

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



August and September, 2023



Our Columbus Garden Club president says,

Happy Almost Fall Y'all!

We are getting so close to our Garden Club meeting September 13th.

We are moving! I hope you received the email about our new meeting place. We are going to be meeting in the Lighthouse building at:

St. Paul Lutheran Church
201 Veterans Dr.
Columbus, TX 78934

Cheryl Rose has sent out a wonderful and detailed email with all the information and map. I have been

in this new facility and it is wonderful and will fit our needs beautifully!

Before our meeting, please read the email sent out last week that has our updated Bylaws and Budget for 2023-2024. There will be time for discussion at the meeting or you can contact me before our meeting about any concerns. We will be voting on both the Bylaws and Budget at the meeting.

Our theme for this year is **"Planting for our birds on the Post Oak Savannah and making a difference!"** Through our speakers and Plant Chats we will be learning about how important our birds, in Colorado County, are to our gardens as well as what plants we can provide for them. This should be fun for all to learn and experience!

So, until September 13th may we have rain, cooler temperatures and good health!

In His Garden,
Janet Johnson



Our members out and about in District IV.....and beyond!

Sharon Wegenhoft attended the TGC, Inc. Trustee Meeting held at Headquarters in Ft. Worth July 26, 2023. A quorum was established and opening remarks were given by Chairman Betty Edwards. Mary Ann Nicholson was appointed secretary of trustees and took the minutes. TGC President Lee Taylor gave her remarks. The proposed budget which was approved at the TGC Convention in San Antonio was presented and reviewed by TGC VP Finance Linda Jean Brown. The budget was discussed.

The Headquarters building is in need of a new roof. Brettco Roofing won the bid to replace the roof. The insurance deductible of \$2,500 will be paid to them when the job is complete.

The dispute with the City of Ft. Worth is still going on. Things are still up in the air. TGC President Lee Taylor and Trustee Chairman are dealing with our lawyers.

Donations were accepted and ratified.

Office manager Jodi Zambino reported and urged all clubs to try to find and recruit new members as membership in TGC is dwindling.

I walked the grounds after the meeting in the grueling heat. Due to the drought vegetation is really suffering. The grounds have gone to a "wild scape."

The next meeting will be October 17, 2023 at the Fall Convention which will be held at Headquarters in Ft. Worth. This will be a "bare bones" meeting to keep cost down.

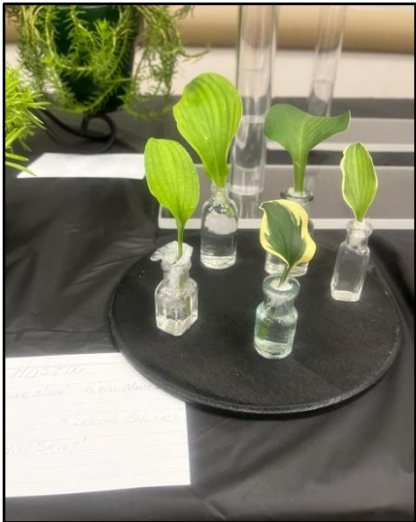
Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Wegenhoft



Flower Show Judges Symposium in Birmingham, Alabama

Regena Williams attended a Flower Show Judges Symposium in Birmingham, Alabama. She said that they studied Armature and Construction Designs which are considered advanced designs. (See examples on previous page.)

They also studied horticulture and the topics were Manipulated Plants, Collections and Displays, and Herbs.



A Collection is an exhibit of specimens judged for their cultural perfection. A minimum of five different specimens (cut or container-grown) exhibited in individual containers, or the appearance of being individually exhibited.

A Display is a collection of specimens exhibited with a strong overall artistic effect.

And, Speaking of Flower Shows....

Helen Huddleston says, **“Let’s Celebrate our upcoming Annual Small Standard Flower Show.”**

My dear CGC members, it will be a very short time before we will be back for our first meeting. I am looking forward to sharing with you our Flower Show information.

Briefly, I will let you know that the Flower Show will be held on the morning of November 8, 2023. It will be held at the Nesbitt Library. We will have signup sheets for each of you that pledge to do a Design. The Horticulture will not need to be signed up. As members of the Club we would like everyone to participate and bring at least one (1) horticulture entry. You have time to look around your yard and decide what you want to enter. I know it has been a very hot Summer, and it is not over with yet. It has been very hard keeping my plants and grass from dying a slow and painful death.

I will have handouts at the first meeting with rules for both designs and horticulture. I am so pleased to have Deborah Braden as my Co-chairman. She is a delight to work with. And our President, Janet Johnson...what a delightful worker bee she is. Regena Williamson, our horticulturist guru will be helping me with the horticulture section to make sure that the plants that we list in the schedule will be correct and that you all are familiar with. There will be annuals, cut plants, pot plants accepted in the horticulture division.

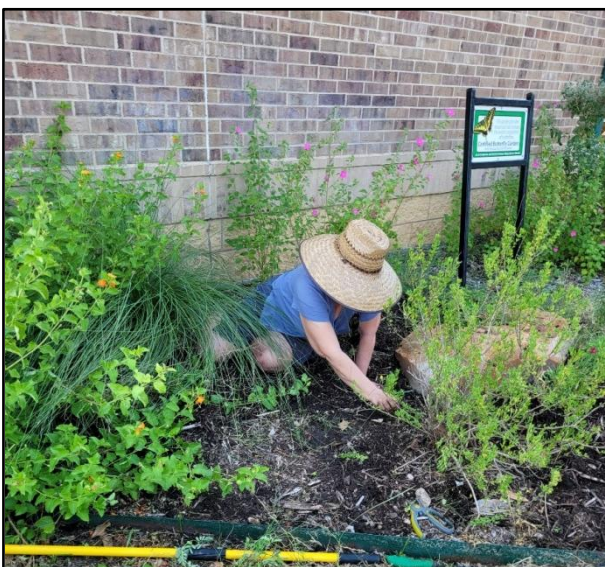
See you at our first meeting.

Visitors Center Work Day



Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you so much you brave and hardy garden club members who worked during the summer heat to clean up the garden beds at the Visitors Center. Nancy Galloway, Patti Schindler, Bren Wyman, Brenda Boehm, Ann Pavliska and Wanda Anglin did a wonderful job.



Above right Nancy and Ann working. On the left is Wanda Anglin.





Ann Pavliska and Patti Schindler are pulling those weeds.

Earlier in the summer the **Butterfly Garden at Midtown Park** was worked on. Lots of grass pulled from the walkway.



Bren Wyman and Wanda Anglin worked on it but the garden is still in need of a major cleanup.

Sandy Barrett continues doing a fantastic job with the Live Oak Street Bed and the Blue Star Memorial.

The Planters on the Courthouse Square have been maintained during these hot days of summer.

And the Courthouse Oak bed has been maintained also during the summer.

A great big **Thank You** to everyone who has helped maintain all of the gardens and plantings during this very challenging hot summer.



Houston Federation of Garden
Clubs

Plant Sale

Bellaire United Methodist Church

4417 Bellaire Blvd. 77401

Saturday,

October 14, 2023

9:00 am until 3:00 pm



2023-2025 President Lee Taylor
Invites You
to the

Fall Board Meeting

October 17 & 18, 2023

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.
Headquarters
3111 Old Garden Road
Fort Worth, Texas
76107

[Click HERE for the Registration Form](#)

[Fall Board Meeting AGENDA](#) [Click HERE](#)

[EXECUTIVE Committee & BOARD of Directors](#) [Click HERE](#)

Chairmen, Directors and Executive Committee please send
a copy of your reports to Headquarters by October 6, 2023.

All Chairmen and members are invited, but please make
note of the meeting of the Executive Committee
(Officers, Trustees & District Directors)
ONLY on day one.

(On the notice of the Fall Board Meeting, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., the links do not work from this CGC Newsletter picture but you can look in the Texas Garden Club newsletter that was emailed for more information and registration forms.)

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Flower Show School I will be held September 25-28, 2023 at Bayland Community Center in Houston, TX

- Flower Show II will be held January 29-February 1, 2024 at Bayland Community Center in Houston, TX
- Flower show III will be held September 30-October 3, 2024 at Bayland Community Center in Houston, TX
- National Fall Board Meeting (Virtual) September 21, 2023
- TGC Fall Board Meeting, TGC Headquarters, Ft. Worth, TX October 17-18, 2023
- District VII Fall Meeting in October 23, 2023
- District VII Spring Convention in February 22, 2024
- TGC Spring Convention, April 8-12, 2024 Abilene, TX. District VIII hosting at the MCM Elegante Hotel
- SCR Spring Convention April 24-25, 2024, Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Delta Hotel
- NGC Spring Convention Denver, Colorado, June, 2024 (Dates TBA)



SHARING OUR GARDENS WITH EACH OTHER

Nancy Galloway shared a picture of a blue bird in her back yard and deer.



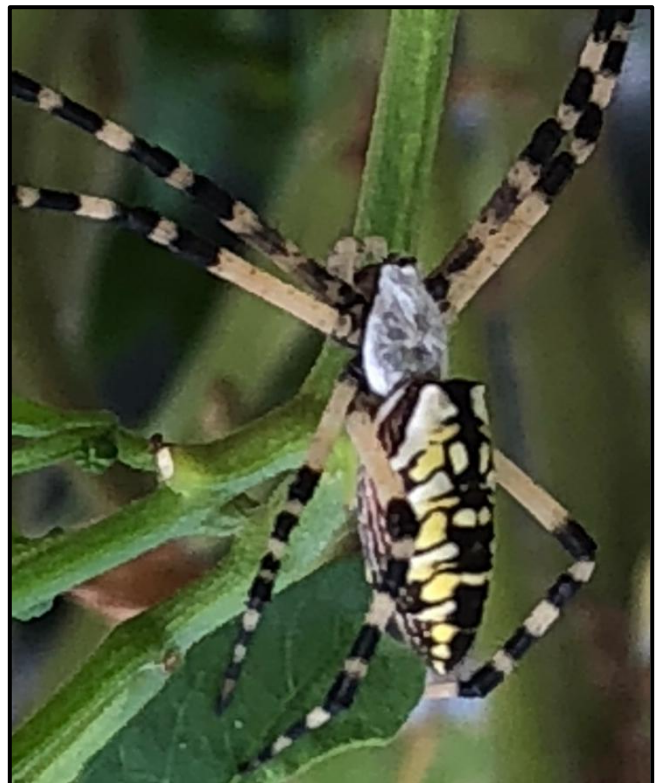
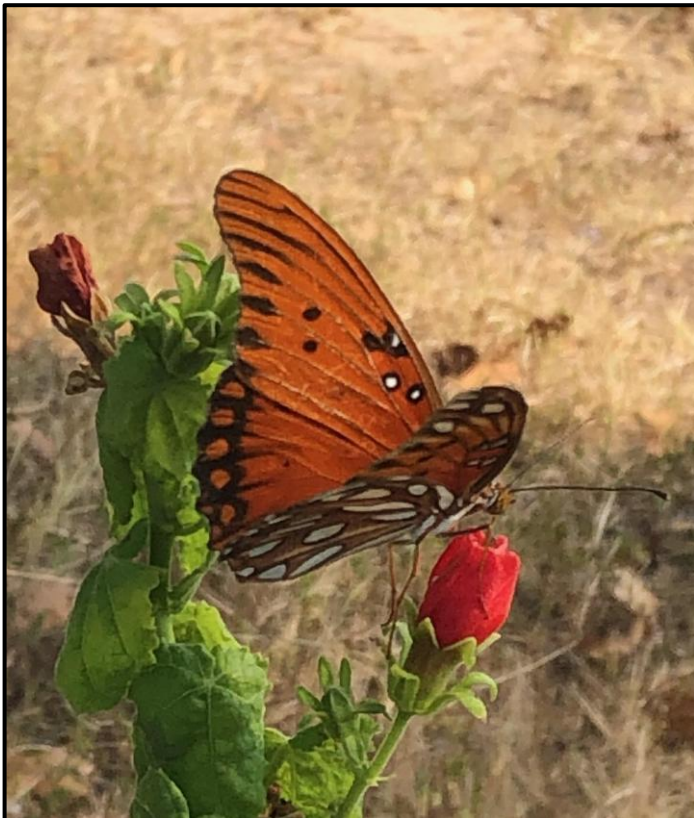


Brenda Wyman shared a picture of her new greenhouse. That is a BEAUTY!

Janet Johnson shared a gulf fritillary caterpillar (below)



Janet Johnson also shared a butterfly and garden spider (below).





And, here is a grass hopper...
....doing what grass hoppers do.



Bee and a spider....

Thank you Janet for always sharing such beautiful and interesting pictures with us.

Let us know how you are gardening and include pictures of plants and gardens that are the summer 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. Or, you can always text me (Velma), at 979-253-0055 or email velma.george07@gmail.com to share pictures in the newsletter.



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.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of longtime member Barbara Hohensee. She passed away on August 28, 2023 in Tomball, Texas. She was born on April 28, 1940 to Ernest Joseph Fruge and Agnes Fruge in Lake Charles, Louisiana. On February 23 1957 she married Verno “Chick” Hohensee. Barbara was a loving wife and terrific mother. She dedicated herself to raising her six children. She loved to cook, sew, travel and dance. She enjoyed being a member of Columbus Garden Club.

Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 AM at St. John Catholic Church in Fayetteville, Texas. Burial took place in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Columbus, Texas.

Please pray for our longtime member Martha Jordan. Martha collapsed in her home Sept. 6 and was transported to Hermann Memorial. We have been informed that she returned to her home on Saturday September 9.

Remember our Birthdays:



AUGUST

- 04 Patsy Hodge
- 06 Nell Turner
- 06 Martha Jordan
- 20 Robbie Thomas
- 20 Rebecka LaCourse
- 31 Chris Schobel



HAPPY 90TH, MARTHA

YARD OF THE MONTH

August

Home of: Keith and Robbie Thomas
1618 Front Street

The yard is beautiful. The bed has caladiums, disco belle hibiscus, zinnias, roses, hydrangeas, and many other plants.



COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

August

Mary's Nest Vacation Rental
1136 Live Oak Street
Owners Phillip and Rhonda Garcia

The yard has philodendrons, ferns and a lot of different plants.



Yard of the Month

September

Blair and Jackie Soilbay
1729 Front Street

The yard has a beautiful front bed around a large tree. There are Mandevillas, coleus, periwinkle's, yellow lantanas and many other plants. The flower beds also have a lot of greenery plants.



Community Beautification

September

A Brighter Day Childcare Center
638 Live Oak St.

The front of the building has big yellow lantanas and pink periwinkles.



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