



# Sugar Creek

## GARDEN CLUB

October 2022

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER—**

Hello Friends,

Building on our first of the year membership meeting and program, we are off to another great year! Our speaker Mary Sommers "Straight from Africa" turned us loose in our yards to cut any whimsical plant to create a lovely arrangement with a few flowers purchased at your local grocery store. How refreshing to find a Floral Designer and Master Gardener who reminded us that from the simplest materials we can make beautiful arrangements. Thank you for bringing us back to our roots!

Talking about our roots one of our Texas A&M scholarship recipients will be educating us in October about Texas Olives. I cannot wait!

Keeping up with our deep roots, mark your calendar for our upcoming major fundraiser, Annual Couples Dinner, *The Magic of Sugar Creek Garden Club, October 27, Thursday at Sugar Creek Country Club.* If you cannot attend, you can still donate by contacting Jackie Howard, the Chairman. This year the entire neighborhood is invited! Please make reservations. Remember every year we need to raise about \$40,000 to meet our expenses, our dues do not cover these expenses. This is our largest fundraiser. Thank you for your continued generosity!

A shout out to all the ladies that made sandwiches, cookies, and fruit bowls for Houston Federation Garden Club. We are responsible for refreshments on their first meeting, and it is the Friday right after our first Board meeting. A scramble made easy because of your help. Thank you!

Now for your taste buds—The Bake Sale always promises something yummy for everyone. So, shop and enjoy a Fall treat or two.

Looking forward to seeing you!

*Our Deep Roots Lead to Future Blooms!*

My Honor and pleasure,

*Kathy Luckenbach*

*"Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized."*

--Allen Armitage

### **SCGC Board Meeting**

The Board will meet 10:00 AM, Thursday, October 13, 2022 at the home of Ann Wendell, 2231 Country Club Blvd. Please text or phone Ann at (281)948-3191 by Monday, October 10th to let her know if you plan on attending the meeting.

Ann will be assisted by Co-Hostesses Jenny Schultz, Shelley Lamb, and Sandra Dickey.

### **SCGC October General Meeting**

Thursday, October 20, 2022

At Sugar Creek Country Club

9:30 AM Refreshments and Social

10:00 AM Meeting

Program – *"Olives for Texans: Everything You've Wanted to Know about Olives"*

Stephen Janak, Program Specialist with

Texas A&M will present. Mr. Janak is a past recipient of a SCGC scholarship and is pursuing his PhD.

If you have donations for the Horticulture Table, bring them to Jenny Schultz.

Rosemary Jodeit and Patsy Jones are organizing the October SCGC Bake Sale. If you are donating items, please bring them to the Bake Sale Table before the meeting. Remember any quantity or amount is gladly received, but if you are donating items that are easy to divide up (like cookies or brownies), small portions are always appreciated in small plastic bags.

### Join Us to Celebrate Neighbors Night Out – Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Sugar Creek Neighbors are invited for a Pot Luck evening, **6-9:00 PM at the home of David and Patty Ranson, 906 Teague Circle (713)857-7405.** Bring your favorite DISH, SNACK, or DESSERT – or just join us to meet your neighbors and City Officials. **Water, plates, napkins, cups, & ice** will be provided. Bring your own drinks, (beer, wine, sodas, etc.). Feel free to invite a SUGAR CREEK RESIDENT OR NEIGHBOR.

### Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

The HFGC Social followed by the General Meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 5308 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77005, (Parking entrance – Rutgers Ave.). Janis Teas, Inspector, Citrus Health Response Design Exhibits will speak on "*Citrus Problems.*"

At the meeting HFGC will host a Small Standard Flower Show with the theme "*The Great Pumpkin.*" SCGC members Ruth Heikkila, Kathy Luckenbach, and Bonnie Steidley are entering a display.

### Adopt a Spot Committee Busy Cleaning Lonnie Green Park

Between the drought heat waves and the rain storms, Rootie Foster and Becky Sartain were able to do their civic duty and meet SCGC's commitment to clean up Lonnie Green Park in early September.

### Workday Being Organized for Brookwood Garden Therapy

Rootie Foster is organizing a workday on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Brookwood Garden Therapy. This is a full day commitment from 8:30 – 3:00 PM, but it is a lot of fun. You can also eat a delicious lunch at the lovely café located on the premises. Please call Rootie at (281)507-3881 for further details if you are interested in participating. The size of the group is limited.

### October 15<sup>th</sup> Order Deadline Looming for SCGC Poinsettia Fundraiser Sale!

Poinsettia Fundraiser Orders are due to **Judy Johnson at 3015 Bainbridge Ct., Sugar Land, TX 77478 along with your check** made out to Sugar Creek Garden Club by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**

These are beautiful fresh floral quality poinsettias. **An order form is included with this newsletter.** Keep the bottom of the order form as a reminder of how many poinsettias you have ordered and paid for...

### September Yard of the Month--



Monica & Miguel Leanes, 202 Keswick North

### **Remembrances—**

*Best wishes to Sandy Allen's husband Joe, to Odean McKenzie, and to Cindy Garbs' husband Randy for successful recoveries from their surgeries. And to Marie Fuller on a successful hospital recovery. And finally, to a successful recuperation to Mary Denena who says she is "now 100% better," but continued sending out sympathy cards and get-well messages while trying to quietly recuperate from an illness herself.*

### **SCGC October Birthdays as Listed in the Membership Directory**

Ruth Heikkila, Candace Ray, Barbara Nachlas, Rosemary Jodeit, Odean McKenzie, Cindy Jones, Joy Rosner, Sharon Andrade, Beverly Scheliga, Marilyn Murphy, Gerry Aitken, Marilyn Davis, Carolyn Janik, Elizabeth Gunther, Jean Caruthers, Dorothy Mitchell, Alice Mondshine, Therese Raia

### **The Garden Club of Houston Hosts the 80<sup>th</sup> Bulb & Plant Mart**

The 80<sup>th</sup> Bulb and Plant Mart is scheduled for October 13 – 15, 2022 at the Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, TX 77019. Thursday, October 13 from 5 – 7 PM is early bird shopping. Friday, October 14, hours are 9 AM – 5 PM. And Saturday, October 15, hours are 9 AM – 2 PM. 10% discount on all pre-orders placed through the GCH website before October 3, 2022.

[www.gchouston.org](http://www.gchouston.org)

### **SCGC Successful Completion of September Workshop**

Kathy Luckenbach and Dana Knox hosted a Kokedama Workshop September 22nd. Garden Club Participants were delighted with their completed projects!



You are Invited to our  
Annual Dinner and Live Auction  
as we celebrate the

*Magic of Sugar Creek Garden  
Club*

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Sugar Creek Country Club

6-9 p.m.

Live Auction, Wine Pull & Raffle

\$ 65 per person

RSVP Trisha  
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Please join us at this exciting  
dinner that will be a "step above"  
anything you've  
seen! 3

Magicians, sumptuous dinner with  
fabulous friends and neighbors to  
raise money for our shared dream  
of neighborhood beautification!

Thanks to those of you who signed up to  
donate a nursery or garden center gift card  
for the Live Auction and Dinner Raffle. A  
reminder - please bring those gift cards to  
the next board meeting! Thank you for your  
support!

**Dinner and Auction Raffle tickets will be  
on Sale at our next meeting!** Please  
consider supporting the club through a raffle  
ticket purchase.

The prizes are:

- **Nursery Gift Card Tree** - Over \$500  
worth of gift cards to local nurseries
- **Texas Proud - Texas Flag flown over  
our State Capital** in Honor of  
Someone Special. Courtesy of State  
Representative Jacey Jetton
- **Bromeliad Bonanza** - Beautiful  
Bromeliad arrangement in a stunning  
container

You do not need to be present to win! **Tickets  
are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.**

**Donations** for the **Dinner and Live  
Auction Wine Pull** can be made to Marilyn  
Davis 281-615-7773

***Best Regards,***

***Jackie Howard***