

October 2024

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# President's Letter -

# Happy Fall Gardening!

October is the start of Sugar Creek's best weather and there is so much we can plant in our gardens this month. Here are just a few reminders...

Our ideal growing season for herbs and vegetables is October – March. Our mild winters make it ideal for growing sweet lettuces, kales, herbs, beans, peas, root crops and so much more when much of the country is under snow or experiencing freezing temperatures.

October is perfect for herbs including the woody herbs in the mint family that grow throughout the year. These include rosemary, oregano, sage and thyme. The cooler temperatures bring a few additional herbs to the garden including parsley, cilantro and dill.

The vegetables to plant in October include kale, mustards, collards, celery, arugula, broccoli, cauliflower, radish, beets and carrots. Our cooler temperatures help these vegetables thrive. Garlic can also be planted in October and then forgotten about until spring! First you will need to visit a local nursery or bulb market and preferably purchase organic garlic bulbs, Next, separate the cloves and use the larger outer cloves for your garlic and the smaller cloves can be planted and the greens used for scallions. Dig a wide hole that can cover the entire clove of garlic. Be sure you plant the tip facing upwards. Green will appear in the spring and garlic in the summer.

# Source: https://rootedgarden.com

Hint: As you grow herbs and vegetables this Fall, don't forget to showcase them at the Horticulture table at our meetings and share your success!

Remember... "you're never too old to play in the dirt"

Shelley Lamb

And the fruiting plants that grow well in October include fava beans and sugar snap peas on trellises.

Lettuce is sometimes called a "cut and come again" plant, meaning you can harvest again from them for a three- or so-month period. This is why lettuce is ideal for all types of gardens from patio gardens to very large gardens. Plus, lettuce takes up very little space and can be planted a few inches apart from one another.

#### WHAT TO PLANT IN HOUSTON Arugula Chives Mizuna Garlic Rosemary Broccoli Sage Cauliflower Thyme Carrots\* Peas\* Buttercrunch\* Parsley Fava Beans\* Romaine\* Spring Mix ROOTED Lettuce\* GARDEN

## **October General Meeting -**

## "TERRARIUMS 101"

Thursday, October 17 - 9:30 a.m.

**SCCC Garden Room** 

Join us for a class on custom Terrariums and Moss Art presented by Ms. Moss Potter

The essentials of planting and caring for terrariums



# **Annual Dinner and Live Auction**



# RESERVATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2024

Contact Trisha Muska at 832-752-6738 | trisham1@windstream.net or

Beverly Scheliga at 713-553-6747 or scheliga\_beverly@comcast.net



# **October Executive Board Meeting -**

Thursday, October 10 10:AM

Hostess : Linda Edmiaston

Co-Hostesses: Diane Reeves, Jackie Howard, Bonnie Steidley, Shelley Lamb and Joanne Preng

623 Chevy Chase Circle

# Fall Excursion –

# Don't miss out on the Oct. 31 Excursion!

If you've signed up for the Thursday, October 31st Butterfly Center excursion to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, please bring \$56 cash or check to the October Board or General meetings. A few spaces are still available, and the sign-up deadline is October 21. We'll carpool and then enjoy touring the immersive living butterfly habitat at the Museum plus visit the adjacent glass enclosed "bug zoo". There's time for browsing/buying at the Museum Store. Christmas items may be in! Then off for our 2course lunch at The Raven Grill a few miles away. \$56 payable by cash or check for sign-up at the October meeting. Call or text Barbara Brescian with any questions. 713-516-5322 Do not miss out on a chance to "Party Like Gatsby" with friends and family at the SCGC Annual Dinner and Live Auction to raise money for our continuing mission of neighborhood beautification. Be prepared to enjoy champagne and appetizers along with a delicious sit-down dinner. In addition to the Live Auction (eight great Items) please support the Sugar Creek Garden Club by enjoying these activities:

**RAFFLE** – Tickets will be on sale at our next meeting and are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. **You do not have to be present to win!** For more information and tickets contact Becky Joiner at 713-824-1546 or <u>rjoiner157@comcast.net</u>.

The prizes are:

• **Gift Card Tree** – Over \$500 worth of gift cards to local restaurants and nurseries

• Betsey Johnson Tote – Hot pink and black floral tote.

• **"Art Deco" Floral Arrangement** – A unique arrangement in a black and gold container.

WINE PULL – Red or White, We've Got You Covered

Thanks to all who donated to the Wine Pull, a highlight of the Club's October 24 Annual Dinner. If you haven't already given Barbara Brescian your red or white wine bottle valued at \$30+ or wish to donate one, please bring to the October Board or General meeting, or call Barbara at 713.516.5322 and she'll pick up. At the dinner, for purchase of a \$30 ticket you can select from wine bags filled with bottles so far valued at \$30-\$80.

# SEE YOU THERE!

Becky Joiner 713-824-1546 or rjoiner157@comcast.net

#### Fall Plant Sale -

Our fall plant sale is in progress with **all orders due to Beverly Scheliga by noon, Friday, October 4.** We have many colors of alyssum, calendulas, pansies, snapdragons, dusty miller, violas, and dianthus. The cost is \$17.50 per tray, with each tray consisting of a count of 18, 4-inch plants. Plants will be delivered on **November 11**, 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 Beverly Scheliga or Suellen Schmidt for order forms or further information.

#### "Refresh Your Wreath" Workshop -

You know how after storing your holiday decorations in boxes and bags after the holidays; everything looks crumpled and misshaped when you pull it back out...well we are hosting a "Refresh Your Wreath" Workshop at Shelley Whitworth's home at 10:00 AM, 1319 Sugar Creek Blvd. **Please RSVP to Shelley, so she will know how many seats at the table she will need to prepare.** Registration cost is \$10, and we will provide light refreshments. We will have a selection of ribbons, wire, glue and staple guns to work with on your wreaths. If you are really ambitious, you can even bring other items to attach to your wreath(s) or even start from scratch. Some people might even want to

#### An Invitation -

from our Garden Club member Patty Ranson



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 6-9 PM 906 TEAGUE CIRCLE Home of David and Patty Ranson

#### PH: 713-857-7405

This will be a **pot luck evening**, so bring your favorite DISH, SNACK, or DESSERT – or just join us to meet your neighbors and City Officials. **Water, plates, napkins, cups,&** i**ce** will be provided. Bring your own drinks, (beer, wine, sodas, etc.) & Feel free to invite a SUGAR CREEK RESIDENT OR NEIGHBOR

#### **Remembrances -**

Rememberances were sent to Trisha Muska for her knee replacement surgery on 9/23.

bring fresh or dried natural materials to work with...We can't guarantee how your wreaths will look, but we can guarantee that you will have a great time putting your project together, it will look better than when you pulled it out of the box, and it will be a labor of love. There will be a limit of 15 participants.

In Memory

# VIVIAN WINSLOW

We send our condolences to her husband Kevin and her family.

Vivian was a member of the Sugar Creek Garden Club.

# Friendship Luncheon -

Rosemary Jodeit is accepting donations for the children's baskets for the

February 8th Friendship Luncheon. You may bring items to her house at 26 Burnham Circle, or to upcoming board or monthly meetings. Remember, your kids and grandkids love to shop these tables, so let's make it a huge success. Please call her if you have any questions.

832-483-8001

### **Houston Federation Meeting -**

October 11th, 10 a.m.

"Things to do to Help the Honeybees"

Speaker: Nicole Buergers, Bee2Bee Honey Collective

#### **October Birthdays -**

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

## Yard of the Month - October

The October 2024 Yard of the Month is 1410 Sugar Creek Blvd, home of the Cumber family



The Ginnie Russell Award - 2024 -

The 2024 Ginnie Russell Award was presented to Trixie Bond at our September meeting. Congratulations, Trixie!



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