

## September 2022

After a long, hot summer members of the Lakewood Forest (LF) Garden club gathered again at the Scout House to start a new garden club year. There was much chatter and excitement as friends greeted each other at the registration table.



**Tammy Delforge** handed out name tags as she signed people as present for the days meeting. She will count 44 attendees for the day.



**Margo Propsts** brought bird houses crafted by residence of REACH Unlimited for sale to the gardeners. Seed packets for herbs and wild flowers were also available.

**Zelma Mikolajczyk, Gloria Cox, Carol Calvert and Cathy Rogers** smiled for a picture.





Much activity surrounded the sign in table for upcoming trips and voucher sales.



Above **Cathy Rogers**, to the left, **Barbara Durr**, **Bette Gerhold** and **Susan Hanson**.

Members were encouraged to cast a ballott for a Garden Angel for the 2022-2023 season.





Outside, **Becky Bailey** set up a table for plant exchange. Besides greenery and seeds, one could also find gardening books and even puzzles.



Bouquet for the president's table by **Marilyn Bullen**.

The friendly faces below belong to **Adrienne Juno, Barbara Crum** and **Eleese Lester-Baier**.



## Hospitality



For the first meeting of the new garden club season, the board members provide the refreshments. There was no shortage of goodies on this Fall themed banquet table as every board member had added something to the spread.

Members enjoyed the offerings.



## Meditation

By Mary Davis



*God of all seasons, we thank you for  
Autumn.*

*We thank you  
for the touch of coolness in the air that  
gives us a new burst of energy,  
for the coloring of trees that shows the  
creativity of the Divine Artist,*

*for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,  
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, f  
or the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,  
for the fall harvest that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our  
land,*

*for this change of seasons that reveals  
the circle of life.*

*God of all seasons, as you transform the  
earth, transform us by your Spirit.*

*Amen*





The new team at the president's table, **Harriett bedenbaugh** and **Sheila Anderson** are ready for the challenges ahead requiring executive decision making.

Lakewood Forest subdivision gas contacted with a new waste management company and Heidi from the LF HOA gave a brief overview of the requirements for trash and recycling pick up regulations.



**Jean Robinson**, the corresponding secretary, read many notes the club received over the summer. Unfortunately, Zelma, Sandra and Sheila have lost their husbands. The ladies wrote the club thank notes for donations made in memory of their husbands.

**Susan Busler**, our treasure announced the budget for the year and reported a healthy balance in our account.



## Flower of the Month



### The Morning Glory

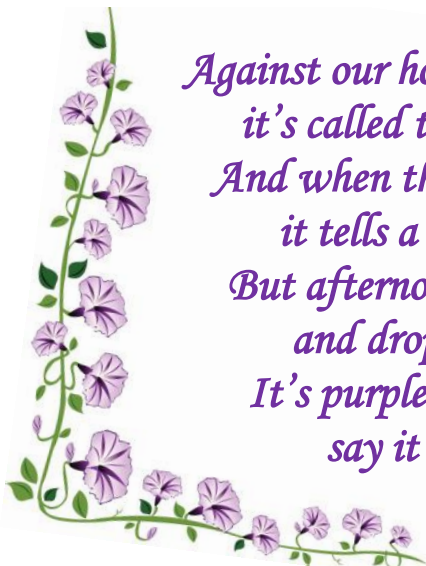
This vine grows in many varieties and flowers with many colors from white to pink, blue and purple. Some flowers bloom at night and some early in the morning.

Morning glory flowers look their best as they reach full bloom in the mornings. As the day gets later, the flower starts to die. With more meanings than lifespan, the elegantly invasive short-lived morning glory flower meaning is, most of all, the

fleetingness of life. This vine itself also symbolizes strength as it grows over obstacles and up a trellis; it encourages the pursuit of dreams.

The morning glory scientific name translates to: “resembling woodworm” and describes how the vines will ‘worm’ itself around anything nearby. The plant was cultivated in Japan in the 9<sup>th</sup> century but species of morning glory can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

<https://florgeous.com/morning-glory-flower-meaning/>



*Against our house there grows a vine  
it's called the "morning glory".  
And when the sun begins to shine  
it tells a bright blue story.  
But afternoon it starts to fade -  
and drops its little head.  
It's purple colors in the shade  
say it's almost dead.*

## Program

**Bette Gerhold** treated us to a slide show about her visit to the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., the oldest public garden in the nation.

The history of the garden goes all the way back to George Washington. He had the vision for a national botanic garden and was instrumental in establishing one on the National Mall. The goal was to collect, grow and distribute plants of this and other countries for the welfare of the American people.

The Garden moved to its present location in 1933 and includes the Conservatory, the gated outdoor gardens and Bartholdi Fountain and Gardens.

Today, the Garden welcomes more than a million visitors each year. The U.S. Botanic Garden maintains about 65,000 plants. These are used for exhibition, study, and exchange with other institutions.



The Garden's noteworthy collections include economic plants, medicinal plants, orchids, carnivorous plants, cacti and other succulents, aroids, plants of eastern North America, bromeliads, cycads, and ferns. Historic specimens include several that date from the 1842 U.S. Exploring Expedition collection.

Bette encouraged us all to make a trip to this, one of our national treasures.







**Sheila Anderson** reported on the agenda for the Texas Federation of Garden Clubs. The upcoming meeting on Friday 9/12, will have a presentation on 'Gardening for Birds and Bees'. Sheila is willing to take up to four interested people along in her car.

On November 12<sup>th</sup> the Federation will host a plant sale and their Christmas Gala is scheduled for December.

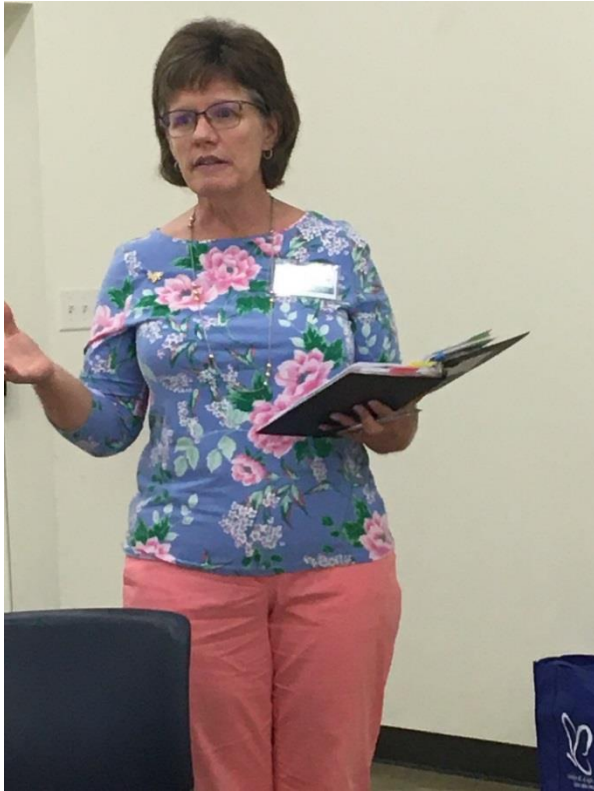
**Dawn Bramwell** announced the voucher program for our annual fundraiser. Members are encouraged to purchase vouchers for flats of bedding flowers and other gardening items from 'Plants for All Seasons'. Voucher can be sold to friends and neighbors to increase the donations the club will be able to make to local charities.



**Terri Cole** reported on activities planned at Brookwood Communities. Soon it will be time to prepare poinsettias for sale. Volunteers are needed. Next month the Fall Fest invites the public to explore the community.

This month lecture and lunch event will be about container gardening.





**Pam Randall** explained the criteria for a Garden Angel recommendation. Suggestions are sought and the members with the most nominations will become the next Garden Angel.

**Harolene Hatley** brought 2 books from our library on house plants and square foot gardening. There is a wealth of information in these books. We appreciate Harolene to remind us of the resources available



Only one bird house left. Any takers?  
Coffee pot empty- meeting over!

