

MARCH 2025

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

As the days grow longer and signs of spring emerge, I find myself reflecting on the incredible energy that fills our club this time of year. There's something about the season—buds breaking open, gardens coming back to life—that mirrors the enthusiasm and creativity each of you bring to our community.

As stated in our bylaws, our club's objective is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, encourage interest in civic pride through community planting and beautification, promote benevolent methods of caring for our landscapes, and, perhaps most importantly, to meet and get to know others who share our love of nature.

This month, we're putting those values into action in a big way. The Farm & Cottage Market Maker's Fair is a brand-new event for Mansfield—and for us! It's a perfect opportunity to connect with others who share our love of gardening, introduce more people to our club, and strengthen the sense of community that makes this group so special. At the same time, we're continuing the hands-on work that makes such a difference, tending to the Man House gardens, the butterfly garden, the gazebo, and the service center plots. These spaces are more than just beautiful—they tell a story, provide refuge for pollinators, and bring a sense of pride to our community.

There's a lot happening, and I know it can feel like we're juggling a hundred things at once. But through it all, I see a group of people who genuinely care—about each other, about the spaces we nurture, and about making our community a more beautiful place. That's what keeps us growing, season after season.

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UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

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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.

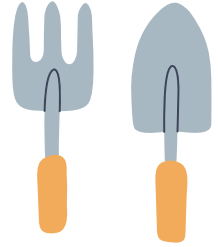
Andrea also attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned a BA in Psychology and BS in Nutrition. She also happens to be a graduate of Mansfield High School. Outside of teaching about herbs, Andrea loves being out in the garden, testing out new recipes in the kitchen, and sewing.



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Town Park Center Park
500 S. Main, Mansfield, TX 76063
SPRING FLING!



Members Potluck. The club will provide the meat and drinks. Volunteers needed.
More info to come!!

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6:00pm

Chris W Burkett Service Center
620 S. Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063
TBD

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 6:00pm

Chris W Burkett Service Center
620 S. Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063
MGC MEMBERS FORUMN



Man House Workday March 1, 2025



Service Center Workday February 26, 2025



Congrats to Rebecca Sales

Congratulations to the Tarrant County MG Class of 2024! Graduation ceremonies were held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden on March 26, 2025. A notable achievement was that every intern in the class earned a pin for the amount hours volunteered. This means that every intern went beyond the required hours for certification. WOW! We are so glad to have you all as Tarrant County Master Gardeners!



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

Zinnia planting activity at Oliver Nature Park

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

Food Sign Ups will be coming out soon. The club provides meat and drinks. There will be a raffle for the scholarship fund. Volunteers Needed!!



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: PETUNIAS



Common Name	Petunia
Botanical Name	<i>Petunia x hybrida</i>
Family	Solanaceae
Plant Type	grown as an annual
Mature Size	up to 7"
Sun Exposure	full sun
Soil Type	rich, fertile soil
Soil pH	6-7
Bloom Time	Spring to Summer
Flower Color	multi
Hardiness Zones	9-11
Native Areas	South America
Toxicity	Not toxic to animals

Petunias are more than just pretty flowers in your garden. These vibrant blooms come in a variety of colors and patterns, making them a favorite for many gardeners. But did you know that petunias have a rich history and some surprising traits? Petunias belong to the nightshade family, which includes tomatoes and potatoes. They originated in South America and were first discovered in the 16th century. These flowers are not only beautiful but also attract pollinators like bees and butterflies. Petunias can be grown in pots, hanging baskets, or directly in the ground, making them versatile for any garden space. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a beginner, learning about petunias can add a new layer of appreciation for these stunning plants.

**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**

Teddi Zonker

**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**

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB 2024 - 2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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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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