

MAY - JULY 2025

# MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER



## Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

**From the President's Desk – July 2025**

Dear Members,

Let's be honest—July in Texas isn't exactly gentle. It's hot, relentless, and a little bossy. The kind of heat that makes you question your life choices when you walk outside at noon.

And yet... we still garden. Early mornings, late evenings, dragging hoses, deadheading with a sweaty brow. It's a season that tests us—but also rewards us. The crape myrtles are showing off. The butterflies are everywhere. And if you've managed a ripe tomato or two, you've earned your bragging rights.

Our club takes a break from meetings this month, and we've pared back our market participation to just one date—Friday, July 19th—because of the heat. If you're out and about, stop by the Mansfield Farm & Cottage Market and say hello. You'll find plants, friendly faces, and—if we're lucky—a bit of shade.

We'll resume our regular meetings on Tuesday, August 12th, and I look forward to seeing all your sun-kissed selves then. In the meantime, stay hydrated, stay cool, and if your garden's struggling—know you're in good company.

With grit and good humor,

Sonya Byrne  
President, Mansfield Garden Club

# GENERAL MEETINGS

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

SPRING FLING

Town Park

500 N. Main Street, Mansfield, TX 76063

**AN AMAZING TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

Speaker Katie Cunningham

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063

Katie Cunningham is a Compliance Assistance Specialist with the Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section in TCEQ's Dallas/Fort Worth region. Katie began working with the TCEQ in 2016. In her presentation she will discuss TCEQ's role in regulating drinking water, wastewater and water quality.

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

**NO MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 5:00pm**

TBD

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 5:00pm**

Speaker Teddi Zonker

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

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**Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 5:00pm**

**PLANT BINGO**

Join us for a fun filled evening of Plant Bingo. Each member to bring 1-2 plants to be entered into the bingo game.

# 2025 Scholarship Recipient Hailey Plumlee

Hailey graduated from Mansfield Legacy High School with a cumulative GPA of 3.93 and a class rank of 27/576.

While in high school she has completed 24 dual credit hours and chose to take AP level classes in all her CORE classes.

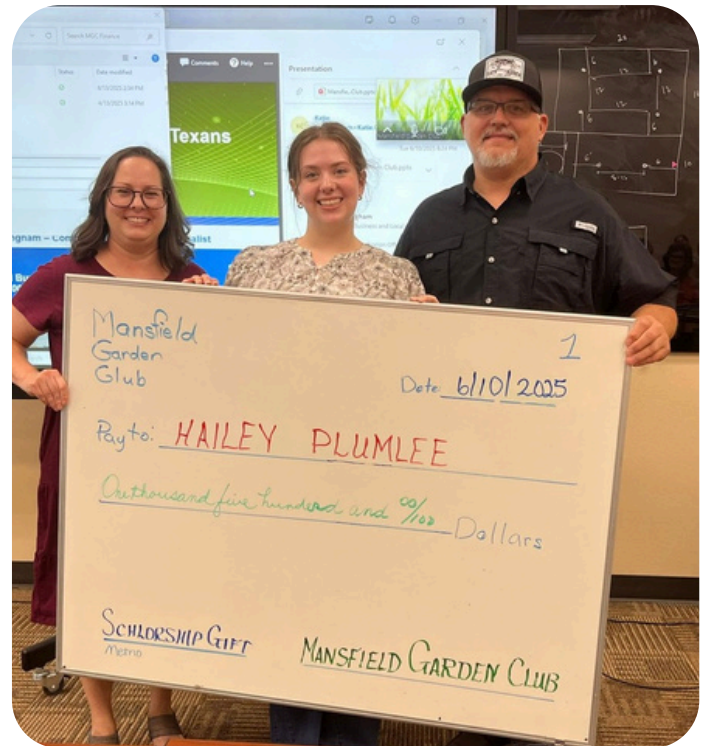
Hailey was very involved in school and volunteering. Her accomplishments include being a member of National Honor Society and Key Club along with holding officer positions in FFA as well as being the FFA District VII Area V First Vice President.

Hailey earned various FFA degrees and certifications including the Lone Star Degree -the highest award a state level association can bestow. She also earned a State Floral Association Floral Knowledge Based certification.

Hailey earned multiple awards at the Tarrant County Livestock Show including Grand Champion in Horticulture, Best in Breed Poultry and Reserve Champion and Grand Champion livestock awards.

Hailey was an active volunteer working as a MISD Mentor, volunteering at Tarver Rendon Elementary and working with Special Needs programs. Hailey is also active at her church in mission and Helping Hands programs.

Hailey has been accepted at both Texas A&M and Tarleton State Universities where she will major in Agribusiness .



Dear Mansfield Garden Club,  
Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I truly appreciate your support. It will be used toward my school expenses as I continue my studies in Agribusiness at Tarleton State University. Your generosity means a great deal to me and is helping me move closer to achieving my academic and career goals. I'm very grateful for the opportunity. Thanks again!  
Best Regards,  
Hailey Plumlee

# Upcoming Events

**Peach Festival** in historic downtown Weatherford on **Saturday, July 12th**. We will **leave at 8:30 am** from the Mansfield Cinemark off 287. Park on the edge of the parking lot, near Olive Garden. The cost is \$11.50 for adults and \$5.75 for children. We will arrive around 9:30 am and leave around 1 pm to get back around 2p.

**Cox Nursery and Market**, 110 Azalea Ln, Duncanville on **Tuesday, July 15th**, at **9:30am**. No cost. Mr. Cox is looking forward to showing us his greenhouses, talking about his plants and propagation. We will have time to shop for plants. Across the parking lot is a small market that has produce and natural products. We will head back to our area to have lunch. Plan to meet at the Mansfield Kroger parking lot on Broad St at 8:45 am. 14 signed up at the June meeting.

**Adult Craft Night #2** will be at Rosa Weith's house on **Thursday, July 24th**, at **6:30 pm**. I will have wine and dessert. Bring a snack to share. Her address is 3209 S Shady Ln, Arlington TX 76001, just off the intersection of Turner Warnell and 287. Pam will let us know items we need to bring for craft nights.





# MGC @ Mansfield Farm & Cottage 2025 Schedule

- MAY 3, 2025
- MAY 17, 2025
- MAY 31, 2025
- JUNE 14, 2025
- JUNE 28, 2025
- JULY 19, 2025
- AUGUST 16, 2025
- SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
- OCTOBER 18, 2025
- NOVEMBER 22, 2025



Saturdays



8:00AM - Noon

703 E. Broad St., Mansfield, TX, United States, Texas

**January 14, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**1890 Marketplace**

**February 11, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**Emily Puente -  
MGC member**

**March 11 , 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**Taylor Quedensley**

**April 8, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**Andrea Garcia**

**May 13, 2025  
6:00pm  
Town Park**

**Annual Spring  
Fling**

**June 10, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**Katie Cunningham**

**July 8, 2025  
  
NO MEETING**

**August 12, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**TBD**

**September 9, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**Teddi Zonker**

**October 14, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**Plant Bingo**

**November 11, 2025  
6:00pm  
Chris W Burkett  
Service Center**

**TBD**

**December, 2025  
6:00pm  
  
Holiday Party**



# Spring Fling May 2025





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# Lavender Farm Field Trip



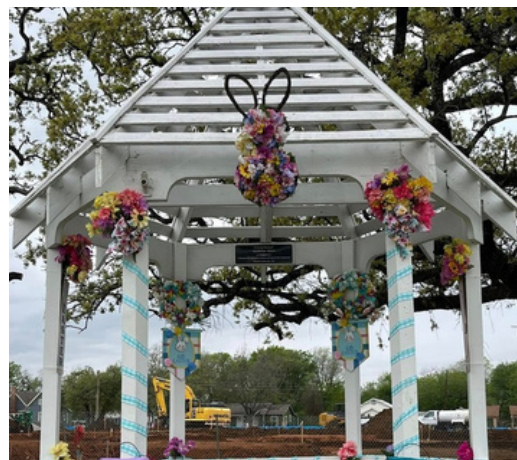


# Fields of Fidelis Field Trip





# Gazebo





# JULY PLANT OF THE MONTH:

## SPIGELIA MARILANDICA



Common Name	Indian Pink, Woodland Pinkroot, American Pink
Botanical Name	Spigelia marilandica
Family	Loganiaceae
Plant Type	Perennial
Mature Size	1-2 ft
Sun Exposure	Partial Shade
Soil Type	Adaptable
Soil pH	Slightly Acidic (6.1-6.5)
Bloom Time	Late spring to early summer
Flower Color	Deep Red to Scarlet
Hardiness Zones	5-9
Native Areas	Southeastern US
Toxicity	Can be in large quantities

Description: Indian Pink, scientifically known as *Spigelia marilandica*, is a herbaceous perennial native to North America. It is recognized for its striking red tubular flowers with yellow throats, which bloom primarily in late spring to early summer. These flowers are known to attract pollinators, especially hummingbirds, due to their color and shape. Indian Pink prefers partial shade but can tolerate full sun with adequate moisture. The plant thrives in rich, well-drained soil and benefits from regular watering, although it is somewhat drought-tolerant once established.

# MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

## MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB 2024 - 2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President – Sonya Byrne  
Secretary – Donna Rauh  
Treasurer – Baronda Bradley  
1st V.P. of Programs – Pam Smith  
2nd V.P. of Publicity – Donna Mendenhall  
3rd V.P. of Special Events – Rosa Weith and Diane Dillon  
4th V.P. of Community Projects – Valerie Crowe  
5th V.P. of Youth and Education – Kris Schulz and Rebecca Sales

## MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Farmer's Market  
Scholarship – Kris Schulz  
Butterfly Garden – Rhonda Oertwich & Kathe Cleveland  
Man House Gardens – Val Crowe  
Service Center Garden Plots – Rosa Weith  
Gazebo Decorating – Pamela Smith  
Gazebo Garden – Janie Runyan



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