

• JANUARY 2026

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB



Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

Note from the President

As we begin a new year together, I want to start with gratitude.

The Mansfield Garden Club has always been about more than gardening. It's a place where long-standing friendships have grown, new connections continue to form, and people come together around shared interests. People come to the club for different reasons, whether it's programs, outings, friendships, or giving back. Whatever brings you here, your participation and commitment matter. You are the reason this club exists.

I'm honored to welcome and reintroduce our 2026-2027 Board of Directors:

President – Sonya Byrne

Secretary – Cindy Grey

Treasurer – Baronda Bradley

1st Vice President, Programs – Pam Smith

2nd Vice President, Publicity – Maria Martinez-Cosio

3rd Vice Presidents, Special Events – Rosa Weith and Diane Dillon

4th Vice President, Community Projects – Russ Martin

5th Vice President, Youth and Education – Rebecca Sales

This is a thoughtful and committed group, and I'm grateful for both our returning leaders and those stepping into new roles. Each brings care, experience, and a genuine desire to serve the club.

As we look ahead to 2026, I'm excited to continue strengthening our programs, supporting one another, and staying engaged. I'm grateful to serve alongside you and proud to be part of this community. appreciation,

Sonya

GENERAL MEETINGS

Social Hour Starts Before Our Meetings

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 6:00pm

HOWARD REDFEARN

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063

Howard Redfearn has been with City of Mansfield since November 2005. He oversees the City's stormwater management plan, floodplain development, mosquito control program, and drainage capital program. In addition, he oversees and coordinates the City's household hazardous waste center, and solid waste and recycling collection programs. He is active in many local regional initiatives through the North Texas Council of Governments. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the University of North Texas in 2001, received a Master of Science in Environmental Science from UNT in 2005, and recently graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington Master of Public Administration cohort program in May 2025. He is also a proud grandfather of two young boys.

Upcoming Events

Booth at Mansfield Farm and Cottage

Stay tuned for the 2026 schedule. We will be needing volunteers to staff our MGC booth, answer gardening questions, offer suggestions for plants and help recruit new members. It's a fun way to get to know current and future members!

Mansfield Farm and Cottage Market

Stay tuned for the 2026 schedule. The market is held on Saturdays at 8 am in the parking lot in front of Mansfield Mission Thrift Store. The market is open from May to November.

Workdays

Watch your emails and FB for dates and times



MGC @ Mansfield Farm & Cottage 2026 Schedule

More info coming soon



Saturdays



8:00AM - Noon

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

January 13, 2026
6:00pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center
Speaker: Howard
Redfearn

February 10, 2026
6:00pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

March 10, 2026
6:00pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

April 14, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

May 12, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

June 9, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

July 7, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

August 11, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

Sept. 8, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

October 23, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

Nov. 10, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

Dec. 8, 2026
6 pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

Christmas Party 2025



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A tidbit from Lucy Harrell

The weather is wonderful and I know that your green thumbs are itching to do some trimming - but don't do it!

We have had such a mild winter so far - and I know that you'd like to get out there and start trimming back - but your plants need their tops left on them for protection against hard freezes that we could still get.

You can sign up for Lucy's newsletter at lucyharrell.com



PLANT OF THE MONTH:



Common Name	Pokeweed or Rouge Plant
Botanical Name	Rivina Humilis
Family	Petiveriaceae
Plant Type	Groundcover
Mature Size	1- 1.5'
Sun Exposure	Shade
Soil Type	moist or dry soil
Soil pH	8-9
Bloom Time	Spring-fall
Flower Color	white & pink flowers
Hardiness Zones	USDA 7-11
Native Areas	North Texas
Toxicity	fruit and leaves are toxic

Plant description: *Phytolacca americana*, also known as American pokeweed, pokeweed, poke sallet, pokeberry, dragonberries, pigeonberry weed, and inkberry, is a poisonous, herbaceous perennial plant in the pokeweed family Phytolaccaceae. This pokeweed grows 1 to 3 metres (4 to 10 ft).^[4] It has simple leaves on green to red or purplish stems and a large white taproot. The flowers are green to white, followed by berries which ripen through red to purple to almost black which are a food source for songbirds such as gray catbird, northern mockingbird, northern cardinal, and brown thrasher, as well as other birds and some small non-avian animals (i.e., for species that are unaffected by its mammalian toxins).