

AUGUST 2024

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

As the heart of summer unfolds, I'm delighted to share the latest news from our garden club community.

A Day of Growth and Community: Our recent workday on July 24th was a truly inspiring experience! We were thrilled to partner with 40 energetic student athletes from Lake Ridge High School. Together, we transformed our garden through a flurry of weeding, trimming, and mulching. The beautiful weather brought out the best in our plants – and our volunteers! This collaborative effort not only enhanced our garden but also deepened our connections as a community. A special thank you to Rhonda Oertwich for her exceptional leadership in making this day such a success.

Celebrating Achievement: We are delighted to announce that Francesa Pavese is the recipient of the Mansfield Garden Club Scholarship for 2024. Her dedication and academic achievements are truly commendable. We are honored to support her as she embarks on this exciting new chapter. Please join us in congratulating Francesa when she attends our August meeting with her family.

Cultivating Knowledge and Community Our August meeting promises to be a fruitful gathering! Our talented members, Cindy Gray, Amanda Mancuso, and Rebecca Sales will share their expertise on growing delicious home-grown vegetables. Bring your favorite snacks and prepare to learn valuable tips and tricks from our gardening gurus.

An Evening Under the Moon We're transforming our regular meeting into a special community event! Join us for a captivating evening with Amy Martin, famously known as the Moonlady and author of Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature Around Dallas-Fort Worth. Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of nocturnal nature as Amy shares fascinating insights about the Moon's influence on our planet and its inhabitants. Discover how to become a Moon-watching expert, understand the magic of lunar phases, and learn how to create a moon-friendly garden. The event is on Tuesday, September 10 from 6-8 p.m. at the Farr Best Theater. More details to come.

Unleash Your Creativity: Get ready to unleash your inner artist! Our Founders Day craft work nights kick off on Thursday, August 8th from 6-8:30 PM at the Chris Burkett Service Center. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome to join the fun. Let's come together, share snacks, and create beautiful pieces for our October 5th sale. We can't wait to see you there! Let's continue to cultivate a thriving garden club where friendship and a love of nature flourish. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

Warmly, Sonya Byrne President

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MGC MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

6:00PM - 8:00PM

CHRIS W BURKETT SERVICE CENTER
620 S. WISTERIA ST., MANSFIELD, TX 76063

Join us for an enlightening and engaging presentation on the joys and intricacies of vegetable gardening! Our knowledgeable members, Cindy Gray, Amanda Mancusco and Rebecca Sales will share their expertise and passion for cultivating fresh, home-grown vegetables. Social Time is from 6:00-6:30, Program starts at 6:30pm. MGC Business Meeting to follow.

MGC MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

6:00PM-9:00PM

FARR BEST THEATER
109 N. MAIN ST., MANSFIELD, TX 76063

We have such an exciting program scheduled featuring Amy Martin known by many as the Moonlady. Martin is the author of Wild DFW: Explore the Amazing Nature Around DFW merges fascinating nocturnal nature insights from her book with deep knowledge of the Moon! This is a free event open to the public. Tickets will be available to our members first SCAN THE QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

MGC MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

6:00PM - 8:00PM

CHRIS W BURKETT SERVICE CENTER

620 S. WISTERIA ST., MANSFIELD, TX 76063



PLANT BINGO - Join our members as we play bingo with plants.

Please bring a plant or two to participate. Social Time is from 6:00-6:30, Bingo starts at 6:30pm.

MGC MONTHLY MEETING

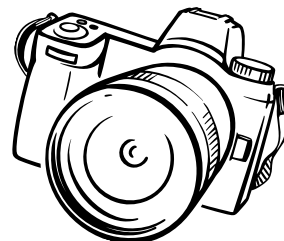
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

6:00PM - 8:00PM

CHRIS W BURKETT SERVICE CENTER

620 S. WISTERIA ST., MANSFIELD, TX 76063

Join us for an exciting program featuring Daniel Koglin, the Wild DFW photographer. Daniel will take us behind the scenes of Professional Art and Landsape Photography. Social Time is from 6:00-6:30, Program starts at 6:30pm. MGC Business Meeting to follow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MGC BOOTH AT FARMERS & COTTAGE MARKET

Saturday August 17 and 31, 2024

8:00am-12:00pm

703 E. Broad Street Mansfield

Please join us at the **Mansfield Farm & Cottage Market**, where we'll showcase a variety of plants and crafts generously donated by members and friends of our club. Proceeds help fund our community beautification projects, scholarship fund, and member meetings and activities.

Man House: The Man House project is coming right along. Our members planted pumpkins and they are coming up nicely. Once the weather cools Val Crowe will schedule a workday.

Possible MGC Outings: Rosa and Diane are looking into some fieldtrips. Right now, they are researching LoneStar Gardens, Homestead Heritage and Ryans Place Candle Tour. More info coming soon!

Craft Nights: Our members will be creating items to sell at Founders Day which will be Saturday October 5, 2024. **Join us every Thursday evening through September 27, 2024 at Chris W. Burkett Service Center from 6:00-8:30.**

AUGUST PLANT OF THE MONTH

TEXAS REDBUD



Cercis canadensis var. 'Texensis,' most commonly known as the 'Texas Redbud', is a graceful flowering tree native to southern Oklahoma, central Texas, and northeastern Mexico. The 'Texas' variety is set apart from other redbuds by its significantly smaller ruffled leaves, a multi-trunked form, and a somewhat smaller height and spread of 15-20 feet.

Plant Care:

Texas redbuds should be watered regularly during the first few years, especially during drought conditions. Newly planted trees need to be watered twice a week for the first month, and then once a week until fully established. Mature trees are drought tolerant but look better if watered regularly. The surrounding soil should be allowed to dry between each watering.

<https://dallascountymastergardeners.org/plant-of-the-month-texas-redbud/>

TEXAS REDBUD

Variety

Tree (ornamental)

Flower Color

Red/Pink

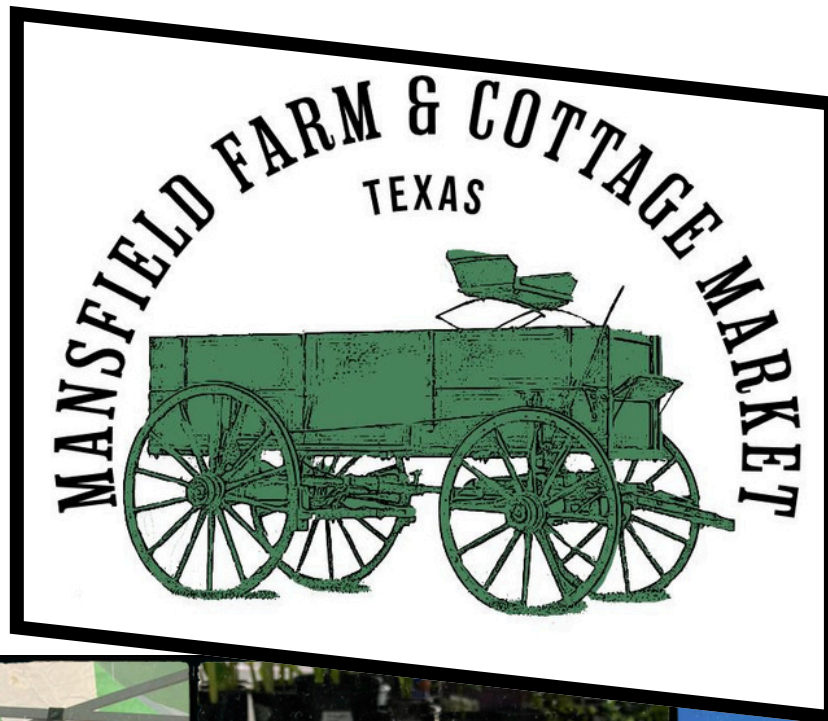
Bloom Time

Spring

Size

15-20ft

FARMERS AND COTTAGE MARKET



A big thanks to our MGC members who volunteer for our booth at the Farmers and Cottage Market...WE APPRECIATE YOU!

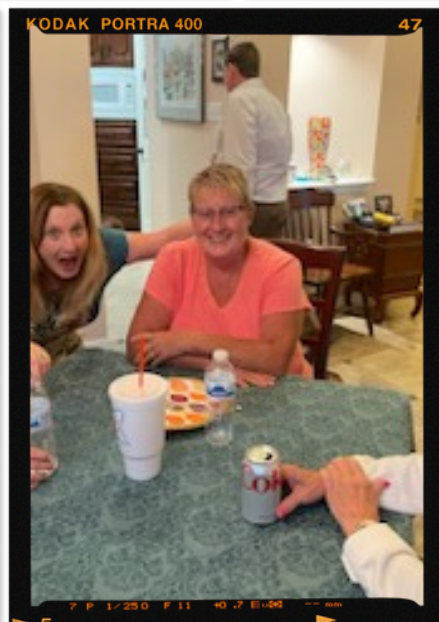
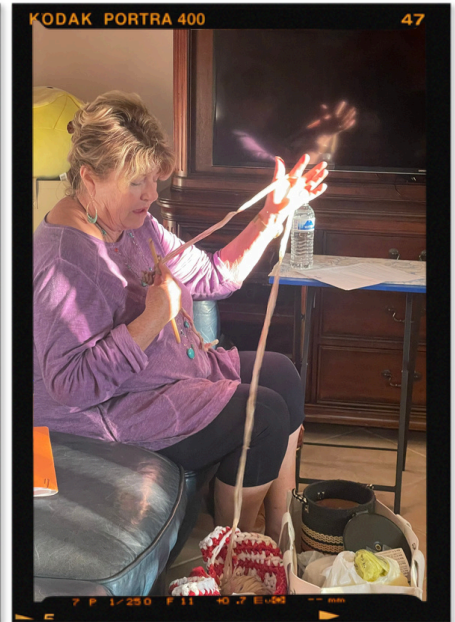
Upcoming Farmers and Cottage Market Dates
August 17 & 31, Sep 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26

OUR GAZEBO

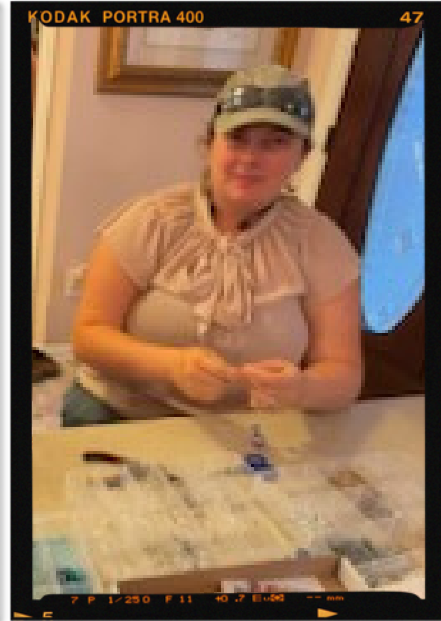
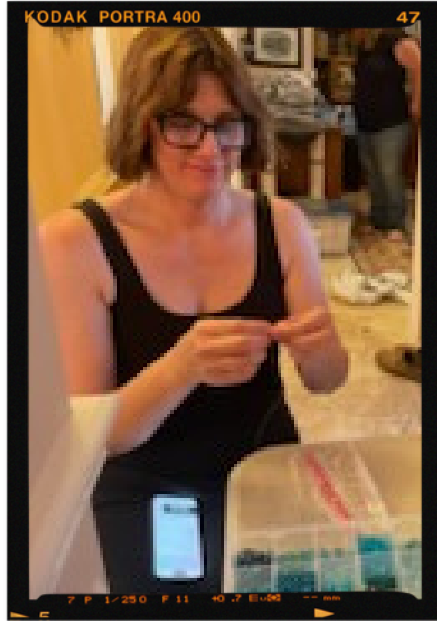


A big shoutout to our Gazebo committee for transforming our Gazebo for Independence Day! Thank you for maintaining such a special place for Mansfield!

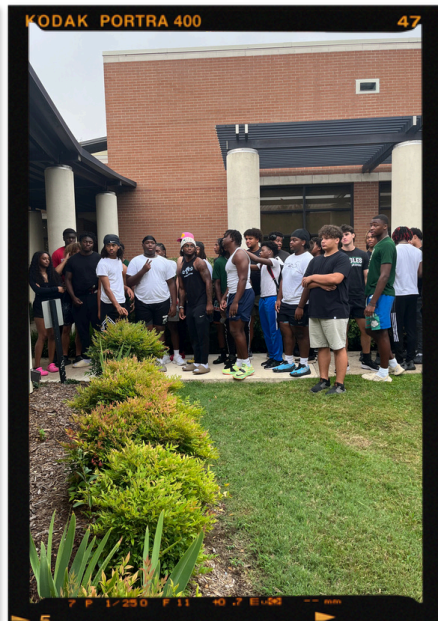
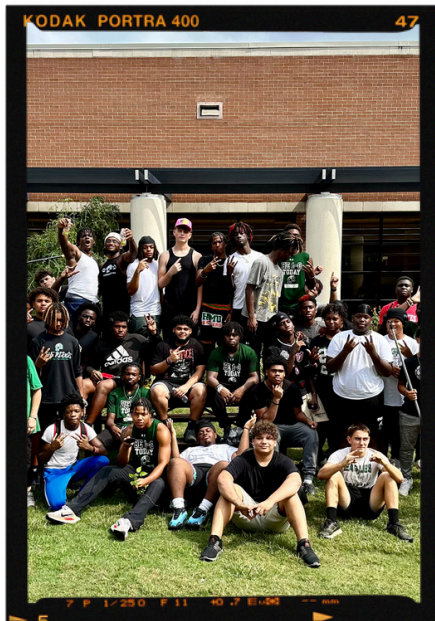
Craft Day at Baronda's July 23, 2024



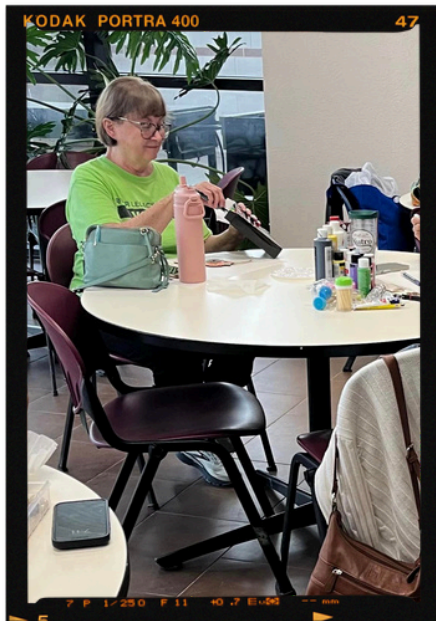
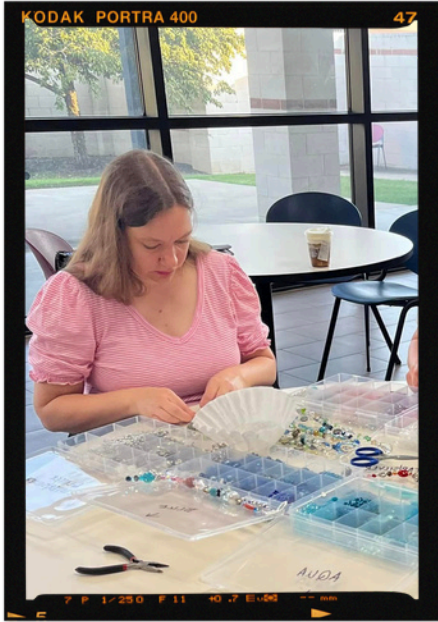
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Butterfly Garden Workday 7/24/24



Craft Night at the Service Center August 8, 2024



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MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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