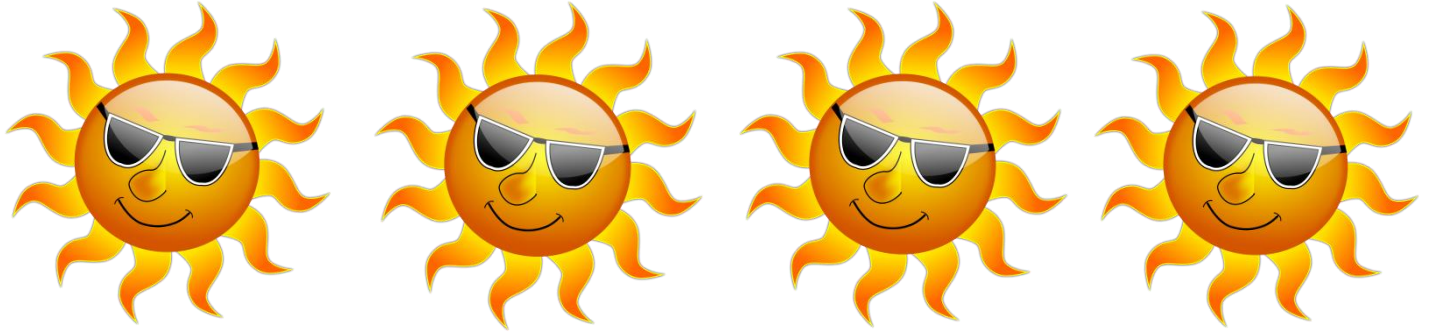


# The Magnolia

## Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



July, 2023



**Summertime...is HOT! HOT! HOT! in Texas.** What do you do to beat the summer heat? Well, I stay indoors a lot. Thank goodness for air conditioning and good ol' iced tea. And who wants to cook in the kitchen when it is this hot?! Cold salads and fruits sound awfully good. I imagine there is a whole lot of Blue Bell ice cream being enjoyed.

**But, what about our plants and gardens? Our Columbus Garden Club president says,** Hey! Wonderful Garden Club Members....Hope your beautiful gardens are surviving this hot, hot, hot and not to mention dry weather! Be careful outside watering and drink plenty of water. Our gardens around town are looking beautiful, despite this summer heat and the pesky deer, so thank you to all who are watering and taking care of them! Speaking of committees, if you have not signed up for any committees or a month to help hostess a meeting with delicious goodies, please help us by doing so. You can call me and I'll put you where you want to be. I bet you are wondering what our theme for this year is? Well here is a hint...it has to do with the region we live in.

In His Garden,  
**Janet Johnson**  
713-248-8974

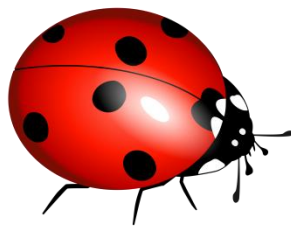
Let us know how you are gardening in this summer heat and include pictures of plants and gardens that are the survivors. If you are on facebook you can chat with other garden club members, share pictures, ideas, memes, club activities and other fun stuff on the new **private group site** that is "up 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 at 979-253-0055 or email [velma.george07@gmail.com](mailto:velma.george07@gmail.com).

While we are talking about sharing pictures with each other on facebook, here is a picture that Brenda Wyman shared the other day on the private facebook page. She said this is her first year planting in sandy loam soil. It looks like she was quite successful.



Wanda Anglin shared these pictures of vegetables from her garden.



Lady bugs are garden helpers.







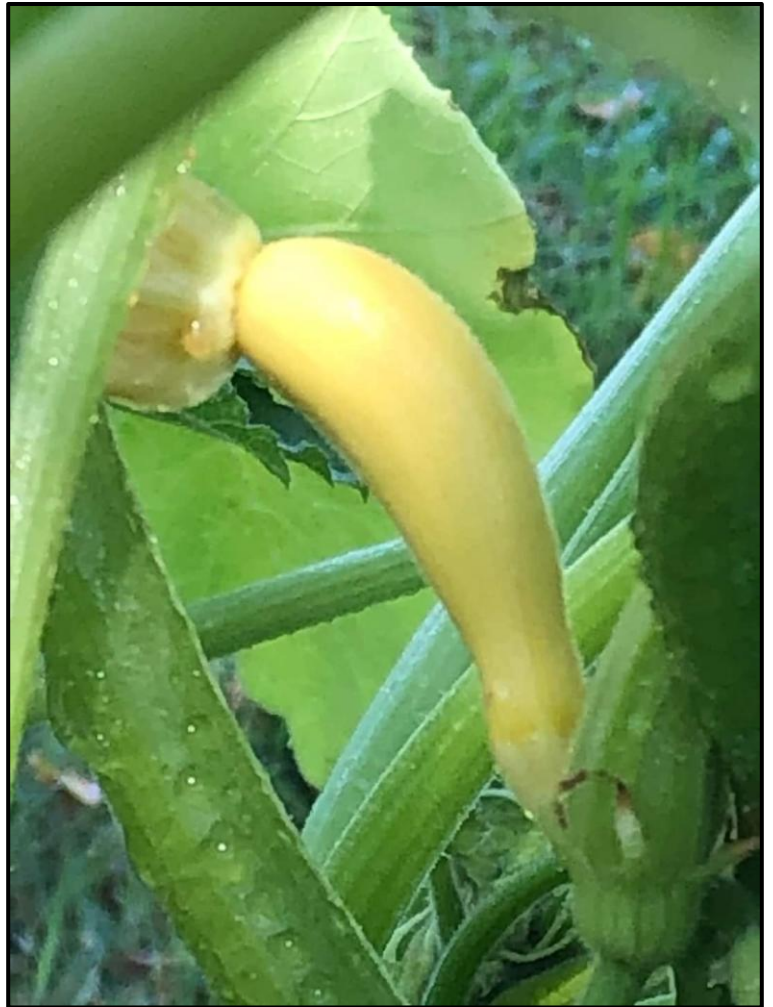
*A Bountiful Harvest*



*...and beautiful sunflowers, too!*

**Happy Gardening, Wanda.**





Janet Johnson grows beautiful tomatoes and squash.

Patsy Hodge shared this unusual but artful picture.



Two dusky birch sawflies in a defensive position, yet they end up forming a heart - Missouri Botanical Garden  
Daria McKelvey

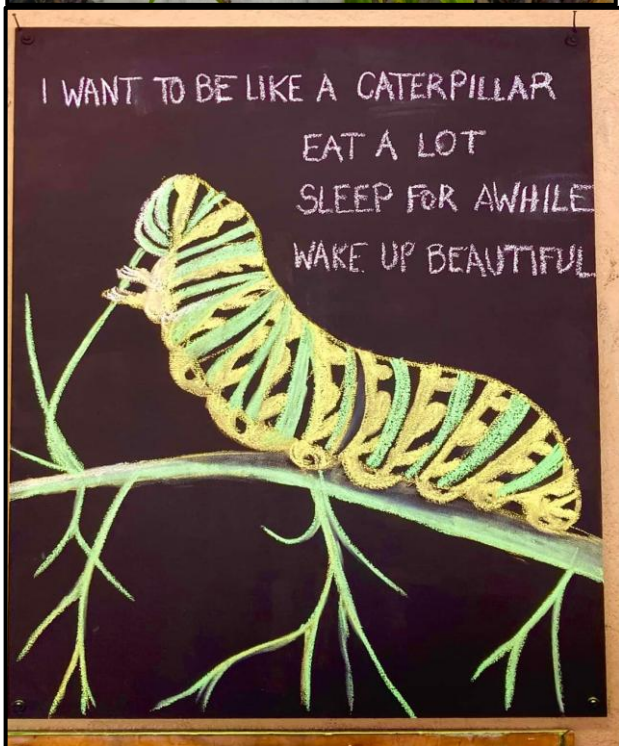


Here are some pictures from my yard. I love perennials, succulents and basically most things that don't require a lot of care and will come back "on their own" each year. I truly am a very lazy gardener. I took the picture of the purple Stokes asters about a few weeks ago when they were in full bloom. The hardy lavender phlox are in full bloom right now as are the white spider lilies. And by the way, after many years of calling the phlox "David Fanick phlox" when I "googled" them I discovered they are John Fanick phlox. Oh, well, you continue to learn no matter how old you are.



On the left are the Stokes asters that were in full bloom about a month ago.

Below are the John Fanick phlox and white spider lilies in background.



...laughter is good for the soul.



## Our Community Gardens and Planters

### The Courthouse Planters and Historical Horse Trough



(on the left) The potato vines in the planters around the courthouse are trailing down the pots in a spectacular display.

### Live Oak Street Bed

(Below) Roses and many different plants are looking quite good with lots of tender loving care....mulching, weeding and watering.



There is a lot of butterfly weed along the perimeter of the bed to attract beautiful butterflies.

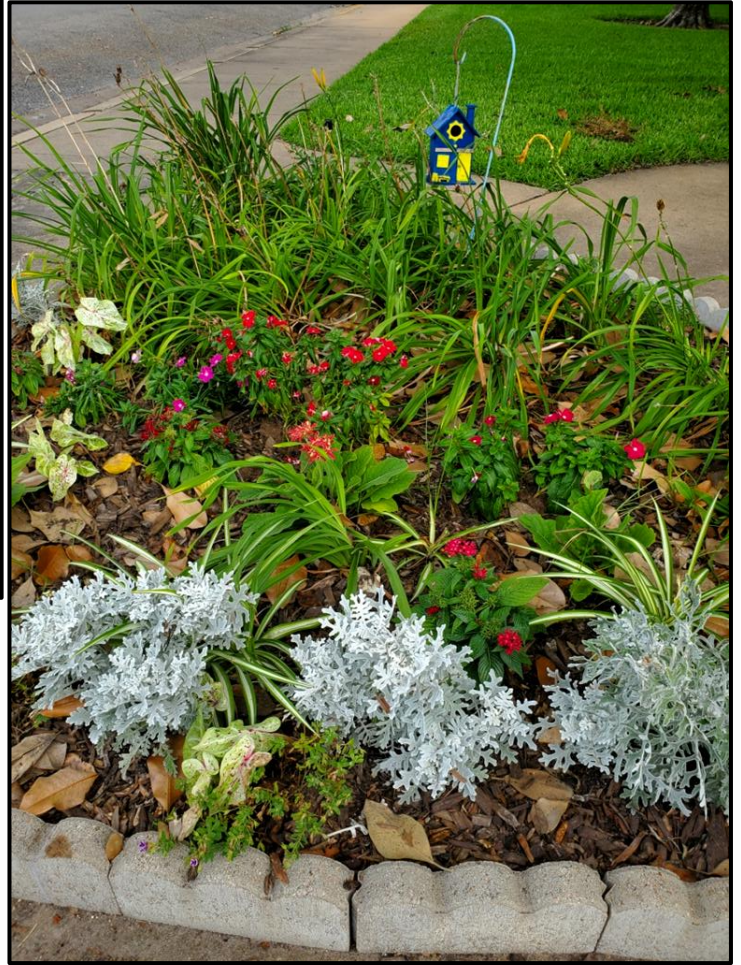




## Visitors Center



A large red Turk's Cap is blooming beautifully at the visitor's center. There are also different colors of dianthus and many plants to attract butterflies.



## Blue Star Memorial

The Dusty Miller (right) really "pops out" at the Blue Star Memorial bed.



## The Butterfly Garden in Midtown Park

This is a beautiful bed (left) and a great place for the neighborhood.

Thanks to all the garden club members who work to maintain all of our community gardens



## **A Note From Helen Huddleston**

*Hello Garden Club Members, I hope that you are having a good summer working in your gardens or having fun doing what you love the most. I am the club's Parliamentarian and will be Chairman for the Columbus Garden Club Flower show this year. The date of the show will be November 8, 2023 and it will be at the Nesbitt Library once again.*

*With that being said, the name of the show will be "LET'S CELEBRATE". Think about what you would like to sign up to CELEBRATE. All designs are creative. That gives you the opportunity to use your own imagination to choose which DESIGN you want to sign up for.*

*There are 4 designs each in 3 different categories. Tentatively the space for the designs are: Class 1 - "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" designs will be 12 inches square; Class 2 - "A Garden Wedding - I Do" designs will be 8 inches and the Class 3 - "Star Spangled Celebration" group will be 6 inches. This may change if we are able to get more space for our show.*

*I am looking forward to working with each of you and making this Flower Show one you can be proud of. Your help will make this possible. Remember, everyone can enter at least one piece of horticulture too.*

## **Our members out and about in District IV.....**

Debbie Braden and Sharon Wegenhoft attended the District IV, TGC, Inc. Board Meeting June 22, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the 2023-2025 District Director Cindy Heckaman. Cindy introduced her new theme "Lead the Way...Plant Across Coastal Prairie." She also introduced the newly installed officers. Included from CGC are 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Director, Newsletter Nancy Galloway; Secretary Debbie Braden; and Headquarter Trustee Sharon Wegenhoft. CGC members are also listed as Area Coordinators: Area 4 – Regena Williamson, Area 7 – Sharon Wegenhoft and Area 9 – Marian Schonenberg.



CGC members who are serving as chairman on District IV Committees are: Flower Show – Regena Williamson, Life Membership – Marian Schonenberg, Scholarship – Marian Schonenberg, Headquarter Trustee – Sharon Wegenhoft, Nominating Committee – Sharon Wegenhoft. Thanks to these members for sharing their time and representing our club in District IV and TGC.

Cindy lead the officers in conducting the business of District IV. The budget was proposed and discussed and will be approved by an electronic vote.

Reports were given by chairmen and important dates were announced. The July 14-16, 2023, Environmental School has been cancelled and will possibly be held in January 2024.

Garden Study School which is held at San Antonio Garden Center will be August 22-24, 2023. Landscape Design School will be September 25-26, 2023 held at the George Bush Library in College Station, TX. Flower Show School 1 will be September 25-28, 2023 and will be held at Bayland Community Center, Houston, TX.

If you are interested in attending any of these schools please visit the TGC Website where application forms and information are available.

District IV, TGC, Inc. Spring Convention will be held March 27, 2024, at Lone Star Community Center , 2500 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery, TX 77356. It will be hosted by Area 9.

Many more dates of upcoming events are included in the District IV Newsletter which Nancy Galloway has sent out.

Cindy declared the meeting closed.

It was great visiting with District IV friends and many send best regards to CGC. After the meeting Debbie and Sharon enjoyed a nice lunch at Olive Garden and arrived safely back home to Columbus. ---Submitted by Sharon Wegenhoft

Trustee Sharon Wegenhoft will be attending the Summer 2023 Trustee Meeting July 25-26, 2023, at the Headquarters located in Ft. Worth, TX.





**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.

**If you have garden hints or want to share a garden experience or want to share pictures from your garden** please send to Velma Harrington at [velma.george07@gmail.com](mailto:velma.george07@gmail.com) I will be glad to include in our monthly newsletter.

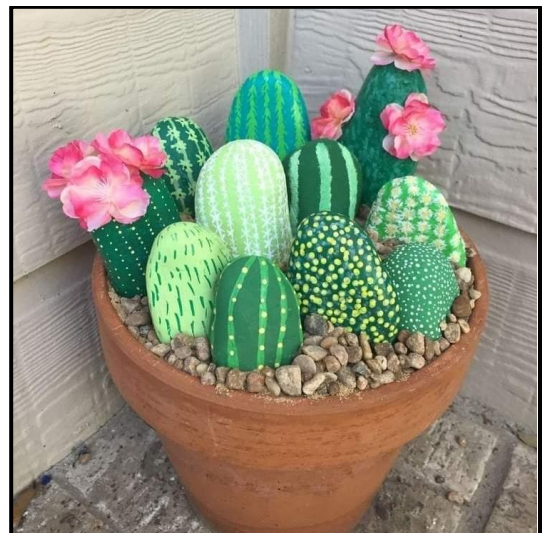


### **Remember our Birthdays:**

#### **July**

- 06 Susan Peletz**
- 13 Velma Harrington**
- 23 Marian Schonenberg**
- 30 Brenda Boehm**
- 31 Ann Pavliska**

*These are rocks painted as cactus. An idea for our next plant sale?*





## YARD OF THE MONTH

Home of:

**Home of Mario and Raquel Marquez**

**1407 Prairie Street**

The yard has a lot of beautiful periwinkles and bougainvilleas and other plants. There is an iron pot that has periwinkles in it also.



## COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

**A Creative Touch**

920 Walnut Street

At the front of the shop, owned by Liz Christen, the beds have wandering Jew, all different colors of periwinkles, and many different other plants and coleuses in pots.

