

# The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



January, 2024



**But it is still the 2023-2024 Garden Club year.**

And, there is still a lot to do.

- **Flower Show School II** will be held at Bayland Community Center January 29 - February 1, 2024. There is no deadline to register. Walk-ins are welcome. Pam Braun is teaching cut herbs and potted Dracaena and Shirley Tetreault is teaching on Tables at a flower show.

The types or tables that can be displayed at a flower show are trays, exhibition tables and functional tables. Regena Williamson shared these pictures:



**Example of Functional Table**



**Example of Exhibition Table**



**Example of Tray**

**Example of Exhibition Table**

- **Environmental School** is January 19-23. Sarah McRenolds sent information for



Environmental School. You may call Sarah McReynolds 254-747-1144 or [esarabeth@aol.com](mailto:esarabeth@aol.com) for Registration, lodging and incidentals or ...if you are lost. Master Consultant Help - Classes, field trips and tests. Environmental School II Winter 2024 Land And Related Issues January 19th evening class at 7:00 dinner will be served from 6-8 January 20th – January 21st Classes and tests \* a field trip & workshops\* Graduation\* Chairman: Sarah McReynolds Registration, Education Co Chairman It will be held at Fort Parker State Park. It is just a mile further north from the old fort on Hwy 114. It will be different, but fun. Registration Forms and more information **should be on the TGC website as well.**

- **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)

**Our annual Christmas Tasting Luncheon, Silent Auction, Mistletoe Bag Drawing, and Scholarship Quilt Drawing was Wednesday, December 13, at the Lighthouse at St. Paul Lutheran Church.**



On Tuesday, December 12 members gathered to set up for the luncheon. Tables were set up for the registration, Mistletoe Bag Drawing, the cashiers and tickets for the scholarship quilt drawing, the silent auction items and of course the tables for the luncheon and meeting.

The Mistletoe Bag project is always fun. Members and friends donate items that can be gathered together into baskets, decorated boxes and containers to make nice gifts for the drawing. The mistletoe bags have been used for a number of years now and some needed repairs and others were “a hopeless case”. Numbers were needed to be made that could be placed on each gift basket/box.

Thank you Sharon Roensch (pictured above) for helping with this.



Regena Williamson directed the setup of tables, chairs, decorations, etc. Patti Schindler and other members helped with the setup.

Below, Wanda Anglin and Brenda Wyman help organize the Mistletoe gifts.

Velma Harrington also helped with the Mistletoe gifts.



**Thanks  
For Your Help**

The kingsize quilt, "Foothills Trails", designed and sewn by Sharon Heimann, **was won by (drum roll please.....) Regena Williamson.** Congratulations Regena. We are so happy for

you.

Below is Ericka Braun and daughter Belle filling out tickets for Mistletoe Drawing.

(below left) One fun item in the mistletoe gifts was a musical Christmas hat that added some merriment to



the day. Belle enjoyed the Santa Hat and the music. And, she won it!!!

.....and she had a visit with Santa Claus.

# Ho! Ho! Ho!



It was fun having Santa visit us during the Christmas Tasting Luncheon. The young and the older had a very good time.



(above) Ericka Braun, Belle Braun and Santa

(right) Nancy Galloway, Santa, Jennie Pritchett, and Sharon Wegenhoft



Picture on Left – (in back) Santa, Wanda Anglin with husband David. (seated from left to right) Janet Johnson, Debbie Braden, Regena Williamson, Cheryl Rose and Janet (Dell's daughter).

**Everyone is Ready  
for Holiday Fun**



(left to right) Lyn Buescher, Chaney Gregory, Ann Pavliska, Gene Schobel with Santa standing behind, Chris Schobel, Andrea Utz and Velma Harrington

## **Good Food, Good Friends, and Good Times**



(left to right) Helen Huddleston, Jennie Pritchett, Sandy Barrett, Santa, Sharon Wegenhoft, Brenda Boehm, Nancy Galloway  
(seated) Sharon Roensch, Belle Braun and Ericka Braun with poinsettia



Patti Schindler, Ann Pavliska, Jennie Pritchett



Wanda Anglin and Helen Huddleston



Nancy Galloway, Helen Huddleston, Janet Johnson with  
Brenda Boehm (behind), and (in front) Regena Williamson



## Educational Corner - By Velma Harrington

So, I enjoy giving amaryllis bulbs planted in a pot as gifts to family and friends. Through the years, I have bought many. Sometimes I get them from Wal-mart but most times I have ordered very expensive bulbs from Jackson & Perkins or Brecks that have already been prepped for growing and blooming and are planted in a decorative pot. They are great gifts because when you get them it is just a pot. The bulbs are planted but you can only see the very top of the bulb. Usually there is no growth on them. It comes with instructions about watering and the light needed to encourage blooming. I enjoy watching it begin growing. Usually it is the buds that come up first and then leaves begin growing. Each bulb usually puts on at least one stalk with 3-4 blooms. Many times each bulb will put up two or even more stalks with 3-4 blooms on each. It is beautiful and exciting to watch it grow. My family, friends and I will share pictures as the plants grow and bloom. It is fun!

This year I gave something different to two new family members. These young women do not garden. So, there is now an amaryllis bulb that is covered in wax that is gold, red or green. Just the bulb. It is not in a pot. You do not plant it in a pot. You put it on a shelf or table and watch it grow. You do not water it, it just grows. I have not had one but I know friends that have gotten some and they have grown beautifully for them. BUT, the sad thing is they do not keep growing. You will not have them for next year. However, here is a caveat. Sharon Roensch got one last year. She enjoyed it. It bloomed. When it was finished she put it outside and the next thing she knew it had put on another bud. So, never say "never".

I have collected many amaryllis bulbs through the years and have had varying "luck" in getting them to bloom prolificly from year to year as they did when I first got them. Most of the time I have kept them in pots so that I can bring them inside the "green house shed" during the winter months. I have been told they don't like frost. I have also read that they need to be put "in the dark" and not watered for about 4-6 weeks. Then bring them out into the light and start watering them. I have had varying success in trying that. This year because

George and I are cutting back on the amount of pots we have to bring into the “greenhouse shed” we decided to plant our amaryllis bulbs outside. After all, Martha Jordan has them planted on the side of her house by her driveway and her amaryllises bloom beautifully every year.



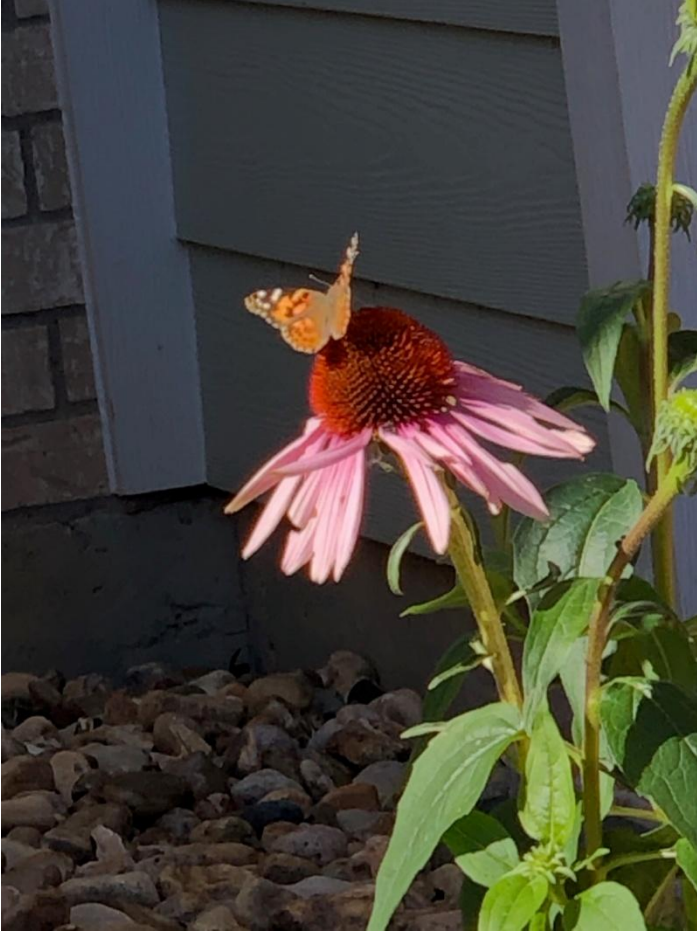
The picture on left is a white amaryllis that was brought to me this Christmas by one of my family members. The bulb had already grown three stalks of buds by the time I received it. But, as you can see, it is now blooming. I have two more pots that are just now beginning to grow. One is a white with a red trim on the petals and the other is a solid red. I will share with you the “end result” later.

## SHARING OUR GARDENS WITH EACH OTHER

The picture on the left is of a red



amaryllis and the one on the right (above) were shared by Janet Johnson. She also shared the following pictures.



On the left is a “painted lady” butterfly on a



pink coneflower. On the right are a pink and a purple with white African Violet. Below is a “walking stick” (right) taking a walk on a sunny day. All pictures shared by Janet Johnson.



Brenda Wyman shared a picture (left) of her greenhouse with tomato plant and other plants to be safe from winter.



Brenda Wyman says she has 6 tomato plants she dug out of her compost pile about 7 weeks ago and a couple have tomatoes on them. She has been self-pollinating them and has left them in her greenhouse.

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](https://fb.me/columbusgardenclubtx). Or, you can always text me (Velma) at 979-253-0055 or email [velma.george07@gmail.com](mailto:velma.george07@gmail.com)



**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.

Please keep (former member) **Arlene Johnsey** and family in your prayers. Her husband Gene has passed away. Service is Friday, January 12 at Henneke Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m.

**Dell Szymkowski** had a fall at her home last week and spent some time in hospital. She is home and was in good spirits when we talked with her.

### **JANUARY YARD OF THE MONTH**

**Home of Graham and Kayla Henkhaus**

316 Houston Street



The yard has fox tail ferns, oleanders, pink Turks Caps, cactus and many different plants.

### **COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**

**Southern Flair on the Square**

1128 Milam Street



**Southern Flair on the Square has a beautiful wooden planter with dwarf pampas grass, petunias and coleuses.**

## Happy Birthday



### January

- 04 Betty Gills
  - 06 Bonnie Halkett
  - 17 Joann Obenhaus
  - 28 JoAnn Sebesta
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