

JULY 2024

# MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



### Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

Dear Mansfield Garden Club Members,

I hope you're doing well and enjoying the vibrant beauty of summer in full bloom.

At our last meeting, we were thrilled to have Charley Amos, a renowned bird expert and Texas Master Naturalist, as our guest speaker. Charley's engaging and captivating presentation focused on attracting songbirds to our backyards through strategic plant choices. His deep knowledge and passion for birdwatching left us inspired and eager to transform our gardens into bird havens. It was a truly enlightening and enjoyable session for all attendees.

I'm looking forward to our Garden Forum on Tuesday. This open discussion will be a wonderful opportunity to exchange gardening ideas and advice. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting, join us to share your experiences, learn new tips, and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Come prepared to discuss your favorite plants, troubleshoot gardening challenges, share your go-to resources, and gain inspiration for your garden. Feel free to bring product samples, supplier information, and anything else to help us save effort and enhance our gardens.

As a reminder, there will be no official meeting held. You are welcome to bring your own food to the gathering. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to learn best practices from our own members.

See you there!

Warm Regards,

Sonya Byrne

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## **MGC MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Chris W Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

Back by popular demand... MGC Forum, July 9th. Open discussion on tips from our own gardeners! Q and A session about tips on gardening supplies, suppliers, products that work well for fertilizer, mulch, sources for these products, pesticides that work well, planting tricks to maximize gardens while minimizing weeds, work, watering, etc. Local and good sources of landscaping products, hardscaping products, etc. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to learn best practices from our own members! No official meeting will be held, but everyone is encouraged to bring samples of product names, addresses of suppliers, helping each other learn and save work efforts. We will have watermelon, chips, dips and snack foods. See you there!

## **MGC MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Chris W Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

MGC Library Education presents "Grow Smart". Come hear from our members, Cindy Gray, Amanda Mancusco, Rebecca Sales

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MGC BOOTH AT FARMERS & COTTAGE MARKET

**Saturday July 20, 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.

**Saturday August 17 and 31, 2024**

8:00am-12:00pm

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## MEMBERS CRAFT NIGHT

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

5:15PM - 7:30PM

Our outing this month will be to our very own garden member's home, Baronda Bradley. She will be hosting a craft/taco night with adult beverages! We will be working on crafts for Founders Day or bring a craft you want to work on. It will be a fun night! Please see Diane Dillon at the meeting, Tuesday, July 9th and she will have 2 signup sheets, one to attend and one to bring taco fixings or a dish to share. We will be meeting at the Kroger @ Broad and 360 at the end of the parking lot near the Taco Casa at 5:20ish and then travel to north Arlington to Baronda's house.

## BUTTERFLY GARDEN WORKDAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024

9:00AM-11:00AM

Come help us weed and mulch along with some community volunteers!

# JULY PLANT OF THE MONTH

## CAMELLIA



Camellias are a popular choice for gardens in Dallas, Texas, thanks to their evergreen nature, beautiful flowers, and adaptability to the local climate. These shrubs thrive in both full shade and filtered sunlight, making them versatile additions to any landscape. With their glossy, dark green foliage, camellias provide year-round visual interest even when not in bloom.

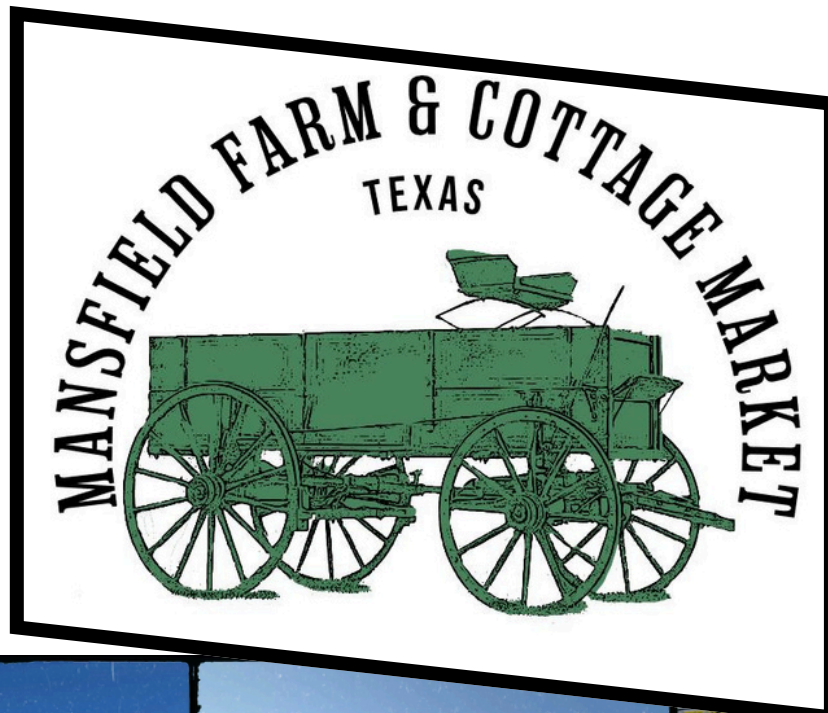
One of the standout features of camellias is their vibrant and colorful flowers, which bloom in winter and early spring. These flowers come in a variety of shades, including pinks, whites, and reds, and add a cheerful touch to the garden during the cooler months. Camellias prefer acidic soil and should be watered regularly to ensure healthy growth.

### Camellia Varieties for Dallas Gardens

Variety	Flower Color	Bloom Time	Size
Camellia japonica ‘Debutante’	Pink	Winter to early spring	Medium
Camellia sasanqua ‘Yuletide’	Red	Early winter	Medium
Camellia sinensis	White	Spring	Large



## 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  
July 20, August 17 & 31, Sep 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26



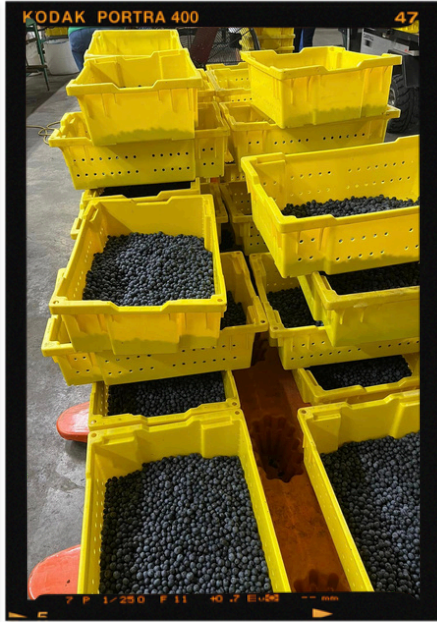
# OUR GAZEBO



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



# Echo Springs Blueberry Farm June 24, 2024



# 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 – 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  
Gazebo Garden – Janie Runyan



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