV Convention. It will be held in the Family Life Center at First Methodist Church (our regular meeting place). Joe's Italian Restaurant will cater the event. Club members are encouraged to help. There will be many opportunities for members to help with registration, to be greeters, help with a silent auction, help with set up and take down, and a kitchen team. Regena Williamson and Cheryl Rose are co-chairing this event and will be informing the club more about this event at this Wednesday's club meeting.

And, believe it or not, **it is not too early to start thinking about our plant sale** this coming April 30. We will be celebrating our 30th year of having a plant sale. Sharon Wegenhoft and



Regena Williamson will be "heading up" the sale this year.

Velma Harrington has already divided a large staghorn fern that was badly hurt in last year's "big freeze". They have all "come out" and are looking good. These staghorn ferns will be in the plant sale this year.

They were cut off from the base plant. She also tried salvaging some of her big fishtail ferns and "wedding ferns". Unfortunately they are not recovering as well. Really going slow. Some may be in the sale depending on if they "take hold".



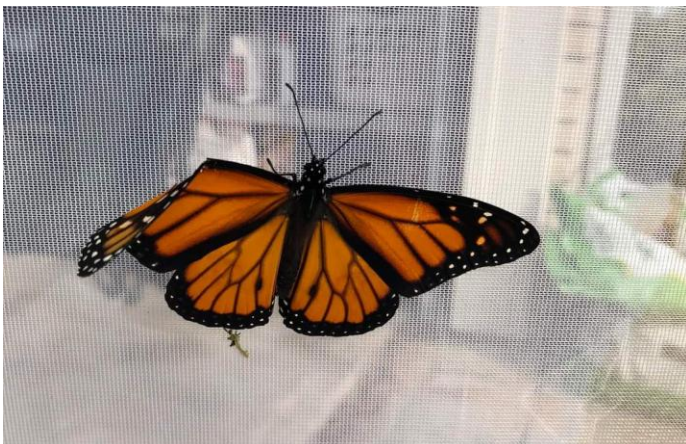
Velma divided these bromeliads (left) last year and they will also be in the sale. They do bloom but the bloom is rather "insignificant". It is the color of the plant itself that is attractive. She will update you closer to plant sale time what other plants she will be putting in the sale. It is time to downsize for her and George.

Whenever you cut plants back always consider sticking some of the cuttings in soil to see if you can make "new starts" of

your plants that you can share at the plant sale or with other gardening friends.



Janet Johnson shares with us frequently the “goings on” at her and husband Keith’s Falling Tree Ranch. Recently she shared with us a picture of her very frosty yard and dog Buddy who seems to be saying “Really? You want me to walk through that icy grass?” Then a few days later she shared pictures of beautiful flowers, lady bugs, caterpillars and a monarch butterfly. Texas winters range from frosty mornings to Spring-like days that flourish with colorful flowers.



Oh, what a day we had at our Christmas Tasting Luncheon!



On Wednesday December 8 the annual Columbus Garden Club Tasting Luncheon was enjoyed by members and friends. What a wonderful time to enjoy being together, to enjoy good food provided by the club members, good music provided by The Fogeys (Dene Foye, Chuck Hall and James Harbich), and exciting times winning gifts from the Mistletoe Sack Drawing, and winning wonderful items from the silent auction. Funds from the silent auction were designated to different charitable organizations and to the club's operating funds.

The very lucky winner of the scholarship quilt "Broken Star" was won by Cindy Ferguson. Sharon Heimann took the quilt to her at the library after our party was over.

Winners, Fun, Food, Music



Friends, Guests, Members



Red, Red and More Red

Christmas Cheer

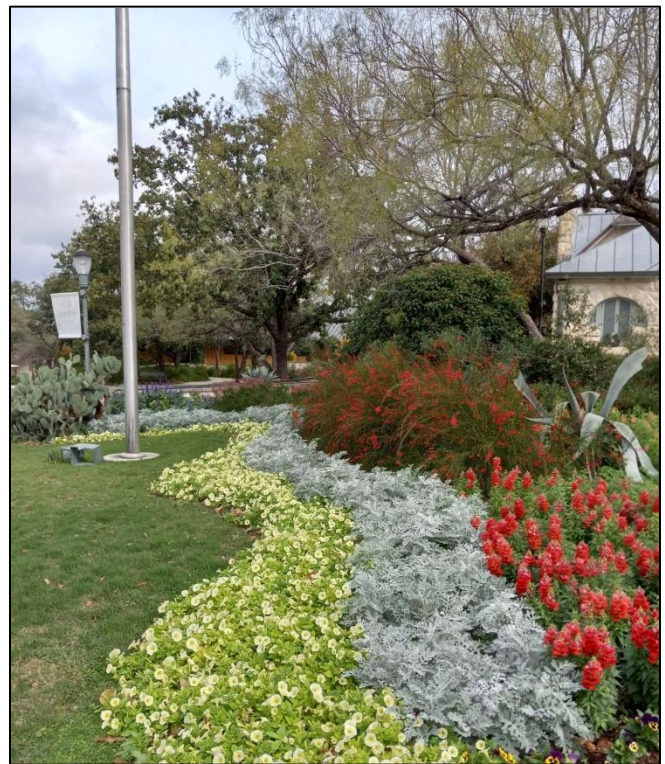


Another Winner!



On December 16 Travis and Sharon Wegenhoft took a trip to San Antonio that Sharon won at the Spring TGC Convention.

The Double Tree Hotel located on W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd, who awarded the two night stay, welcomed them with their warm chocolate chip cookies. They saw the Christmas lights on the River Walk and toured the San Antonio Botanical Gardens.



January Yard of the Month



Ryan and Heather Thomas

1636 Front Street

The yard is landscaped with pink roses, two large planters by the front door with a variety of different plants. Lots of evergreen plants.

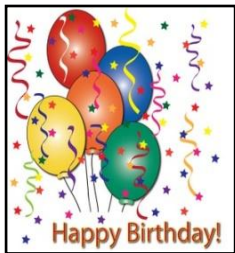
January Community Beautification



Farmers Insurance

834 Walnut Street

The business has three large pots of little red roses and a large hibiscus.



Remember our Birthdays:

January

- 06 Bonnie Halkett
- 12 Andrea Utz
- 17 Joann Obenhaus
- 28 JoAnn Sebesta

If you send a self addressed stamped envelope to the Live Monarch Foundation, P. O. Box 1339, Blairsville, GA 30514 they will send you milkweed seeds native to your area for free.

