

March 2022

Dear Ladies,

Winter will not be officially behind us until March 20th, the first day of Spring. However, the Sugar Creek Garden Club ladies are not waiting for the 20th—we are ready to begin our celebration of spring! Planning has begun, beds are being prepared, and planting time is upon us. We all love the beauty of this time of year.

As I mentioned previously, please mark your calendars, if you haven't already done so, for our Garden Club Ladies Day on March 24th, Thursday. We will tour Bayou Bend Mansion & Gardens followed by lunch at Ouisie's Table Restaurant. The deadline for signing up is March 1st, Tuesday. Ann Price and Jackie Howard have planned a beautiful day for us! More details are available in another section of this newsletter.

Just a reminder, our hostesses for the March 10th Board Meeting and the April 14th Board Meeting have been changed. Jenny Schultz will be hosting the March 10th meeting and Cindy Garbs will host the April 14th meeting. We are asking everyone who plans to attend to RSVP via text or phone. Jenny request that you respond no later than March 2nd, Tuesday. Having a head count really helps our gracious hostesses to know how many attendees to expect as they plan for the meeting.

I think all will be greatly entertained at our March 17th General Meeting. Our speakers are Mr. Francisco Silas and Mr. Keith Baca. Mr. Baca is the General Manager of the Accessory Place and both he and Mr. Silas, talented florists, have been creating beautiful arrangements for over 20 years. These gentlemen are truly amazing. The program will be "Creating & Living with REAL TOUCH Florals." You will love this program! Please bring a friend.

Your Garden Club is working on some exciting beautification projects. We are donating a "Mommy & Me" swing to be placed in the Searles Park. This project and the others we have planned are in partnership with the HOA. Our second project is to assist in the re-landscaping of the Sugar Creek entrance. This will include landscape lighting. We are donating towards this project to continue developing the beauty of our neighborhood. How exciting to enter our Sugar Creek via a lush updated entrance. We can't wait to see this project come to fruition! Our next project will be the renewing of our David Searles entrance. These plans are still in the development stage. We will keep you posted as specifics are decided upon.

For over 50 years the Garden Club has excelled at improving and beautifying Sugar Creek. All these projects require the talents and dedication of all our members. Allow me to give a heartfelt thank you to the SCGC members who continue to contribute, support, and inspire not only our club, but the lovely Sugar Creek neighborhood we call home.

Ann Wendell, President

"GOD ALMIGHTY FIRST PLANTED A GARDEN AND INDEED, IT IS THE PUREST OF HUMAN PLEASURES."

FRANCIS BACON, ESSAYS OF GARDENS

SCGC Board Meeting

The Board will meet Thursday, March 10th at the home of Jenny Schultz, 343 Longview Dr. Please RSVP (text or phone) to Jenny by March 2nd at (713)252-3933 if you plan to attend. Co-hostesses are Shirley Gordon, Diane Hildebrandt, Becky Joiner, and Sandra Dickey.

SCGC March General Meeting

Thursday, March 17,2022 At Sugar Creek Country Club

9:30 AM Refreshments & Social

10:00 AM Meeting

Program -- "Creating & Living with REAL TOUCH Florals." Keith Baca, Manager & Floral Designer (with over 25 years' experience) at Accessory Place, Town & Country Shopping Center, and Francisco Silas, Floral Designer with over 20 years' experience.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs-

The HFGC General Meeting will be March 11th, 10:00 AM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1015 Holman St., Houston, TX 77004.

Program: "*Things I Wish I Had Learned Sooner*" Presented by Baxter Williams, ARS Master Rosarian.

Workshop: Eco Design – Participants will learn to use earth friendly alternatives to floral foam (Oasis). Cost of workshop is \$20. Please bring a container and scissors to workshop.

Individual Membership application and \$10 dues to HFGC are payable on or before May 1st to Ann Korenek, 1723 Hidden Villas Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339. (281)358-8386. Email: <u>adkorenek@gmail.com</u>.

SCGC Bayou Bend Mansion & Garden Day Trip

Join the fun of being together on our day trip to: Bayou Bend Mansion & Garden Lunch at OUISIE's Table

When: Thursday, March 24th Time: 9:00 a.m. Where: meet at the parking lot at CVS to arrange carpools.

Trip includes lunch at OUISIE'S Table (cash bar)

Cost: \$61.30 all inclusive

Your Check is your reservation &

must be to Ann Price

by March 1, 2022.

1926 Country Club Blvd.

281-414-0194

Please let Ann know if you will arrange your own carpool. <u>Need drivers</u> and will need to know who is in each car. I will assign all other persons to a car.

(We have such fun.)

SCGC Spring Flowers Coming Monday, March 14th

Plants will arrive at Kitty Tardy's house, 2730 Country Club on Monday, March 14th. Please pay by cash or check when picking up your plants.

"We will call when we are organized and ready to help you load.

See you soon..."

The Plant Girls - *Lynn Helm, Jenny Schultz,* & *Kitty Tardy*

In Memoriam

Please keep SCGC members Annette Deitch, Linda Edmiaston, and Miriam Watson and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Annette's husband Julius Deitch

(https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com), Linda's father Calvin Kuehn (https://www.lagrangefunerals.com/obituary/ calvin-kuehn), and Miriam's mother Louise Holmes passed away.

A celebration of Life Ceremony for Julius Deitch is scheduled at Sugar Creek Country Club on Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 AM. All are invited.

SCGC Members Cleanup at City of Sugar Land Lonnie Green Park

SCGC members, Rootie Foster and Becky Sartain conducted a cleanup day at Lonnie Green Park last Wednesday, February 16th. This is a SCGC quarterly activity to maintain the attractiveness of this mature city park with large oak trees located in the older area of Sugar Land by Oyster Creek.

Sugar Land Garden Club

The Sugar Land Garden Club meeting March 15th, 10:00 AM at St. Basil's Hall, 702 Burney Rd., Sugar Land 77498. Presentation- *"Of Course You Have Native Bees in Your Garden!"* Presented by Nancy Shafer and Emma Dow, Fort Bend Master Gardeners' Entomology.

South Central Regional Director's Project 2021 – 2023

The theme "Plant America – Embrace the Future" coincides with the NGC project, "Plant America – Play Outside." The SCR Director's project "Fun with Pollinators" will involve youth in our four states leading into projects that provide education about pollinator gardens and projects to promote the objectives of the National Garden Club. Projects to consider – pollinator gardens or projects at schools, churches, and other youth organizations. For additional information contact Nancy Rana, Chairman of the Director's Project "Fun with Pollinators", Phone (501)206-7401, email <u>nancygmrana@gmal.com</u>. Or check NGC's website for details and application form. <u>www.gardenclub.org</u>.

South Central Region's 90th Annual Convention – April 19-21, 2022 "Tropical Island Getaway"

Hosted by Houston Federation of Garden Clubs, the South Central Region's Annual Convention is in Galveston at the Tremont House. Early registration deadline is March 20th. Full registration is \$230 or you can enroll for a portion of conference. This includes \$25 full Convention registration fee. Wednesday Activities- \$25 Moody Garden's Rain Forest Tour, \$48 Dinner, \$45 Workshop/Glass Art. Thursday Activities-\$28 Breakfast, \$27 Lunch/Speaker on Rainforest, Donita Bannon, \$50 Dinner/Speaker on Flower Banks, Kelly Drinnen. Make checks payable to SCR and mail to Nancy Gifford, 6107 Hidden Lakes Dr., Kingwood, TX 77345, email rgiffhorn@aol.com.

Hotel Conference rate registration deadline (mention SCR) is March 20th. Conference room rates are \$139 Queen and \$149 King and valet is \$21.

The Tremont House is located at 2300 Ship Mechanic Row in Galveston, TX. Please call (409)763-0300 to make reservations.

SCGC Members with March Birthdays

Stephanie Cantrell, Kathy Luckenbach,

Dianne Hilderbrandt, Meg Streeter Lauck,

Ann Price, Trixie Bond, Jenny Schultz,

Julie Goolsby, Kathleen Begnaud,

Marcella Sae-chee, Libby Buell, Katrina Sberna, Diane Latimer, Miriam Watson, Ellie Baskin, Patricia Felker