

April 2024

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President's Letter--

April Showers are bringing Spring Flowers Gardening Girls!

Things are looking colorful, green, and happy! I hope you find yourself feeling happy too. The mild spring weather brings out smiles and garden dreams of possibilities. Are you living life in full bloom? If ever there was a time, it is now.

April Gardening Tips and Reminders:

• Fertilize with a controlled release turf fertilizer 19-4-10

• When looking for annual transplants, look for short compact plants

• Start feeding Hibiscus and other tropical blooming plants. Continue this on a monthly basis

• Best month to repot overgrown/ rootbound house plants

• Great month to plant Caladium bulbs

• Time to stock up on perennials and get them planted, like Summer Snapdragons, Mexican Heather, Daylilies, Lantana, Salvia and "Texas Tough" Verbena.

Be sure and slow down as you exit out of our neighborhood on Sugar Creek Boulevard and notice the breathtaking flowers pots! Past president Ann Wendell worked her magic again. The pots have trailing geraniums in them this spring and their location makes it easy to pull over and get a closer look. With the assistance of future president elect, Becky Joiner,

Ann has done it once again! Many thanks!

This year Sugar Creek Garden Club does not host a backyard tour, but Kingwood Garden Club does. The event is being held April 19-21 and will feature 5 backyard tours and host 3 home tours. The price is \$25. Ann Wendell and Marian Watson are planning to attend on Friday April 19 and would love to have you join them. Please contact either of these ladies about carpooling/caravanning.

Next month our meeting speakers are our own garden club members and floral show winners, Ruth Heikkila and Bonnie Steidley. You won't want to miss this event as they discuss the art of florals and its many interpretations and inspirations, with several live examples.

Until next time my friends- Live Life in Full Bloom!

Jackie Howard

SSH! There's a Pot Party at Diane Schomburg's, 5 Regent Court.

4-6 p.m., Tuesday, April 23

Bring a pot filled with a plant or herb. Then relax in Diane's flower garden wonderland poolside with a glass of bubbly 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 are available or just sit back and enjoy the views. 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. There are just a few lounge chairs left.

SCGC Board Meeting

The Board will meet 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 11th at the home of Ann Wendell, 2231 Country Club. Please text or phone Ann by Monday, April 8th to let her know if you plan on attending the meeting.

Ann will be assisted by Co-hostesses Bonnie Steidley, Mignon Heizer, Jenny Schulz, Becky Joiner, Sharon Leonard, and Sandra Dickey.

SCGC April General Meeting

Thursday, April 12th, 2024 At Sugar Creek Country Club 9:30 AM Refreshments and Social 10:00 AM Meeting

Program – *"Fun with Flowers"*, presented by our own Ruth Heikkila, twice president, SCGC and Bonnie Steidley, past Texas Master Gardner, both are past members/exhibitors, Far Corners GC, members/exhibitors HFGC, chaired the SCGC Standard Flower Show for 25 years, Invitee Exhibitors, Florescence GCA Flower Show.

If you would like to participate in the Conservation/Horticulture/Plant Exchange, bring them to the table Beverly Scheliga has set up.

Raffle Chairs are Jenny Schultz & Becky Joiner. Raffle Doners are Bonnie Steidley, Ann Price, and Miriam Watson.

Texas Garden Spring Convention

April 8 – 12th TGC, Inc. 96th Spring Convention in Abilene, TX at MCM Elegante Hotel. Theme is "Cut 'n' Dried in West Texas Wild."

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

The HFGC General Meeting will be April 12th, 10:00 AM at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX.

Program: *"Preserving the Garden Bounty"* Presented by Dr. Sonja Stueart-Davis, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Family and Health Agent.

Incoming Officers Workshop will follow.

SCR Spring Convention

South Central Region Spring Convention is April 24-25th at the Delta Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Brookwood Volunteer Day

Rudy Foster organized a volunteer day at Brookwood on March 28th with Sharon Andrade and Kat Mumaw.

SCGC is Now Accepting 2024-2025 Membership Dues

You may turn in your membership form and a check made out to SCGC in the amount of \$65 at the next two meetings or mail them to SheliaJones, 18 River Creek Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478. To be included in the SCGC Directory dues must be paid by July 1st, 2024. Next years membership form is attached to this email.

Upcoming Summer Plant Sale

Keep your ears tuned. In the very near future a summer plant sale is going to be offered to SCGC members only.



Remembrances

Get well cards were sent to Mignon Heiser and Corrie Gilbert's husband expressing the wish that their broken bones mended quickly. A speedy recovery was also wished for Mary Denena, who normally sends out the get well cards as she also had a bit if an accident. We also sent heartfelt wishes to Marie Fuller recovering from Covid pneumonia and Ann Wendell with strep throat.

Judy Childress has a large Crown of Thornes pot on her patio. A pair of cardinals decided that it was the perfect spot for their nest.

SCGC Member April Birthdays

Donna Lively, Patricia Roberts, Joanne Preng, Paula Trout, Barbara Montgomery,Suzanne Dickey, Becky Sartain, Dvosha Roscoe, Sylvia Chen, Marie Fuller, Cathy Tseng, Kathyryn Boone, Kathryn Mumaw, Judy Childress, Ann Wendell

March Yard of the Month—



Home of Dick and Ann Price, 1926 Country Club Blvd.