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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

*It's been a busy year, but we  
wouldn't have it any other way.*





# MGC 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

## MAN HOUSE MUSEUM GARDENS

The club's Man House Museum committee held its first meeting in January 2022 to start planning the landscaping project that the city of Mansfield asked us to undertake. Valerie Crowe is the chairperson of the committee.

The plans seemed daunting but after the city accepted the committee's proposal, plants were purchased, beds were prepared, and volunteers pitched in to make the first phase happen in early spring. Roses were planted along the split rail fence, layers of bulbs, and perennial plants from MGC members' own gardens and nurseries were planted in the two front beds, adorning the entrance of the historical founder's Home. By summer these plants were taking off and looking beautiful.

The proposal for the second phase, the side garden, was submitted in mid-fall. MGC once again came together to make a brand-new expansive bed from the east side of the house to the split-rail fence. Planting was done by a wonderful group of MGC members and local student volunteers. This garden will be ready for additional planting in the spring.

One of the excellent outcomes of this project is the establishment of new partnerships. During Founders Day the Daughters of the American Revolution asked if they might help in some way with future garden plans. The MGC Man House committee is working with them to place a garden bench in the new flower bed area by the boulders in the front of the Man House. Please stay tuned for more information as those plans come together in 2023. Also, other great partnerships grew with Mansfield Mission Center which donated tools for the garden digs, and MISD providing community service volunteers. Many local friends of MGC have given plants, time, and work to support this wonderful new project.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

Texas SmartScape Demonstration Garden at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center: Karen Green and Ginnie Bucek worked tirelessly to update the club's records of the garden bed plans, the dates that plants were introduced to the garden, and what is currently growing in the individual beds.

Butterfly Garden: The butterfly garden is located between the Mansfield Activities Center and the Mansfield Public Library. Sue Cannizzaro and Rhonda Oertwich worked with the City Parks and Rec. to make sure the plants survived the big upheaval during the construction of the library building addition. Fall flowers were beautiful, calling pollinators, birds, and wildlife to this beautiful sanctuary as if nothing had happened!

Gazebo Garden: The gazebo's garden was revamped to utilize the new larger garden space. Plants were reorganized in the spring to set up better growing and blooming patterns with a more eco-friendly plan. Janie Runyan took over as chairperson of this committee when Valerie Crowe moved to the Man House project.

## PICKLE PARADE

Those who attended and participated in the parade enjoyed a rollicking St. Patrick's Day celebration! It turned out to be a simply beautiful day with throngs of people viewing the 80+ units marching in the parade. So many MGC friends and neighbors recognized our signs, giving us shouts of affirmation as they received our gifts of cucumber seeds hand packaged for them to grow their own pickles!

## EARTH DAY BOOTH

MGC participated in the sale of spring plants at the Earth Day Mansfield Festival. This sale was a huge success, establishing the yearly community participation while gaining new partners and recruitment of new members.

## SPRING PICNIC

MGC held a picnic at the Town Park Pavilion with lots of great food, fun, and music. The food was so delicious that the executive board used that model for our 2022 holiday party. We have wonderful cooks in our club who always bring together delicious family recipes of great home cooking.

## SCHOLARSHIP

We doubled our scholarship award to \$1,000 for the first time. The scholarship committee weighed carefully the 3 candidates before finally awarding the prize to Blake Tittsworth who accepted the scholarship with his family during our September meeting. Blake is a horticultural major at Oklahoma State University.

## FARMERS MARKET

Sales were extremely successful under the leadership of Melissa Peckler, Annette Atkinson, Rhonda Oertwich, and Russ Martin. Their massive efforts exceeded the sales expectations by mid-summer—well before the truly hot weather set in. Many other club members helped load and unload plants each sale day and prepared plants prior to the sale. Many thanks to Cindy and Jerry Gray for the use of their van, to Janie Runyan, Sonya Byrne, Diane Dillon, Donna Rauh, and Mary Lou Allen for helping with all the behind-the-scenes set-up and take-down. A special acknowledgment to Valerie Crowe for housing the plants between sales, and to the watering crews and digging and potting crews. It was a well-oiled machine with a village of crews. Success and rewards were enjoyed by MGC!

## WORKDAYS FOR FOUNDERS DAY

During July, August, and September, many members combined supplies and joined together for evening work/craft events preparing for the October 1st event at the Man House. As a result, the Founders Day sale with crafts and plants was a great success. Everyone who participated in this sale is truly appreciated for all their efforts. MGC gained new members from these fun events while unsold items are stored for 2023 sales!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

2022 saw monthly special events to area gardens and venues. MGC visited the Ennis Bluebonnet trails, Chandor Garden in Weatherford, Dallas Historical Village, members were welcomed at 4 local beautiful gardens including one of our own members, Sue Cannizzaro. Mary Lou Allen and Barbara Sissen planned and organized these inspiring and engaging trips.

## INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Lots of valuable and interesting specialists brought MGC members new knowledge, helpful ecological growing and propagating information to further the work of the club.





# THANK YOU!



The Mansfield Garden Club is especially well served by the Executive Board members who hold the following positions:

President - Pam Smith  
First VP of Programs - Maria Cowley  
Second VP of Publicity - Sonya Byrne  
Third VP of Special Events - Mary Lou Allen and Barbara Sissen  
Fourth VP of Community Projects - Melissa Peckler  
Fifth VP of Youth & Educational Programs - Kris Schulz  
Treasurer - Russ Martin  
Secretary - Donna Rough

A huge thank you to the following committee chairpersons:

Texas SmartScape Demonstration Garden at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center - Karen Green and Ginnie Bucek  
Butterfly Garden: Sue Cannizaro and Rhonda Oertwich  
Gazebo: Janie Runyan, garden, and Pam Smith, decorations  
Man House: Valerie Crowe

Special helpers this year to acknowledge for their efforts benefitting the club: First is Ann Ashby, who worked tirelessly to get the new t-shirts ordered with a new logo. That proved to be a logistical nightmare due to supply chain deficiencies, but it was finally realized.

Also, Donna Mendenhall and Valerie Crowe worked their magical talents for putting together our holiday party invitation, name tags, and slideshow. A big thank you for these behind-the-scenes achievements.

Melissa Peckler won the 2022 Lily Award for her outstanding contributions to the club. Congratulations to Melissa for this wonderful accolade from fellow MGC members!

Without these resourceful and energetic members, our club could not have reached the goals we set early in the year, and would not have had such outstanding accomplishments and successes.

All and all, 2022 was a great success with plenty of upcoming new ideas, goals, and accomplishments for the benefit of our local community. Each club member is a very necessary part of this effort to “make a difference” through the love of gardening and the community of Mansfield. Thank you all!

Pam Smith



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 10 | 6:00 p.m.

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

Olive Oils & Balsamic Vinegars Salad Dinner with  
1890 Marketplace

Using an assortment of their products, 1890 Marketplace will help us prepare a delicious pasta salad accompanied by a green salad, crusty bread, flavored water, and dessert.

<https://eightenninety.com/shop-2>

## GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 14 | 6:00 p.m.

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

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Steven and Ursula Nuñez with Mind Your Garden Urban Farm

<https://growsoutheastfw.wixsite.com/texas/mind-your-garden>

# MGC 2023 GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT CHRIS W. BURKETT SERVICE CENTER, 620 S WISTERIA ST, MANSFIELD,  
TX 76063, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## JANUARY 10

Olive Oils & Balsamic Vinegars  
Salad Dinner with  
1890 Marketplace

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 14

Mind Your Garden  
Urban Farm

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## MARCH 14

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## APRIL 11

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## MAY 9

Spring Picnic Social

Town Park  
500 N Main St, Mansfield

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## JUNE 13

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## JULY

No meeting

## AUGUST

No meeting

## SEPTEMBER 12

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 10

Plant BINGO

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 14

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## DECEMBER

Holiday Party

# MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

## MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB 2022 - 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB 2020 - 2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Farmer's Market - Annette Atkinson & Melissa Peckler  
Scholarship - Kris Schulz  
Butterfly Garden - Sue Cannizzaro & Rhonda Oertwich  
Man House Gardens - Val Crowe  
Service Center Garden Plots - Karen Green  
Gazebo Decorating - Pamela Smith  
Gazebo Garden - Janie Runyan  
Habitat for Humanity - Carmelynn Bragiel



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