

MARCH 2024

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Message from the President

As we welcome the arrival of March and the promise of spring, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to each and every one of you. This month marks a significant transition in our gardens, as the subtle whispers of spring begin to stir the earth beneath our feet. It's a time of rejuvenation, growth, and boundless potential.

Reflecting on the essence of our club, I am continually inspired by the passion and dedication that each member brings to our shared love of gardening. Whether you're cultivating a tiny urban oasis or tending to acres of sprawling landscape, your commitment to nurturing the beauty around us is truly commendable.

As we delve into the heart of this month, let us embrace the opportunities it presents. Let us seize the chance to sow new seeds of friendship, to learn from one another, and to revel in the simple joys that gardening affords us.

I encourage you all to take full advantage of the resources and support available within our club. Whether you're seeking advice on plant care, eager to share your latest horticultural triumph, or simply craving the camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts, remember that the Mansfield Garden Club is here for you.

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In the spirit of March's awakening, let us approach the days ahead with open hearts and green thumbs. Together, we can cultivate not only exquisite gardens but also a strong sense of community that blossoms with each passing season.

Thank you for your continued dedication and enthusiasm. Here's to a month filled with growth, beauty, and the boundless wonders of the natural world.

Warm regards,
Sonya Byrne
President

Membership Dues

It's time to renew your membership with the club for the upcoming year. Your support and involvement are invaluable to our community of gardeners.

Membership dues for the year are:

- \$25 for individuals
- \$35 for couples.

These dues help fund our various activities, projects, and guest speakers throughout the year, ensuring our club remains vibrant and engaging for all.

To renew your membership, you can pay by cash, check, or Venmo. Please make checks payable to Mansfield Garden Club and either provide them to Baronda at the general meeting or mail them to Mansfield Garden Club, P.O. Box 1119, Mansfield, TX 76063. For Venmo payments, you can send your dues to [@MansfieldGardenClub] with a note indicating your name. Please note that dues are considered late after the May meeting.

Mansfield Garden Club enjoyed "Butterflies in the Garden" at Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

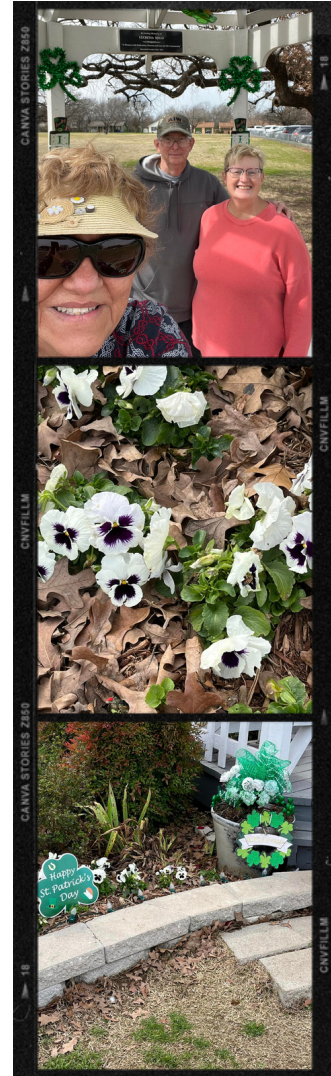


**BUTTERFLIES
ALL AROUND US**



GAZEBO

Our leprochans have been hard at work getting our Gazebo ready for Saint Patricks Day.



Speaking of busy leprochans Mansfield's World Famous Pickle Parade is Saturday, March 16, 2024. See next page for all of the scheduled activities!



Have you made your plans for the St. Paddy's Pickle Parade & Palooza?

Here's the schedule for March 16, 2024 in downtown Mansfield:

8 a.m. 5k run begins at McKnight Park East

8:45 a.m. Kids K begins at McKnight Park East

9-Noon Run4Cover performs on Main Stage

9 a.m. Shuttles start running to downtown from Legacy High School, 1263 N. Main St.

10 a.m. Parade lineup begins on Main Street

10 a.m. Kids area opens

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Vendors open

10 a.m. Community stage opens

10 a.m. Baby Parade on Main Street

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Beer tents open

10:30 a.m. Shenanigans show on Main Street

11:30 a.m. Shenanigans show on Main Street

Noon Pickle Parade begins on Main Street

1:30-3 p.m. Western Rewind performs at Main Stage

1:30 p.m. Shenanigans show

4 p.m. Pickle Juice drinking, Pickle eating and Pie eating contests at Main Stage

4 p.m. Shenanigans show

4:30-6 p.m. Cory Morrow performs at Main Stage

7 p.m. Shuttles stop running from downtown



PLANT OF THE MONTH

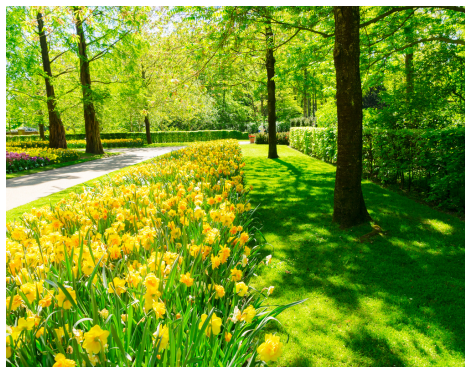
DAFFODIL

Daffodils are often the first signs of spring, so it's no surprise that they are the birth flower for March (and associated with Easter)! Learn about daffodil's deep symbolism and find some growing tips for the garden.

When to plant daffodil bulbs in Zone 8

Planting daffodil bulbs at the right time is crucial for achieving beautiful blooms in the spring. Ideally, you should plant your daffodil bulbs about 4 weeks before the first frost in the fall. This timing allows the bulbs to establish a strong root system before the ground freezes and ensures they are ready to grow and bloom once warmer temperatures return.

In Zone 8, your first frost date is around November 7th, so you should try to get your daffodil bulbs in the ground around October 7th. If you've missed your window of opportunity, don't worry, you can store your daffodil bulbs for next year.



SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH

Thursday, March 14, @ 10 am Mushroom Street Farms

8001 Valcasi Dr., Ste 101, Arlington 214-945-0506

All pricing is \$15 with \$5 going back to a purchase in the store, \$12 for kids with no credit to store Lunch will be at Olive Garden off of 287 and 157/Cooper

For more information contact Rosa Weith or Diane Dillion

APRIL

April 5-6: Ft Worth Botannical Gardens SPRING PLANT SALE--Friday, April 5 (2 to 6:30 pm) and Saturday, April 6 (9 am to 3 pm).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OLIVER NATURE PARK WORK DAY

Saturday, April 22 | 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Oliver Nature Park

1650 Matlock Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063

MGC BOOTH AT EARTH DAY MANSFIELD FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 29 | 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

Mansfield Garden Club will have a booth with plants for sale and general information about our work at this festival-style event that puts the fun in the fundamentals of being an environmentally sustainable member of your community. This event includes educational opportunities, live music, a rain barrel auction, food, and booths along with fun, engaging activities for the whole family.

MGC 2024 GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY 9

Composting Basics

Daniel Arenas

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13

Irrigation Topics

Jeff Amon

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

MARCH 12

The Dallas Arboretum

Rick Williams

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

APRIL 6

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

MAY 14

Spring Picnic Social

Town Park
500 N Main St, Mansfield

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

JUNE 11

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

JULY

No meeting

AUGUST

No meeting

SEPTEMBER 10

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 8

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12

To be Determined

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

Holiday Party

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
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