

From our President:

I opened the Federation Newsletter last week. Carolynne’s opening message was so good, I felt the need to repeat it:

“Be careful and stay safe until we see each other again. At this time we have missed our March meeting and will soon miss our April one. This disruption to our lives is worth it if we can slow down the virus’ advance so that the medical facilities have a better chance of coping. We will never know if we have over-reacted but it will certainly be obvious if we have not taken appropriate action.”

These words express just how I feel, but I do miss our time together.

All of us are trying to fill our days with activities to keep busy. I have found I do a lot more texting than ever before with friends. My husband and I have started walking each day in the neighborhood. Our meal planning is going to the extreme. I even have worked some in the flowerbeds. Gosh, my day is gone!

I hope you stay well and happy.

Miriam



From our President-Elect:

Hi, Everyone!

Hope all of you are healthy and doing well. I certainly miss you! Even though this “aleness” can be quite monotonous, I’m trying to look on the bright side. At last I’ve completed many postponed household projects that were long overdue.

Fortunately, we always have gardening! I’m working on several little gardening tasks—slowly but surely—seems to truly ease the mind and I’ll find myself smiling as I work with nature’s beautiful gifts.

Please stay cautious, safe and happy. Remember—“This, too shall pass.”

Miss all of you bunches!

Ann Wendell

The Executive Board for 2020-2021

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Judy Johnson led the Nominating Committee of Carol Wilcox, Judy Childress, Judy Simms, Mary Denena and Linda Edmiaston. Thanks, everyone!

The Beat Goes On

Bonnie Steidley and Ann Price met with Tino Torres today this week about Spring cleaning, planting, and mulching GC flower Beds.

April Calendar

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 9 10:00 a.m.
Diane Reeves, Barbara Brescian
and Amelie Hamiz
14 Crestwood Circle

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday April 16
“The Gardens of Bayou Bend”
Bart Brechter
Curator, Bayou Bend Gardens

Workshop April 14 2-3 p.m.
Ann Wendell 2231 Country Club
Contact Trixie Bond to reserve

Plant Swap at General Meeting

Shirley Gordon and Ann Price have organized a trip to Palestine and Tyler on April 22 and 23. We will spend one night in the Hampton Inn in Palestine. Events will include a visit to the famous Rose Garden in Tyler and a train excursion.

“When cares increase within me, Your comfort gives me joy.” Psalm 94:19
... From Connie Bingham

From our Incoming President:

Talk about Cabin Fever! I have cleaned the house--I have gone through old paperwork in the office--and I have no idea why my children don't want their old report cards from Highlands Elementary, Dulles Middle, and Dulles High School. I am even going through tubs of old pictures now.

On Monday and Wednesday, I play a little tennis in the morning.

Judy Childress and I are both throwing out old 'stuff'... Judy is as bad as me and she is going through years of kept Christmas cards...reading them too!

I'm out walking as well. Lots of people out getting a bit of exercise.

Of course, I am listening to *Crime Junkie* so I am absolutely aware of my surrounding. Don't scare me – Ashley Flowers has me on edge already.

Gary and I are playing Cards, two-handed Mahj, Dominoes, and a new dice game called QWIXX.

Coco loves chasing squirrels while Gary and I ride on the golf cart.

We are watching Heartland on Netflix/Prime. If you love horses – this show is for you.

AND the highlight of this Quarantine is that I have started to think about the SCGC Website!! Wish me luck on that!

Linda

Yard of the Month April 2020



Marjorie & Magdy Rizk
618 Sugar Creek Blvd.

A Little Humor from Jenny Schultz:

FOR THE GARDEN OF OUR DAILY LIVING

Plant three rows of Peas:

Peace of Mind
Peace of Heart
Peace of Soul

Plant four rows of Squash:

Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Grumbling
Squash Selfishness

Plant Four rows of Lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden is without Turnips

Turnip for Meetings
Turnip for Service
Turnip to Help one another

Finally, We must have Thyme:

Thyme for Each Other
Thyme for Family
Thyme for Friends

Water Freely with Patience
And Cultivate with Love

What did the girl green bean
say to the boy green bean
when they started dating?

"Just don't string me along!"

Un-pod-inable, huh?

It is Renewal Time Again!

We like to keep our yearbook up to date, so please take a moment to fill out this form, and mail it, along with your check for \$45, to: Patsy Jones 818 Chevy Chase Circle, Sugar Land 77478

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Miriam Watson shows that it is possible to grow both flowers and food, even without a lot of garden space



Lynn Helm: When I am feeling down, I just look at my happy Pansy Orchids!



Diane Schomburg: Rocket likes to watch me when I am in my office



Judy Johnson and Carolyn Hannah bought caladium bulbs and flats of dirt from Texas Color Plants in Stafford. Planted lots of bulbs!



Sandy Rule's hibiscus from Tom Thumb Nursery in Galveston



Mary Denena's Poinsettia

From Bonnie Steidley: I planted 36 positive thoughts in my back flower bed this morning!



Got the plant "Friendship" from Diane Schomburg. It looks like a bromeliad and only blooms once a year.



That Mammoth Amaryllis of Judy Johnson's blooming again!



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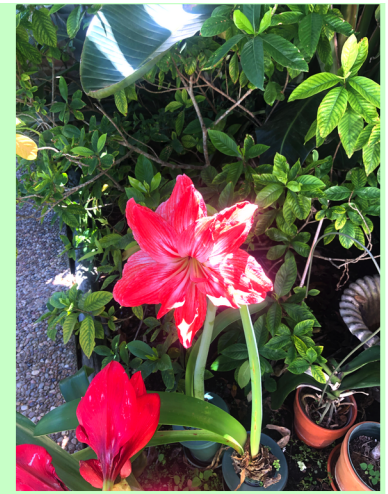
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Gnomes in Jenny Schultz's garden
celebrating Easter



Bonnie Steidley's
Variegated Amaryllis

From Linda Edmiaston:

AND THE PEOPLE STAYED HOME

And the people stayed home.
 And read books,
 And listened, and rested, and exercised,
 And made art, and played games,
 And learned new ways of being,
 And were still

 And listened more deeply.

 Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
 Some met their shadows.
 And the people began to think differently.

 And the people healed.

 And,
 In the absence of people living in ignorant,
 Dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,
 The earth began to heal.

 And when the danger passed,
 And the people joined together again,
 They grieved their losses,
 And made new choices,
 And dreamed new images,
 And created new ways to live
 And heal the earth fully, as they had been
 healed.

. . . Kitty O'Meara

From Betty Higgins, who recently moved to a
Senior Residence Center in The Woodlands:

*I am glad I paid my dues this year, even
though I have moved to the Woodlands. It is
wonderful to read about everyone, and what all
is going on. Lately, all is sad around here; we
have one with the virus, so we are required to
stay in our rooms. Thank goodness they bring
us three meals a day, and we still have two
choices. I have several books to read, and I am
still getting internet.*

*I am happy to hear from one and all at the
moment. Stay safe!*

Betty's address is:
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 bamhig@comcast.net

Also from Linda:

**THE FIRST WORD YOU
SEE IS WHERE YOU ARE
GOING IN APRIL**

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