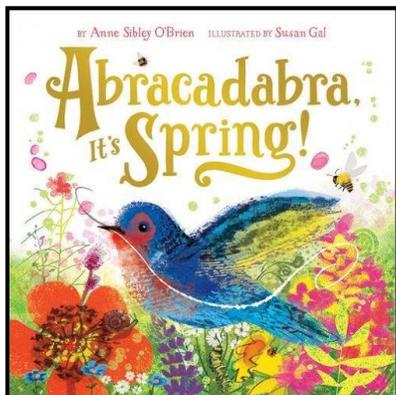


# The Magnolia

## Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



April, 2021



**Welcome, Spring!** Last month we were surviving the harshest winter Texas has experienced for a very long time. The March Newsletter for Columbus Garden Club was full of icy scenes from our frozen gardens. But this month, “Abracadabra!” Spring is gloriously and colorfully here with wildflowers, irises, daffodils, amaryllises, clivias, azaleas, rose bushes, tulip magnolias, and dogwoods bursting forth with beautiful colors.

### Keeping in Touch Through Pictures



*Lana Miller shared a picture of her Chinese Fringe Tree (far left).*

*Regena Williamson's Blue Star Amsonia was first to bloom in the spring.*





*Marian Schonenberg shared a picture (left) of her yellow daffodils blooming and the beautiful azaleas in the yard of JoAnn Sebesta and Susan Peletz.*



*Regena Williamson's Mock Orange or "French Dogwood" (right) bloomed prolifically this year.*



*Velma's Yellow Clivia (left) survived the freezing temperatures. Regenas Mock Orange is a well established plant and has grown quite tall.*



*Marian shared a picture of bluebonnets (above) and Velma shared picture of her double white amaryllis above, picture of wild red phlox at side of Hwy 90 (to the left), and her ground orchid blooming early Spring in her greenhouse shed.*



## Education Corner



Club member Martha Jordan is quite the expert when growing beautiful amaryllises. Her bulbs are probably 15 years old and through the years she has added many amaryllises that she has received as gifts. Her beds for the plants are all on the east side of the house. That area gives them the sun they need but protects them from the harsh sun from the west. The foliage of the amaryllises is deep green, glossy and strap-shaped. Martha says the bulbs should be planted shallowly with emerging leaves well above the soil surface... meaning don't bury the bulb. Allow the throat of the bulb fresh air and water. When a bulb shows a bud at the beginning of spring stake it to support the blossoming plant as it opens. Bulbs multiply during the hot summer and early fall months. When it shows the new leaf peaking out of the ground it tells you it lived through the winter months. Raise the new bulb so it can grow into another beautiful Amaryllis.

Martha invites you to come by and see this beautiful show of blooming amaryllises.

## Maintaining Gardens Around Town Courthouse Planters

Many plant nurseries and their vendors sustained damages to their stock during this winter. Velma Harrington has diligently been working to find plants for the planters. In the past she has been able to get plants wholesale through Alexander Plant Farm but the company has changed their business plan and is selling strictly to the large landscaping businesses. They are maintaining a small retail center but after contacting them a couple of times they were unable to find the plants that were wanted for the planters. Velma then contacted Stacy at Take Root who was finally able to find the plants through a couple of vendors. The plants are supposed to be ready in a couple of weeks.

## Plant & Bake Sale – Saturday April 24, 8 a.m. at Brookshire Bros.

Everyone is looking for plants - - Including all of us. Pot up some plants for the sale. Many things were lost to the freeze but those hardy plants that survived could be just what many gardeners are looking for. Call Regena Williamson and let her know if you have plants. Look in the yearbook at Committee chairpersons. If you have questions, contact them. The scholarship wagon will be at this month's club meeting.

## March Meeting

*(on left) Debbie Braden visits with club member Dell Szymkowski. The speaker was Bruce Ford from Ross Creek Honey Bees. Picture below on right is Bruce Ford (speaker), Cheryl Rose and Debbie Braden. Ford presented a video presentation of plants that are Bee Friendly and Bee Attracting.*



*March meeting hostesses (on left) were Marian Schonenberg, Patti Schindler, Sharon Wegenhoft and Brenda Boehm. Donnie Hyde (right) was able to attend the meeting. We were happy to welcome her and other members back.*



**District IV members at the State Convention held in San Antonio April 5-9**

### **State, District and Federation News**

Sharon Wegenhoft attended the State Convention in San Antonio last week. Texas Garden Clubs, Inc held its 93<sup>rd</sup> Spring Convention April 5-9, 2021 in San Antonio at the Double Tree Hotel. District VII Club Members were hostesses for the Convention. Business meetings were held and presentations were made on succulents, honey bee keeping, building worm towers and making Fiesta crepe flowers. There was a Ghost Tour of the city and a cruise on one of the San Antonio River boats.

The Lone Star Gardener will be printed once more and after that will be presented electronically due to publishing costs

Great News – **Columbus Garden Club was awarded Gold Rating!** Nice work ladies!

TGC President Peggy Moreland introduced NGC President Gay Austin and SCR Director Linda Lawson. It was a pleasure to meet those ladies who have devoted their time and talents for gardening. Gwen DeWitt was elected as TCG's President 2021-2023. Fall Convention will be held in Ft Worth with a "bare bones" format

and Spring Convention will be in Austin 2022. Hopefully more members of CGC will be able to attend in Austin!

Sharon Wegenhof had a great week in SanAntonio representing CGC as a District IV Trustee and Member of TGC Board.



*Sharon Wegenhof at the Texas Garden Club Convention and meeting with TGC President Peggy Moreland*

**Dates to Remember:**

**April 22—23, 2021** SCR 91st Annual Convention, Little Rock, AR.

**April 24, 2021** – Columbus Garden Club Annual **Plant and Bake Sale**

**May 12, 2021** – Installation of Officers, Columbus Garden Club

**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



**Remember our April Birthdays:**

**25** – Lyn Buescher

**28** – Barbara Hohensee

## Yard of the Month



**Pete (Laverne) Milulenska**  
**105 Milentz Street**

Pete (Laverne) Milulenska was excited to receive Yard of the Month for April. The front yard is covered with bluebonnets. There are amaryllises, hibiscuses and a mandevilla blooming in her yard.

Southern Comfort Furniture won the Community Beautification Award for March. In the front of the store is a beautiful petunia basket and a stand of geraniums and other plants.

## Community Beautification



**Southern Comfort Furniture**  
**905 Walnut Street**