

FEBRUARY 2025

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

As I sit down to write this, I'm reminded of how grateful I am to be part of a community that shares such a love for the beauty and inspiration a garden brings into our lives. It's truly inspiring to see what happens when our individual talents and ideas come together to make something extraordinary.

Looking ahead, I'm especially looking forward to all the events we have planned this spring. It's a season of growth and renewal, and I can't wait to see the energy and enthusiasm you'll bring to everything we do.

Thank you for your commitment to making our club a place where gardens and friendships flourish. It's an honor to serve as your president and to see the impact we make together.

With warmest regards,

Sonya

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

Emily Puente MGC Member

Join us for social time and appetizers at 6:00pm. Then Emily Puentes will share her knowledge of propagation of plants.

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

Taylor Quedensley, PhD Plant Biology, manager/grower Cox Farms Nursery

Program: Establishing Wildlife Habitat Using Texas. Using native plants and establishing habitats for the benefit of wildlife

Join us for social time and appetizers at 6:00pm.

Meetings continued on next page.

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

Andrea Garcia

Join us for social time and appetizers at 6:00pm. Andrea Garcia teaches classes on Herbs at FWBG regarding healthy uses in food and medicine

Andrea Garcia is an herbalist and registered dietitian living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She loves sharing how herbs and plants can bring ease, joy, and delight into our lives. From growing herbs in your backyard to making herbal remedies, or finding delicious ways to add herbs to food, she loves to show people how to bring more herbs into their day-to-day. Since 2023 she has been teaching Learning Herbs classes at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden as part of their adult education offerings.

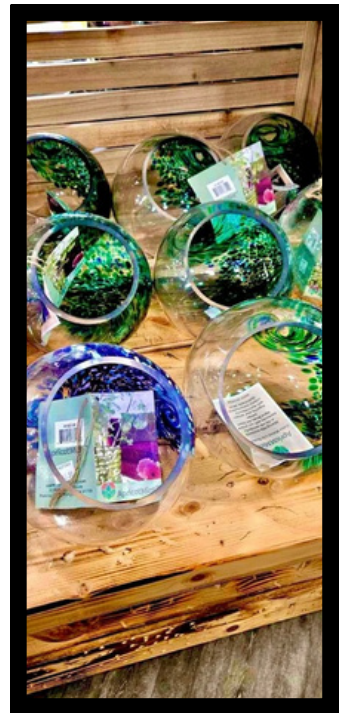
Andrea graduated from the Wildflower school of Botanical Medicine in 2015 with primary instructor Nicole Telkes. She continued her studies with herbalists including Ginger Webb, Aviva Romm, KP Khalsa, Rosita Arvigo, and many more. One beautiful thing about studying herbs is that you never stop learning! Getting to know plants is a lifelong journey and passion.

Andrea also attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned a BA in Psychology and BS in Nutrition. She also happens to be a graduate of Mansfield High School. Outside of teaching about herbs, Andrea loves being out in the garden, testing out new recipes in the kitchen, and sewing.



Love is in
the air!
Thank you
to our
Amazing
Members!

Field Trip to Green Acres Nursery



Upcoming Events

April 26, 2025 - Earth Day Mansfield - 9:00am - 1:00pm

Earth Day Mansfield is typically held on the last Saturday in April and is a family-friendly event that puts the fun in the Fundamentals of learning how to become an environmentally sustainable member of our community. You can expect to see a variety of activities such as: kids and crafts, food and beverage for purchase, live music, product vendors, butterfly release and much more!

May 10, 2025 - Monarch Festival - 9:00am - 12:00pm

May 13, 2025 - Spring Social - 5:00pm - 8:00pm

The executive committee is hard at work planning this year's spring social. It will be at Town Park 500 N Main St. Stay tuned for more info.

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Mansfield Garden Club is proud to offer an annual scholarship to one graduating high school student or a current college student. The 2025 scholarship is a one-time check in the amount of \$1500.

Please pass this on to a student who fits the following requirements:

- Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary training at a college, university, or technical school. They must be enrolling in a program related to Horticulture, Environmental Science, Forestry, Agriculture, Conservation, Landscape Design, Agronomy, Environment Management/City Planning, Botany, Plant Pathology, or other related subjects.
- Applicants are required to submit an essay explaining why they have selected their field of study. The essay is not to exceed 250 words and should be typed on a separate piece of paper or as a PDF document and attached to the application.
- Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a member of the Mansfield Garden Club, counselor, club advisor, church leader, teacher, employer, or any person qualified to attest to the applicant's character and scholarship ability.
- Applications must submit an official high school and/or college transcript.
- Applications and attachments must be submitted and/or postmarked by April 19, 2025. Application and attachments may be emailed to mgc@mansfieldgardenclub.org or mailed to PO BOX 1119, Mansfield, Texas 76063. Questions may also be submitted to the same addresses.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the application. It can also be found on our website at www.mansfieldgardenclub.org

Mansfield Garden Club
PO BOX 1119, Mansfield, TX 76063
www.mansfieldgardenclub.org

\$1,500 Scholarship Application

The completed application with attachments can be emailed or mailed to the Mansfield Garden Club. It must be received or postmarked by **April 19th**. PLEASE PRINT legibly.

Applicant Information * Required

Date _____

Student's Full Name _____ Student ID Number _____

Student's Gender ____ Female ____ Male Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Home Address _____

Applicant's cell # _____ Applicant's Email Address _____

Mother's cell # _____ Father's cell # _____

Educational Background * Required

High School attended _____ Year Graduated _____

Cumulative G.P.A. _____ SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

Family Profile and Financial Information * Required

Mother's Name _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Legal Guardian's Name _____ Occupation/Employer _____

With whom do you live _____ Number of siblings living at home _____

Number of family members enrolled in college ____ Ages of family members in college _____

Child or Grandchild of an Active Mansfield Garden Club Member ____ yes ____ no

Combined parent/legal guardian(s) gross income range

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| <input type="radio"/> Below \$30,000 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> \$81,000-\$100,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$30,000-\$40,000 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> \$101,000-\$120,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$41,000-\$60,000 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> Over \$120,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$61,000-\$80,000 | | |

Work Experience * Required

List work experience for the last 3 years whether related to horticulture or not and for how long.

Employer	Job title/duties	Dates (start/end)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Do you intend to work while attending college? _____ Part time? _____ Full time? _____

Reason for working? _____

College Information * Required

List your intended/declared college major (must be related to Horticulture, Environmental Science, Forestry, Agriculture, Conservation, Landscape Design, Agronomy, Environment Management/City Planning, Botany, Plant Pathology, or other related subject).

List college(s) or technical schools you are considering in order of preference. _____

List college(s) or technical schools you have applied to. _____

List college(s) or technical schools you have been accepted to. _____

List college(s) or technical schools you are currently attending. _____

School & Community Activities and Honors * Required

Please complete this section including club memberships, offices held, extracurricular activities, community activities and honors outside of school: _____

Scholarship Activities * Required

Have you applied for and/or been granted other scholarships? (List the names of each awarded scholarship and its amount). _____

What additional information would you like to share with the Mansfield Garden Club Scholarship Committee?

Essay * Required

Please submit an essay explaining why you have selected your major. This is an opportunity for you to let the scholarship committee know more about you as an individual in a manner that your application, resume and transcript do not express. This essay should not exceed 250 words. Please submit your typed essay on a separate sheet of paper and/or attach it as a PDF document.

You must include the following for consideration as an applicant for the MGC Scholarship:

1. A completed application submitted and/or postmarked by **April 19th**.
2. A completed essay detailing why you have selected your major.
3. A copy of your official high school and/or college transcript.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from a member of MGC, counselor, club advisor, church leader, teacher, employer or any person qualified to attest to your character and scholastic ability.

If you are a finalist, we may request an in-person interview via Zoom or similar media.

If you are our scholarship recipient, you and your family will be invited to participate via Zoom or in person at our May or June general meeting held the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Application and attachments can be emailed to mgc@mansfieldgardenclub.org.

Please feel free to contact Rebecca Sales, Vice President of Youth & Education Programs, at beccasales57@gmail.com or 817-371-0656 if you have any questions.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree with application information being submitted.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

PLANT OF THE MONTH:

FEBRUARY BIRTH FLOWER



Common Name	Violet
Botanical Name	Viola
Family	Violaceae
Plant Type	herbaceous perennials
Mature Size	4 to 12 inches
Sun Exposure	partial shade to full sun
Soil Type	moist, well-draining soil
Soil pH	slightly acidic to neutral
Bloom Time	early to late spring
Flower Color	multi
Hardiness Zones	3-8
Native Areas	Blue violet N America
Toxicity	Not toxic to animals

The violet is one of the earliest blooming plants in the spring. Violets typically have heart-shaped leaves and asymmetrical flowers that vary in color. Many are violet, as their name suggests, while others are blue, yellow, white, and cream. Some are even bicolored, often blue and yellow.

Native to Europe and Asia, the violet is indigenous to temperate regions in the Northern Hemisphere. Violets (*Viola*) are a genus of the *Violaceae* family. There are more than 400 species of violets in the genus.

**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**

TBD

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

**MGC Members
Garden Forumn**

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

TBD

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

TBD

**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**

TBD

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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