

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB



Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

Note from the President

November always feels like a time to pause and take stock of the year behind us. We've shared so many good moments together, from spring's first plant sale to workdays at the butterfly garden, the Man House Museum, and the service center demonstration garden, and our cheerful mornings at the farmer's market.

October's Founder's Day Festival was another highlight. Our farmers market committee did a wonderful job selling plants and crafts, and it was heartening to see so many visitors stop by our booth. Each event this year has reflected the same thing: the heart, creativity, and teamwork that make this club so special.

Our final farmers market of the season is coming up on November 15, and I hope you'll stop by to enjoy the morning with us. It's a lovely way to wrap up the year's community events, a reminder of how much joy comes from showing up, lending a hand, and being part of something that grows beyond our gardens.

Then in December, we'll gather for our holiday party, one of my favorite traditions. It's always a chance to slow down, celebrate what we've accomplished, and look ahead to new projects and fresh ideas for the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of this club and for bringing your energy, kindness, and creativity to everything we do. I'm grateful for each of you and proud of what we continue to build together.

With appreciation,

Sonya

Join us for the
MGC Christmas Potluck

Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025
5:30pm-8:00pm

Mansfield Activities Center
106 S Wisteria Street
Mansfield, TX 76063

Please sign up to bring your
favorite dish to share!

MGC will provide the meat,
drinks and paperware.
(Cost \$5.00 per person)

**In lieu of a gift exchange,
please bring a \$20.00 cash
donation to a local foodbank.**

GENERAL MEETINGS

Social Hour Starts Before Our Meetings

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 6:00pm

AMANDA MANCUSO

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

620 S. Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063

I love to grow the food for my family and to share it with others at the Farmers Market. I tell my customers that being an organic gardener is really just a glorified bug killer. I used to not be able to squish bugs with my fingers, hating the feel of it, it grossed me out. Now my distain for them is greater than my dislike of squishing them. I have struggled over the past 10 years learning all the types of bugs in a Texas garden, when they arrive in the garden, what plants they favor, and what parts of the plant they attack or help. Being an organic gardener is very hard. Two years ago I had the thought, "is this all there is, I want to use my knowledge of growing food organically to help others." It was a year later that I had the opportunity to teach farming in a very remote area of Africa. There is a method of farming designed for African soil called "Farming God's Way." It utilizes natural inputs to produce a high yielding harvest. I have been using, and struggling, with this method for a year in my own garden and I would like to share this method with you because there are principles you can use in your ornamental and vegetable gardens. Additionally, I plan on working with Mansfield Mission Center to help them with their community gardens when the building of their new space is complete.

December 9, 2025, 5:30pm-8:00pm

Holiday Party/Potluck

Mansfield Activities Center

106 S. Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063



Signup sheets for side dishes/desserts will be at our November 11, 2025, meeting.

Please email your recipe before the meeting to Donna Mendenhall at donna.mendenhall@att.net and she will print out recipe cards for members to take home.

Upcoming Events

10 Year Celebration at Chris W Burkett Service Center

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Mansfield is celebrating 10 years at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center - home to Public Works and the Environmental Collection Center, and you're invited to help us celebrate! Join us 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, Nov. 15**, for a come-and-go open house featuring guided tours, live demonstrations, and family-friendly activities.

Booth at Mansfield Farm and Cottage

November 22, 2024.

Huge plant sale...tell all your friends to come see MGC!

DIY Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

Thursday, December 4, 2025 from 6-7 PM

Chris W. Burkett Service Center

Learn how to capture and store rainwater to use on your landscape later!

Hometown Holidays

Friday, December 5, 2025

Join us in Mansfield for a month of holiday celebrations, kicking off with the huge Hometown Holidays Tree Lighting & Fireworks Show from 5- 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 at Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

The tree lighting will take place at approximately 6:30 p.m. with a spectacular fireworks show following directly after.

Head over to the official Mansfield Hometown Holidays for a full list of community holidays events.

Upcoming Workdays

- Man House - Need pine mulch
- Gazebo
- Butterfly Gardens
- Service Center - Waiting for the first freeze then we will clean things up

Watch your emails and FB for dates and times



MGC @ Mansfield Farm & Cottage 2025 Schedule

- **MAY 3, 2025**
- **MAY 17, 2025**
- **MAY 31, 2025**
- **JUNE 14, 2025**
- **JUNE 28, 2025**
- **JULY 19, 2025**
- **AUGUST 16, 2025**
- **SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**
- **OCTOBER 18, 2025**
- **NOVEMBER 22, 2025**



Saturdays



8:00AM - Noon

703 E. Broad St., Mansfield, TX, United States, Texas

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

Katie Cunningham

July 8, 2025

NO MEETING

August 12, 2025
6:00pm
Chris W Burkett
Service Center

Melissa Peckler

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

Amanda Mancuso

December 9, 2025
6:00pm
MAC
613 S. Wisteria

Holiday Party

Service Center Workday Oct 6, 2025



We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated Mansfield Garden Club members who lovingly maintain the gardens at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center. From pruning and weeding to planting and general clean-up, your hard work and green thumbs keep the space beautiful and welcoming year-round. Your commitment doesn't go unnoticed—we truly appreciate all that you do. Thank you for helping our community bloom!



TRWD Campus Fieldtrip - Oct 2025



Gazebo decorated for fall - Oct 2025



PLANT BINGO OCTOBER 2025



PLANT OF THE MONTH: GARLIC



Common Name	Garlic
Botanical Name	<i>Allium sativum</i>
Family	Amaryllidaceae (Amaryllis family)
Plant Type	Bulb-forming perennial grown as an annual in cultivation
Mature Size	Height: 12–24 inches
Sun Exposure	At least 6 hours of direct light daily
Soil Type	Loose, well-drained soil
Soil pH	6.0 to 7.0
Bloom Time	Late spring to early summer
Flower Color	White to pale pink
Hardiness Zones	USDA Zones 4–9
Native Areas	Central Asia
Toxicity	Non-toxic to humans

Plant description:

Garlic is one of the easiest and most rewarding crops to grow in North Texas! Planting in October takes advantage of our region's cool fall weather, allowing bulbs to establish strong roots before winter. By spring, you'll see healthy green shoots and can look forward to harvesting full, flavorful bulbs by early summer. Garlic thrives in full sun and well-drained soil, and because it's naturally resistant to many pests, it's a great companion plant for roses and vegetables. Whether you're growing it for the kitchen or simply to enjoy its beautiful blooms and bold scent, garlic is a true garden staple that rewards patience with flavor and fragrance.

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

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Farmer's Market

Scholarship - Kris Schulz & Rebecca Sales

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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