

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



December, 2021



Have a Holly Jolly Christmas

It's the best time of the year...or so, Burl Ives sings each year. And it must be true. The ladies of Columbus Garden Club began even before December by decorating the Dilue Rose-Harris historical home and the Alley Log Cabin (both properties of Columbus Historical Preservation Trust).





They decorated the white picket fence surrounding the Santa Claus Museum and the Dilue Rose-Harris house and the rustic fence at the Alley Log Cabin with greenery and red plaid bows....again creating beauty, bringing joy and making **a more beautiful community**. And they decorated inside the homes getting ready for the Children's Tour.



And when the work was done the ladies went to the Buddy Rau room at the Stafford Opera House to be treated to a wonderful and welcoming lunch provided by other garden club ladies.



On Wednesday December 1 and Thursday December 2 garden club ladies greeted third and fourth grade children from Columbus Elementary and St. Anthony schools to talk about the history of the houses and the families that lived there and how their lives intersected with 1800s Texas history. Over 300 children, teachers, aides and Columbus ISD

Superintendent Jim Conner viewed the homes decorated as in pioneer times in Columbus. (See pictures on next page.)





Thank you garden club ladies for helping with this annual Christmas event.

Thank you for helping decorate the historic homes and the fences. Thank you to those who planned and organized this event. Thank you to those fixing the wonderful lunch. Thank you for being a docent during the children's tour. Those (pictured) that helped by docenting were Sharon Roensch, Amanda Hopkins, Patsy Hodge, Marian Schonenberg, Nancy Galloway, Brenda Boehm, Joann Obenhaus. Not pictured are Debbie Braden, Sharon Wegenhoft, Madison McMonigal, and Santa's representative Mike Braden. Thank you everyone for bringing joy to these events and to our Christmas season.

And now.....it is time to P-A-R-T-Y at the Tasting Luncheon on Wednesday December 8 at 10:30. Hopefully everyone has made a reservation for the event and planned the side dish you will be fixing for our wonderful tasty tasting luncheon. If you have items for the Silent Auction you may still bring them to Cheryl Rose at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on Tuesday when we begin decorating at 3:00 p.m. or come a little early Wednesday morning to the party that begins at 10:30 a.m. A reminder that you can choose a designated charity that will receive funds for your donated item in the Silent Auction.

You have been very generous donating items for the Mistletoe Sack drawing. Velma Harrington has been arranging all of your "priceless" items into festive baskets.

Regena Williamson is the Overall Chairman of this event. Chairmen of the committees are:

Decorating	Debbie Braden
Drinks	Cheryl Rose
Entertainment	Cheryl Rose
Luncheon (setup, arranging and clearing the serving area etc.)	Andrea Utz, Sharon Wegenhoft
Scholarship Quilt	Sharon Heimann
Silent Auction	Cheryl Rose
Mistletoe Sack Drawing	Velma Harrington
Cashiers	Patti Schindler
Clean-Up	Each committee, sub-committee and general membership

Remember: Bring your tickets for the **drawing for the Scholarship Quilt**. If you need to buy tickets for the drawing you may get them the day of the party. And now, a separate thank you to Sharon Heimann for making the beautiful quilt for the Scholarship drawing. And thank you Sharon for displaying the quilt and selling tickets at different events including the Ladies Night Out.

November Program



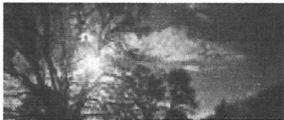
Jay White of The Texas Gardener was the speaker and the program title was “Bluebonnets: The Gateway to Natural Planting”. The hostesses for the meeting were: Andrea Utz (lead hostess), Nancy Galloway, Jennie Pritchett, Martha Jordan and Chris Schobel. Other members on the hostess committee were: Beth Easterling, Shirley Allmon, Lana Miller, Joann Obenhaus, Susan Peletz, and Janet Johnson.

Fall plants and decorations were removed on the courthouse square and planters were planted for the winter months.

As soon as Thanksgiving was over Brenda Boehm, Sharon Wegenhof, Patsy Hodge and Velma Harrington took down the fall decorations, pulled up the red head coleuses, and planted red frilly kale in the courthouse square planters. Dusty Millers were planted in the center of the kale. Red dianthus were planted at the edge of the planters. Christmas ornamentation was added to the pots, too. More potting soil and mulch were needed in the pots and ants had to be treated in and around one of the pots. The pumpkins were hauled away and Sandy Barrett put her talents to work again by painting the pumpkins to look like Christmas ornaments. Clever girl, Sandy.



Sharon Wegenhof is sharing with you the following application. There is limited enrollment so if you would like to enroll in the Environmental School #3 “Air”, Jan. 14-16, please fill out your application and get it in quickly. Sharon will have copies of the application at the Christmas Tasting Luncheon this Wednesday.



**Environmental School #3 "Air"
Jan 14-16, 2022**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ email _____

Taking for Credit _____ \$5 Taking to Refresh _____ \$5 Taking for Fun _____

The National Gardener" is one of your reading sources. If taking for credit or refreshing bring \$5.00 so we can send your records to National. Bring your favorite snacks and beverages.

Course is \$150.00 payable to : Old Fort Parker. Inc. and may be mailed to the fort's address:

Pay \$5 to Sarah to record your course at National. The Course is limited to 30 students

Old Fort Parker, Inc.

866 Park Road 35, Groesbeck, TX 76642

The rooms are located in Historic German Prisoner of WWII Barracks. The rooms have been remodeled of course and will have central air and heat. They are small with linen for the beds, pillows and towels. There are places for hot showers etc in the barracks. A break room is provided with coffee makers and microwave for hot tea, coffee or cocoa in the mornings in the barracks. The Visitor Center will serve the meals and provide the room for the lectures and workshops and is 200 yards or less from the barracks. A field trip is planned for source study. Please bring warm clothes and comfortable shoes for this school. You may call and bring your check with you if you like but please let us know as all meals are provided and need to be planned. We suggest you arrive on the 14th for an evening meal and a class and a workshop if time allows....which will be fun and educational. The morning of the 15th & 16th breakfast will be served and the classes will start at 8:30 AM. Please plan to attend this fun and educational NGC-School. Last minute registration will be fine...just call and let us know you are coming. Bring your favorite drinks and snacks. RV hookups are \$20 per day, if you chose to go that route. We are going on a field trip to learn about and study the need to care for the environment and the air.

LOCATION: Historic Old Fort Parker is located 1 miles west of State Highway 14 on Park Road 35. State HWY 14 is the Highway between Groesbeck and Mexia.

If you come from Groesbeck on HWY 14 ... Park Road 35 is 4 miles north of Groesbeck and is a left turn going west off State HWY 14.

If you are coming from Mexia on HWY 14...Park Road 35 is about 7 miles south of Mexia and is a right turn going west off State HWY 14. Do not turn into the Fort Parker State Park 6 miles south of Mexia...go one mile further, cross the river and turn on Park Road 35. FORT 254-729-5253

Sarah McReynolds 254 747 1144 esarabeth@aol.com Registration, lodging and incidentals.

Dixie Hoover Education hooverdf@aol.com Classes, field trips and tests.

Jan 14th evening class at 7:00 dinner will be served from 6-8

Jan 15th – January 1 Classes and tests * a field trip & workshops* graduation

Chairman: Sarah McReynolds Registration, Education Co Chairman Dixie Hoover

December Yard of the Month

December Community Beautification



Karl and Nancy Davenport
903 Milam St.

The yard has many yellow petunias, azaleas lilies and green plants.



Columbus Pharmacy
1206 Fannin St.

They have many red knock out roses on the corner of their business.



Remember our Birthdays:

December

- 11 Pawne Blomquist
- 16 Sharon Wegenhoft
- 19 Sandy Chaloupka
- 30 Stacy Renner

