



# Sugar Creek

## GARDEN CLUB

Summer 2024

Gold Club Rating

<https://sugarcreekgardenclub.org>

*"You're Never too old to Play in the Dirt."*

### President's Letter-

#### Hot Summer Greetings!

As the new term begins, I want to say how excited I am to be the 53<sup>rd</sup> president of our club! I am honored to follow the steps of the many talented and wonderful women before me. With many by my side, it promises to be a fun ride!

As summer begins and we have a short hiatus from our meetings, there is still much to do! Patsy Jones and Dana Knox are working throughout the summer gathering content, selling ads, printing, and proofreading our very important Yearbook. Judy Johnson and Trixie Bond are busy finding and confirming some interesting speakers for our programs. Bonnie Steidley, Jackie Howard, Ann Price, Annette Deitch, Ann Wendell and Becky Joiner are busy maintaining our flower beds, flowerpots and gardens throughout the terrible summer heat. Rosemary Jodeit is confirming table decorations for the meetings, Cindy Jones is watching over our finances and budget. Shelia Jones is busy signing up new and current memberships (get your dues in soon), Shelley Whitworth is putting together this last newsletter before she turns it over to Joanne Preng and Becky Joiner is securing some great auction items for the October 24<sup>th</sup> Dinner and Live Auction fundraiser. Whew, and there is much more behind the scenes by many that makes everything go so smoothly.

**We still have a few co-hosting spots open for our Board Meetings that need to**

**be filled. If you are interested in helping with one of our board meetings, please let me know. We need 2 volunteers for October 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Linda Edmiaston, 1 volunteer is needed for January 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by Cindy Jones and we need 2 volunteers for February 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by Kathy Luckenbach.**

**Mark your calendars: Our first meeting is Thursday September 19 at the SCCC. 9:30 am is social and 10:00 am the program begins. Invite your neighbors to come check us out!**

**The first board meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ann Price at 10 am.**

**Reminder – to secure your name is in the 2024-2025 Yearbook directory membership dues must be paid by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. \$65.00, check made out to Sugar Creek Garden Club and delivered to Shelia Jones, 18 River Creek Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478.**

Lastly, following Jackie's theme Live Life in Full Bloom- this year's theme is *You're Never too Old to Play in the Dirt*. I'm looking forward to a year full of friends, gardening, and lots of fun and laughs!

Shelley Lamb

#### **Delivery Date for SCGC Plant Sale**

Summer plants will arrive on June 10<sup>th</sup>. You will be contacted when your order is ready for pickup and informed what your cost will be.

## 2024-2025 Sugar Creek Garden Club Officers



(L-R) Shelley Lamb, President, Diane Parrott, Corresponding Secretary, Jackie Howard, Parliamentarian, Judy Johnson, First VP Programs, Cindy Jones, Treasurer, Patsy Jones, Co- VP Membership, Becky Joiner, President Elect. (not shown) Suellen Schmidt, Recording Secretary, Shelia Jones, Co-VP Membership

### ***Still Collecting Membership Dues!***

#### **SCGC Annual Fundraiser Update:**

*Attached is the 2024-2025 Membership form. For those of you that I haven't received your check for membership, the deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup> if you wish to be included in next year's Directory. I'm I am sure you all know that the dues are \$65.00 and we have to turn our roster in for printing the new directory by mid-summer. I know that everyone is busy but please take a moment to complete the form and mail your check to me.*

*If any of you have new neighbors, you might copy the attached membership form and encourage them to join as a way to meet people in the neighborhood.*



Hello ladies! Time is flying by and it is time to SAVE THE DATE for the SCGC Annual Dinner and Live Auction!

*Thanks so much! Sheila Jones*  
Mark your calendars and be prepared for "An Evening at the Creek with the Sugar Creek Garden Club!" Included in the plans for this event are:

- Wine Pull:

We need your help in gathering wine valued over \$30 a bottle. Start your shopping (red or white) and let Barbara Brescian or Marilyn Davis know.

- Gift Card Tree:

We are planning a tree loaded with gift cards and need your donations. We will have both gardening needs and local dining. Pick your favorite restaurant or stop in at Houston Garden Center, Enchanted Forest, Cornelius, or Lowe's!

And...I am happy to take a monetary donation and shop for you! I appreciate your and continued support. Until September, I will see you around the neighborhood!

Becky Joiner  
(713)824-1546

### **Summer Workshop: Empty Bottle Moments (A flower design Workshop)**

Friday, June 28 at 10:00 AM  
at 534 Longview Drive  
Kathy Luckenbach and Shelley Whitworth

Drink up ladies and save your favorite beverage glass bottle(s)! Share the moment with us! Preferably clear glass bottles with labels off since we will use wire to design a creative vase for a floral arrangement. Just in time for 4th of July Celebration! This workshop was inspired by Ruth's and Bonnie's April program. Feasting our eyes on a few of their spectacular Flower Show designs.

Let's have fun! RSVP to Kathy Luckenbach 281-794-7555  
Cost \$10.00 for wire, flowers, and of course sips and nips.

### **Thank You Letters from This Years Scholarship Recipients**

Among the attachments for this month's mailout are two thank you letters from our two scholarship recipients this year Daniel

Hillin and Samikshya Bhattarai both Ph.D. Candidates. They both came from out of town to our SCGC May meeting, thanked us in person for the receipt of the award and presented information regarding their graduate research projects.

### **This Year's Recipient of the Ginnie Russell Award--**



**Sharon Leonard.** The Ginnie Russell Award is named in honor of Ginnie Russell, who was our founder and a devoted member of our club. It is one of our highest honors recognizing members for their long-term service, participation, interest in gardening, and kindness and understanding with other members.

### **SCGC Continues to Be Recognized as a Gold Rated Large Garden Club for 2023!**

Additionally, the club received several other awards for 2023 including:

## At State

- Gold XL Club President's Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl.
- Garden Angel – Annette Deitch
- Awards of Appreciation
  - Increased Membership in 2023
  - Contributions

## District IV Awards

- NGC MAE Publications Gold LG Club Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> Pl.
- Gold LG Club Yearbook 3<sup>rd</sup> Pl.
- Awards of Appreciation
  - Brookwood Community - Garden Therapy
  - Arbor Day
  - Scholarship Fund
  - Seeds For Life

## Texas Garden Clubs Awards

- Gold Club Rating 1516

## May Yard of the Month



The home of Margaret and Scott Douglass' at 2938 Fairway.

## Remembrances—

Patti Pearson's husband had ankle surgery.

## June Yard of the Month



The home of Susan Symco, 2214 Country Club

## Summer Birthdays—

**June** – Shelby Daniels, Linda Allen, Pat Roberts, Vivian Winslow, Susan Symco, Kaye Carter, Ana Burger, Katherine O'Conner, Barbara Brescian, Suzi Grbac, June Stanley Anderson, Patti Ranson, Jerry Anne Gan, Debbie Reitz, Melissa Lange, Donna Weinberg, Lorri Lessey, Diane Parrott, Gloria Morris

**July** - Lynn Helm, Jenny Hrbacek, Barbara McVicker, Sharon Leonard, Helen January, Mindy Gross, Cherry Tsuang, Sophia Lasswell, Janice Sanford, Pam Sherman, Judt Johnson, Janet Carpenter, Kitty Tardy, Corrie Gilbert, Peaches Ryan, Kathy Sater

**August** – Carolyn Hannah, Donna Shuster, Beth Overstreet, Sandy Rule Allen, Bonnie Steidley, Erlinda M. Referente, Helen Rosenthal, Annette Deitch, Sheila, Jones, Patsy Jones, Vicky Carson, Cindy Garbs, Faye Dettling, Kim Shrull, Camille Assir, Liz Hinkle, Brenda Frye, Shelley Heard-Williamson, Sommer Leonard

**Look What Randy Garbs (Cindy Garbs' husband, SCGC Fundraiser Auctioneer and Workshop Chair Mover When Called Upon) is Up To—**



On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Houston's own "**FRIENDS**" (Steve Ivey, Mike Poteet, and Randy Garbs) will be making their debut at the **Stafford Centre for the Performing Arts** for their **50 Year Reunion Concert – "An Evening of Timeless Lyrics and Love Songs"**.

With smooth, precision harmonies, and rich orchestral sounds, "Friends" recaptures and rekindles the moods and memories surrounding some of America's greatest love songs. Memories, which, for too long, have been, as *Elvis Presley* sang it..... "*pressed between the pages of our minds*", will once again be "*sweetened through the ages just like wine*". This is music that needs to be celebrated and reintroduced to our culture.

If you're a "romantic" at heart, or just enjoy understanding the words of a song, this is

the concert for you! And, as an extra "bonus for your heart", a portion of the night's net proceeds will go to help support Houston's "**Star of Hope Mission**". So, fifty years later, as **Friends** is getting their "second wind", your attendance is helping give homeless men, women and children a "second chance."

Let's all start planning to bring a friend or significant other and enjoy a fun relaxing evening together while at the same time supporting a good cause.