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A Message from the President

THEME FOR 2025-2026 "The Earth Laughs in Flowers"

Hello Friends!

December is a time for enjoying the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family, and the wonder of the holiday season. It is a time of reflection and preparation for the new year.

The fall started off warmer and dryer (with a brief cool-off) than normal so we continue to maintain our gardens and flower beds for the "promised" cooler and wetter weather to come. If you follow Jay White's (owner and publisher of Texas Gardener Magazine) "Planning Guide & Calendar," this is a good month to fertilize and do not forget to supplement watering in absence of rain.

The Houston Federation of Garden Club Monthly Meeting program on November 14 was presented by Tiffany Ritter of the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center. The presentation was focused on ecological restoration of the landscape that has been damaged by climate disturbances (such as hurricanes and drought) and invasive plant growth. The Arboretum's Ecological Gardening Program encourages the use of native plants to conserve and restore damaged landscapes and provide habitats and food sources for local insects, birds, and other wildlife. If you are interested in incorporating some native plants into your garden plan,

checkout the website at www.houstonarboretum.org

Our membership is 137 strong as of the November General Meeting. We welcome new members and encourage you to get involved.

A special thanks to all for your generous participation, donations, and hard work in making these last three months truly fun, exciting, and successful. The October Monte Carlo Casino was a smashing success as well as the Potted Plant Party and we continue to have great participation in our monthly meetings and great raffles! Additionally, we were able to lend a hand to our friends at the Hunt Garden Club with a \$1,000.00 donation toward their rebuilding efforts after the devastating floods in July.

The Nominating Committee has been confirmed and will present candidates for the open Executive Board

Positions for the 2026-2027 Year in January. I will chair the Committee along with the members Shelley Whitworth, Kathy Luckenbach, Jackie Howard, and Annette Griffith.

The Annual Joint Holiday Luncheon is a tradition with our friends at the Sugar Creek Women's Association. This year SCWA will host the meeting on December 11, 2025 at the Sugar Creek Country Club. The Punchbowl Social begins at 11:00 am. There is no Board Meeting for December.

Keep looking for that place in your garden where "The Earth Laughs in Flowers!"

Happy Holidays!

Becky Joiner

"Maybe Christmas, 'he thought,' doesn't come from a store.

Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" —Dr. Seuss

December General Meeting -

An annual holiday tradition with our friends at the SCWA. This year's lunch and entertainment has been planned and arranged by the SCWA. (*This holiday lunch alternates each year between the SCWA and the SCGC.*)



Executive Board Meeting -

There is no Board Meeting this month

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs -

CityRise Church - Bellaire, TX 77401
Friday, December 5th
Christmas Celebration & Lunch

Advanced tickets required.
Silent Auction, Raffle & Door Prizes



Refresh Your Wreath Workshop -

Wednesday, December 3rd 10:00 am
Home of Shelley Whitworth,
1319 Sugar Creek Blvd.

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 Wednesday, December 3rd 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 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.

Sugar Creek Holiday Lighting Contest -

Time to get your tinsel, lights and decor out and up! Judging for the Sugar Creek Garden Club's Holiday Lighting Contest will be **Monday, December 8th, Tuesday, the 9th, and Wednesday the 10th**. There are 8 awards given in the following categories ; Artistic, Front Door, Novelty, Religious, Traditional, and Lighting.

Remembrances -

Cards of care and concern were sent to Terry Dickey, Shirley Gordon, Shelby Daniels, and Kitty Tardy.



December Birthdays -

Carol Hertel	12
Marina Beltran	14
Diane Helms	15
Patti Pearson	21
Jean Virgadamo	21
Annette Griffith	23

Save the Date!



Yard of the Month -

The Yard of the Month for November is the home of Karen and Dino Ikonis, located at 310 Lakeside Blvd. Congratulations!



The Yard of the Month Committee wants everyone to know their schedule for judging, so everyone 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 :

January	12/22
February	1/26
March	2/23
April	3/23
May	4/27

Items Needed for Valentine Auction -

From Rosemary Jodeit:
We are still in need of items for the children's baskets. Consider helping out by taking advantage of Holiday Sales. You may bring items to Rosemary's home, or she can pick them up from you personally. Please call her if you have any questions.
832-483-8001

Moments to Remember

The November General Meeting



Annual Plant Exchange (The Pot Party!)



The Plant Sale - Delivery Day



Arbor Day Planting of an Eagleston Holly at Country Club and Southwestern Blvd.



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