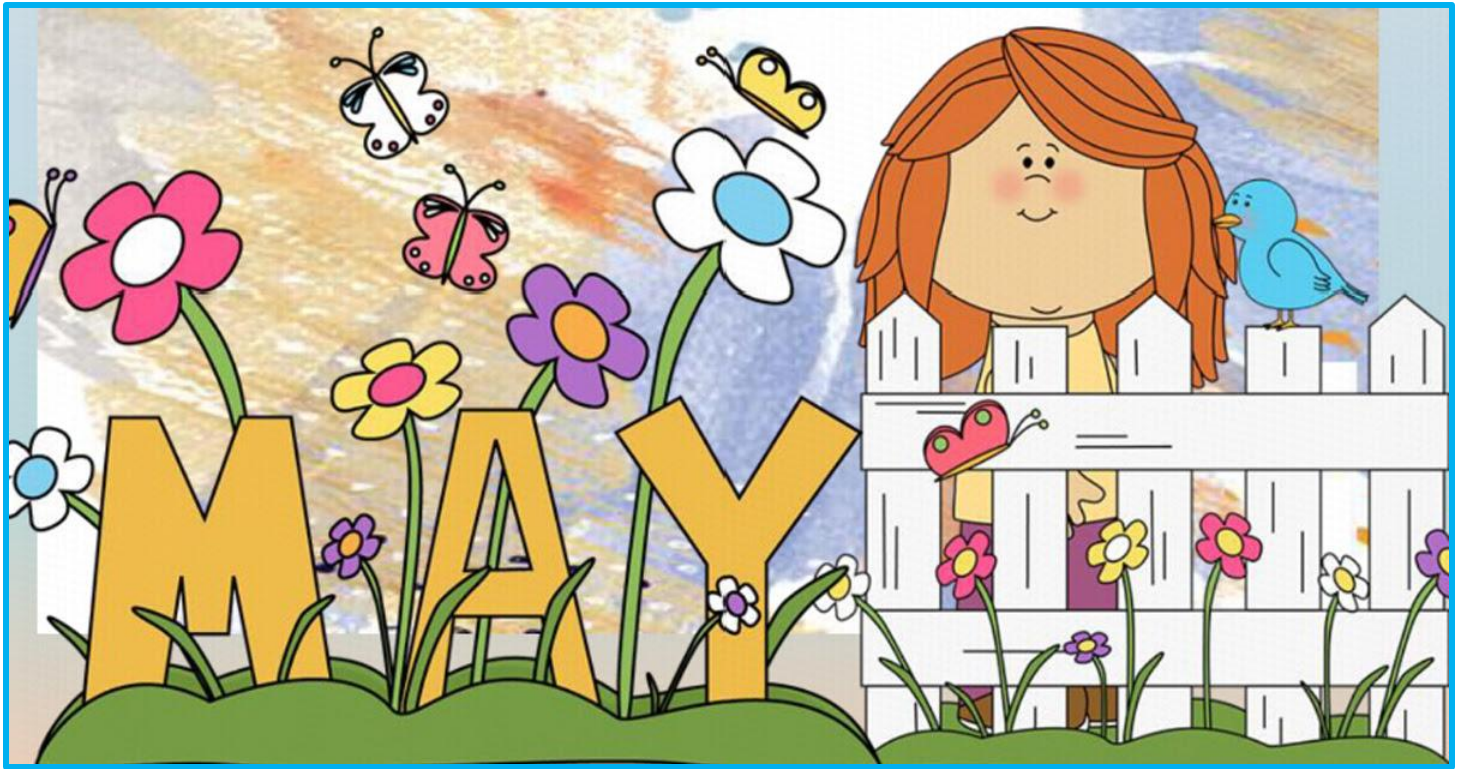


# The Magnolia



Columbus Garden Club Newsletter

May, 2025



## Columbus Garden Club

### Installation of Officers

Wed, May 14, 2025, 10 am

## At Brookwood

# Join Us to Celebrate 89 Years. Invite a Friend.

Celebrate our rich heritage and the contributions of your 2023-5 officers and welcome the new officers as they take their oaths of office.

**Where?**

**(Meet at Columbus WalMart at 8:45 To Carpool  
Leave WalMart at 9:00)**

**The Board Room in The Brookwood Café**  
**Brookwood Community**  
**1752 FM 1489**  
**Brookshire, TX 77423**

- 10:00 am      Social
- 10:30 am      Installation and Program
- 11:30 am      Lunch – Dutch Treat
- 1:00 pm      Shop in the Brookwood Gift &  
Horticulture Center



**RSVP BY MONDAY, 5/12: Call or text Marian Schonenberg – 979-733-4343**

# Remember: We Need Your Help

## **You Still Have An Opportunity To**

sign up for committees and for a hostess month

while at the Installation Luncheon

or

Call/text Janet Johnson (713) 248-8974

**also**

Let Debbie Braden (214) 794-3806

know if you can possibly water Courthouse Pots

on Wednesdays and/or Fridays in June



**Remember, this is a Major Civic Project and we all make a pledge to support this project along with other beautification projects in our community.**

### **CLUB PLEDGE**

*As a member of the Columbus Garden Club, I pledge myself to apply my best efforts toward the knowledge and growing of plants and flowers in home beautification and civic improvement. **I agree to support all fundraisers and I agree to follow rules and announcements as set forth by The Club.** I will use every effort to attend all meetings of the club and **render any assistance possible toward its success.***

# Oh what a wonderful time we had!

**First stop on our pilgrimage** was New Leaf Nursery about 15 miles southwest of Brenham. This is a nursery (and home) of one of our favorite program presenters, Phoebe Lake.



Eddie Pavliska, Mike Braden, Wanda Anglin, Cheryl Rose, Ann Pavliska, Keith Johnson, Patsy Hodge, Nancy Galloway, Debbie Braden, and Janet Johnson (in front)

Janet Johnson is happiest when she finds a new plant. And, she found plenty of plants on the club's recent pilgrimage to New Leaf Nursery and the Antique Rose Emporium.



**Then,** lunch at Volare's Italian Restaurant in Brenham – Left Janet Johnson, Cheryl Rose, Patsy Hodge, Eddie Pavliska, Ann Pavliska, Nancy Galloway, Wanda Anglin, Debbie Braden, Mike Braden



*Ann Pavliska, Nancy Galloway, and Cheryl Rose explore the treasures at The Rose Emporium*

**What could be better....Food and Plants!**



*Debbie Braden looks over a possible purchase and Wanda Anglin searches for another treasure.*

**We had so much fun at last month's meeting.**



***Herbs, Herbs,  
Herbs, and  
more Herbs***

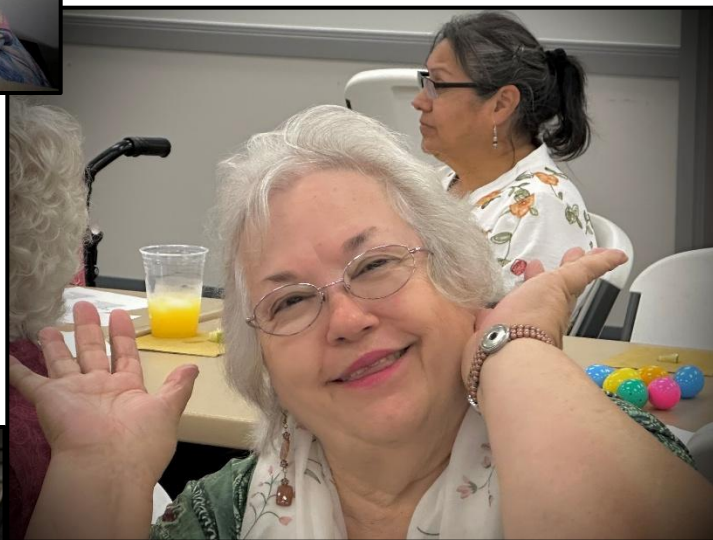
**Speakers:** Bob  
Haeuser, Lisa Nicklow,  
and Linda Miller



**Sharon Roensch**



**Chris Schobel**



**Sandy Chaloupka**

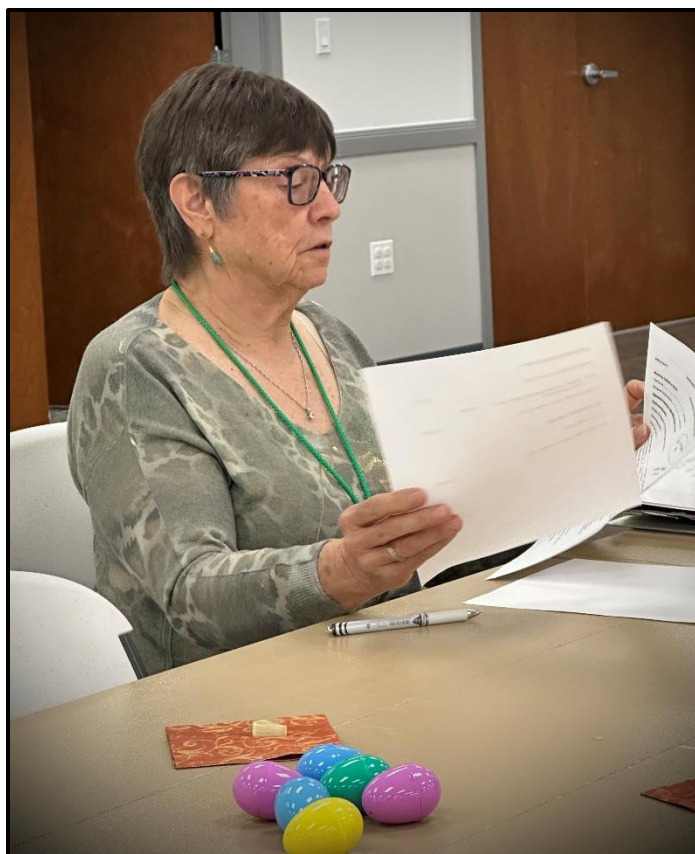


**Brenda Boehm**





**Wanda Anglin**



**Ann Pavliska**



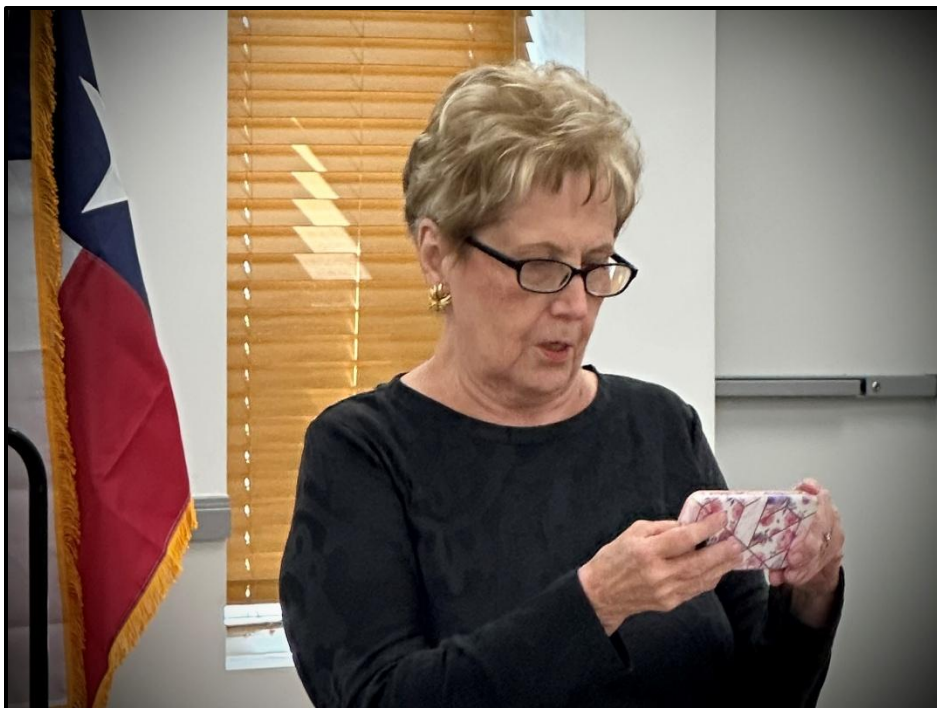
**Lyn Buescher and Debbie Braden**



**JoAnn Sebesta and caregiver**



Good friends Lyn Buescher (Member in the Spotlight) and JoAnn Sebesta



Velma Harrington reads a tribute to Lyn Buescher that was written with the help of Lyn's sister and daughter.





*Hostesses: In Back – Wanda Anglin and Jennie Pritchett; In Front - Janet Johnson and Velma Harrington. Beth Easterling and Bren Wyman also furnished refreshments.*

## Flower Show School IV

Flower Show Judges School IV was held on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>-Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Sharon and I learned more about designs, horticulture and also judging etiquette. It is incredible the amount of information we are taught during these schools. It has helped me with designs but also learning more about horticulture and the intricacies of how to be a good and honest judge.

For the design section of the school we learned about “panel” designs and also using the principles of design when judging them. “Grouped Mass Designs” were also covered during this school.

The horticulture section covered ferns and how to judge them correctly. We went over several different fern families but also the anatomy of a fern and the awards that can be given to a fern in a show.

I am happy to say that we both passed, which we thought was a complete miracle! Let's face it, our retention of information is not what it used to be....

----Nancy Galloway



Pictures are from designs volunteers made. Red Gerbera daisy is a panel design. Yellow and red Gerbera daisy is a transparency design and the yellow carnations design is a transparency design.

## Welcome District IV Life Members

District IV Coastal Prairie Council of Texas Garden Clubs is pleased to welcome our new District IV Life Members from Columbus Garden Club. These individuals were recognized at the 2025 District Spring Convention.

Janet Johnson	Columbus Garden Club	LM #432
Jennie Pritchett	Columbus Garden Club	LM #433
Regena Williamson	Columbus Garden Club	LM #434
Wanda Anglin	Columbus Garden Club	LM #435

The Garden Therapy Project at the Brookwood Community in Brookshire, Texas is the recipient of the proceeds from Life Membership fees. Brookwood is a self-supporting community for functionally disabled adults, with a large horticulture center where the residents and staff work together to grow plants which are sold to benefit the community. Many District IV garden club members join workdays potting and planting in the horticulture center, another way of providing support to the Brookwood Community.

Please consider honoring a friend (or yourself) with a District IV Life Membership. Cost is \$30. Contact Marian Schonenberg @ [curtissauto@yajoo.com](mailto:curtissauto@yajoo.com) or 979-733-4343.

## Share Your Garden



Janet Johnson shared her Cherry-Go-Round Hydrangea and yellow rose...and,



Baby Preying Mantis



Janet also shared picture of a Monarch caterpillar and a Funeral Duskywing butterfly.

Velma Harrington shared picture of her purple Stokes Asters (right) blooming up a storm.....

## Can Youth in the Garden Help Your Project?

Bren Wyman and Wanda Anglin invite you to consider if our Youth in the Garden student volunteers can help with your project.

Bren and Wanda coordinated plans to provide Stephanie Cabrera, a regular YITG volunteer with a CGC apron. They also met with students on the Square to work with them on starting to water the pots on the Square during the summer.



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## **Midtown Butterfly Garden Grant**

Midtown Butterfly Garden Grant committee has its first meeting Tuesday morning May 13 at 9:00 to plan and see what we need to do to prep the bed. All of the native plants have been purchased and are ready for planting. We will set up the next workday and get this beautiful monarch/pollinator garden up and ready to go! If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Janet Johnson by text 713-248-8974 or email [janetjohnson2003@yahoo.com](mailto:janetjohnson2003@yahoo.com)

## **Volunteers Needed**

### **National Garden Week**

June 1-7

### **Proclamations**

#### **Colorado County Courthouse**

Tuesday, May 27, 9 a.m.

#### **City Council Proclamation**

Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Flower Arranging Day**

June 4, 9-12

St. John's Episcopal Church

915 Travis St.

## A First for Colorado River Watch Program



Recently Texas Master Naturalists (TMN), Wanda Anglin and Maria Dahlberg, both of Columbus, tested water quality of Cummins Creek, a tributary north of the Colorado River that meanders east of it just before joining the river. It was a pivotal event as it is the first Citizen Scientist

volunteer-monitored site that the LCRA's Colorado River Watch Network (CRWN) program has ever had on private property.

As Wanda and Maria became certified TMNs last May, they found a passion for “all things water” during their training. Last summer, they attended training to become certified Texas Stream Team water quality testers. Their TMN chapter has had 3 Citizen Scientist volunteer monitors for several years testing the Colorado River in Columbus and La Grange. So, they were eager to test Cummins Creek to provide water quality data for a stream before it joins the Colorado. But, there were no public access points on Cummins Creek as all of the land within 15 miles north of Columbus are privately owned with no schools, parks, or other areas that offer public access to its banks. So, Wanda and Maria agreed to take over the north bridge monitoring site from a TMN member who had to resign due to a family illness.

But they never forgot about Cummins Creek. One day as they were speaking with a group in Columbus about TMN and the service projects they conduct in Colorado

County, Wanda mentioned the difficulties she had encountered finding a way to test Cummins Creek. A private property owner who owns land that Cummins flows through offered to permit access. With this new information, Wanda lobbied the CRWN to begin accepting private property monitoring sites pointing out that with all the private land ownership and rural setting, there were many important bodies of water that receive runoff from farms, lands, and growing communities that were not being monitored. CRWN is headquartered in Austin where there are public access points on the Colorado and other bodies of water, so the organization is not accustomed to needing private property access, but it was open to the possibilities. Soon the CRWN program developed a process with their legal team to begin accepting private property testing sites. And the Cummins Creek site was approved to be tested. A momentous occasion...and it happened right here just north of Columbus. And now the path to future sites with no public access will be much easier to get approved.

Over the past year, our local chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, the Gideon Lincecum Chapter, has focused on bringing water quality projects to Colorado County. Their Water Group recently trained more monitors who will soon be testing more sites in our region and are working on volunteer-presented water cycle and riparian educational programs that will be piloted in our Columbus schools. The Gideon Lincecum Chapter's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and services dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lee, and Washington Counties. Its citizen volunteers implement youth education programs; manage pollinator gardens and nature trails; and provide leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts. All are welcome to join this fun, outdoors-focused organization. Interested in learning more? Visit <https://txmn.tamu.edu>

**IMAGES AVAILABLE:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18JtPG->



**The Seed Library** was freshly stocked March 28 with lots of things to plant for your summer garden. Plenty of dill seeds for your pickling and butterfly food needs. Lots of other herbs as well as several types of okra. If you have not gotten your spring garden started for many vegetables there is still time for squash and pumpkins. Lots of different kinds. Plus, there's excellent information on varieties that grow in our area, tomato troubleshooting, and

even instructions on making a mini greenhouse with recycled items. Drop in between eight and five Monday through Friday. It is inside the Colorado County AgriLife building at 316 Spring St. in Columbus first room on the right.

**Help Columbus Garden Club earn funds by recycling your HP and Canon printer cartridges.** Turn in your cartridges to Marian Schonenberg or Brenda Boehm. This project only applies to HP and Canon. Thank you for helping.

### Getting Club Emails? Want to Send an Email to the Entire Club?

#### **Get Emails**

Are you receiving emails from the Club? About 4, sometimes 6 are sent monthly including meeting announcements and reminders, the newsletters, and information about upcoming events. If you are NOT receiving emails from the Club, go to this website:

<https://tinyurl.com/cgc-emails> . Enter your email address there and you will begin receiving all emails sent out by the Club.

#### **Send an Email to the Entire Club**

FYI...in the past, there was confusion about our Club email address which is

[hello@columbusgardenclub.org](mailto:hello@columbusgardenclub.org) . Please note that when someone sends an email to this address, the Website/Social Media committee and some Board members get the email. It is NOT an email that sends out announcements or information to the entire Club.

The way to send an email to the entire club is to prepare what you want to say and send it along with any images to Cheryl Rose ([cherylscgc@gmail.com](mailto:cherylscgc@gmail.com)) AND Wanda Anglin

([wanda.anglin@hotmail.com](mailto:wanda.anglin@hotmail.com)). Cheryl and Wanda will coordinate putting your information in our tool called MailChimp that will send out to the entire Club.

## DATES TO REMEMBER: (As Listed in Dist. IV Newsletter)

### May 2025:

9<sup>th</sup> Houston Federation Regular Meeting, 10 a.m.

(**Note: National Spring Convention:** It has been decided to move forward with the 2025 Pre-convention meetings and Convention to be held at the Embassy Suites in North Charleston, SC **May 18-21, 2025. Please make note of this change.**)

### June 2025:

2<sup>nd</sup> National Garden Week

**Houston Federation of Garden Clubs** regular meetings are held the second Friday, September through May with the “social hour” beginning at 10-10:30 a.m. Dates are as follows:

- Sept. 13, 2024
- Oct. 11, 2024
- Nov. 8, 2024
- Dec. 13, 2024
- Jan 10, 2025
- Feb. 14, 2025
- Mar. 14, 2025
- Apr. 11, 2025
- May 9, 2025



**Houston Federation of Garden Clubs has a new meeting place at the corner of Bellaire and Ave. B and located directly across Bellaire Blvd from last year's meeting place, Faith Lutheran Church**

**CityRise Church-Bellaire  
4601 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire  
77401**



## Joys, Love and Concerns

**Sharon Wegenhoft** is now home after having triple bypass heart surgery in Austin at The Heart Hospital the week after our Garden Club Plant Sale. Her daughter and other family members are taking very good care of her. Please keep Sharon and Travis in your prayers as she recovers. **Patti Schindler** wants everyone to know that she is continuing to do well after knee



replacement surgery. She thanks everyone who called and was concerned with how she was progressing. She says, "it really meant a lot to me." **Beth Easterling** has been recovering from an ear drum bursting and pinkeye but she is better. Please remember **Martha Jordan** who is temporarily in a rehab center, **Dell Szymkowski** who is recovering at home with her daughters taking very good care of her

after having a small stroke. **Katy Seymour, Chris Schobel** and so many of our members are in need of our thoughts and prayers.

**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 has had a death in the family** please contact:

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

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



**It's time to celebrate May Birthdays:**  
**(Looks like we have no May birthdays.)**

## **Yard of the Month – May**

**Home of: Sandra Frnka**

119 Creek Bend Ln.

May Yard of the Month was awarded to 119 Creek Bend Ln. Owner, Sandra Frnka enjoys working in her expansive garden often. She says it has been wonderful therapy for her after losing her husband following a long illness a couple of years ago. She and her husband used to work in the garden together so it give her great joy to continue their tradition.



Her smart choices that make it easier to keep it beautiful and blooming include water-smart guara and red yucca along the challenging long driveway border as well as



Japanese holly ferns and a variety of grasses that do well in shadier areas along the north side of the home.

A variety of roses in whites, reds, and coral offer colorful blooms across the front of the home.

## **May Community Beautification Award**

### **Your Hometown Pharmacy**

Paula Grahmann

1208 Fannin St.



The May Community Beautification Award was awarded to Your Hometown Pharmacy for its bountiful rose bed brimming with red blooms that brightens the corner below the store sign.