



Sugar Creek

GARDEN CLUB

May 2023

President's Letter—

Dear Friends,

As I hurry to arrange my time around Garden Club activities, my family cheerfully puts a "pin in it". They see my passion and my season to serve is almost at an end. My thanks and love go them. To my fantastic 2nd family, my board and members, I am ever so grateful.

President-Elect Jackie Howard made our Couples Dinner and Friendship Tea so much fun and successful! Jackie is loaded with talents, ideas and more fun.

First Vice-Presidents, Annette Griffith and Diane Parrott engaged great speakers which put "Zing" into our meetings. Arranging the tables and food with finesse.

Second Vice-President, Judy Johnson's success shows with 180 members and record sale of Poinsettia's.

Recording Secretary, Beverly Scheliga kept up with our lively board meetings and monthly meetings. So accurate, to our delight.

Corresponding Secretary, Susan McLaughlin is always happily ready to write, her gracious manner made my job easy.

Treasurer... JoAnne Preng set out to retire and enjoy her travels, but was called to help train not one but three treasurers. Thank you, Jo Ann, and yes, she has earned her gold star. Susan Symko bravely jumped in to stop my begging.

Communications, Shelley Whitworth kept the garden club informed with an excellent newsletter. Shelley truly is a fine communicator, and always with a smile, she made certain everyone met her timeline.

I can easily go on writing about everyone in the club. You encouraged me. You helped the garden club roots grow stronger. You keep our neighborhood blooming in friendship and in your yards.

Now make sure you come to our May Luncheon. It is a highlight and great way to welcome your new officers! Thank You.

My Pleasure and Honor, Kathy Luckenbach

"Gardening is cheaper than therapy. Until your spouse adds up the receipts" Empress of Dirt

**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 & Luncheon

The Board will meet 11:00 AM, Thursday, May 11 at the home of Kathy Luckenbach, 534 Longview Dr. Board and Committee members are invited. Please text or phone Kathy at 281-794-7555 to let her know **that** you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

Kathy will be assisted by Co-hostesses Linda Edmiaston, Bonnie Steidley, and Judy Sims.

May General Meeting & Luncheon.

Thursday, May 18, 2023
At Sugar Creek Country Club
(Cost of the luncheon is \$36.
RSVP to Patsy Jones by Wednesday, May 10th, email patsyjones@wt.net or text 281-650-8631.

Include your SCCC Member number in your RSVP. Non-members of the Country Club, please bring exact cash or a pre-written check payable to "Sugar Creek Country Club" on May 18th. Reservation/cancellation must occur by May 10.)

10:00 AM Punchbowl & Social
(Please Bring your filled out 2023-2024 SCGC membership forms to the meeting along with a **check made out to SCGC in the amount of \$65** for next year's membership dues. (A separate eblast will be sent out with next year's membership form & will also be available at May's meeting.))

10:40 AM Meeting
Program – "Fifty-one Years and Going Strong...We are the SUGAR CREEK GARDEN CLUB". Presented by Bonnie Steidley, Ann Price, Annette Griffith, and Diane Parrott.
Luncheon & Installation of New Officers followed by "A Presentation by Scholarship Students"

Luncheon Committee Chairs – Table Decorations Judy Sims & Kathy Luckenbach, Menu – Amelie Hamizi

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

THE HFGC General Meeting will be May 13th, 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 5308 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77005.

Program: "Creating Beautiful, Environment Friendly Floral Designs", presented by Carolynne White & Sherrill Burge, Houston Area Flower Show Judges.

April Yard of the Month



The Kirk Family, 3010 Country Club Blvd.

Remembrances: Please send prayers and send kind thoughts to...Vicky Bergman for her continuing recovery, Ana Burger who had surgery, Julie Goolsby who had back surgery, Ida Perkins for the loss of her beloved mother, Aileen Flack, Candace Ray for a broken hip, Mignon Heiser for the tragic loss of her nephew and also wish her a speedy recovery from her trip and fall accident, Barbara Nachlas for her foot surgery, Susan McLaughlin for her fall resulting in hospitalization with multiple broken bones, Marie Fuller for a fall on ice while visiting her son, and Barbara McVicker's for the loss of her mother in law, Jessie.

The Story of Sugar Creek Garden Club's Mother's Garden

In 2005, at a Sugar Creek Garden Club Flower Show, Ruth Heikkila received word that her mother had passed. Sitting with a group of ladies, Ruth said it would be nice for us to have a garden to go to. Annette Deitch said like a Mother's Garden. The idea bloomed from there.

Annette started to work on finding a spot and found the perfect one on Sugar Creek Blvd. With Sugar Creek HOA's blessing the perfect spot was secured but needed a lot of work. Aileen Flack's yard man removed the gumbo soil and filled in with Rose soil. Annette drove with Aileen to Bryan where the Antique Rose Emporium is. Annette picked out Red Knock-out-roses and had them planted in the newly created garden. Memorial pavers were sold. A bench was added, years later.

As Annette put it, "We did not have a sprinkler system at that time. I carried jugs of water in my trunk, thank goodness I had a big trunk. After much discussion with Gary (in HOA) we finally got a sprinkler system."

To this day, Annette Deitch takes care of the Mother's Garden making sure seasonal flowers are refreshed. With good soil and care, the red knock-out roses have survived every kind of weather---as all mothers do.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful women in our Garden Club!

May Birthdays

Liz Hu, Marsha Sweeney, Karen Bradbury, Amelie Hamizi, Donna Hrachovy, Mackenzie Buell, Carol Rainbolt, Sondra Tappmeyer, Connie Bingham, Sheri Saunders, Rochelle Chambers, Patricia Muska, Victoria Spreafico, Shelley Whitworth