



Sugar Creek

GARDEN CLUB

April 2023

President's Letter—

Hello Friends,

Spring cheers to all! March meeting was not March Madness. Thank You! Thanks to...

Judy Childress who started us off with joy to fill our hearts and a few Irish sayings to keep the wind at our backs. Those Irish sayings work!

Ever so efficient Jackie Howard our president-elect started passing around sign-up sheets with opportunities to help, so be sure to look for them in April too.

Annette Griffith and Diane Parrot did a fine job finding Ann DeStefino from the Fort Bend Extension Horticulture Dept. at the last moment when our scheduled speaker was over extended at his work. Ann certainly made us think outside the box on caring and growing succulents.

With delight, Jenny Schultz and her sister Becky Joiner shared two very interesting nests and habits of North Carolina Wrens from their yards. Becky even pulled up the male and female wrens chitter chattering back and forth.

By the time you read this, Bonnie Steidley and Ann Price will have had all of the old frozen plants replaced with new plants and plenty of mulch.

Ann Wendell read and carefully explained the proposed bylaws. We will vote on them at our April meeting. Ann also redid the Guard House Pots as you exit Sugar Creek.

April will be sweet, our topic is "Bees are Benefiting Us All"

My Spring Hat off to all! "Our Deep Roots Lead to Future Blooms"

My Honor and Pleasure,

Kathy Luckenbach

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'" Robin Williams

**BACK YARD
GARDEN TOUR
TOUR 5 LOVELY HOMES**

SATURDAY MAY 6TH, 10AM - 4PM

TICKETS: \$20.00 IN ADVANCE OR DAY OF
EVENT AT GUARD HOUSE
RAIN OR SHINE
RAFFLE, TREE SEEDLINGS GIVEAWAY
AND MORE!

SCGC Board Meeting

The Board will meet 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 13th at the home of Dana Knox, 1422 Sugar Creek Blvd. Please text or phone Dana at 713-492-1279 by Monday, April 10th to let her know if you plan on attending the meeting.

Dana will be assisted by Co-hostesses Diane Reeves, Shelley Whitworth, and Judy Sims.

SCGC April General Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023
At Sugar Creek Country Club

9:30 AM Refreshments and Social (*Garden Tour Tickets will be for sale*)

10:00 AM Meeting

Program – *“Bees are Benefiting Us All”* presented by Dayna Druke, Texas Master Naturalists, member of Fort Bend Beekeeping Association, and author for the Texas Beekeepers Association Journal.

Everything is coming up green and if you have donations for the Horticulture Table, bring them to Jenny Schultz.

Monthly hostesses are Donna Shuster, Patti Von Tungelin, and Sandy Allen.

Raffle Chairs are Bonnie Steidley, Ann Price, Miriam Watson, Ellie Baskin, and Susan Symko.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

The HFGC General Meeting will be April 14th, 10:00 AM at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 5308 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77005.

Program: *“Design Program”* Presented by Alan Masters, AIFD, CFD

Workshop: New Officer’s Workshop

TX Garden Clubs, 95th Spring Convention is April 10 – 13, 2023 in San Antonio.

South Central Region of Garden Clubs’ 2023 Spring Convention is April 19 – 21, 2023. (Refer to HFGC newsletter for more details.)

Sugar Creek Garden Club Road Trip Tour and Wine Tasting at Messina Hof Winery, Bryan, TX Wednesday, April 5, 2023



8:30 AM Meet at SCCC Parking Lot

8:45 AM Leave for Bryan, Texas

11:00 AM Lunch at 3rd on Main Kitchen, 201 S. Main. (*The restaurant does not take reservations so we need to be there at 11 AM when they open.*) Everyone pays for own lunch.

**1:00 PM Tour and tasting at Messina Hof Winery, 4545 Old Reliance Road, Bryan, Texas
\$20 for tour and tasting**

Sign up by emailing

MarilynDavis17@gmail.com your name and cell phone number and your interest in attending. Marilyn will text you closer to the date with additional information. Be sure to put down a text able number or email.

Get Well Wishes

Well wishes were sent to Diane Reeves to receive a positive recovery outlook for her latest test results, to Becky Joiner for her hand surgery, and to Judy Johnson's daughter's hospital recovery.

April Birthdays

Donna Lively, Patricia Roberts, Joanne Preng, Barbara Montgomery, Suzanne Dickey, Becky Stinson Sartain, Dvoshia Roscoe, Marie Fuller, Cathy Tseng, Kathryn Boone, Kathryn Mumaw, Judy Childress, Ann Wendell

Spring Has Finally Sprung!

The SCGC has been working hand in hand with the HOA to whip our common areas into shape following the back-to-back hard freezes that our area has suffered during the past couple of winters in time for our spring holidays. An evaluation was done to assess plant and infrastructure damages. The freeze and age did a number on our sprinkler systems in the common areas and our HOA oversaw the many needed repairs and expenses so that our new plantings would survive when the summer heat hits our area.

Fortunately, our SCGC had a rainy-day fund set aside for use in the case of incurred catastrophic damages. So once the HOA repaired the sprinkler systems, then the HOA and the SCGC were able to move forward jointly with the many needed plant replacements.

Thanks needs to go out to Ann Price and Bonnie Steidley, who worked with the HOA and oversaw the SCGC's contribution to this effort. This major effort was a two-year project which saw a financial outlay from SCGC of \$10,250 in 2022 (for cleaning up and refreshing after the freeze of \$4,500 and \$900 in the Fall at Broadmoor at Longview) and of \$8,520 in 2023 for Spring

replanting and refreshing (which included cleaning beds, fertilizing, mulching and hauling trash away). Also, Annette Deitch did a wonderful job of overseeing the refreshing and the needed supplemental plantings in the Mother's Garden.

To maintain the enhanced landscaping the SCGC contributes \$600 annually to the HOA for a water allowance and to maintain the plantings SCGC contributes \$2,340 monthly.

Additionally, if you noticed the sprucing up to our main Sugar Creek entrance at Sugar Creek Blvd. and Country Club Blvd. several months ago; this was the result of a joint effort between a grant from the City of Sugar Land, the HOA and a contribution from our Garden Club. And as always please admire the large planter pots at the Main Guard House put together by Ann Wendell with Becky Joiner's assistance.

If you haven't had a chance to drive by the Mother's Garden and see how beautiful it is looking, you should take the opportunity to do so. In fact, drive around the neighborhood, we are still waiting for some of the larger plants that have been ordered to come in; but overall, the common areas in the neighborhood are really looking nice. Everything is in great shape for the arrival of our Spring Holidays! And we can be proud to call Sugar Creek our home.

March Yard of the Month--



Jim & Peggy Marsh, 1535 Locke Ln.

SUGAR CREEK BACKYARD GARDEN TOUR

May 6, 2023 – 10 am to 4 pm

Plan to attend the SUGAR CREEK BACKYARD GARDEN TOUR organized by the Sugar Creek Garden Club. See this year's five showcased home gardens representing the beauty of Sugar Creek highlighting the diverse garden sizes and styles of the neighborhood. Enjoy the day visiting these lovely backyards at your own pace and try your luck in the raffle. It's your rare chance to peek behind the fences! Proceeds are used for Horticultural Scholarships and neighborhood beautification projects. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the SCGC April General Meeting and at the Sugar Creek Guard House (on Sugar Creek Boulevard and Country Club Boulevard) or at any of the houses on the tour. Rain or Shine. Spread the word and invite your family and friends!

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**Sugar Creek Backyard Garden
Tour Tickets will be on sale at our
April General Meeting!**