



Sugar Creek

GARDEN CLUB

December 2023

Gold Club Rating

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President's Letter— *Live Life in Full Bloom!*

Happy Holiday Greetings Gardening Girls!

This is one of my favorite months! Decorations, lights, poinsettias, baking, wrapping presents, friends, family and festivities. Busy, busy, busy! Wishing you each a very merry season!

A big shout out to Shelley Lamb for a fabulous Live Auction and Dinner – Sock Hop style! What a great time we all had- if you did miss it, it was literally a blast from the past! A huge success and it supports our many community gardens and beautification, scholarships and educational meetings, workshops and outings. Thank you, Shelley Lamb and team, and many thanks to George Foster for being our auctioneer! He did an awesome job - I see a new career in George's future!

Next month brings our annual joint Holiday Luncheon with the Woman's Association. There will not be a regular garden club meeting this month. The luncheon is on Thursday Dec. 16 at the Country Club. The price for the luncheon is \$35.00 and may be charged to your club account or paid by check made out to the Sugar Creek Country Club. The luncheon starts at 11:00 a.m. Reservations will be made through the Woman's Association. Details to follow.

Our next regular meeting starts up again January 18th at 9:30 a.m. I can't believe we are already in December! The next meeting is in 2024! The time has just flown by and we have been very busy. But we are not slowing down! January starts our Friday get togethers/workshops in preparation for our February Valentine's Friendship Luncheon. You're invited to join us as we create auction items for our event. Jenny Shultz hosts and co-chairs along

with Becky Joiner these get togethers.

Chilly weather comes in this month, I hope! And in preparation for such:

If a freeze is expected, water all in-ground plants and pots thoroughly. Dry roots are more susceptible to damage.

If you haven't applied mulch - do it now.

You can still do major pruning on hardwood trees. They are very dormant in Dec. and Jan.

Other cool season annual choices beside pansies and snapdragons include: Calendula, Sweet Alyssum, Stock, Dianthus and Ornamental Kale and Cabbage. Cyclamen is great for the shady areas.

The "average" first freeze/frost in our area is mid-December, so make sure all your preparation is done by then. Mulching, watering, winterizing lawns, transplanting and investment in frost cover.

If you purchased bulbs requiring refrigeration, like Tulips, Hyacinth, and Crocus, get them in the ground now.

*Happy Holidays my Friends!
Sending you love, light, and laughter for good memories and a bright and healthy 2024! Jackie Howard*

Houston Federation Garden Clubs Holly-Days Christmas Brunch

December 8th, 10:00 AM, at Faith Lutheran, 4600 Bellaire Blvd. \$40 tickets are required. Program, "Fresh Flowers and Greenery for the Holly-Days." Presented by Karen Pollard, Peony Perfect Designs

Sprucing up Sugar Creek for the Winter Holidays—

Please take a tour of our Sugar Creek neighborhood. It is really starting to get that holiday sparkle. At our last SCGC Meeting, Bonnie Steidley reported that the Garden Club had expended \$3,089 to add winter flowers for pops of color in the common area beds and of course lots of mulch to keep the beds nice and cozy.

November Yard of the Month—



Annette Griffith and John Bezecny
21 Bendwood Drive

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 11th, Tuesday, the 12th, and Wednesday the 13th**. It looks like there are several potential winners already.

There are six categories to be judged. They are Artistic, Front Door, Lighting, Novelty, Religious, and Traditional.



The Sugar Creek Women's Association
The Sugar Creek Garden Club

Holiday Luncheon

December 14, 2023
11:00 AM

Please join us for our annual gathering. The Houston Women's Horizons Chorus will perform classic Holiday favorites!

\$35 per person
Reservation Deadline: December 7th Contact: Shannon at shannonbohny@comcast.net or call/text 281-352-6318
Modification Deadline: December 11th at 6:00 p.m.

*Please note that luncheon date of **December 14th** has been changed from the date shown in the SCGC Directory.*

Joint Sugar Creek Garden Club & Women's Association's Annual Joint Holiday Luncheon 11:00 AM, Thursday, December 14th at SCCC

RSVP By December 7th. Email shannonbohny@comcast.net or Call/Text Shannon Bohny at (281)352-6318. Reservations are required.

The cost is \$35 / person. If you are a member of SCCC, please include your SCCC account number with your reservation. If you are not a member, please make your reservation to Shannon by the deadline and then pay at the door by cash or check. Checks should be made out to **Sugar Creek Country Club**.

Reservations may be modified up until 6:00 PM December 11th. After that \$35 is due for any reservation made.

If you are making table reservations, please check with everyone to be seated at your table in advance.



Remembrances—

Sending get well wishes to Bette Lemon. And sadly, we send our heartfelt prayers and thoughts to Jackie Howard and her family following the death of her mother, JoAnn Morris. A link to the obituary telling a brief story about this very talented, creative, and loving lady can be found on <https://www.dignitymemorial.com>

Former SCGC member Margie Camp's husband, Jim Sam Camp passed away on November 18th. His services will be 2:00 PM, December 16th at Jasek Chapel, Geo. H. Lewis & Sons at 1010 Bering Dr. All are welcome with a visitation following.

January Volunteers Needed for Preparation of Friendship Baskets for Silent Auction---

Friday Workshops Begin at Jenny Schultz's starting January 12th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM to prepare silent auction baskets.

SCGC Crew Volunteered Their Time at Brookwood at End of October

Shelley Williamson, Debbie Reitz, Miriam Watson, and Rootie Foster helped out in the plant nursery at Brookwood on October 26th. After a wonderful time volunteering they enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the café.

We Rocked the Night Away!

SCGC's Annual Dinner and Fundraiser 2023 Sock Hop may be over but the money raised, laughs shared and memories made are plentiful!

Upon arrival at the club, with everyone decked out in their finest 1950's attire, we were greeted by a 1958 Turquoise Pontiac Bonneville Convertible as paparazzi cameras clicked away (ok, maybe not paparazzi but our own iPhones) but cameras surely were flashing!

Inside after raffle tickets were sold, wine pulls drawn and silent auction items bid on, Houston Elvis entertained the crowd of 80 people while many were dancing, twisting and Congo dancing to some of Elvis' best songs. After we all sat down to catch our breath, raffle winners were announced and a huge thank you goes to Judy Johnson and Pam Sheldon who sold \$2700.00 in tickets! (and thank you to all who purchased the tickets!) And another big thank you goes to Marilyn Davis for all her wine bottles dressed in hot pink and shiny white bags that raised \$1550.

Auctioneer George Foster (Rootie's husband) conducted the live auction where our very generous members contributed



and raised \$8350.00. After dinner the silent auction closed the evening by raising \$1360.

One tip to next year's President Elect – don't combine coordinating this event with a total kitchen remodel! I speak from firsthand experience! Most importantly, I want to thank all the many members who helped make this year's fundraiser a huge success!! A special shout out goes to Jackie Howard, Bonnie Steidley, Linda Edmiaston, Trisha Muska, Cindy Jones, Marilyn Davis, Shelley Whitworth, Judy Johnson, Pam Sherman, Jenny Schultz, Becky Joiner, Dana Knox, Ann Price, Barbara Brescian, Ann Wendell, and George Foster. Another big thank you goes to those who gave graciously and donated items to the event: Trixie Bond and Mark Axford, Annette Deitch, The Ragoonathan family from Sugar Creek, Debbie Reitz, Kathy & Lewis Luckenbach, Dot Mitchell, Sugar Creek Country Club, Design Source, David and Patty Ranson, Diane Schomburg, Ann Price, Becky Joiner, Barbara Brescian, Ann Wendell and Miriam Watson. I want to thank the many others that contributed to the event in other ways including helping with the restaurant gift cards for the raffle, donating items to the silent auction, and helping with the event decorations set-up and take-down that evening, as well as our club photographer, Judy Sims. I especially want to

thank those who talked me through the stressful moments leading up to the event.

Lastly, a muchas gracias to Linda and Gary Edmiaston for hosting the annual Tennis & Tequila Lunch which raised \$4600 for the club. In total, we raised \$18,560 for our neighborhood beautification and for our wonderful club, which we all love so much. Have photos to share of the Sock Hop? Or the Tennis & Tequila Lunch? Email them to sugarcreekgardenclub@gmail.com. These events and many others can be seen at <https://sugarcreekgardenclub.org>. If they are not posted yet, be patient, they will be soon!

Shelley Lamb, President-Elect

