



Sugar Creek

GARDEN CLUB

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President's Letter—

Happy Easter Honey Bunnies!

March is here and so is our Texas Spring - you know what I am talking about. Sunny and 68 degrees one day and a very humid 86 the next. Gotta love Texas! This month brings us Easter too! Who doesn't love a chocolate bunny and an Easter lily? Speaking of the Easter lily, did you know...

The Easter lily takes its roots back to the Ryukyu Islands in southern Japan. It was first introduced to England in 1819 and America in 1880. Lily bulb production was centered in Japan and the southern U.S. in the late 1800s and on, but in 1941 during WWII, the Japanese source was cut off. This resulted in the increased value of the lily bulb. Soon, growers in the U.S. boomed and by 1945, there were about 1,200 growers along the Pacific Coast. Today there are only about 10 growers in a small region along the Oregon-California border. The region is called the Easter Lily Capital of the World, where over 95 percent of potted Easter lily bulbs are produced. If you are lucky enough to end up with one this spring, keep Easter lilies by a window with bright, indirect sunlight. Remove the foil wrapper and water until you see it runs through the pot.

The threat of freeze is over now so it is safe to start spring cleaning in the yard and garden.

Feed Azalea and Camellia plants that have finished their blooming cycle and do so again in 6 weeks. Prune back both if they

have finished that blooming cycle. Don't wait for new growth.

- Start feeding your roses once a month through September or every other month up to 4 feedings.
- Thatch this month to remove dead grass that browned during winter.
- Replenish mulch as needed.
- If we have a wet March, remember to watch out for snail and slugs. Use bait and add Diatomaceous Earth ringed around plants to keep damage at a minimum.
- Prune back established perennials when you see the first sign of new growth.

The River Oaks Garden Club's Biannual Azalea Trail 2024 will celebrate the 87th Anniversary of this wonderful event. It runs Friday, March 8, 2024 - Sunday, March 10, 2024 and tickets are \$30. All proceeds are donated to over 18 community charities including Brookwood Community Center and the Alzheimer's Association. If you have never been or haven't been in a while - I recommend it. It is a really fun way to enjoy the mild weather and breathtaking gardens.

Until next times my friends- *Live Life in Full Bloom-*

Jackie Howard

SCGC Spring Plant Sale

The SCGC Spring Plant Sale Orders will be arriving March 11th. If you placed an order, the SCGC Plant Ladies will contact you when your plants are ready for pickup and will let you know how much you owe. Please bring cash or checks only.

SCGC Board Meeting

The Board will meet 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 14th at the home of Shelley Whitworth, 1319 Sugar Creek Blvd. Please text or phone Shelley by Monday, March 11th to let her know if you plan on attending the meeting.

Shelley will be assisted by Co-hostesses Ann Price, Judy Johnson, Barbara Brescian, Cindy Jones, and Alice Galiano.

SCGC January General Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2024
At Sugar Creek Country Club
9:30 AM Refreshments and Social
10:00 AM Meeting

Program – “*What’s New in Florals*”, presented by Michael Segura, Floral Designer, Floral Supervisor, & Buyer with Craftex Wholesale Distributor.

If you have donations for the Horticulture Table, bring them to Beverly Scheliga. Raffle Chairs are Jenny Schultz & Becky Joiner. Raffle Donors are Annette Griffith, Diane Parrott, Donna Schuster, & Sandra Dickey.

Bake Sale at March General Meeting

Participate in the fun and take this opportunity to donate and purchase the products of our members cooking talent. Sugar Creek Garden Club Annual Bake Sale is scheduled for the March 21 monthly meeting. Bring your specialty to the Bake Sale Table a little before 9:30 to be priced and ready to sell as members arrive. Any quantity is appreciated. Donations, divided up in small portions, if practical, (like cookies, brownies, muffins), should be protected in plastic zip bags or plates with clear covering. Little decorations like bows/stickers call attention to shoppers. Remember, cash or check only for purchases. Any questions, contact Becky Joiner 713-824-1546 or Patsy Jones 281-650-8631.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

The HFGC General Meeting will be March 8th, 10:00 AM at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX.

Program: “*Harris County Master Gardeners and How They Benefit Us*” Presented by Stephanie Gray, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Master Gardener Program Coordinator.

Letter From District IV Convention Chair—

Hello Garden Club Presidents and Members!

Our District IV Convention is only 6 1/2 weeks away! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their registration forms. Please send them asap if you have not already done so. Also, thank you to those clubs who already have given me the names of their 90-year-old+ members for recognition. If you haven't, please do ASAP. If you want to submit an entry for the Garden Angel, please email it to Cindy Heckaman at heckamancindy@gmail.com

We respectfully request that each District IV club donate an item for the silent auction at our upcoming District IV Convention in Montgomery. Even if just one member is attending, an item should be donated. This is a fundraiser for operating funds for our District and helps offset the cost of the convention. Lots of great things were donated last year, let's do the same in 2024!

Almost anything would be a good donation! Flower arrangements, gardening items and plants, décor, art, books, jewelry, bath and beauty items all spark interest. If you would bid on it yourself, it will be great!

*You can bring your item with you to the March 8th HGCF meeting. Another option is to bring it early on the day of the convention, **Wednesday, March 27.***

Registration: It is not too late to register, but **early registration ends on March 4th**. Attached is another registration form. Please share this with your club members. (Jackie has a conflict and will be unable to attend but she would love it if someone else could attend and represent SCGC.)

Why attend? Fun, Food, Fellowship, oh my! Shopping, awards, and raffles!

Please contact me at JaimePierce925@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jaime Pierce
Bridgeland Garden Club
Convention Chair
Area 9 Convention Committee



Friendship Silent Auction & Luncheon Lots of Fun & A Huge Success!

The SCGC's February 10th Valentine Luncheon and Silent Auction was a huge success and reminiscent of years past. Back to the days with tables full of beautiful baskets celebrating Valentines Day and Easter with other baskets overflowing from home décor, alcoholic beverages for us adults, must haves on kitchen and cooking supplies, fun yard art, beautiful bowls and trays and popular baskets stuffed with tween goodies.

More tables lined the back walls filled with stunning plants inside whimsical planters while even more tables were filled with toys, puzzles, & stuffed animals for the kids.

In the center of the room were art pieces disguised as teapots! And we threw in a raffle for some additional shopping! Not to mention Kathy Luckenbach sold all ten of the Cocktails and Conversations Parties to be held at different SCGC members' homes! Whew, there was some fierce competitive shopping being done!





There were 136 attendees at this year's fundraiser, of which 120 were adults and 16 were children. After welcoming the many family members, friends and garden club members, Diane Parrott and Annette Griffin taught us the history of Valentines Day, the billions of dollars spent just on roses each year, what each rose's color stands for and how to curl the rose's leaves to enhance their beauty.

With 14 tables to decorate, Patty Von Tungeln and her crew took us back in time with centerpieces comprised of vintage valentine memories with silver pieces, pearls, roses, candy and real love letters from Jackie Howard's parents.

A big thank you goes out to the many members who worked hard to make this event a huge success. To name just a few – Becky Joiner, Jenny Schultz, Dana Knox, Diane Reeves, Patty Von Tungeln, Annette Griffin, Diane Parrott, Jackie Howard, Bonnie Steidley, Patsy Jones, Cindy Jones, Shirley Gordon, Trisha Muska, Shelley Whitworth and to all those who also contributed in so many other ways. **THANK YOU ALL VERY VERY MUCH!**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday February 8, 2025 (next year's fundraiser)** and start

saving your money now! There will be lots to buy!

Adopt a Spot Committee Busy Cleaning Lonnie Green Park

Rootie Foster and Becky Sartain were able to do their civic duty and meet SCGC's commitment to clean up Lonnie Green Park in January.

Brookwood Volunteers Garden Therapy

Rootie Foster is organizing a SCGC volunteer day at Brookwood for March 28th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rootie via text (281)507-3881.

February Yard of the Month—



Home of Robert and Patti Von Tungeln, 74 Crestwood Cir.

Sugar Land Animal Shelter Donations—

The Sugar Land Animal Shelter is in need of clean blankets, towels and clean empty medicine prescription bottles with the label torn off. You can either drop them off at Kathy Luckenbach's or bring to the March General meeting.

Let's Welcome Spring with a Poolside Pot Party!

Diane Schomburg's, 5 Regent Court in Sugar Creek.

4-6 PM, Tuesday, April 23

Bring a pot filled with a plant or herb. Then relax in Diane's flower garden wonderland with a glass of champagne and a delicious charcuterie board to nibble on. Enjoy the spring afternoon with garden friends. We'll draw numbers to each select a flower pot from the colorful display. A wonderful memory of a perfect afternoon. Garden tours will be available or just sit back and take in the views and the start of a new season. **A \$10 fee is your reservation to join the fun. Barbara Brescian and Rosemary Jodeit are collecting cash or checks payable to SCGC.** Deadline for payment is Friday, April 19. If you have additional questions contact Barbara at bbrescian@comcast.net.

Remembrances-

Please keep Amelia Melton and her family in your prayers as her husband passed away. Also, keep Carolyn Hannah and her husband in your thoughts as her husband is in assisted living. Get well wishes were sent to Gloria Morris for recovery from hand

surgery, for Cindy Garbs for outpatient surgery, and for Mignon Heiser to recover from a broken collar bone.

March Birthdays—

Stephanie Cantrell, Kathy Luckenbach, Dianne Hilderbrandt, Meg Streeter Lauck, Ann Price, Trixie Bond, Jenny Schultz, Shelley Lamb, Julie Goolsby, Marcella Saechee, Libby Buell, Katrina Sberna, Diane Latimer, Miriam Watson, Ellie Baskin, Patricia Felker