President's Letter

There's a new president in the garden this month! Can you believe it is July already? I'm feeling the heat of summer on the tennis court!! And yes... Judy Childress is still kicking my bum all over the court!!! I have found the secret to beating her...play with her, not against her!

It's now been 15 long weeks since my home became my office, my gym and my restaurant, and frankly, I'm tired of eating here! I've been walking each day, and our yards are looking amazing. No wonder there are two YOMs selected these past couple of months.

The Garden Club was slowly coming out of COVID isolation, but with the latest uptick, I think it is going to be a while before we can gather. With that said, I am still cautiously optimistic about the upcoming year's events. Trixie is getting programs in order, Ann is planning the annual dinner and auction, and I am developing my own plans for the upcoming season. Ann has scheduled the Annual Dinner and Auction for October 3rd. It will be at my house, outside, with plenty of social distancing. It will have a different vibe this year. We will scale back significantly; however, there will be great new live auction items. Wine Pull, too, will be back! We will be more about Chippin' and Dippin', Margaritas and Sangria! Ann's theme is "Nacho Ordinary Garden Party!" Of course, the Friendship Tea is on the books, as is a Joint Home Tour with SCWA, and an early May Backyard Tour.

This year we will not be soliciting for directory advertisements, or asking small business sponsorship support for the backyard tour. We do not feel it is right to ask for help from businesses that have suffered great losses during this pandemic and are now trying to recover. I will be looking into applying for a grant from the City of Sugar Land and the Federation to enhance our

beautification efforts.

My theme for the 2020-2021 term will be Home Sweet Home: Bloom Where You are Planted. Susan Taylor sent me the perfect picture for my theme: one proudly blooming pansy in the middle of a sidewalk...just blooming where she is planted. I have chosen this theme

because we are staying closer to home now.

We need to focus on our health and on helping others. Several projects need our attention. We need a light at Searls Park. We need esplanade beautification in several areas. The club entrance bed do-over still needs our attention. These are capital projects on which we want to partner with the HOA and SCCC. We attended an HOA meeting in June to kick off a pilot partner project. Our discussion was well-received, and the first project is already in play. A light will be put in at Searls park. We are partnering with the City of Sugar Land and CenterPoint to get this light in. With COVID ...it may take a bit of time, but the wait will be worth it. We also plan to do some tree pruning work at the park. The second project will be working to beautify the Guard House. Keep your eyes open for these changes. I'm very excited about both of them.

Right now, the club couldn't open in June for event gatherings. We were shooting for July, but that is now out as well. The May Luncheon and Installation of Officers will not happen at all. No Problem; Miriam and I have already been working on turnover as are Mignon and JoAnne for treasurer duties. When we do finally meet, we will be practicing social distancing.

We plan to kick off the new season in September. Mark your calendar for September 17th for the First General Meeting. Trixie has a grand program planned for us. Tentatively, we are planning an executive board meeting in August at Miriam's house. Save the date: August 20th. The September Board Meeting will be held at Marie Fuller's home on Thursday, September 10th.

Our main focus is the membership drive and growing our membership. I am all about growing friendships and adding new gardeners to our garden club. Get your check to Patsy ASAP! Dana and I are working on the directory and we need your contact information.

I'm looking forward to a great year with my current garden family and getting to know all the new blossoms.

Remember -- BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED!

Linda Edmiaston

Lookín' Good, Sugar Creek!



Linda Edmiaston's been doing some gardening during our Isolation Time, as evidenced by her front yard.



This stand of crape myrtles shades Patti Felker's side yard. Patti says the trees have only been pruned once or twice in 36 years.



JUNE YARDS OF THE MONTH



Patty and David Ranson 906 Teague Circle



Linda and Doug Schneider 1 Bendwood Drive

Happy Birthday ToThe Sunshine Girls



Shelby Daniels 1 Vivian Winslow 4 Kaye Carter Susan Symko 4 Kate O'Connor 9 Barbara Brescian 11 June Stanley 15 16 Kathy Dunn Patty Ranson 19 Jerry Ann Garrison 20 Melissa Lange 21 Donna Weinberg 26 Lorri Lessey 26 Diane Parrott 28

Lynn Helm Jenny Hrbacek 5 Debra Ann Balsaver 5 Sharon Leonard 6 Cherry Tsuang 9 14 Shannon Bohny Judy Johnson 20 Kitty Tardy 26 Page Haines 26 27 Corrie Gilbert Billie Jean Krobot 31 31 **Ida Perkins**



JUNE YARDS OF THE MONTH



Ayyam & Santha Raghurhaman 107 Medford Court



James & Jamey Tifton 3150 Country Club Blvd











Charlie &Rain Lilies



That's Jerry Garcia on the shelf

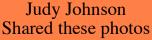


Some of Diane

Patio Planter



Staghorn Fern too heavy to hang





of her hibiscus, plumerias, and tomatoes!





Some of summer's gifts in Jenny Shultz's garden



Another duck family on Bonnie Steidley's patio!

Thanks for your pictures, everyone. Please continue to send them. and they will be shared as space permits.

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, payable to Sugar Creek Garden Club, to:

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