

SEPTEMBER 2024

MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Message from the President of Mansfield Garden Club

Dear members,

As we transition from summer's heat into the subtle shift of autumn, I'm reminded of the way gardens mirror our lives—always evolving, growing, and responding to the seasons around us. This September, we celebrate both the hard work and the creativity that thrive in our community. Whether it's the laughter shared at our Thursday craft work nights or the camaraderie at a garden work day, there's a spirit of connection and care in every gathering. In this issue, we'll recap the highlights of August and look ahead to the exciting events and projects that lie before us. I hope these next few weeks inspire you to enjoy the outdoors, nurture your plants, and reconnect with the joy of tending to something that grows. It's in the simple, quiet moments that gardens—and communities—truly flourish. Sony

Warmly,

Sonya Byrne President

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MGC MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

6:00PM - 8:00PM

CHRIS W BURKETT SERVICE CENTER

620 S. WISTERIA ST., MANSFIELD, TX 76063



PLANT BINGO - Join our members as we play bingo with plants.

Please bring a plant or two to participate. Social Time is from 6:00-6:30, Bingo starts at 6:30pm.

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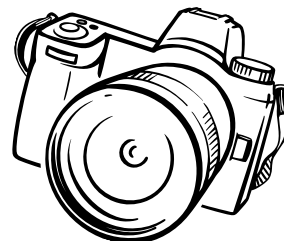
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

6:00PM - 8:00PM

CHRIS W BURKETT SERVICE CENTER

620 S. WISTERIA ST., MANSFIELD, TX 76063

Join us for an exciting program featuring Daniel Koglin, the Wild DFW photographer. Daniel will take us behind the scenes of Professional Art and Landsape Photography. Social Time is from 6:00-6:30, Program starts at 6:30pm. MGC Business Meeting to follow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Founders' Day preparation: We have a couple of important activities coming up this month as we prepare for Founder's Day at the Man House.

Craft work nights for the Founder's Day sale continue every **Thursday throughout September from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center. These evenings are a fantastic opportunity to dive into crafting and hang out with friends. No need for any special skills—just bring your creativity and energy!

Mark your calendars for a workday at the Man House on **Wednesday, September 25, at 9:00 a.m.** This is a great chance to get involved and assist with essential tasks, including weeding and adding mulch to the gardens. Your help will make a big difference as we prepare the grounds for the upcoming event.

During Founders Day, guests can immerse themselves in the 1800s with activities like sending a telegram, writing with a quill pen, or participating in a potato sack race on the lawn of Ralph Man's historic home.

Our club will feature a selection of beautifully grown local plants and handmade crafts that reflect the style of the 1860s through the early 1900s, available for purchase

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH INFO BECCA SALES

The Garden Club was approached by Academy4 with an education opportunity. Academy4 is an outside group that Imogene Gideon Elementary has hired to do monthly enrichment activities with their 4th graders. Academy4 works with volunteers to mentor students and also lead clubs. Our part will only be to lead a small gardening club, but no mentoring.

The Mansfield Garden Club has committed to participating for the 2024/25 school year. Here is a general list of our responsibilities as well as some "nice to knows":

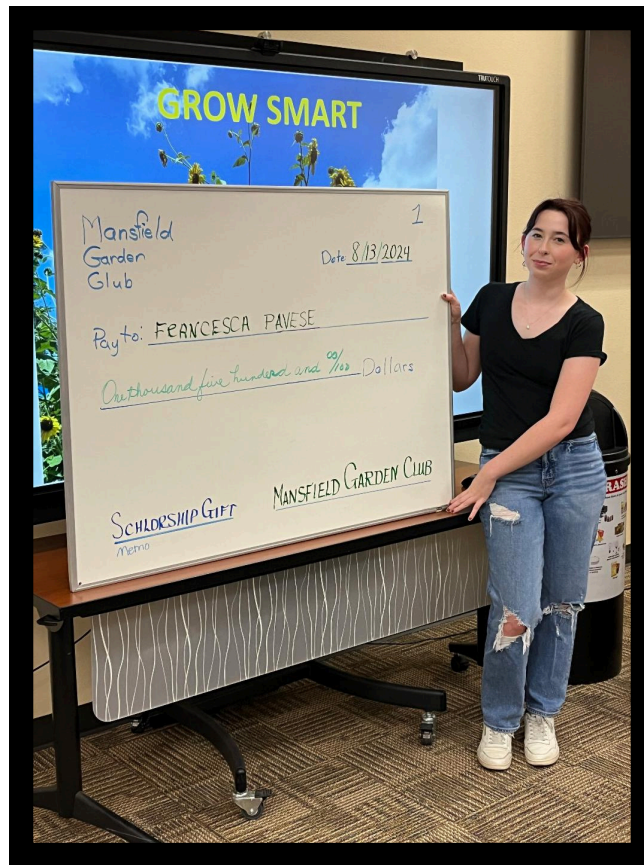
1. MGC will lead a gardening club at Gideon Elementary on the last Friday of the month (December and May will be first Friday instead).
2. We would lead two 45 minute "classes" of 10 students from 11:45 - 1:15.
3. Classes would be very simple, general "kid gardening" topics such as learning how to plant seeds, growing plants from "scraps", health benefits of vegetables and herbs to encourage good eating habits, how to support pollinators at home, etc. There is an existing curriculum, and we have autonomy to edit as needed or to do our own thing too.
4. They provide a budget of \$250 for supplies that should easily cover the simple things we would do. Supplies can be stored on-site so we don't have to haul things back and forth.
5. A 4th grade teacher will always be with the group to handle any possible discipline issues and help us with questions or needs that may arise during club time.
6. All volunteers will need to sign up and be processed through MISD/Academy4 and complete a short child safety training. The first step for club leadership is sign up "to mentor". Note, we will not actually mentor, only lead the club but this sign up will say "mentor". Once you have a profile, Debi Donaho (site leader) will send you the child safety information and video. You can sign up here: <https://academy4.org/mentor>
7. Volunteer orientation at Gideon is 9/19 1-2PM. You can also find all pertinent information here: <https://academy4.org/imogene-gideon> Gideon's address is 1210 Mansfield Webb Road
8. Academy 4 dates are as follows: 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/6, 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/2 and club time is 11:45-1:15PM

If you are interested in participating, please contact Becca Sales and go ahead and sign up using the link listed above in step 6.

Contact info for Becca is:
beccasales57@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration, this should be a great opportunity and lots of fun!

Scholarship Recipient August 2024



We are excited to announce that Francesca Pavese has been awarded our 2024 Scholarship! Francesca is currently pursuing a degree in Ecological Sciences at Texas A&M University. She has been a dedicated volunteer of our garden club for many years, following in the footsteps of her mother, Tammie Pavese, a former club president. During Tammie's presidency, Francesca actively volunteered at numerous events, including Founders Day, where her Girl Scout troop contributed by providing face painting. We are proud of Francesca's accomplishments and look forward to seeing her continued success!



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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!

Upcoming Farmers and Cottage Market Dates
Sep 21 & 28, Oct 12 & 26

OUR GAZEBO



A big shoutout to our Gazebo committee
for transforming our Gazebo for fall!
Thank you for maintaining such a special place for Mansfield!

Amy Martin Event Sep 10, 2024



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Join us for the Amazing Nature Around Dallas-Fort Worth. After this extraordinary evening, which includes a Book Signing, you will have a better understanding of the following:

- Pro-level Moon watcher
- Synchrony which creates tides
- How the moon impacts plants and wildlife
- Learn how to live in tune with the moon

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
6:00pm-8:00pm

FARR BEST THEATRE
109 N. MAIN ST.
MANSFIELD, TX 76063

PARKING
Behind the venue on the
Corner of Broad and Walnut St.
Heritage Baptist Church
201 E. Broad Street

Tickets are free, but are required. To reserve a seat please scan the QR Code



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AMY MARTIN



Amy Martin Event Sep 10, 2024

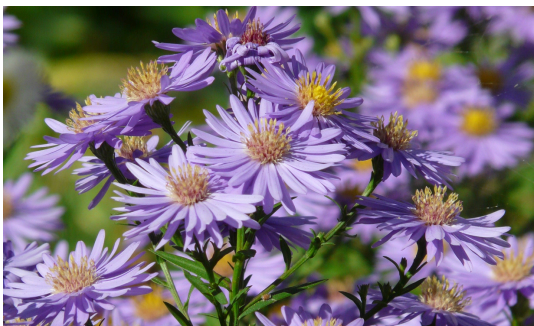


SEPTEMBER PLANT OF THE MONTH

ASTER



While you can grow aster flowers from seeds planted in the springtime, it may take several years for them to mature into full-sized plants. More often, asters are planted from potted nursery specimens.



They do best in loamy, well-draining soil and desire a good amount of space around the plants to allow room for their roots to expand.



Every three years or so, the root clumps should be dug up and divided to keep the plants from getting too woody and dying out in the centers. The woody center can be discarded, with the outer portions replanted at the same depth as before

ASTER

Variety	Flower Color	Bloom Time	Size
Herbaceous, perennial	Purple, pink, blue, white	Summer/Fall	1' - 6'

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MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB 2024 - 2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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MANSFIELD GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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