



September, 2025

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A Message from the President -

Hello Friends!

It is time to start another great year of learning, sharing, caring and most of all fun! I am very honored to serve as the President of the Sugar Creek Garden Club in its 54th Year!

The year ahead is full of activities including informative and interesting programs at the monthly meetings, our annual major fundraisers --the Monte Carlo Casino Night Dinner and Live Auction in October 2025, the Valentine Friendship Luncheon and Silent Auction in February 2026, along with excursions, workshops and much more!

In addition to the love of gardening and neighborhood beautification, we also reach out through civic involvement. Our fundraising efforts make it possible to donate to the Jim Huff Community Garden, the Mamie George Library and provide two scholarships to the horticultural science masters graduate program at Texas A&M, to name a few. Our members generously volunteer to help in many community activities such as the Brookwood Garden Center twice a year and participate in the Adopt-A-Spot quarterly cleaning of the Lonnie Green Park.

Please join us for our first General Meeting on Thursday, September 18,

2025 at the Sugar Creek Country Club. We gather at 9:30 am for socializing and a light breakfast, followed by the meeting at 10:00 am. The program will be "Chrysanthemums, Not Just for Homecoming" presented by Estelle Lozmack; past President and active Garden Club of Houston member. We will learn the history, modern uses, and health benefits of our club's flower: the Chrysanthemum.

I have had a great (and busy) summer preparing for the 2025-2026 year ahead. Many thanks to the board members, committee chairs and committee members for all the help, support, and fellowship. The Board Members meet on September 11, 2025 at Diane Schomburg's, 5 Regent Court.

I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones!

If you look close enough, I am sure you will find a place in your garden where "*The Earth Laughs in Flowers.*"

Becky Joiner

"Flowers aren't efficient - they don't get things done. They just are. They bloom, unapologetically, without worrying if they're too bright or if the bees are judging them."

The Daily Cuppa, Gary L. Ellis

September General Meeting -

Thursday, September 18th 9:30 AM
Sugar Creek Country Club

"Chrysanthemums, Not Just For Homecoming"

presented by **Estelle Lozmack**,
past president of The Garden Club of Houston



Ms. Lozmack will share invaluable information about the "Queen of Fall Flowers"

Executive Board Meeting -

Thursday, September 11th, 10 AM
Hostess: Diane Schomburg, 5 Regent Ct.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs -

CityRise Church - Bellaire
Friday, September 12th, 10 AM

Volunteers are needed to provide cookies/sweets for this Federation meeting. If you can contribute, please contact Becky Joiner at 713-824-1546 or rjoiner157@comcast.net

Remembrances -

Well wishes were sent to David Ranson and Larry Schultz for hip replacement surgeries. In addition, well wishes were sent to Marie Fuller for surgery, to Annette Deitch for a fall and well wishes were sent to Sylvia Chen.

Fall Plant Sale -

Fall Plant Sale Orders **Due September 27th!**

Our fall plant sale is in progress with all orders due to Suellen Schmidt by noon, Saturday, September 27th. We have many colors of alyssum, calendulas, pansies, snapdragons, dusty miller, violas, and dianthus. The cost is \$18 per tray, with each tray consisting of a count of 18, 4-inch plants. Plants will be delivered on Monday, November 10, and you pay for plants at pickup. These are nice quality plants that come directly from the grower. The club sells the plants at cost to our members. It is not a fundraiser but simply offered as a convenience to our members and to beautify our neighborhood.

Please contact Suellen Schmidt for order forms or further information.

Texas Garden Club -

The Texas Garden Club's 2026 Spring Convention will be hosted by our own District IV. Please save the date as SCGC will be asked to help and volunteers will be needed. For questions, contact Becky Joiner at 713-824-1546 or rjoiner157@comcast.net

April 7-9, 2026
Marriott Houston North Hotel
255 N. Sam Houston Parkway East
Houston, TX 77060

Lonnie Green Park -

Becky Sartain and Rootie Foster cleaned Lonnie Green Park in old Sugar Land. This is just one of the many community volunteer activities that the Garden Club is involved in.



September Birthdays -

Shirley Gordon	1
Dana Knox	1
Mary (Zooks) Campbell	1
Linda Edmiaston	6
Evelyna Saxon	10
Alice Galiano	11
Lu Hackett	13
Sandra Dickey	14
Carol Beth Gore	17
Kimberly Noble	19
Judy Sims	22
Elizabeth Cooney	22
Lisa Jones	24
Gail McClendon	25
Jane Friedman	27

Yard of the Month -

The Yard of the Month for September is the home of Beverly Thetford, located at 3114 Amesbury. Congratulations!



The Yard of the Month Committee wants everyone to know their schedule for judging, so all will have the opportunity to have their yard look it's best when the committee will be coming by. Therefore, going forward the judging days will be :

October	9/22
November	10/27
December	TBD
January	12/22
February	1/26
March	2/23
April	3/23
May	4/27

Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Save the Date!

October 23rd, 2025



Monte Carlo Casino Charity Night
October 23rd - 6 PM

Several SCGC members have spent the summer planning and putting together what we believe going to be a really fun and glamorous night! Join us for a wonderful gourmet dinner, live and silent auctions, wine pull, and raffles. Reservations deadline is October 17th. Remember it is all for charity! Cash or checks only.

So start putting together your fanciest glad rags and prepare to try your hand at blackjack, craps, roulette, and 3-card poker. If you have ever been to a casino and wanted to try your hand at one of the games but were too intimidated to try anything but the one-arm bandit slot machines, now is the time to give it a try. Professional croupiers will be available at each of the tables to provide instructions and guide you through the process. And for those of you who are very comfortable at the casino, well these ARE professional tables and croupiers. At the end of the evening or whenever you are through playing, all chip winnings can be converted to raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

Sign up sheets are going to be circulated at the Garden Club meetings for volunteers to make the event run smoothly. Many hands make light work and we are looking for enough volunteers throughout the evening so that hopefully everyone has a chance to enjoy themselves and no one has to work more than a 30 minute shift.

Back by Popular Demand the Silent Auction Gift Tree!
We are accepting VISA or BofA gift cards, and gift cards from your favorite nursery, restaurant, or box store to include in the Monte Carlo Casino Night Silent Auction. Minimum value should be \$50.

Please give your gift cards along with your name and the card value to either Debbie Reitz or Shelley Whitworth at the September Garden Club meetings. Or you can contact Shelley at (832)423-2845 and setup a time to drop off a card following the meetings.



“CASINO NIGHT” WINE PULL
DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Graciously, many of you volunteered to donate a bottle (or 2) of Red or White wine. We are also accepting new volunteers to donate!

Please bring your bottle(s) to the September 11th Board Meeting or the September 18th General meeting.

or, you can drop it off at any time at one of our homes:
Shelley Lamb 223 Lakeside or
Cindy Jones 926 Longview Dr.

A plastic container has been placed at Cindy's front door porch for drop off and she promises to check it daily.

Please include your name and the value of the wine.
A \$30 minimum value per bottle.

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