

JUNE 2024

# MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



### Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

Dear Mansfield Garden Club Members,

I hope this message finds you well and ready to welcome the vibrant days of summer! Firstly, I am thrilled to announce the arrival of Nolan Jacob Mancuso! Nolan was born June 6 at about 12:30 AM, weighing in at a healthy 10 pounds 3 ounces, and sporting a head of adorable red hair. Amanda had an easy labor, even though Nolan decided to keep us all waiting by arriving 13 days late. Melissa says he's really cute and promises to share a picture with everyone soon. Congratulations to Amanda, Brandon, Clara, and Louise on their new addition to the family!

Reflecting on recent events, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the Spring Fling Picnic on May 14. It was a wonderful day filled with delicious food and lively music from the Dumores. Your presence and enthusiasm made the event truly memorable.

Looking ahead, I am excited about our upcoming meeting in June. We are honored to have Charley Amos as our guest speaker. His presentation, "Native Plants are for the Birds," promises to be both informative and inspiring. Charley is a 2015 graduate of the Texas Master Naturalist Program and has been birding for almost 30 years. A two-time past president of the Fort Worth Audubon Society, Charley has led birding trips across the globe, though his favorite destination remains Big Bend National Park. In addition to his birding expertise, Charley is dedicated to volunteering at local parks and native plant gardens, sharing his knowledge and passion for nature with both children and adults. I look forward to seeing you all at our June meeting and continuing our shared journey of gardening, learning, and community.

Warm regards,

Sonya

President, Mansfield Garden Club

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## MGC MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Chris W Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

Join us for social time and then an amazing presentation by Charley Amos. Charley is a 2015 graduate of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. He has been birding for almost 30 years and has always spent time in nature. He is a two-time past president of Fort Worth Audubon Society and has led birding trips all over the state. Despite birding trips to Costa Rica, Ecuador, Europe, and Canada, his favorite destination is Big Bend National Park. He volunteers at several local parks leading nature walks for both children and adults. As a Master Naturalist, he regularly volunteers at several local native plant gardens including: The Fielder House Garden, Knapp Heritage pollinator garden, the Greenhouse for the Molly Hollar Wildscapes and the gardens at River Legacy Science Center. He graduated from UTA with bachelor's and master's degrees, but they are not in science.

## 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!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MGC BOOTH AT FARMERS & COTTAGE MARKET

**Saturday June 22, 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 July 6, 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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ECHO SPRINGS BLUEBERRY FARM

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024**

8:00AM - 2:00PM

A special outing is being planned to tour Echo Springs Blueberry Farm and then a delicious lunch is on the horizon. More info will be provided by Rosa Weith and Diane Dillon.



# JUNE PLANT OF THE MONTH

## Spider Lily



Spider lily is the common name of numerous plants, including those of the small *Lycoris* genus. Spider lilies are known for their striking blooms. They feature thin, delicate petals and long stamens, which result in flowers that resemble spider legs—hence the plant's common name. The blooms stretch about 6 inches across and emerge on a tall, naked stem in the late summer to fall. Blue-green foliage follows after the flowering is finished and remains until spring.

Despite their common name, spider lilies are not true lilies. They are part of the amaryllis family. And similar to amaryllis plants, spider lilies are dormant from the midspring to midsummer months, but they grow quickly after they sprout. The bulbs are best planted in the late summer or fall. Be careful where you plant because spider lilies are toxic both to people and animals.

There are several varieties of spider lilies, including the following:

- Golden spider lily (*Lycoris aurea*): This variety has yellow flowers.
- Electric blue spider lily (*Lycoris sprengeri*): Trumpet-shaped pink flowers feature blue-streaked tips.
- White spider lily (*Lycoris albiflora*): White flowers feature curled petals.



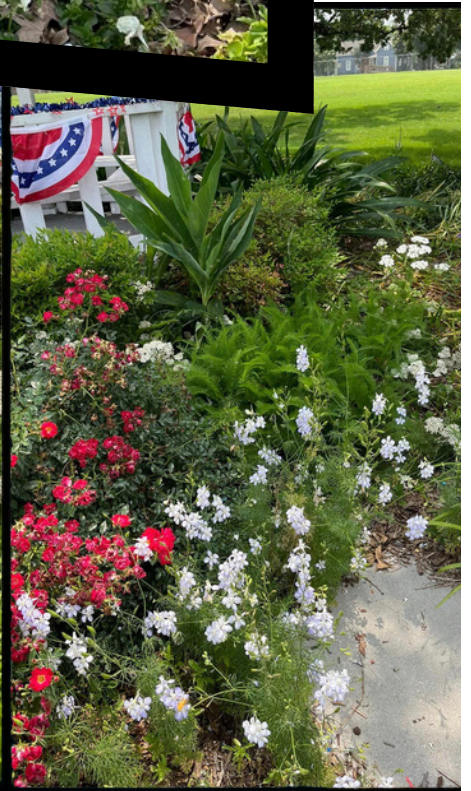
## FARMERS AND COTTAGE MARKET



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



# OUR GAZEBO



A big shoutout to our Gazebo committee for transforming  
our Easter decorations to Memorial Day.  
Thank you for maintaining such a special place for Mansfield!





*And then there were 3!*



***NOLAN MANCUSO***

Nolan was born on June 6, 2024.  
Weighing in at 10lbs. 3oz and 22" long.



# Spring Fling May 14, 2024











# MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

## **MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB 2024 - 2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President – Sonya Byrne  
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4th V.P. of Community Projects – Valerie Crowe  
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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  
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Service Center Garden Plots – Rosa Weith  
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