Happy Holidays! Major holidays are right around the corner! The weather is a bit cooler and my heart is filled with Thanks and Giving!

Oh, What Fun! The Joint Holiday Luncheon sponsored by Sugar Creek Women's Association and Sugar Creek Garden Club is going to be held on **Thursday December 3**<sup>rd</sup> this year at Sugar Creek Country Club. 'Forgiven' is the name of the band providing our entertainment and they believe the best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear! Their fervent lyrics and sparkling melodies will heighten your holiday spirit!!

On Thanksgiving night, you will see all 3 guard houses in Sugar Creek come to light! I'm very excited about this. COVID didn't stop our fundraising efforts. We had a virtual campaign and our generous members went above and beyond this year to make sure we could continue with our beautification efforts in the neighborhood. Having the guard houses lit is just one of the results of these gracious donations. Don't forget...Garden Club judges again this year will be driving the neighborhood December 7<sup>th</sup>-11th seeking the winners of the annual Holiday Light Contest. Cheers to all who make our community outdoors so colorful and festive at year-end.

Also, due to our fundraising efforts, we will start working on Beautification Project #3. SCGC and HOA will partner and get busy at the corner of Country Club and Longview this time. You will also see us back up front refreshing the Sugar Creek guard house entrance. Caladiums are withering and winter is coming.

So, you can see we've been busy with holiday preparations, but we must continue to look ahead. Better circle February 6<sup>th</sup> on the calendar. This is the date our annual Friendship Tea is scheduled. It will be a Victorian Luncheon & Tea. As you may or may not know...life is like a teacup – to be filled to the brim and

enjoyed with friends. We have a wonderful silent auction with clever teapots, stand-alone décor, tempting children's items and gorgeous pots filled with live floral. I promise you, you'll not want to miss this fun event! Bring the kids, the grandkids, and invite your neighbors too!!

Come socialize with your garden-loving friends. The general meeting will be on **Thursday November 19**<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Heather White will be talking about simple holiday designs for your home. You may even be able to shop in your closet first! Join us at 9:30 in the Garden Room at Sugar Creek Country Club.

Wishing you a wonderful happy and healthy holiday season.

Blooming where I am Planted,

Linda Edmiaston

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