

President's Update

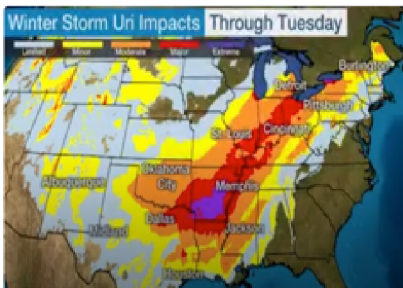


In spite of the weather, it is almost Spring! As you know, I wished more than ever for year 2020 to end. Well, it is over, and we weathered the tumultuous year! January was the month that I made resolutions for the better. Remember my resolutions:

1. Don't talk about 2020
2. Safe & Relevant SCGC activities for 2021
3. Continue Beautifying Sugar Creek

They are still in force and my decisions as well as those of the executive team are based on them.

So now, I'm moving onto belated "Happy New Year" wishes. I wish for all of you, health, prosperity, and getting back to normalcy.



February rolled in with an unprecedented winter storm. In fact, I am writing this article on Monday, February 15th, and the temperature is 15 degrees! *Can't a girl catch a break? Really??* Didn't I just wish for all of you, health, prosperity, and getting back to normalcy?!



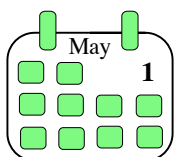
I'm planning on a March General Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 18th, at 9:30. I hope to catch up on all the goings-on in the garden club, over a cup of coffee/hot tea, and a munch on a couple of goodies. Now that is more like normalcy!

COVID still exists, and I'm committed to following all CDC guidelines. Many will have their vaccines completed by the time we meet. It will be interesting to see what everyone's plans are for "springing" into new things: new paint for the house, a new garden in a sunny spot, or just some new annuals in the front yard.



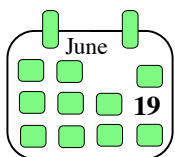
Maybe you will have to do more extensive work in the beds due to the winter storm.

Go to our website at [WWW.SUGARCREEKGARDENCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.SUGARCREEKGARDENCLUB.ORG) to refresh your memory about our Beautification projects as well as the Mothers' Garden and the Russell Garden.

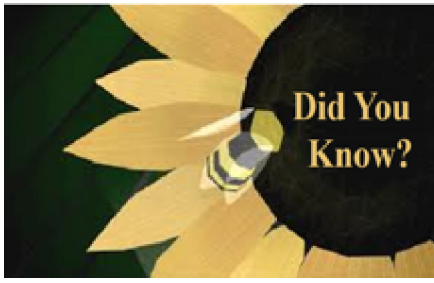


The first Saturday in May, we will host a BACK-YARD Garden Tour. Right now, we have 6 outstanding homes in our subdivision with spectacular back yard views and luscious plantings featured for this tour. Tickets will be \$20.00.

- The FRIENDSHIP TEA will be SATURDAY, JUNE 19th.



In May, the membership will be busy building beautiful baskets for the silent auction. Newcomers to the Garden Club are invited and urged to participate in this special event. It is an excellent way to meet other members. This fundraiser is also a family event, with mothers and grandmothers gathering with their little ones for the festivities. Lunch is delicious and the auction bidding is fun!



For almost 50 years now, the Garden Club has been a powerful force for the beautification of our subdivision. Since our founding, the Club has donated, planted, and maintained many trees and flower beds in the esplanades and highly visible areas of Sugar Creek. The Mothers' Garden and the Russell Garden, as well as park benches, are examples of the contributions that our club has enjoyed making. Additionally, the Garden Club awards two scholarships a year to horticultural graduate students, and contributes to the holiday spirit by providing decorations at all entrances.

The Penny Pines Project was started in 1941 by a San Francisco Sports-Women's Association. They sent pines to be planted in Trinity Forest in Northern California. The planting costs were covered by the Forest Service Appropriations. At that time, seedlings could be purchased for 1 cent each. Approximately 680 trees could be planted in one acre. For \$68, ten acres could be purchased and planted. Eventually the funds donated to plant trees exceeded the funds in the Forestry budget.

In 1964, the original agreement was rewritten to provide funds for the reforestation rather than just seedlings. Over the years, more than a million dollars have been given to the Penny Pines Project, buying 27 million seedlings and replanting 88.00 acres, and benefiting 42 states and 80 National Forests.

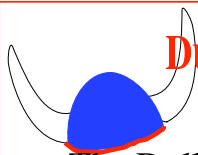


Various clubs in the National Garden Club have donated over \$75,000. Many clubs in Texas have donated last year including US! Remember when Dr. Heather White spoke at our November Meeting? Well...she donated \$68 in our club's name from her personal proceeds of speaking. We then had a motion from the floor to donate another \$204 (\$68 x 3) to complete the entire North, South, East and West regions. Annette Deitch and I will present the above award to Ginnie Russell after this weather blows out of here.

I know I have been long-winded...again! If I can't see you regularly, I still need to talk and visit with you. Try to make the meeting in March; I'll be telling you the story about Casey and her acute appendectomy. Thank goodness she has a helicopter mother! I will also give you an update from Holland and the the Dulles Spirit Card Sales. And...without a doubt, I will continue to Bloom Where I am Planted."

*Linda Edmiaston*

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SCGC Pesident, 2020-2021



## DULLES HS BAND & DANCE TEAM FUND RAISER

The Dulles Band and Dance Team are selling  
Enchanted Gardens Spirit Cards  
that can be used at

Enchanted Gardens or Enchanted Forest.  
Each card is worth \$20.

The Band and Dance Team receives 40%, or  
\$8 for each card they sell.

You do not have to pay taxes on the items  
purchased using the Spirit Cards.

You will surely have use for many of these  
cards after the Big Freeze is over!

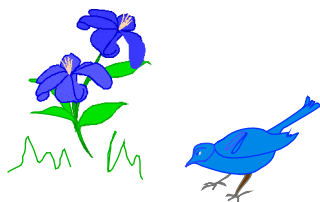
Contact Holland Poulsen at:  
hollandpoulsen@gmail.com  
832-723-3134

The fundraiser will end on March 8.

### Yard of the Month February 2021



Maureen and Jim Wallace  
2210 Country Club Blvd



### REMEMBRANCE

Our hearts go out to Meg Lauck, who  
lost her husband Dan recently.

Get-well wishes have been sent to  
Cindy Garbs and Mary Denena.

### CALENDAR

#### SUGAR CREEK GARDEN CLUB

There will be no Board Meetings  
for the remainder of the club year.

There will be no February General Meeting



### MARCH

We hope to hold  
The General Meeting  
Thursday, March 18, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Program:

*“Terrariums: Living Art”*  
with Danielle Reed  
Owner, Botanical Sanctuary

#### HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

The Federation has been holding its monthly  
meetings both in person and on Zoom. They  
meet at First Christian Church,  
1601 Sunset Blvd, Houston.  
The March meeting will be on March 12, at  
10:30 a.m.

The Program is

**“Exciting Underutilized Plants  
Adaptable to the Houston Region”**

with Adam Black,  
Director, East Texas Arboretum and  
Botanical Garden, Athens, Tx.

Happy Birthday!



Emily Hansen	1
Maureen Wallace	1
Carol Wilcox	3
Jessica Simon	10
Jackie Howard	14
Mary Denena	15
Rootie Foster	29