

# The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



October, 2022



## Fall is in the Air And on the Square...

Columbus Garden Club ladies got together last Thursday, October 6 and combined their talents to create sparkling displays of beautiful Fall wreaths, foliage, flowers, hay bales, pumpkins, scarecrows, and even some twinkling lights.

It all began weeks ago when Velma Harrington and Nancy Galloway, chairmen of the committee, planned a trip to purchase some new materials for this year's decorating. Wanda Anglin, one of our new members and a member of this committee contacted Velma about when the decorations

would be put up. Unfortunately for us, but exciting for her, she had a trip to Italy planned for that week. But she wanted to know how she could help. When she heard we needed hay bales she volunteered to get them. She talked with Walter Reynolds of Ellinger and he donated the hay. Patti Schindler volunteered to store the bales in the back of her pickup and

put it under her car shed until decorating day. We would worry later about getting the hay bales unloaded and placed at the square.

Brenda Boehm and Velma assessed what decorations we had in our supply closet. Velma made a list of what we needed. Brenda volunteered to procure the pumpkins and pick them up for us. She asked HEB in Columbus if they would once again donate the pumpkins for the project. We were very thankful that they agreed to donate 10 pumpkins. On the day of decorating Brenda picked up the pumpkins from the store and then met Velma at the supply closet to load up the storage bins of decorations into Velma's car.



Nancy Galloway was ill the day we decorated but she asked her son Loris to meet us at the square. We were so thankful to have the help of this strong young man to unload our cars, unload the hay bales and place them in front of the gazebo and at the sitting area by the historical horse trough. He also helped place the pumpkins around. Sharon Kay Roensch, Suzy Purcell, Patti Schindler and Sharon Wegenhoft worked together to get the garland of fall leaves hung around the gazebo. That really takes team work. They hung the lights up and the wreaths. The scarecrows covered up the corners and the haybales were decorated. Picks of colorful leaves and Fall flowers were placed in the planters. The group declared the display

“finished,” cleaned up around the area and hauled the supplies down to the next area to decorate.....one down, two to go.

In the next area Suzy and Sharon Kay decorated the hay bales with garlands of leaves, fall flowers, fall vegetables, scarecrows and a string of lights. Pumpkins were placed in front of the hay bales. Velma brought a fall basket and Sharon W designed a floral and fall vegetable arrangement in it. The basket arrangement was placed and secured on top of the hay bales. Velma and Sharon Kay placed fall foliage and flowers in the planters in the area. Again we stood back and looked at the display and declared it “finished.” We cleaned the area up and proceeded down to the last area to decorate.

A Fall arrangement we have used in the past when we decorated the lamp posts around the square was attached to the middle bench and then Suzy placed and attached garland on the



back of the bench. Sharon Kay and Sharon W made bows for some decorations to place at the ends of both side benches and Sharon Wegenhoft figured out how we could attach the bows to the benches. Velma helped put fall flowers and foliage in the planters. The pumpkins were placed by the two front planters. Again we stood back and looked at the display and we declared it “finished.” We cleaned the area up, sat back and rested a bit....and were thankful for wonderful friends and teamwork.

The next morning we were pleased to receive a “shout out” from Columbus Chamber of Commerce on facebook thanking Columbus Garden Club for always decorating the courthouse square so beautifully. On the next Saturday Sandy Barrett was at the Blue Star Memorial decorating it with flowers and a bow and she was approached by a couple from the Netherlands who expressed to her how beautiful the decorations were.

## Hey, but let's back up a little...

The planters at the courthouse were replanted on Monday September 26. Janet Johnson and



her committee worked to refurbish the planters for Fall/Winter. She, Debbie Braden, Sharon Wegenhoft, and Patti Schindler removed some of the old plants but wanted to keep the potato vines because they were a lovely Fall color and because it is “good gardening” to use what can be used in the next season.



## Lots of Fall Colors

Debbie pruned back the potato vine. The committee members filled in with crotons for color, snapdragons, pentas, and dianthus.

**And there were other things happening around the square and we have to back up a little bit again...**



*Joann Obenhaus celebrates with Marian Schonenberg, Janet Johnson, Debbie Braden and Sandy Barrett. The benches are welcomed to the Visitors Center.*

On Friday September 23 the City contacted Marian Schonenberg, Chairman of the Grant Committee, that they would be delivering and placing the three concrete benches to the Visitors Center. As you may remember metal benches were installed in 2017 when the Center was completed, however, they did not “weather” well in our Texas climate.

Marian contacted the Grant Committee members for 2022-23 Debbie Braden, Janet Johnson, and Ann Pavliska so that the committee could be present when the benches were installed. Michael Poncik, Head of the Parks, Streets, and Sanitation Department and his employees provided the manpower and large

equipment to move the 920-pound benches to the Visitor Center. The three benches were purchased through Grant funds. The funds were awarded by Columbus Community Industrial Development Corporation. The economic development corporation can designate funds for civic projects that improve parks and open spaces and promote tourism.

**Nesbitt Memorial Library is Getting Ready for Live Oaks and Dead Folks Cemetery Tour – November 5<sup>th</sup>** and has asked for help from the community in getting the old City Cemetery cleaned up and ready. A workday was planned for Saturday, October 8.



Susan Chandler says that there are approximately 15 fenced areas that have years of leaves and tree debris as well as grass and weeds surrounding them. Many of our earliest citizens are buried in this historic cemetery and no longer have relatives to maintain their burial sites. Individuals and members of volunteer organizations are invited to adopt an area (or two) and with many helpers it will be lighter work plus a huge gift to our community. This site was selected this year for the tour to complement the **Columbus 200 Celebration**.

The Columbus Garden Club (CGC) has prepared clean-up kits for volunteers

containing trash bags, gloves, vests, and a bottle of water. Volunteers will bag tree debris and weeds in assigned areas. They are asked to bring a weed-eater, pruners, and rakes, as well. The City will pick up the bagged debris. Please contact Susan Chandler 979-723-3392 at the library or 979-484-1693 cell to volunteer, pick up a kit, or with any questions.

*Pictured are (top left) Eric Braden and (right) Curtiss Schonenburg cleaning up at the Old City Cemetery last Saturday.*



**Live Oaks and Dead Folks, Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov 5 - Tours begin at 7 pm**

CGC is promoting Fall Sweep this October, part of a statewide event of Keep Texas Beautiful. Our role as a club will be promotion of the Fall Sweep and Adopt-A-Plot, to recruit volunteers and encourage clean-up efforts. The Clean-up kits have been prepared by CGC.

Fall Sweep does not include large item disposal. The focus of Fall Sweep is small clean-up and beautification work around Columbus.

## Deadline for Submitting your favorite recipes for Columbus 200 Collection Cookbook is November 1

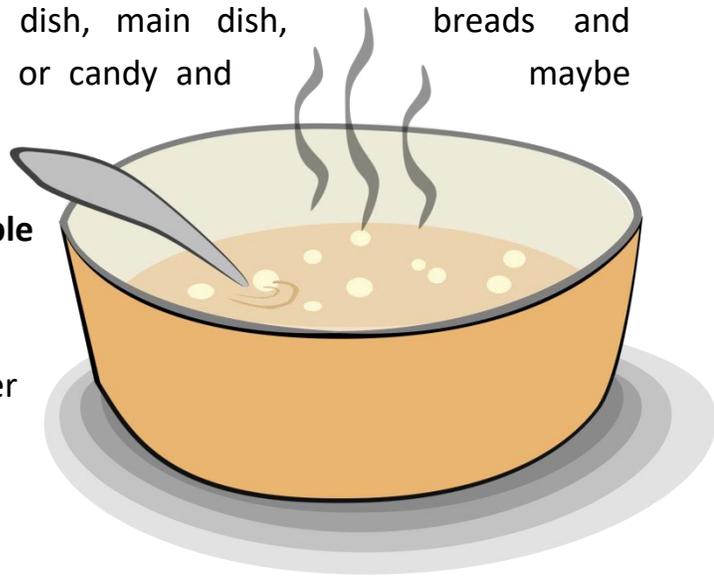
Columbus is celebrating 200 years from July 2022 through May 2023. There are many opportunities to participate throughout the year in the planned events and ways that our garden club can help celebrate too.



Submit your favorite recipes to be included in the **Columbus 200 Collection Cookbook!** It could be your favorite appetizer or beverage, soup, salad, veggie or side dish, main dish, breads and rolls, desserts, cookies or candy and maybe even a this or that!

**Gardeners: Consider submitting a recipe using edible flowers or garden herbs.**

Recipes can be dropped off at the Columbus Chamber office or emailed to [columbustx200@gmail.com](mailto:columbustx200@gmail.com)



## Columbus Garden Club Flower Show

**Wednesday, November 9, at Nesbitt Memorial Library – A Small Standard Show called “Give Thanks”. It is Thanksgiving themed.**

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**Club Meeting at First United Methodist Church – Wednesday, November 9, at 9:30.**

## **Share Your Garden (Just a Reminder)**

This fun garden club activity is back! Some of you may ask “What is Share Your Garden?” Well, it has also been known as **Gardening Tidbits & Information**. Since we are a garden club and

there are so many knowledgeable gardeners in our club there is a wealth of knowledge and experience to be shared. And, why not!

If you have seeds, bulbs, tubers, cuttings, cut flowers, or potted plants that you would like to share with other members, just bring them to the meetings. There will be a table set up for them. For seeds, bulbs, or tubers please place them in plastic baggies and include an information sheet with helpful information. A form for this will be on the table for you to fill out with information that includes **What** they are, **When** to plant, **How** to plant, etc. If you have cuttings or cut flowers you may want to put them in a can, bottle or vase with water and again include the information sheet with the helpful information. For potted plants also include the information. Some blank information sheets will be on the table for you to fill out. You can also find them on the Columbus Garden Club website. ([www.columbusgardenclub.org](http://www.columbusgardenclub.org))

## Door Prizes

Be sure to sign in when you arrive at each monthly meeting and your name will be entered into the drawing. If you have something garden related that you would like to donate for a door prize just bring it to a meeting.

## Plant Chat

This is new for this year. At each meeting there will be a very short (five minutes or so) talk or chat after the speaker has concluded. The chat will be highlighting a specific plant or species. Regena Williamson, Janet Johnson and Stacy Renner will be bringing these little chats to us.

## It was Good to be Back Together. Longtime Members



## Celebrated New Members..... With Corsages and Door Prizes

We celebrated together. We welcomed our new and newest members at our September 14 meeting with flowery corsages made by some of our members.

We enjoyed being back together.



**Sharing a laugh or two together at September Meeting:**

On left – Sandy Barrett, Susan Havelka, Chaney Gregory and Sandy Coffman

(on right)  
**New Members** Jennie Pritchett and Wanda Anglin



**Cheryl Rose had the year books ready for members.**

“Yay for Cheryl - What a Big Job She Has and What a Good Job She Does.”

If you didn't get your yearbook, please be sure and get it at this next meeting.





**Sharon Heimann brought this year's Scholarship Quilt to the Meeting. It is a queen sized quilt named Log Cabin. She had tickets for the drawing, too.**

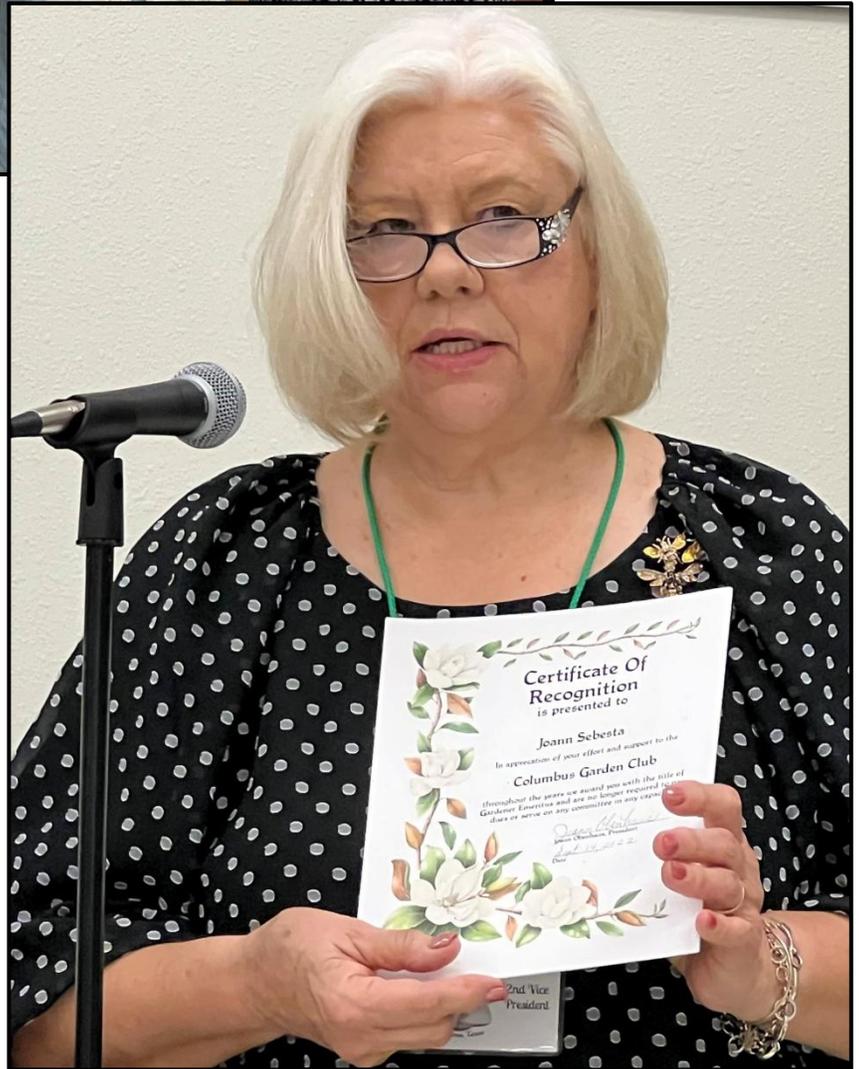


**Martha Jordan was honored with a Seasoned Gardener certificate.**

Joann Obenhaus, Nancy Galloway, and Brenda Boehm were honored with Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Memberships. Sharon Wegenhoft received a National Garden Club Life Membership.



Sharon Wegenhoft announced members who became Gardeners Emeritus.





**Brookwood Community** — CGC members Brenda Boehm, Jennie Pritchett and Nancy Galloway went to Brookwood Community on September 21. Nancy and Jennie worked in the greenhouses. Brenda helped with repotting plants. Afterward, they enjoyed lunch at the café at Brookwood.



**CGC Member Wanda Anglin** has written an article “State of the Species: Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*)” that was published in the Coastal Prairie Conservancy newsletter “The Observer” – October 2022. Congratulations Wanda!

**National Garden Clubs Inc** reminds us “Don’t forget late blooming plants for our pollinating friends who are late migrators or just need a few more meals before they hibernate. Asters are always a good choice and a selection of different varieties will be in bloom for several weeks. Try to provide flowers with different forms to entice a variety of

bees, bugs and butterflies. Leave some plants with hollow stems standing to provide winter sanctuaries.”

**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.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **MARK YOUR 2022—2023 CALENDAR – For Federation, TGC and NGC Events**

2022

**SEPTEMBER: 9** FEDERATION GEN. MTG. - ST. ANDREW’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5308 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY, HOUSTON, TX 77005. 10 A.M.  
19-22 NGC FALL BOARD MEETING – ST LOUIS, MO  
26-29 FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL IV, BAYLAND, HOUSTON, TX  
26-28 LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL I, COLLEGE STATION  
**OCTOBER: 1** ALL DISTRICT AND TGC SCHOLARSHIPS DUE  
11-12. TGC FALL CONVENTION/BOARD MEETING – FT WORTH  
14 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING AND SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW - “THE GREAT PUMPKIN”  
20 DISTRICT IV FALL BOARD MEETING  
**NOVEMBER: 1** ALL DISTRICT AWARDS DUE  
11 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING—ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5308 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY, HOUSTON, TX. 7005 10 A.M.  
12 FEDERATION PLANT SALE 9 a.m.—1 p.m.  
14. ARBOR DAY – DEBAKEY VA CENTER, HOUSTON  
**DECEMBER: 9.** FEDERATION GALA

### **JANUARY: 2023**

1 SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS DUE  
13 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M.  
15 ALL PRESIDENTS REPORTS DUE: SEND TO AREA COORDINATORS  
21-23 ENVIROMENTAL SCHOOL ,OLD FORT PARKER, MEXIA, TX  
JAN 30-FEB. 2 FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL I, BAYLAND, HOUSTON, TX.  
**FEBUARY: 1** PRESIDENTS REPORTS DUE TO BE JUDGED  
10 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING  
**MARCH: 10** FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M.  
21 TGC DISTRICT IV SPRING CONVENTION, HOUSTON.  
**APRIL: 10-14** TGC CONVENTION – SAN ANTIONO  
14 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M.  
19-21 SCR SPRING CONVENTION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.

24-25 SCR SPRING CONVENTION, LITTLE ROCK, AR  
 MAY: 2-5 NGC SPRING CONVENTION – WHITE SULFUR SPRING ,WV.  
 12 FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING. 10 A.M.

2024  
 APRIL 24-25 SCR SPRING CONVENTION, LITTLE ROCK, AR.

## Colorado County Lunch - N - Learn Series

**Bring your lunch and learn.**  
 Light refreshments; coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

**Registration:**  
 11:50am - 12:05pm  
**Program:**  
 12:05pm - 12:55pm  
**No Pre-Registration Required**

**County Services Building**  
 305 Radio Lane  
 Columbus, Texas 78934

**July 20, 2022**  
 Firewise Landscaping

**August 17, 2022**  
 Fall Vegetable Gardening

**September 21, 2022**  
 Berries Blue & Black

**October 19, 2022**  
 Tree Care

**November 16, 2022**  
 Soil Biology & Compost Tea

**Questions?**  
 Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service of Colorado County  
 P: (979) 732-2082

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## 2022 AUSTIN COUNTY LUNCH N LEARN SERIES

BLUEBONNET MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

FREE to the Public

Austin County AgriLife Office  
 800 E Wendt St.  
 Bellville, TX 77418

Bring your own lunch  
 Light Refreshments provided

Registration: 11:50am - 12pm  
 Program: 12pm -1pm

**September 20, 2022**

Salvias for every Garden

Phoebe Lake, New Leaf Nursery

**October 18, 2022**

**Texas Superstar**

TBA

**November 15, 2022**

Citrus

Mary Karish  
 Waller County Master Gardener

QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:  
 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE OF AUSTIN COUNTY AT 979-865-2072




Registration is not required but is encouraged. To register call the office or visit our website at <http://austin.agrilife.org>



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## Keep These Garden Club Members and Families in Your Thoughts:

**Lana Huff Miller** of Weimar, Texas and a longtime garden club member passed away on September 20, 2022 in Columbus Texas. A memorial gathering was held Saturday, October 1 at the home of Ron and Mary Ann Peach. Please keep Lana’s husband Allen and all of her family in your prayers.

**Chaney Gregory** was taken to ER at Columbus Community Hospital this past Sunday night and admitted to the hospital on Monday. She has pneumonia and is on heavy duty antibiotics. Please pray for her to regain strength and stability.

**Linda Gay** passed away on Monday, September 19, 2022 from pancreatic cancer. She was well known in garden clubs. She pursued her passion for all things green, honing her gift that touched many throughout her lifetime. She worked for several commercial landscape companies before landing at Mercer Arboretum, eventually becoming it's Director, until she retired in 2017. Known as "Royalty" in the plant world, according to GardenLine's Randy Lemmon, "Linda was an expert on everything from bamboo to ferns and a plethora of bulbs in-between."

## **October Yard of the Month**

Home of: Leigh Hasedt

1413 Milam St.



The yard is beautiful with the fall theme with pumpkins and chrysanthemums. The other plants are Boston ferns, large Pretoria elephant ears and caladiums.

## **October Community Beautification**

Columbus Eye Associates

100 Sweetbriar Dr.



The flower bed has large bi-color iris and large red knock out roses.

## Remember our Birthdays:



### October

- 01 Sharon Roensch**
- 02 Heimann, Sharon**
- 03 Sandy Coffman**
- 22 Janet Johnson**
- 26 Deborah Braden**
- 26 Beth Easterling**
- 27 Claire Lewis**

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](tel:979-942-0528) – She will notify the appropriate members to communicate with the club.

Cheryl Rose [713-444-6500](tel:713-444-6500) – She is officer in charge of notifying the club

Susan Peletz [979-732-6621](tel:979-732-6621) – She will send birthday cards, get well cards, sympathy cards