



Sugar Creek GARDEN CLUB

December 2022

President's Letter—

Dear Friends,

I am asking myself what happened to this year!? Our garden club has been busy with great programs, a magically successful fundraiser, and rounding the year with our joint Holiday Luncheon December 8 with the Sugar Creek Women's Association.

Ready for some fun, I am. The Holiday Lighting contest is coming up! Every year our neighborhood transforms into a delightful wonderland. Having served on this committee has made me thankful for the enthusiasm and creativity that surrounds us.

Creativity was certainly "Home for the Holidays" with Tony Huffman. We watched Tony dazzle us again with creating a transparency floral arrangement and a cascading arrangement. Truly entertained us with a touching Christmas story he memorized by heart and let us in on the "new" colors of the future years, shades of terracotta, browns and copper.

Thank you garden club members for helping and working with me. Each and every one of you share your talents and are truly remarkable.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! A Merry Christmas! Celebration of Hanukkah!

A Very Happy Healthy New Year! Our Deep Roots Lead to Future Blossoms.

My Pleasure,

Kathy Luckenbach

"Gardening is how I relax. It's another form of creating and playing with colors."

—Oscar de la Renta

SCGC Poinsettias Arriving!

Date: Wednesday, November 30th is pick up day for poinsettias!

Time: Please come between 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. (If this is inconvenient, please make alternate arrangements for a friend or neighbor to pick up your poinsettias.)

Where: 2518 Country Club.

SCGC & SCWA

JOINT HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
SUGAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
BALLROOM

SOCIAL TIME 11:00 – 11:30 AM
PROGRAM & LUNCHEON 11:30 AM

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH TO:

-Patsy Jones's email (preferable so she will have everyone's response in writing in one place) at patsyjones@wt.net or text (or call) 281-650-8631 if you do not use email.

-The cost of the luncheon is \$35. Please include your SCCC Member number in your RSVP. If you are not a member of the Country Club please bring either exact cash or a pre-written check payable to "Sugar Creek Country Club" or "SCCC".

-If there is a group that you would like to sit with, have **only one person from the group RSVP for everyone**, and remember to **include all member numbers**.

-Please keep in mind that "a reservation made is a reservation paid."

Thank you for your generous Holiday Spirit—

In the spirit of giving for this holiday season several of the SCGC members brought used clean towels and bedding to Thursday's November SCGC meeting supporting the Sugar Land Animal Services. Additionally, a plea was made by Joy Rosner to the SCGC members to provide some landscaping support to the Dulles Elementary School. The SCGC Board will need to follow up on this request as to what is feasible given current budget constraints and project appropriateness within the club mandates. However, some SCGC members have already decided individually to volunteer their time and/or money to assist our community elementary school. Joy suggested the following link to sign up for the PTO (it's free) if you are interested in doing something as an individual. The elementary principal has developed a wish list of potential projects for the school...

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyINg4I1whIxoh35OXLhaX8WsJLqznVfbXVuaNlkoyDc6lZg/viewform?usp=embed_fac_ebook

Remembrances-

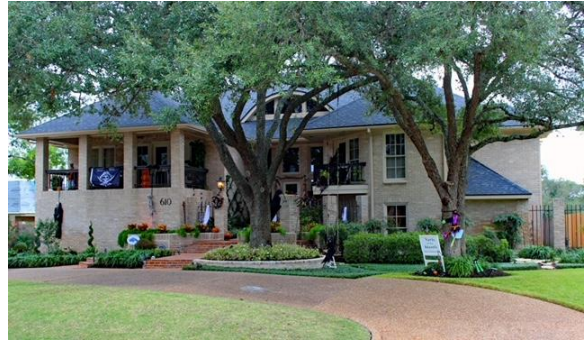
Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers... Kay Gerard's husband Dave passed away. Marilyn Davis is recovering from knee surgery. Judy Childress' mother was hospitalized after a fall and Mignon Heizer is caring for her husband Al as he recuperates from surgery. Lauren Lusk is recovering from a broken knee cap and Helen Rosenthal suffered a cut on her forehead in a small fender bender.

Sugar Creek Holiday Lighting

The neighborhood is really starting to light up in a very festive way! Judging for the Sugar Creek Garden Club's **Holiday Lighting Contest** will be Monday, December 12th – Thursday, December 15th. It looks like there are several contenders already. Be sure to have your lights on 7 to 10 PM.

Winners will be chosen for the best display in the following six categories... They are Artistic, Novelty, Front Door, Religious, Lighting, and Traditional.

October Yard of the Month



Home of Sheila Lemon, 610 Sugar Creek Blvd.

November Yard of the Month



Home of Gene Mailloux, 2327 Country Club Blvd.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs--

Is hosting their Christmas "Gala" on December 9th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You must have purchased a ticket to attend. The theme this year is "Throughout the House" presented by Michael Segura & Tina Rubio, designers at CRAFTTEX.

SCGC Member December Birthdays—

Carol Hertel, Amy Shiao, Diane Helms, Patti Pearson, Carol Sue Alborn, Annette Griffith, Bette Lemon

**From the—
NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS
MEMBERSHIP MONDAY--**
Gardenclub.org

“Membership Monday is a free monthly Zoom event for all federated garden club members. Join us on the 2nd Monday of each month from 2PM - 3PM EST (Editor’s note: that is 1-2PM for those of us in the central time zone). Learn new skills, share success stories, resolve commonly encountered issues, and brainstorm solutions with fellow members across the Americas.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization, and we can all benefit when we help each other. Recruit, Retain, and Revitalize our clubs. Together we are stronger!

Membership Monday workshops present a topic of the month with a special guest speaker, followed by a Q&A session and follow up. We may not have every answer, but NGC Membership is committed to bringing us all together to explore solutions in a spirit of collaboration.

Videos of previous workshops are linked in the Video Café and the Member Resource Library under the Club Resources tab.”

**REGISTER FOR EACH MONTH’S
SESSION TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK.
*****December 12 presentation is
AWARDS*******

**National Garden Clubs Youth Grant
Opportunities**

Is promoting local garden club projects that include educational materials on the role pollinators play in nature and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators. For further details, visit www.gardenclub.org/youth-pollinator-gardens-grant

Outdoor Garden Pot Exchange Party—



A very good time was had by all who attended the SCGC Outdoor Garden Pot Exchange Party at Diane Schomburg’s home at 5 Regent Court. The weather was perfect and views of Oyster Creek were delightfully serene and lush. Thank you, Diane, for hosting, to Marilyn Davis for organizing, and to all of you who worked to put this event together. It was lovely.



SCGC's Annual Dinner & Live Auction Celebrating "The Magic of Sugar Creek Garden Club" Was Highly Successful!

The SCGC hosted their annual fundraiser at the Sugar Creek Country Club this year in order to allow for expanded attendance. The event was a huge success in raising funds to meet targeted goals and guests had a wonderful time.

It has been no secret that the deep freeze of 2021 followed up by the debilitating drought of 2022 did a number on the landscaping and watering systems in the public areas of Sugar Creek neighborhood. As a result, SCGC has had to reach deep into their bank account in order to just do targeted landscape replacement work. The success of this event is a very welcome achievement.

The success of "The Magic of Sugar Creek Garden Club" led by Jackie Howard and supported ably by Trisha Muska, Connie Bingham, Shelley Lamb, Marilyn Davis, Diane Helms, Kathy Luckenbach, Jenny Schultz, Patsy Jones and the many other SCGC members truly created a sparkling magical event. A special thanks also needs to be given to Trixie Bond. Her contributed time and talent made the theme and success of this event possible. Thanks to all of you. The SCGC and the Sugar Creek neighborhood owe you a debt of gratitude for a job done exceedingly well.

