

President's Update

I bid 2020 good riddance and I wish all of you in the Garden Club a much happier and heathier 2021!



RULE #1: My first rule of 2021 was to not talk about 2020...but of course, I failed miserably. So here I go...2020 has been a crazy ride worldwide and Fort Bend County has certainly seen its share of challenges. For us, these typically occur in the form of hurricanes, flooding and other severe weather events; but this coronavirus pandemic has been unlike anything we have ever seen. It has affected virtually every aspect of our lives and changed, maybe permanently, the way we live, work, travel, shop and interact (How many masks did you own a year ago?). Regardless, 2021 is also expected to be accompanied by much uncertainty, not only around questions of how quickly our economy and community can recover from the effects of COVID, but also questions about how Sugar Land's industrial and retail businesses will fare.

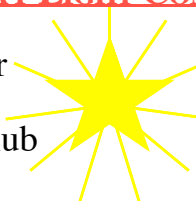
Let me assure you that your SCGE Elected Board continues the search for relevant and safe activities for 2021. While we can't count on our executive board meetings to resume, or our always popular Friendship Tea to be held in February, we will hold the Tea on June 19, and you can count on us to continue looking for new and exciting ways to bring our garden club together.



RULE #2: Continue beautifying Sugar Creek. I can't tell you how thrilled I was with the guard house lights, the new bows on the wreaths, and the deer all in working light order. I also enjoyed driving through the neighborhood, and looking at all the holiday lights. The winning homes were amazing! I especially liked watching Santa in the window of the house that won Best Novelty. And what about the Jazz Singer at the holiday joint luncheon? It sure was a Cool Yule! *Louis Armstrong Pun Intended!*

THE HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST WINNERS:

Traditional: 603 Montclair
Artistic: 26 Charleston N.
Novelty: 3234 Country Club



Lighting: 1 Bendwood
Front Door: 726 Montclair
Religious: 2707 Bristol Ct.

RULE #3: Health and Safety First! We are not out of the woods yet. We have friends and family to take care of as always. We have vaccinations to get, and mask-wearing continues for a while longer -- maybe off and on for a very long time. Whatever you think, don't let your guard down, and stay safe and healthy.

Cancellation #1: Indeed 2020 is behind us, but we have to be strong a little longer before we can return to getting together. Oh, how I wish I would be able to see you at the General Meeting on January 21. Unfortunately, with Rule #3, I'm not feeling like I could host a face-to-face meeting in January while we are in Code RED.

Virtual Business Item #1: We do have an order of business to vote on this month...the new board for 2021-2022. The nominating committee has met and we have an *outstanding line-up*:

President: Ann Wendell
 President-Elect: Kathy Luckenbach
 First VP (Programs): Cindy Garbs
 Second VP (Membership): Miriam Watson
 Recording Secretary: Rosemary Jodeit
 Corresponding Secretary: Susan Taylor
 Treasurer: Joanne Preng
 Parliamentarian: Linda Edmiaston

All Officers shall be elected annually in January. They shall be eligible to serve no more than two consecutive years in the same office. I will be sending out an individual official email to take virtual votes. Miriam Watson is our nominating chairman, if you have any questions.

Blooming where I am planted,

Linda Edmiaston

Linda Edmiaston
 SCGC President, 2020-2021

The Sugar Creek Garden Club Board Meetings have been cancelled through May. The monthly General Meetings will be scheduled on a month-to-month basis. We have rescheduled the Friendship Day Luncheon and Auction for June 19, 2021.

Yard of the Month January 2021

Sharon & Harvey Zinn
 2307 Country Club

Happy Birthday to...

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| Daisy O'Reilly | 7 |
| Joyce Dearman | 8 |
| Karen Smith | 9 |
| Diane Campbell | 11 |
| Rita Mesec | 12 |
| Carey Cooney | 12 |
| Judy Lusky | 13 |
| Lisa Caruthers | 14 |
| Marina Beltran | 14 |
| Amelia Melton | 16 |
| Margaret Bock | 17 |
| Susan Taylor | 19 |
| Mauricette Merle Bijitch | 19 |
| Diane Reeves | 22 |

REMEMBRANCE

Many of our members have lost loved ones recently. Remembrance Chair Judy Sims has sent sympathy cards to Meg Lauck, Sandra Dickey, Sid Hamizi, Shelby Daniels, and Katleen Begnaud.

As per the recent email from the President: please do not respond if you vote "yes" for the slate of officers.