

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



January, 2021

A Letter from Club President

Happy New Year

Looks like winter is here. Hope everyone is keeping warm.

Although COVID is still here along with governmental mandates, we will keep on moving and having our meetings. It has been so nice seeing everyone.

Our Christmas Picnic was a great success. We will hear reports from our committees about how much we raised for our scholarship fund.

We have only a few months left for this year. But there's still much to do.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Debbie

Maintaining Gardens Around Town



Court Oak Bed – Lawson, Addie and Whitney Werland helped plant dianthus and daffodils at the Court Oak bed. Thanks to Marian Schonenberg for her continuing care of this garden area throughout the winter.

Planters on Courthouse Square

The ornamental cabbages are showing pretty color in their centers. Mother Nature is helping Joann Obenhaus and Velma water this month.

Visitors Center Sharon Wegenhoft and Rhonda Schonenberg trimmed some plants and planted red Dianthus.

Keeping in Touch through Pictures



Bonnie Halkett shared pictures of some of her roses.

Janet Johnson shared these pictures (below) of her amaryllises. The one on left is called Manervia and the white with red is Opal Star.



If you would like to share your pictures in the next newsletter, just email it to Velma at velma.george07@gmail.com.



Education Corner Janet Johnson shared this picture of her Balloon Milkweed seed pods. This milkweed is new to her garden. Its scientific name is *Gomphocarpus Physocarpus* and is one of the best plants for attracting monarch butterflies. The color of the seed pods will darken as they mature. This plant is easy to propagate from seed or stem or leaf cuttings. It likes sun and moist soil and it can be planted in pots. The plant is not particularly showy but butterflies love the nectar rich blooms. It is also beneficial because it is viable later in the season than other milkweed varieties. Janet says it is native to Texas but originally from Africa. *Info provided by Janet Johnson and gardeningknowhow.com.*

We Had a December Picnic



We had fun with Mistletoe Bags and lots of wonderful items for the Silent Auction and we were able to be together with our guests and friends. The picnic was a delicious treat put together by club members.



The scholarship quilt was won by Sharon Wegenhoft. Thank you to Sharon Heimann for all of the quilts she has lovingly made for the club through the 20 years of the scholarship program. **Thanks to everyone.**



and Christmas Decorating Fun and Traditions...

The Dilue Rose-Harris historical home was once again decorated for the Christmas season. Although the elementary school children did not tour this year because of the pandemic the home was open for guests to tour during the holidays. Those who helped decorate were (right) Lana Miller, Sharon Wegenhoft, (next

page) Janet Johnson, Sandy Barrett and Sunshine, Rhonda Schonenberg, Addie Werland, (not shown) Patti Schindler, Marian Schonenberg, Brenda Boehm and Debbie Braden. A great big thank you for everyone (young and old) who helped.





District IV News

At this time we all have to be flexible due to the current conditions, so do watch for any further updates. Also, keep in mind that many meetings, although listed will likely be held virtually.

January 25-28, 2021 Houston Flower Show School III Houston, TX, Bayland Community Center Mary Vacek, Regena Williamson, Registrar, 316-550-1485

January 2021 Deadline for Area Coordinators to send Presidents Reports to District Director.

February 22-23, 2021 Landscape Design School Course II George Bush Library, College Station, TX

February 25-27, 2021 Garden School: Course III San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78209. Chairman: Cal Lussen: 830-837-5262. lussen@att.net

March 24, 2021 District IV Spring Convention: Bellaire UMC, 4417 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire, TX. The Theme will be "Hats Off to Gardeners". Meda Wogan, Convention Chairman, 281-469-0261: tomandmeda@aol.com

April 5—9, 2021 TGC Spring Convention. San Antonio

April 22—23, 2021 SCR 91st Annual Convention, Little Rock, AR. May 17—20, 2021 National Garden Clubs Convention Rutherford, NJ

September 27-28, 2021 Landscape Design School: Course III George Bush Library, College Station.

October 4-7, 2021 Flower Show School II. Bayland Community Center, Houston. Chairman: Mary Vacek. Regena Williamson, Registrar. 316-550-1485

PLEASE NOTE: Texas Garden Club Landscape Design School Course 2 will be offered Feb. 22-23, 2021 at the George Bush Library in College Station



Kathy's Beauty Care

518 Spring Street

In the front of the shop there are red roses, hibiscus, petunias, cyclamen and Pansies.

January Yard of the Month

Home of Robert and Kathy Henneke

104 Short Street

Beautiful landscaping with pansies, snapdragons, flax lilies, foxtail ferns, and many other plants.

January Community Beautification



KEEP THESE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AND FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS:



Remember all of our members and gardeners emeritus. A cheery card or phone call might brighten their day. If you know of anyone that needs our thoughts, please let Susan Peletz know so she can send a card and let Velma know so she can put it in the newsletter. Let's keep in touch.

Remember our January Birthdays:



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

Have a wonderful birthday.



On the lighter side

What do you call it when worms take over the world?

Global Worming



A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants...
But you've probably heard of herbivore.

What did George Michael say to the gardener?
Rake Me Up Before You Hoe Hoe

Why did the cabbage win the race?
Because it was ahead!

Father, kindle in our hearts an increasing love for creatures of our garden. Quicken our minds to a keener appreciation of Thy lovely gifts. Use our hands as instruments to work Thy divine plan. Teach us that what Thou has given in love is ours to cultivate in Faith. Amen