

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



October, 2021



(From left to right) Patti Schindler, Nancy Galloway, Lyn Buescher and Neva Lou Hubenak all dressed up in their finest 30s and 40s fashions

Columbus Garden Club Celebrated 85 Years Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 and it was a **glorious event**. City and County officials, the State President of Texas Garden Clubs, the District Director of District IV Coastal Prairie and Houston Federation of Garden Clubs President were all in attendance in the District Court Room. Members, new members, and friends came to celebrate the day and **CELEBRATE** we did.

Lyn Buescher, Neva Lou Hubenak, Nancy Galloway and some others were dressed in 30s and 40s attire. There were hats and furs. But mostly there was a feeling of joyous celebration of a club in our community that has been dedicated to its purpose of "Making a More Beautiful Community".



Sharon Roensch made the beautiful birthday cake for the celebration. Debbie Braden was in charge of the reception table where guests signed in and picked up their name tags. Regena Williamson made beautiful flower arrangements for all of the tables. Velma Harrington, club Historian, set up displays of pictures and scrapbooks depicting events in the club history. She also, with the help of Cheryl Rose and Regena Williamson, put pictures on a video program that was shown throughout the event. Brenda Boehm was head of the refreshments committee. Board members were hostesses.



Velma Mae Magnolia peeks around Brenda Boehm. Velma Mae was the eyewitness in the program. She gave an historical account testifying to events leading up to 85 years of community service by Columbus Garden Club. Cheryl Rose was the judge and Patti Schindler was the lawyer.

Gwen Dewitt, President of Texas Garden Clubs presented to the club a hand painted certificate celebrating the club's 85th Birthday.



Donald Warschak presented a proclamation from Mayor Lori An Gobert on behalf of the City of Columbus. Judge Ty Prause was also in attendance and he thanked the club for all of its work and contributions to Columbus and Colorado County. Gwen Dewitt and Nancy Giffhorn,



Houston Federation of Garden Clubs President, enjoyed looking at the exhibits displayed throughout the room. Mary Vacek, (picture on



right) District IV Coastal Prairie Director, greeted members and celebrated the day with us.



WHAT A FUN DAY! WE CELEBRATED 85 YEARS OF OUR GARDEN CLUB.
And then we took a trolley tour of the gardens that are maintained by the club...



We had even more fun.

Margaret Phelps was our trolley driver. First stop was Midtown Park to see the butterfly garden and the rose garden. We stopped by Brandon House and told about the club's history of decorating the historic home.

Then we drove by the Alley Log Cabin, the Dilue Rose-Harris home and the Santa Claus Museum and talked about the children's tours. We circled around and went back to the square to talk about the planters on the square, the Blue Star Memorial, the court oak bed, and the visitor's center.



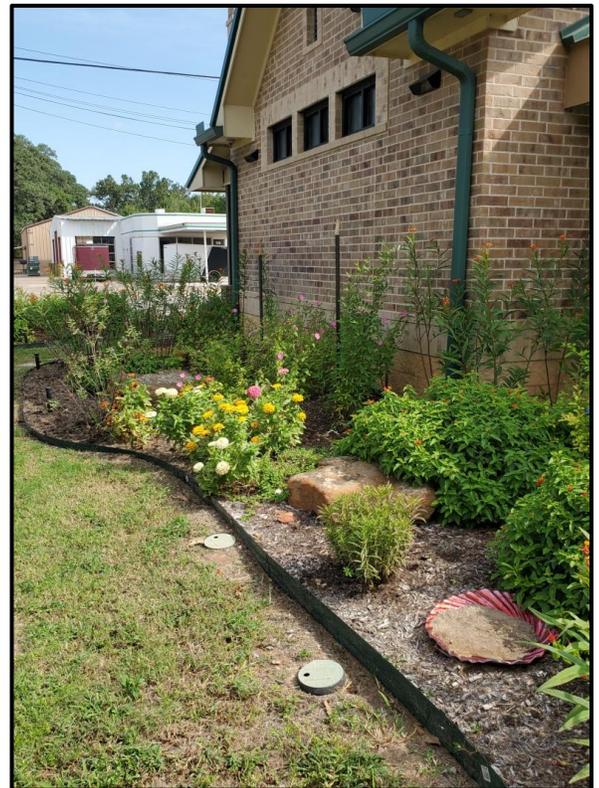


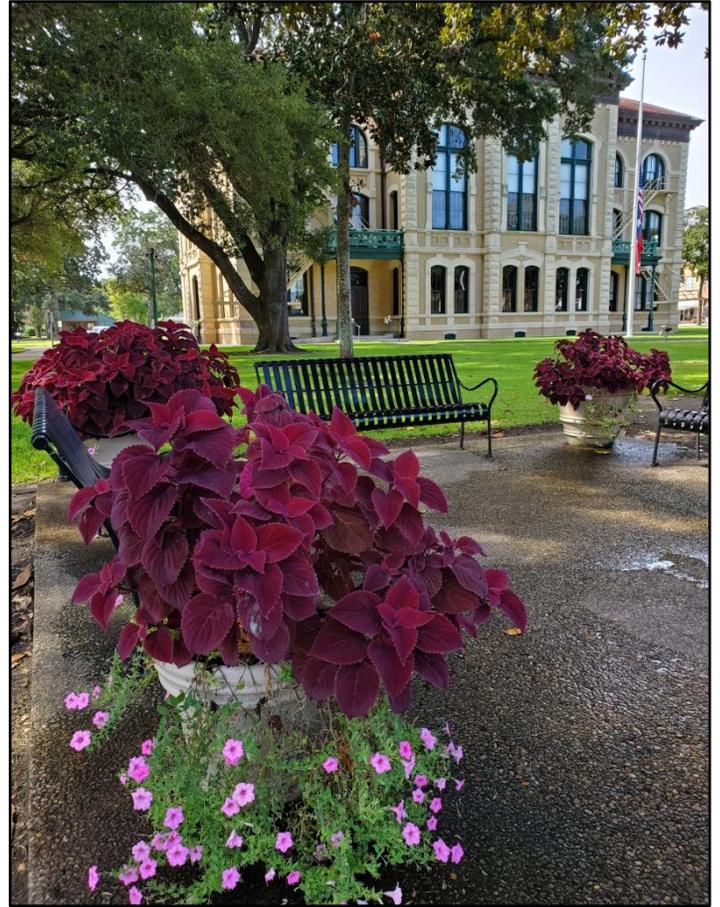
Midtown Butterfly Garden is full of plants to attract butterflies. Sharon Wegenhoft took Gwen Dewitt to have a closer look at all the beautiful flowers.



The Visitors Center is also planted with plants to attract butterflies.

It has water features designed for butterflies.





Knowing we were expecting a number of guests to our celebration, as most women will do when expecting company into their home, we worked diligently to keep all of our gardens in tip top shape.

With the very hot sun beating down and scorching the leaves of the red head coleuses committee members kept the plants watered and even resorted to moving the pots around to get them into more shade. In the gardens, committee members kept the weeds under control (as much as you can do that with weeds and especially that unrelenting nut grass).

When the gardening committee ladies noticed that the roses in the historical horse trough were looking pretty stressed out, Janet Johnson went to work.





Janet is our expert on growing and taking care of all kinds of roses. We are thankful to her for taking care of this for us. By the time our big celebration happened the roses had leafed out and had begun blooming again.

And now down to business...



Sharon Wegenhoft attended the TGC, INC. Trustee meeting at Headquarters in Ft. Worth, Texas August 18. Trustee Chairman Dana Serafine called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved and old and new business was discussed. The Trustees toured the building and responded to physical issues which need attention. Donations were ratified and after

business was finished Patrick Newman the representative of BRIT was introduced. BRIT is the organization who is charged with keeping the grounds at headquarters. Most of the clubs in Texas have purchased a brick for the walkway behind the building and CGC will have one alongside the others.



The grounds are lovely and are located next to the Ft. Worth Arboretum. Feel free to visit TGC, INC Headquarters while in Ft. Worth.

Garden Magic.....



Sean Korell volunteered to help Columbus Garden Club with two garden projects recently. Working at the Midtown Park Rose Garden, Sean weeded the rose bed and then spread new hardwood mulch around all the knock-out roses. Sean, a member of the Columbus Scouting program is working to earn the Eagle Scout rank. Service hours are a part of the requirements for Eagle Scouts.

Joining Sean at the rose garden, brother Scottie Korell also volunteered time to help removing weeds and spreading mulch. Allison and Mike Korell, owners of AL&M Building Supply, made this a true family project when they ordered and donated all the mulch for the roses.

Several days later, Sean volunteered more of his time weeding and mulching the Montezuma Street pocket garden at Columbus Community

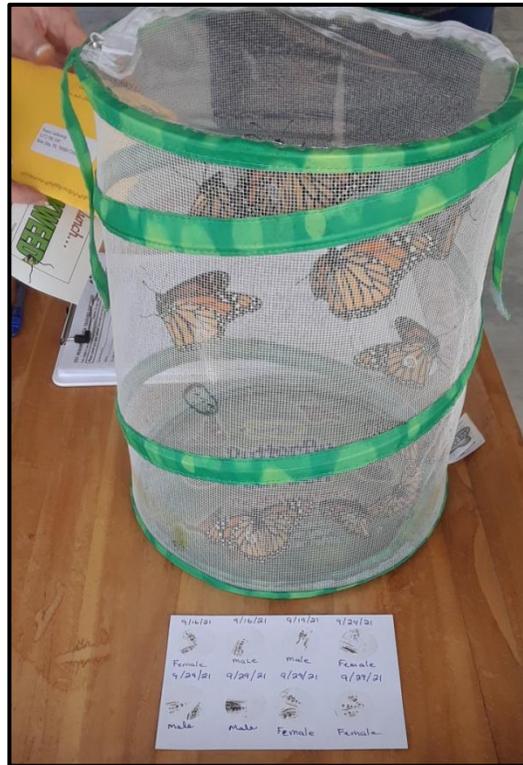
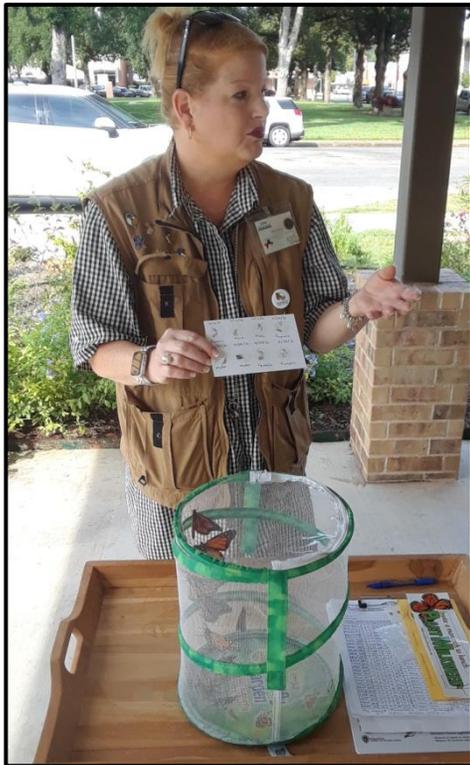
Park.

Sean selected Columbus Garden Club to be the beneficiary of his volunteer service thanks to a recommendation by Mayor Lori An Gobert. Please extend your appreciation to Sean and the Korell family as well as Mayor Gobert. -----Marian Schonenberg

Butterflies have been released at the butterfly friendly Visitors Center

Nancy Galloway met with other garden club members Brenda Boehm, Sandy Barrett, and Sharon Wegenhoft at the Visitors Center to release

Monarch butterflies that she “grew and harvested”. She explained what is involved in the process and how she keeps records of the process. In last month’s newsletter there were pictures of the different cycles of the caterpillars to butterflies.



This was so exciting to the club members because this is exactly

what they have had in mind since planting a butterfly friendly habitat at the Visitor Center. The club wants to provide a program to educate children in the community about the life cycle of the caterpillar and butterfly and how to provide a habitat for them that nurtures and protects them.





The Butterflies Were Released And Are Now Enjoying Their Habitat

Colorado County Fair

Members Brenda Boehm, Velma Harrington and Sharon Wegenhoft decorated once again at the entrance to the Colorado County Fair. This year we were asked to decorate in a patriotic theme. Red, White and Blue bunting was hung from the fence as a backdrop to the already

beautiful flower beds planted by master gardeners. A large red, white and blue wreath with a cowboy boot in the center was hung along with smaller flags placed in front of the plantings.



Support Brookwood with a Life Membership

Consider honoring a friend (or yourself) with a District IV Life Membership. The cost is \$30. All funds from the life membership program benefit the Brookwood Community Garden Therapy Project.

The Brookwood Community provides an education environment that creates meaningful jobs, builds a sense of belonging, and requires dignity and respect for adults with disabilities, through the grace of God. Located in Brookshire, the Brookwood Community is a non-profit 501©3 residential facility and vocational program for adults with learning disabilities.

District IV Coastal Prairie Council of Texas Garden Clubs adopted the Garden Therapy Project shortly after the community opened. Garden club members provide volunteer work teams and financial support for the garden therapy program.

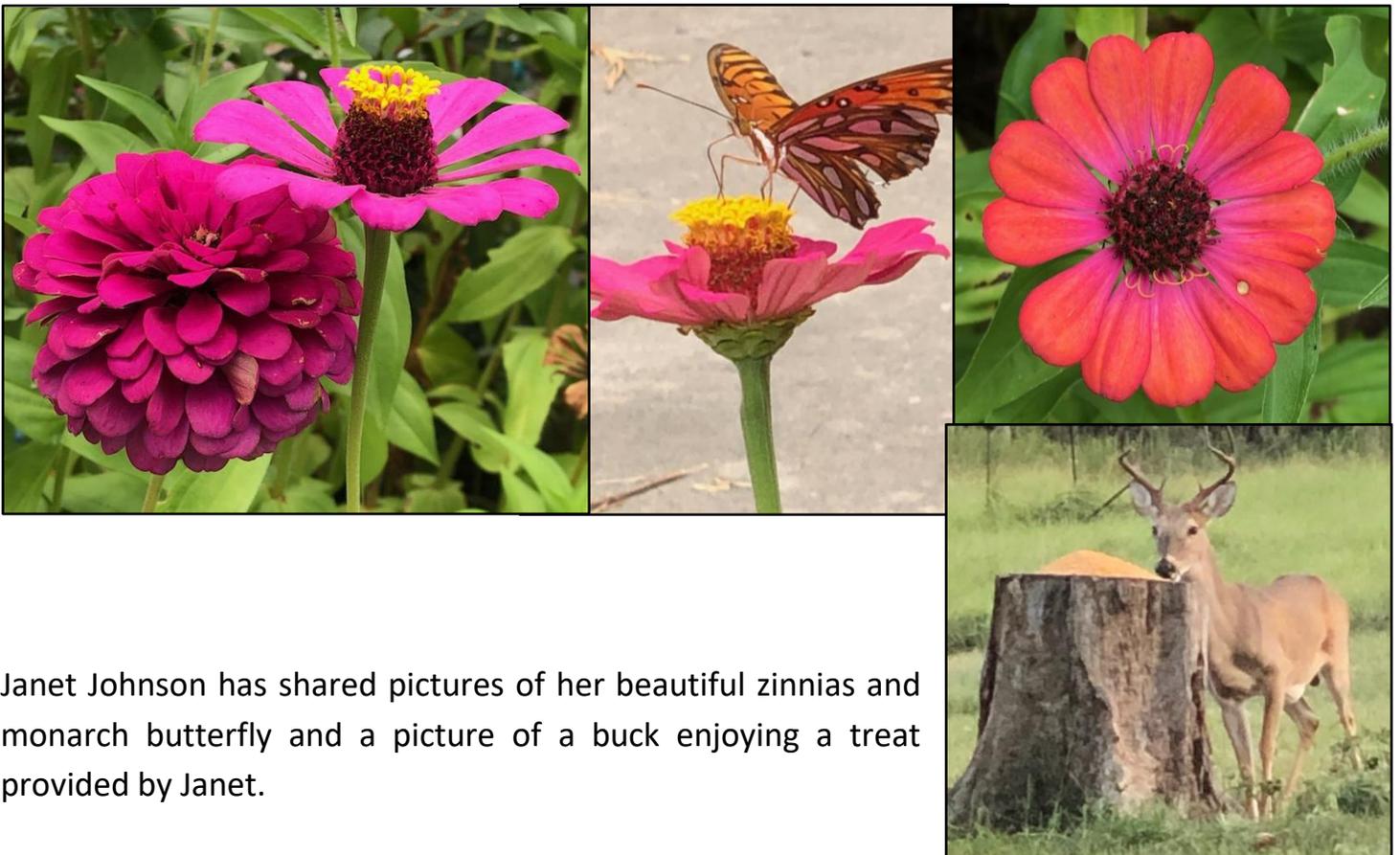
You can support this program too by becoming a Life Member. Contact Marian Schonenberg 979-733-4343 or curtissautomotive@sbcglobal.net

Benches and Memorial Signage at Midtown Butterfly Garden



Thanks to the City for making sure the benches and signage were installed in time for our 85th Trolley Tour of the gardens. It looks great. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

Sharing Pictures



Janet Johnson has shared pictures of her beautiful zinnias and monarch butterfly and a picture of a buck enjoying a treat provided by Janet.

Sandy Barrett shared pictures of her bougainvillea, her hummingbirds enjoying nectar and one of Volcano Bush Cover.



Yard of the Month

September

Tom and Keri Sherman
309 Robson

October

Yesenia Cervantes
1216 Rampart



Community Beautification

September

Take Root
180 Oak Cluster

October

Cutting Edge Beauty Salon
738 Walnut Street



Remember our Birthdays:



September

- 06 Charlene Morrison
- 25 Patti Schindler
- 30 Dell Szymkowski

October

- 01 Sharon Roensch
- 02 Sharon Heimann
- 03 Sandy Coffman
- 14 Betty Gills
- 22 Janet Johnson
- 26 Debbie Braden
- 26 Beth Easterling

