

# The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



October, 2023



## Let's Celebrate.....

Helen Huddleston says, "My dear Columbus Garden Club members, we have only one month before our **Flower Show, 'Let's Celebrate.'** I know it is a little intimidating to sign up to do a design. I have been there on many occasions. It is a lot of fun to finally get it put together and show off your design.

There is only one Blue Ribbon winner, one Red Ribbon winner, one Yellow Ribbon winner, but that is only maybe one point from each other. To me, every entry is a winner. Below, I will list the designs and information needed to do your design."

### National Garden Club, Inc.

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Division II – Designs

"WE ARE BLESSED"

Let's Celebrate with Family and Friends

#### Dining with Family & Friends

**Section A.** Eligible for NGC DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD. Exhibitor has complete freedom to choose plant material and other components within NGCI policies. All space furnished by Committee. Each Class will have 4 separate Designs.

## Special Events with Family & Friends

### **CLASS 1: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”**

Four Creative Designs, with dimension measuring no less than 10 inches and not more than 12 inches. Designer choice of plant material. Background and Underlay provided by designer. Staging will be provided.

### **CLASS 2: A Garden Wedding – “I Do”**

Four Creative Designs; with no dimension measuring less than 7 inches and no more than 8 inches. Designers choice of plant material. Staging provided by committee.

### **CLASS 3: “Star Spangled Celebration”**

Four Creative Design, with no dimension measuring more than 6 inches. Staging will be provided.

“Briefly I will remind you that the Flower Show will be held on the morning of **November 8.** It will be held at the **Nesbitt Library**. We will have signup sheets for each of you that pledge to do a Design. The Horticulture will not need to be signed up. As members of the Club we would like everyone to participate and bring at least one (1) horticulture entry. You have time to look around your yard and decide what you want to enter.

“I will have handouts at the coming meeting with rules for both designs and horticulture. I am so pleased to have Deborah Braden as my Co-Chairman. She is a delight to work with. Regena Williamson, our horticulturist guru, will be helping me with the horticulture section to make sure that the plants that we list in the schedule will be correct and that you all are familiar with. There will be annuals, cut plants, and pot plants accepted in the horticulture division.”

Thanks, Helen



**We have a new gardening program.**

**What is it called”**

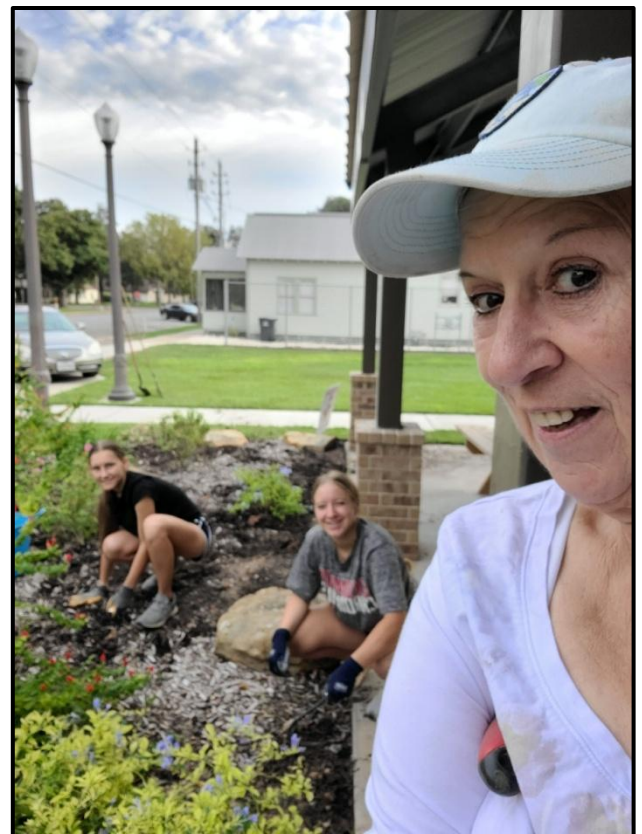
**Youth in the Garden**

**So, here is how it began.** Brenda Wyman's neighbor, Lauren Braden, who is a junior at Columbus High School, mentioned that she was having trouble getting service hours for National Honor Society. Brenda and Wanda Anglin thought about all the work we (the garden club) have to do in our gardens around town...**And an idea was born.**

Janet Johnson got the high school contact. Brenda and Wanda contacted Amy Venghaus at the school. She said "just send us the informaton of when and where and we can put a poster together." But Wanda mentioned that she could do the poster. Amy loved it and so now the kids have a poster. Wanda says "It gets sent to them in an email and posted at the school and they can decide if they want to do that activity and they use our phones to connect to the sign-up sheet that's on the club's Google Drive."

## **Then, what happened?**

### **Work and Fun at the Visitors Center**



**Ella Berger and McKenna Booker working at the Visitors Center**

**Wanda Anglin, Brenda Wyman, and Patti Schindler met with high school students Mckenna Booker and Ella Berger at the Visitors Center.**



Patti Schindler getting rid of varmints...

Ella Berger and McKenna Booker with Brenda Wyman



Wanda Anglin with high school students Ella Berger, McKenna Booker, and Lauren Braden

Brenda and Wanda will communicate with the committee chairmen of the Garden Areas as work dates near to ensure that Columbus Garden Club has volunteers to supervise and assist the students, coordinate having all the supplies needed including water, and to determine what work needs to be done. We hope the committee chairmen can come out on the work days, but if not, we will have the info needed to do the important things the committees need done in their gardens.

This is a new budding program (pun intended) that we are thinking about... all the possibilities out there... like maybe helping with the plant sale and even maybe the flower show. The only rule is, it cannot be for work during the school day.

Our gardens and planters around town are one way we can be true to our motto: **A More Beautiful Community**. But many times the work in the gardens seems overwhelming. Some of our members are able to do the work and some members are not. So this is a great way that the gardens can be kept tidy and beautiful and it helps the students too. They can get their service hours. Thank you Brenda and Wanda.

## Our Members Volunteer at Brookwood

Our club members enjoy volunteering at Brookwood Community in the Garden Therapy program. Brookwood is a project of District IV and TGC.

On Sept. 11, Nancy Galloway, Jennie Pritchett and Brenda Wyman put rings around the poinsettia plants. The plants will grow and be beautiful for



Christmastime. Also helping were Sharon Wegenhoft, Debbie Braden and Janet Johnson.



Debbie Braden (top left) and Sharon Wegenhoft help put rings on the poinsettias. If you would like to volunteer at Brookwood too, contact one of the committee members

for the next date. There is usually a car pool. And, sometimes they eat lunch there too.

**And then on Sept. 12, garden club members decorated the Colorado County Fair entrance...**



Nancy Galloway, Brenda Boehm, Wanda Anglin, and Janet Johnson met September 12 to decorate the Colorado County Fair entrance.





That cute pink pig and goat once again showed up to be a part of the Colorado County Fair festivities and décor. Hay bales, pumpkins, and Fall flowers were in abundance.

And even some lighting too.



Thanks to Wanda Anglin, Nancy Galloway, Brenda Boehm and Janet Johnson for Decorating for the Colorado County Fair

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

**National Garden Clubs, Inc, Flower Show School Course I** was held on September 25, 26, 27 and 28 at the Heritage Garden Clubs Clubhouse Cottage and Garden in Friendswood. Regena Williamson attended as one of the judges who put on the flower show school and Nancy Galloway attended the school. Nancy said, "I wanted to attend this school the minute that I found out about it. I figured that not only could I work to becoming a flower show judge, but it would also help me with my flower show entries. If anyone needs help with learning how to improve their designs or horticulture entries, then this is for you. You do not have to go to become a judge, you can do what is called "auditing" the school. This is where you attend the classes but do not have to take the tests. There were a lot of people there just for that reason. "

The school consisted of:

**Horticulture Course I** – taught us things like grooming, staging, requirements for awards, etc.

**FSS Course I Design** – we learned the elements of design, design principles, awards requirements, judging procedures and various types of designs, plus more.

**Flower Show Procedure Course I** – which included flower show composition, types of shows, award requirement's, etc.

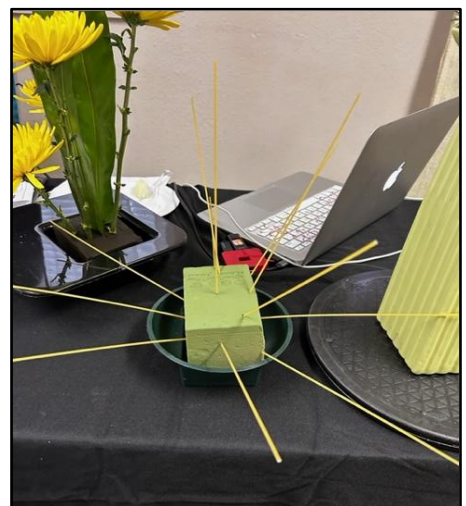
The instructors were all very friendly and knowledgeable. They are all tops in their fields but made the learning fun with "stories from the trenches".

**I am so looking forward to January's school!**

**Oh! And on a last note, the food they provided was a gourmet delight!!!**

The following pictures are from the class on design:

**On Right:** Oasis with dowels shows how to create a traditional mass design.

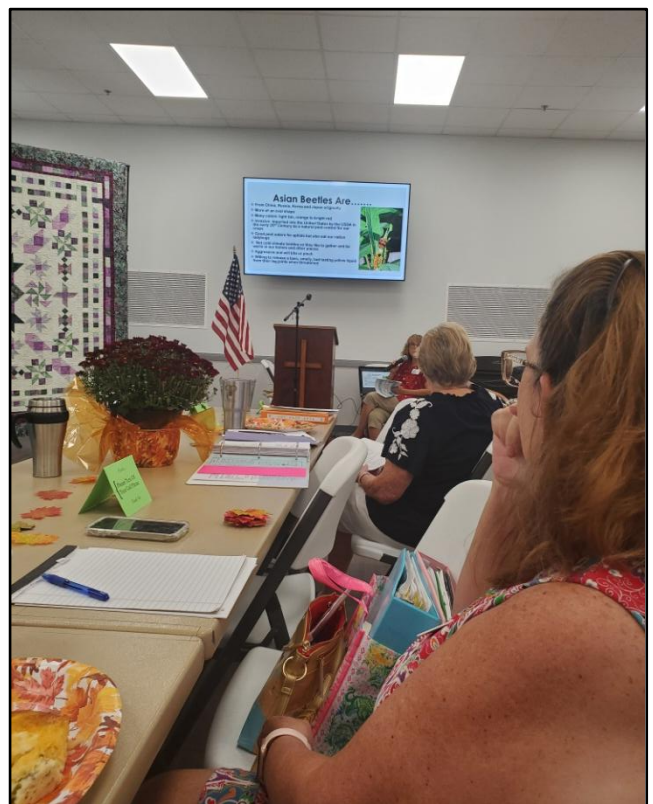






These pictures are of arrangements that we used to practice scoring as judges.

The Columbus Garden Club September meeting was held at our new meeting place – Lighthouse at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. The Program was “Lady Bugs and Asian Beetles and their Importance to the Plants and Birds of South Texas”...a power point presentation was led by our president Janet Johnson.



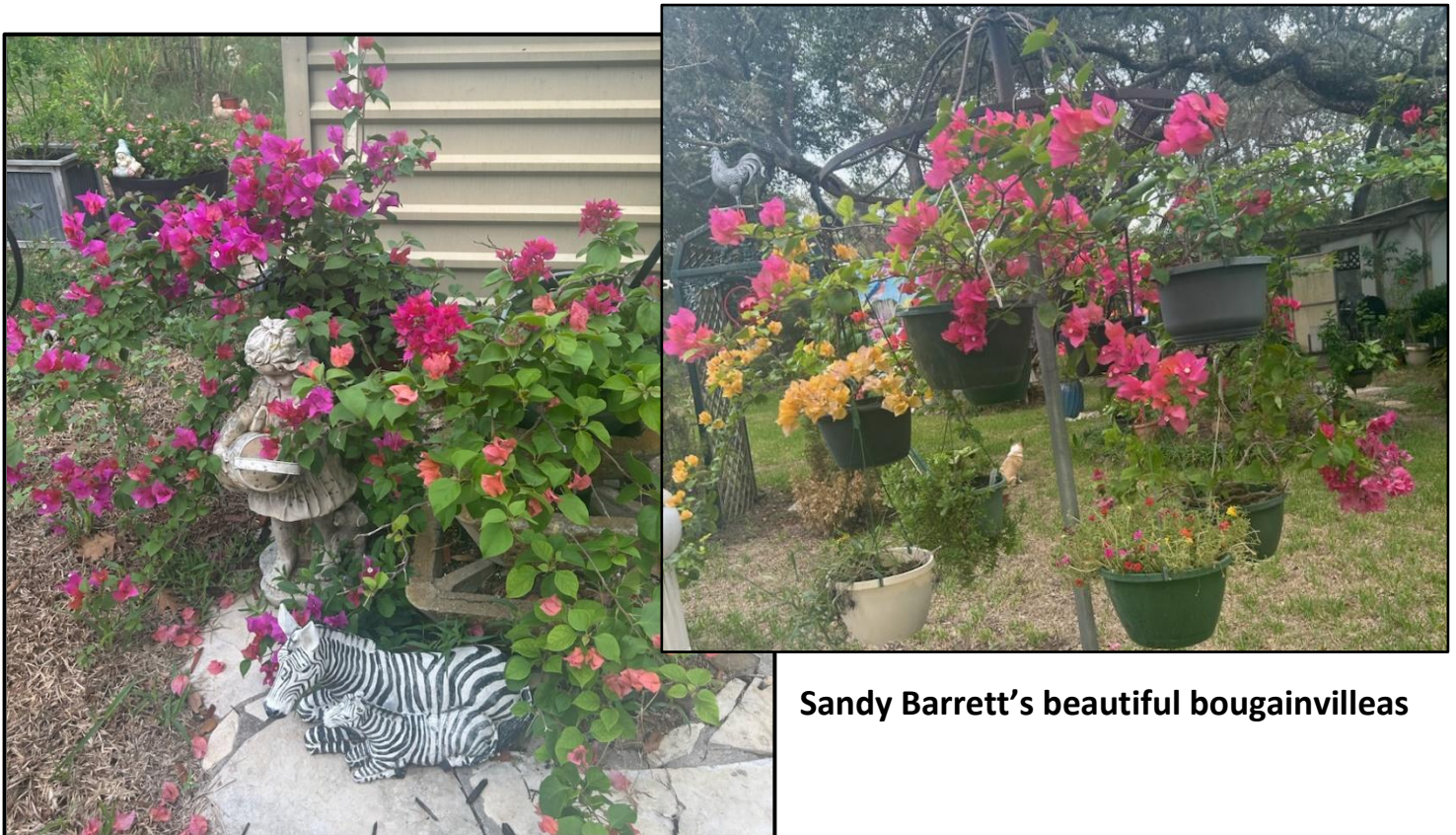
This Year’s Scholarship Quilt was again designed and sewn by Sharon Heimann. It is a kingsize quilt called Foothills Trails. The drawing will be held at our Christmas Tasting Luncheon. **Be sure to get your tickets from Sharon.** Each ticket is \$2. A book is \$10 and has 6 tickets. Each member is being 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
- National Fall Board Meeting (Virtual) September 21, 2023
- TGC Fall Board Meeting, TGC Headquarters, Ft. Worth, TX October 17-18, 2023
- District VII Fall Meeting in October 23, 2023
- 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



**Sandy Barrett's beautiful bougainvilleas**



**Nancy Galloway's bougainvillea and yellow and orange canna**



**Nancy Galloway's zinnias**

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) to share pictures in the newsletter.



**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.



**Long time member of Columbus Garden Club and Past President Lynda Counts** peacefully passed away early Saturday morning. Her daughter Kim Lynch contacted the club to let us know but has said she will have more information early this coming week about services.

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**Keep Jodi Sebesta in your thoughts and prayers. She recently broke her hip. She is back home and recovering.**

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**Joanne Cook and her husband Wayne** have moved from their home and are now in the Dallas area close to their son.

Address: 4847 W. Lawther Drive, Apt. 208

Dallas, TX 75214-1860

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

Brandon and Anna Schultz

336 Dewees Street

The yard has beautiful trees, hibiscus, Pride of Barbados, foxtail, and many other plants.



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## COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

The Dewberry Café

1237 Bowie St.

The front of the café has a fall look and has bougainvilleas, periwinkles and other plants.



## October Birthdays



- 01 Sharon Roensch**
- 02 Sharon Heimann**
- 03 Sandy Coffman**
- 07 Alicia Brummet**
- 22 Janet Johnson**
- 26 Deborah Braden**
- 26 Beth Easterling**

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