

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



March, 2023



Spring is “Marching” Into Our Gardens.

Everything is popping out with the green. I just love the pastures after winter has killed the weeds and the grasses are greening up. Looks like a newly cut lawn. The wildflowers are starting to bloom. I see coreopsis, bluebonnets and Indian paint brushes as I drive into town. In my yard the irises are up. I have not seen any buds on them yet but if we don't get another freeze the buds should be showing soon. There are yellow flags, butterscotch, and purple irises that have emerged from the thatch covering that bed. The Crocosmias have popped out with their iris looking strappy leaves. Ground orchids have emerged from pots and they are blooming

their lavender flowers. The Vitex tree is sprouting out with lots of green. It is such a beautiful time of the year and gardeners get excited and anxious to see new life emerge. Look further in this newsletter to see all the plants garden club members have shared this month.



Landscape Design School was held February 27 & 28

Nancy Galloway and Sharon Wegenhof attended the Landscape Design School of Texas State Garden Club of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Series XXVII, Course 1 in College Station, Texas.

The A&M Garden Club hosted the School at the George Bush Presidential Library. Landscape Design School was first held in North Carolina in the 1950's founded by a group of Garden Club members.



The School is taught mainly by Landscape Architects. Topics covered include "Color in the Landscape," "History of Landscape Design," "Design and Maintenance for the Environment," "Principles of Landscape Design" and the special interest Topic Lecture was "Plant Selection in Landscape Design."

The first day is always full of interesting topics and beautiful

pictures. Topics the second day included "Public Landscapes," "Space, Design & People," and

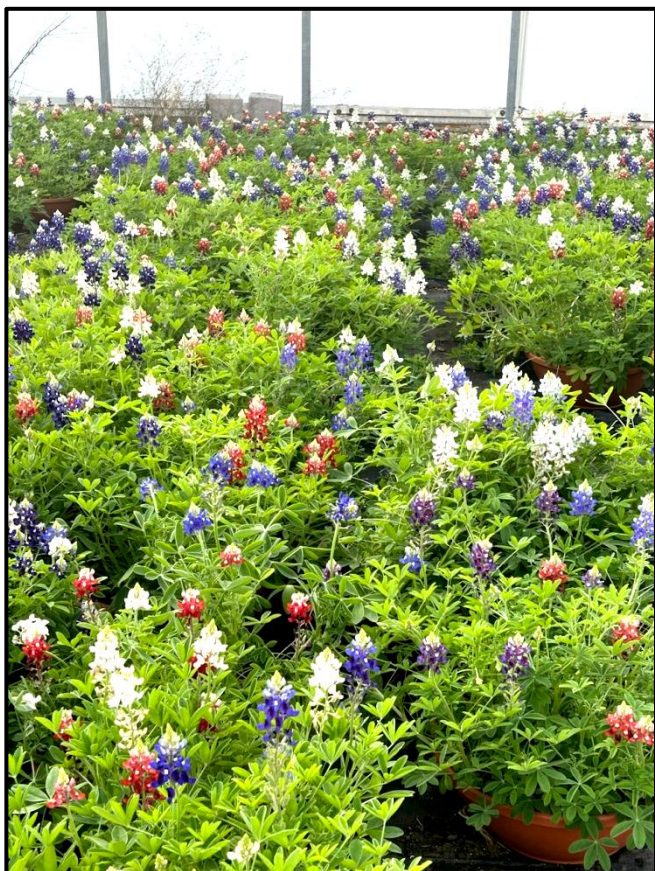
lastly "Basics of a Site Plan." The lectures were followed by a 50 question test. **Both of us passed!**

Whew! Upon passing Nancy received a certificate of participation of Course I. Sharon has previously completed all four courses and she received a certificate of participation of Course 1 as a refresher course. Upon completion of all four courses a garden club member is considered a Landscape Design Consultant. Once designated a Consultant a member must refresh at least once every 7 years in order to keep that certification. Lots of interesting information is discussed and lots of people from garden clubs all over Texas attend.

We made many new as well as renewed treasured past acquaintances. Attending in the Bush Library is lots of fun and after class we visited the President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush



Gravesite which is located on the grounds behind the Library. All is located on the campus of Texas A&M University.



Nancy and Sharon then toured the Leach Teaching Garden which is also located on the campus of Texas A&M University. Blue bonnets are blooming in blue, white and maroon. Tulip, hyacinth and daffodill bulbs were beautiful and many other plants were budding out. The Garden is growing since Columbus Garden Club visited it last on a Pilgrimage a few years ago. It is truly a teaching garden with lots of ideas both with plants and hardscape. It is well worth a visit and is free. The only expense is parking. If you are ever in College Station it is worth checking out!

The next Landscape Design School is scheduled for September 25-26, 2023.

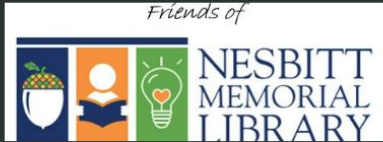
Supporting Community Events




Congratulations to Nancy and LE Galloway winning Best Dressed Couple at The Great Gatsby event at the Stafford Opera House. There were many members of our garden club present at the event which was another way of celebrating Columbus' 200 birthday celebration. The Chamber of Commerce expressed appreciation to Columbus Garden Club for the decorations on the tables and all they do in the community. It was truly a beautiful and fancy night.



The Nesbitt Memorial Library hosted Landscape Design Part 2 led by Steve Wiste, a Landscape Architect, on Thursday, March 2. Several of our members attended including Patsy Hodge, Marian Schonenberg, Janet Johnson, Nancy Galloway, Sharon Wegenhoft and Jodi Sebesta.



Friends of
**NESBITT
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY**



**LANDSCAPE
DESIGN PART 2**

Steve Wiste
Landscape Architect

Learn how to:

- Design with easy maintenance in mind
- Create a significant focal point in your outdoor space
- How to make your own design drawings

**TREES FOR THE FUTURE
IN HONOR OF OUR PAST!**

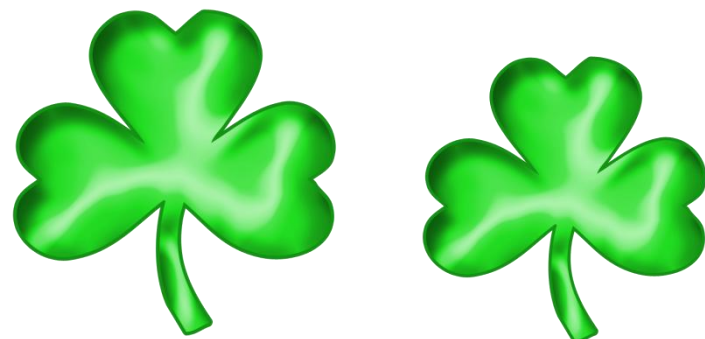
IN CELEBRATION OF COLUMBUS' 200TH BIRTHDAY, PLANT A TREE FOR A LOVED ONE

Six Live Oak Trees will be planted at Mid-Town Park and you can donate towards this Bicentennial project in memory or honor of loved ones!

*Veteran's Tree
Law Enforcement Tree
Volunteer Fire Department Tree
Emergency Medical Services Tree
and two Loved Ones Trees*

A plaque for each tree with all names listed will be posted at Mid-Town Park for a donation of \$100 each. Please complete the donation form and return along with payment to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. There is no limit to the number of memorials that will be sold.

**Tree Planting Ceremony
Saturday, April 22 * 11 am
Mid-Town Park - 700 Dewees Street, Columbus**



Patsy Hodge let garden club members know about Steve Wiste presenting the Landscape Design Part 2 at Nesbitt Memorial Library. Thank you, Patsy.

Plant Exchange at March Meeting



Don't forget to bring a plant that you would like to share to the **March 8 garden club meeting** for our Plant Exchange. Each plant will be numbered and there will be a corresponding number that goes into a "pot" from which numbers will be drawn. Forms will be available at the meeting for you to complete about plant information and care.

Share a plant with garden club friends.

GARDEN CLUB POTTING AREA AT MID-TOWN - WORKDAYS UPDATE



Thanks to Marian Schonenberg, Wanda Anglin, Sharon Wegenhoft, Alisha Brummett, Patsy Hodge, Nancy Galloway and Patti Schindler for all of your hard work.

Club members gathered at the Garden Club Potting Area on Live Oak Street to clean up the area on Friday March 3.

As a reminder, the area served Columbus Garden Club in the past as the potting and pricing area for our annual plant sales. Club members stopped using the area several years ago, leaving behind the items used for plant sale preparation such as pots, potting soil, table, green house frame and more.

The club voted in January to officially discontinue use of the area and return the area back to the City of Columbus. Our project focus is the removal of all club items and to clean up the area by early March.



District IV News

District IV Spring Convention is March 21, 9:00-3:00PM at Bayland Community Center. At 9am Angela Roth will be presenting “Gardening with Children”. Angela has worked with children and gardening with them for many years. She will have many tips on how to start and maintain a garden for children. You can add a children’s section to a flower show.

On the agenda will be district business, awards, silent auction, the naming of “Garden Clubs of the Year” and fantastic speakers.

The afternoon program will be the amazing Houston Designing Women.

Registration is due by **Monday, March 6.** After that date, there will be a \$5 late registration fee. Please mail your check with the form to: Far Corners Garden Study Club, Attn: Jonni Almoney, 1653 Bonnie Brae St., Houston, TX 77006.

Send in your registration today – District IV Spring Convention

DISTRICT IV SPRING CONVENTION

Let Spring Begin!

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - 9 am – 3 pm
Bayland Community Center 6400 Bissonnet St Houston, TX

TGC, District IV, Area 8 invites you to attend the District IV Spring Convention 2023. On the agenda will be district business, awards, silent auction, the naming of "Garden Clubs of the Year" and fantastic speakers.

Angela Roth will present Gardening with Children for our morning program.

Our afternoon program will be the amazing **Houston Designing Women.**

HOTEL INFO: We recommend the *LaQuinta, 6790 Southwest Freeway, 713-784-3838.*

Registration is due by Monday, March 6. After that date, there will be a \$5 late registration fee. Please mail your check with the form below to:

Far Corners Garden Study Club, Attn: Jonni Almoney 1653 Bonnie Brae St, Houston TX 77006

Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Club Representing: _____

\$35 Registration Fee _____

\$25 Luncheon Fee _____

\$5 Late Fee (after 3/6) _____

Total Enclosed _____

Checks payable to "Far Corners Garden Study Club"
Memo line - District IV Convention

*Please contact Jonni at 713-524-4285 or
JonniAlmoney@aol.com with any registration questions.*

Credentials

- ____ Former NGC President
- ____ SCR Chairman
- ____ State President
- ____ State Officer
- ____ State Chairman
- ____ Former TGC State Pres.
- ____ Trustee
- ____ District Director
- ____ Former District Director
- ____ Council President
- ____ NGC Life Member
- ____ TGC Life Member
- ____ District IV Life Member
- ____ Landscape Design Cons.
- ____ Environ. Studies Cons.
- ____ Gardening Studies Cons
- ____ Affiliate President
- ____ Affiliate Member
- ____ Judge:
- ____ Master
- ____ Life
- ____ Accredited
- ____ Student
- ____ Emeritus
- ____ Garden Club President
- ____ Garden Club Member
- ____ Garden Club Delegate





Texas Garden Clubs, Inc 95th Spring Convention

Join the fun! The cutoff date for registration is **March 13, no exceptions.** Sign up now. The Theme will be **“Aloha in San Antonio”**. Please plan to attend as the San Antonio ladies always present lots of education and good times.

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. 95th Spring Convention
April 10 – 13, 2023
ALOHA in San Antonio
 Estancia del Norte, 37 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216
 District VII Club Members – Hostesses

Name on Badge: (Please Print) _____
 Address: _____ District: _____
 Club: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Credentials (Please Circle ALL that apply)

NGC President	Trustee	Gardening Consultant
Fmr. NGC President	Club President	Environmental Consultant
NGC Chair	Club Delegate	Flower Show Judge
SCR Director	Club Member	Flower Show Student
Fmr. SCR Director	Affiliate President	Flower Show Accredited
SCR Chair	Affiliate Member	Flower Show Master
TGC President	Council President	Flower Show Life
Fmr. TGC President	NGC Life Member	Flower Show Emeritus
TGC Officer	SCR Life Member	Guest/Speaker
TGC Chair	TGC Life Member	
District Director	Landscape Design Consultant	

Please select and enter amount for each event you plan to attend
Registration Deadline March 13, 2023. No refunds after March 27, 2023

Registration Fee
 \$35.00 for entire convention / \$25.00 per day \$ _____

Monday, April 10th (Dinner on your own)

Tuesday, April 11th

Lunch	\$31.00 \$
Workshop - Foliage Manipulation.....	\$10.00 \$
Dinner, Flower Show Judges/Designers.....	\$39.00 \$

Wednesday, April 12th (Hawaiian Day)

Lunch – Youth Awards/Member of the Year	\$31.00 \$
Workshop - Kahakai Tile Workshop	\$ 5.00 \$
Dinner – Adult Awards	\$41.00 \$

Thursday, April 13th

Lunch	\$31.00 \$
Field Trip - Japanese Tea Gardens	\$15.00 \$
Dinner Installation of 2023-2025 TGC Officers	\$40.00 \$
Grand Total	\$ _____

BREAKFAST IS ON YOUR OWN
CIRCLE any special dietary needs: Diabetic / Gluten Free / Vegan / Vegetarian
 Send registration Form & check made payable to:
 District VII 2023 Convention, Karen Taylor, Convention Chair, 109 Axis Run, Hunt, TX 78024
 Hotel Accommodations: \$139.00 + tax (includes parking and airport shuttle)

For hotel reservations use this booking link for group rate: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?cityhocr=SATINUP&groupCode=TGC95&arrivaldate=2023-04-10&departuredate=2023-04-14&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT> or call 888 770-0968, use code TGC95

Cutoff date is Thursday, March 13, 2023 - NO EXCEPTIONS

Our February program was about Cactus and Succulents



Our club enjoyed the program by Mathew Gaston, (left) Education Director of Zilker Botanical Garden in Austin and Jeff Pavlat, (right) VP of Education in Austin Cactus & Succulent Society.



Our President Joann Obenhaus keeps our meetings on track.



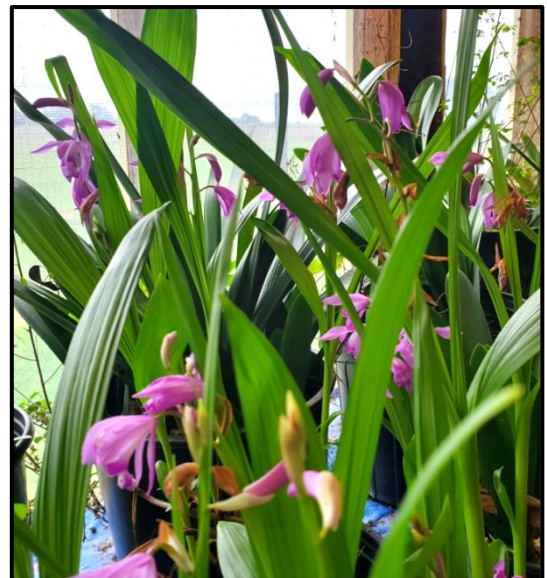
Members listen intently to our knowledgeable speakers.



Our hostesses for the February meeting were: Beth Easterling, Brenda Boehm, Sharon Wegenhoft, Jodi Sebesta (top row – left to right) Jennie Pritchett, Ann Havliska and Patsy Hodge (front)

Sharing Pictures

Velma Harrington shared her ground orchids that she has planted in pots.





Cheryl Rose loves the very tiny lavender and yellow flowers that spread over the ground in her pasture in the Spring. She placed a coin in the pictures so you can tell how small the flowers are. She loves the wonderful smell from these tiny plants.



Above is Nancy Galloway's miniature pink azalea and a bright orange kalanchoe.



On the right is a mixture of plants Nancy has been growing.



The wonderful part about loving plants is that you meet so many wonderful people who love plants too.

The orchid on the left was given to Velma by Lana and Allen Miller. They had won it at a grand opening at a local business. Lana said she was afraid she couldn't keep it alive and so she wanted me to have it to take care of.

The unique pot below was given to Velma by a friend who decided not to grow African Violets any more.



Above (left) is the pot designed to grow african violets. The bottom half part, in which the violet is planted, is unglazed. In the other part, which is painted and glazed, you put water in it and then set the unglazed pot inside it. This way the pot soaks up water from the bottom. The plant is kept moist without getting

water on the leaves. African violets don't like water on their leaves. This was shared by Velma Harrington.



Sandy Barrett loves gardening and all kinds of plants. She shared this beautiful picture of red petunias and blue flowers mixed in a blue pot. We need to ask her "what are the blue flowers?"



Gardeners become collectors. If you get one orchid then you want every color of orchid you can find. You might even



want to collect different kinds of orchids. Sandy Barrett shared a picture (above) of some of her orchids. She is a collector.

Patti Schindler shared a picture of her wisteria blooming. Patti is a very busy person but always finds time to love her gardening.



Patti also shared a picture of a Valencia orange full of blooms after a tough winter.
(on the left)



Gardeners love the birds, bees and critters that share our gardens with us.

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 I will be glad to include in our monthly newsletter.

Please Note: Our Treasurer, Patti Schindler, reminds us that dues for Columbus Garden Club 2023-24 are due now. March 31 is the last day and are \$40.

Community Beautification

The Courthouse Planters



The Blue Star Memorial Garden

Thanks to garden club members who plant and maintain these planters and garden.

These are just some of the garden areas that the club plants and maintains around the community.



The Court Oak Bed is maintained with seasonal and perennial plantings by Columbus Garden Club. The Trash Off sign was placed in the bed to promote the event that is sponsored by Columbus Garden Club. Cleaning up the Garden Club Potting Area at Mid-town Park kicked off the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARK YOUR 2023 CALENDAR – For Federation, District IV, TGC and NGC Events

FEBRUARY: 10 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING

MARCH:

10 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M. - SAPC
21 TGC DISTRICT IV SPRING CONVENTION, BAYLAND.

APRIL:

1 **CLUB DUES TO FEDERATION, DISTRICT IV, AND TGC**
10-14 TGC CONVENTION – SAN ANTONIO
14 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M. – SAPC
19-21 SCR SPRING CONVENTION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.
24-25 SCR SPRING CONVENTION, LITTLE ROCK, AR

MAY:

1 **DEADLINE FOR TGC AND FEDERATION DUES**
2-5 NGC SPRING CONVENTION – WHITE SULFER SPRING ,WV.
8 HFGC BOARD MEETING, 12;30 PM BAYLAND
12 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING. 10 A.M. SAPC
15 IRS DUE DATE FOR FILING E-POSTCARD FOR CLUBS WHOSE FISCAL YEAR ENDS ON
DECEMBER 31

JUNE:

4-10 NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK



Congratulations
Sarah McReynolds
Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Past President
To Be Installed
South Central Region Director

Keep Garden Club Members and Families in Your Thoughts:

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:

Joann Obenhaus, 979-942-0528 – She will notify the appropriate members to communicate with the club.

Cheryl Rose, 713-444-6500 – She is officer in charge of notifying the club

Susan Peletz, 979-732-6621 – She will send birthday cards, get well cards, sympathy cards

Dell Szymkowski is in the hospital with pneumonia. Love and prayers to Dell.

Keep the Family of Margaret Miller in your thoughts and prayers.

Margaret (89) passed away on February 12, 2023 in Columbus surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her husband of sixty-nine years, Gus H. Miller, Jr., daughters Lisa McNutt and husband Al, Anna M Wessels and Mike Norris, Caroline M Spradling and husband Chuck, son Thomas G Miller, and many grandchildren and family members.

Margaret was a member of The First United Methodist Church in Columbus. She was also a member and past president of the Columbus Garden Club and a founding member of the Magnolia Homes Tour and the Colorado County Fair.

Memorials may be given to The First United Methodist Church, 1229 Milam St., Columbus, TX 78934 or Columbus Garden Club, P.O. Box 1222, Columbus, TX 78934 or the charity of your choice.

Remember our Birthdays:



March

- 05 Ericka Braun
- 09 Nancy Galloway
- 15 Jo Ann Bunge
- 22 Wanda Anglin

MARCH YARD OF THE MONTH



Home of Alex Price and Mike Kahn

1815Bowie Street

The home has double azaleas and succulents.

MARCH COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION



Whataburger

2204 State Hwy 71

They have beautiful Margo cluster roses that outline the side.



Bring Butterflies and Birds to Your Garden!

Spring is the perfect time to make your yard or garden space more attractive to birds, butterflies and other local wildlife.

Thank you everyone for loving our community and our garden club and thanks for all that you do.