

Creating a Legacy Through Garden Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from Stop #3 in my mom's garden club life!

(Broad Bay Island Garden Club,
Virginia Beach, Virginia)

We moved back to Virginia during the summer before second grade. We lived on a little island just inland from beautiful Virginia Beach. It was an exciting time to live in this area full of military personnel, and ASTRONAUTS. I never met one, but my best friend's dad knew Alan Shepard. We lived on the water and spent every waking hour fishing, at the beach, or water-skiing, and at one time our family of six owned six boats.

Mom's new obsession became camellias, and we had gorgeous ones in our yard. She learned all about fish emulsion and cow manure that we picked up in our station wagon! I can still remember that smell. I also remember raking pine needles and spreading them around shrubs to mulch all our flower beds.

My mom immediately joined the small Broad Bay Island Garden Club and made life-long friends. Her garden club was very involved in community and roadside beautification. My only picture of her garden club has no visible flowers, just two sewing machines. I always wear heels and pearls when I sew, don't you?

I know there were flower shows, and I know she continued to judge but I don't have strong memories of these.

Here's where my family's 2nd favorite Jenny joke comes in. At school one day, I had to report on what my parents did for a living. I told the class my dad was a Coast Guard officer, and my mom was a judge. My teacher was very impressed, asking me where my mom had gone to law school. Since I didn't know, I asked that night at the dinner table. My parents laughed and laughed! My parents married during World War II three weeks shy of her 18th birthday. She never had the chance to attend college. Looking back, I think my mom was much smarter than many of my college-educated friends!

Please share your stories with me! What smells do you remember? Who did you rake leaves or pine needles with? Please encourage your kids, grandkids, and neighborhood kids to garden with you! They will remember!!

Blessings,

Jennifer

P. S. I want to thank the Flower Show committee for such a beautiful show! The hard work and attention to detail showed. Congratulations to all who entered! Your designs and horticulture were beautiful. As I toured the show, I definitely felt my mom with me.



Creating a Legacy Through Garden Club

Jennifer Hydes' "garden club lady"
mom Joan Alley DeAngelis



**Broad Bay Island
Garden Club**



What's Coming Up Soon

Monthly General Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month

CityRise Church—Bellaire, 4601 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401

November 8, 2024

HFGC general meeting

10am refreshments & fellowship 10:30am meeting

Program: **How to Create a Backyard Habitat** by Rich Edie, Wild Birds Unlimited

Workshop: Native Bee Houses

November 15, 2024

Deadline for December 2024 newsletter.

HORTICULTURE TABLE

Remember to bring lovelies from your garden to show off to everyone!!

We want to know what you've brought.

Here is a form you can actually type into!!

[Horticulture type-able form.](#)

Of course, you can print out the form and write info in, too.

Newsletter comments?

If you like something about the newsletter, great!! Let me know so I keep doing it.

Are you clicking the links?

If you DON'T like something, please don't just complain to your friends...let me know. Something may need to change or I will have the opportunity to explain my logic.

This newsletter is supposed to be helpful and enjoyable to our members. If it needs to change to do that, that is OK. BUT...if I never hear the concerns, I don't have a chance to make improvements.

Tricia Bradbury, Editor

Triciabrad35@yahoo.com



It's **Poinsettia** time!

Order and pay for your beautiful Brookwood poinsettias at the November meeting. Red and White/Cream available. Just \$15 each.

Pickup at CityRise on Thursday, Dec. 12, between 2 and 5 pm, or at our Dec. 13 Christmas Celebration.

See Alma Gordon to order.

almajhgordon41@gmail.com

713-299-7519





"Holiday Traditions"

Christmas Celebration Brunch



To Do List:

- **Buy tickets!** Invite friends! \$40 each – *See Linda Kuper.*
- **Buy poinsettias!** \$15 each – *See Alma Gordon.*
- Sign up to **provide/decorate one brunch table centerpiece** with a family tradition/collection. *See Susan Diehl, Tony Huffman or Linda Kuper.*
- Make plans for your personal or your club's **donation to the Silent Auction!** See ideas and donation form in this newsletter. *See Leslie Wong.*
- Make plans to purchase **toys and/or gift cards** to bring to Christmas Brunch for the Star of Hope. *See Debra Kelley.*

WELCOME NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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Royce Walker is on the mend. Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers as she continues down the path to recovery.



Here is her new address:

*Grand Living @ Tuscan Lakes
 1850 League City Parkway, Room #350
 League City, TX 77573*



**Teach Your Kids To
 Love Gardening**

2024-2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS—Federation, District IV, State, Regional, National

November 2024

- 1 District IV Award Applications are due.
- 8 HFGC general meeting, CityRise. 10am refreshments & fellowship. 10:30am program then meeting. *How to Create a Backyard Habitat*
- 8 HFGC BEE HOUSES WORKSHOP after meeting.

December 2024

- 13 HFGC Christmas Celebration Brunch. Ticket required. *Southern Elegance design program*

January 2025

- 10 HFGC general meeting, CityRise. 10am refreshments & fellowship. 10:30am program then meeting. *Medicinal Landscaping*
- 10 HFGC + District IV TGC ARBOR DAY
- 10-12 TGC Environmental School Course 3 Series 18, Fort Parker State Park, Mason TX. Sarah McReynolds, Chair 254-562-5751.
- 27-30 Flower Show School IV, United Way, 12300 Parcels Crest Dr, Stafford TX 77477

February 2025

- 3-4 TGC Garden Study School, San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N New Braunfels, San Antonio TX
- 10-11 Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 4, George Bush Library, College Station TX
- 14 HFGC general meeting, CityRise. 10am refreshments & fellowship. 10:30am program then meeting. *Portrait to Floral Design*
- 14 HFGC PRESSED FLOWER PLATE WORKSHOP after meeting.

March 2025

- 14 HFGC general meeting, CityRise. 10am refreshments & fellowship. 10:30am program then meeting. *The Design Process*
- 14 HFGC Food Drive
- 25 District IV Blue Star Memorial Ceremony, 3pm Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77038
- 27 District IV Spring Convention, League City

April 2025

- 1-4 TGC Spring Convention, Fredonia Hotel, Nacogdoches TX
- 11 HFGC general meeting, CityRise. 10am refreshments & fellowship. 10:30am program then meeting. *Landscape Design and Curb Appeal*
- 11 HFGC NEW OFFICERS WORKSHOP after meeting.
- 16-17 SCR spring convention, Albuquerque NM

May 2025

- 9 HFGC general meeting, CityRise. 10am refreshments & fellowship. 10:30am program then meeting. *Enjoying Summer Flowers*
- 18-22 NGC annual convention, Embassy Suites in North Charleston, SC

June 2025

- 1-7 National Garden Week

July 2025

August 2025

- 4-5 TGC Garden Study School, San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N New Braunfels, San Antonio TX

***Please note that calendar is accurate to the best of our ability at time of publication. Activities could be cancelled at a later date.*

Nice to know.....

Bayland = Bayland Community Center

CityRise = CityRise Church—Bellaisre

FSS = Flower Show School

HFGC = Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

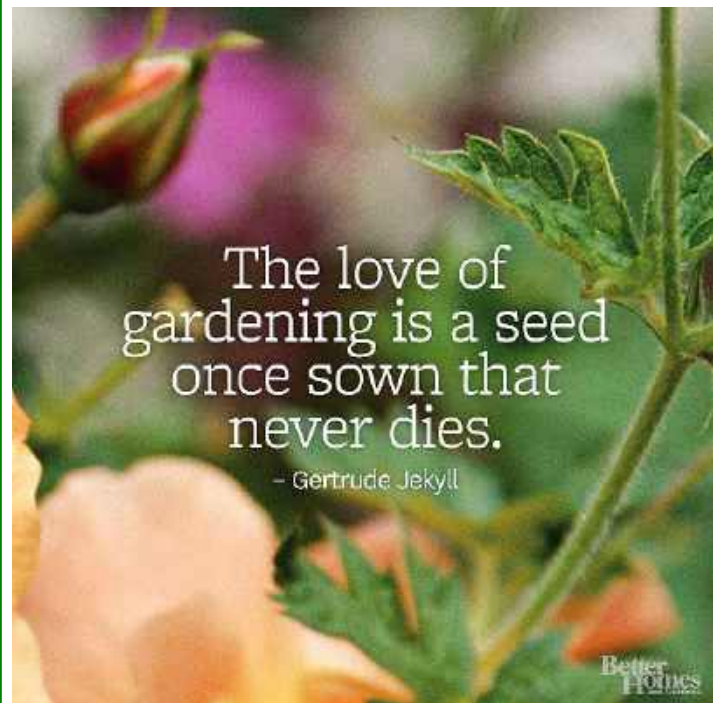
IRS = Internal Revenue Service

NGC = National Garden Clubs

SCR = South Central Region

TBA = To be announced

TGC = Texas Garden Clubs



2024-2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS—Clubs & other

November 2024

- 4 [Tomball Garden Club](#) meeting 10a-noon and 6:30-8:30pm, First Baptist Church, 401 Oxford St., Tomball. Program: Monarch Butterflies by Donna Anderson
- 9 Open Grassroom @ [Kolter Elementary School](#) outdoor learning classroom, 9a-12p, 9710 Runnymede, Houston 77096. The garden gate is 50 ft from the corner of Dumfries and Runnymede. Contact Angela Roth, angelarothnews@gmail.com for additional info.
- 14 Houston Area Flower Show Judges Small Standard Flower Show 12:30-2pm, Fonteno Senior Education Center, 6600 Bissonnet Street, Houston 77074. Free and open to the public.
- 19 [Petal Pushers Garden Club](#) general meeting 7pm, Deer Park United Methodist Church, Room 122, 1300 East 13th Street, Deer Park 77536—Pollinator Garden - Native Plants (Presenter, Emily Alaniz)
- 19 Gardening For God Native Planting Series with members of Bouquettes Garden Club, 6-8pm Prefontaine Hall at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 9900 Stella Link Road, Houston

December 2024

January 2025

- 6 [Tomball Garden Club](#) meeting 10a-noon AND 6:30-8:30pm, First Baptist Church, 401 Oxford St., Tomball. Program: Technology in the Garden by Pamela Randall
- 11 Open Grassroom @ [Kolter Elementary School](#) outdoor learning classroom, 9a-12p, 9710 Runnymede, Houston 77096. The garden gate is 50 ft from the corner of Dumfries and Runnymede. Contact Angela Roth, angelarothnews@gmail.com for additional info.
- 21 [Petal Pushers Garden Club](#) general meeting 7pm, Deer Park United Methodist Church, Room 122, 1300 East 13th Street, Deer Park 77536—Plumerias (Presenter club member, Diane Sullivan)
- 21 [Gardening For God](#) Native Planting Series with members of Bouquettes Garden Club, 6-8pm Prefontaine Hall at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 9900 Stella Link Road, Houston

February 2025

- 3 [Tomball Garden Club](#) meeting 10a-noon AND 6:30-8:30pm, First Baptist Church, 401 Oxford St., Tomball. Program: Night Gardening by Dale Ramey, Bluebonnet House owner
- 8 Open Grassroom @ [Kolter Elementary School](#) outdoor learning classroom, 9a-12p, 9710 Runnymede, Houston 77096. The garden gate is 50 ft from the corner of Dumfries and Runnymede. Contact Angela Roth, angelarothnews@gmail.com for additional info.
- 18 [Petal Pushers Garden Club](#) general meeting 7pm, Deer Park United Methodist Church, Room 122, 1300 East 13th Street, Deer Park 77536—Succulent Arrangements (Presenter, Charlie Barker Caputo)
- 18 [Gardening For God](#) Native Planting Series with members of Bouquettes Garden Club, 6-8pm Prefontaine Hall at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 9900 Stella Link Road, Houston

March 2025

- 3 Tomball Garden Club meeting 10a-noon AND 6:30-8:30pm, First Baptist Church, 401 Oxford St., Tomball. Program: Fertilizer Fixin's by Isaac Smuin, GM Huatan Gardens
- 8 Open Grassroom @ [Kolter Elementary School](#) outdoor learning classroom, 9a-12p, 9710 Runnymede, Houston 77096. The garden gate is 50 ft from the corner of Dumfries and Runnymede. Contact Angela Roth, angelarothnews@gmail.com for additional info.
- 18 [Petal Pushers Garden Club](#) general meeting 7pm, Deer Park United Methodist Church, Room 122, 1300 East 13th Street, Deer Park 77536—Propagation (Presenter, Jamie Hart)
- 18 [Gardening For God](#) Native Planting Series with members of Bouquettes Garden Club, 6-8pm Prefontaine Hall at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 9900 Stella Link Road, Houston

April 2025

- 7 [Tomball Garden Club](#) meeting 10a-noon AND 6:30-8:30pm, First Baptist Church, 401 Oxford St., Tomball. Program: Bugs—Good, Bad, Ugly, and Indifferent by Robert Dailey

- 10 Bouquettes Garden Club Flower Show opens to public at noon (more info to come)
- 11 [Nassau Bay Garden Club](#) Fashion Show and Luncheon, Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook
- 12 Bay Area Plant Exchange Swap & Shop 8a-noon, League City Civic Center, 400 W. Walker, League City 77573
- 12 Open Grassroom @ [Kolter Elementary School](#) outdoor learning classroom, 9a-12p, 9710 Runnymede, Houston 77096. The garden gate is 50 ft from the corner of Dumfries and Runnymede. Contact Angela Roth, angelarothnews@gmail.com for additional info.
- 15 [Petal Pushers Garden Club](#) general meeting 7pm, Deer Park United Methodist Church, Room 122, 1300 East 13th Street, Deer Park 77536—Making Your Arrangements More Exciting - Thriller, Filler Spiller Method (Presenter, Joanne Woolsey of Jimbo's Nursery)
- 15 [Gardening For God](#) Native Planting Series with members of Bouquettes Garden Club, 6-8pm Prefontaine Hall at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 9900 Stella Link Road, Houston
- 15-16 [Garden Club of Houston](#) and River Oaks Garden Club present [Florescence 2025: Splendor](#), a Garden Club of America Major Flower Show, Museum of Fine Arts Houston.

May 2025

- 3-4 [Deer Park Petal Pushers Garden Club](#) Plant & Garden Art Sale, Sa 9a-5p; Su 12-4p, In front of Theatre Arts/Court Building, 1302 Center St, Deer Park.
- 10 Open Grassroom @ [Kolter Elementary School](#) outdoor learning classroom, 9a-12p, 9710 Runnymede, Houston 77096. The garden gate is 50 ft from the corner of Dumfries and Runnymede. Contact Angela Roth, angelarothnews@gmail.com for additional info.

June 2025

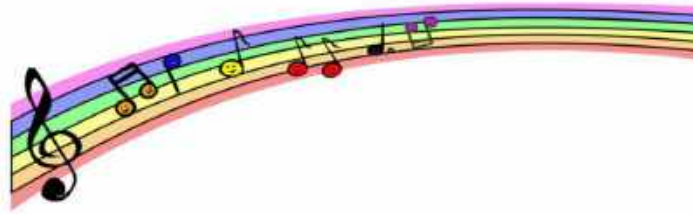
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Check this out—Tomball Garden Club is accommodating everyone's schedule by having both day AND evening meetings most months!!



Presents

**“THE ADVENTURES OF
NURSERY RHYMES”**



An NGC Small Standard Flower Show

Thursday November 14, 2024

Fonteno Senior Education Center
6600 Bissonnet Street

Houston, Texas 77074

Phone 713-541-9951

Show will be Open and Free to the Public
12:30 - 2:00 P.M.

A Gardening Legacy . . .

Zone 6 Counselor and Sprig & Sprout Garden Club President

Wendy Petruzzi wrote to me that my stories reminded her of *“her mom’s years in Beaumont, without AC, and they wore hats and gloves, and life was so different.”* She also shared, *“I miss my mom all the time. I got my green thumb from her.”*

Jennifer Francois of Norchester Garden Club and the Astros Branch, American Begonia Society shared with me memories of both her mom and dad and growing up in a small town in Minnesota. Her dad had a huge vegetable garden and raspberry patch but also grew irises and peonies. I loved her memory, *“I remember walking on the freshly turned earth in my bare feet and dropping chunks of potato in holes which my dad had dug.”* Jennifer inherited her mom’s dislike of outdoor gardening because of the heat and bugs and prefers indoor plants. Like her mom, Jennifer *“cannot throw out any piece of a plant that might have a breath of life in it.”*

My mom, like Wendy’s, had a green thumb and loved her hats and gloves...and I miss her all the time. And, like Jennifer’s mom, my mom loved the challenge of nursing the most pitiful plant back to life. Thank you for sharing!

Please share your story with Federation President Jennifer Hydes at jen.hydes@yahoo.com.



Gardening For God Native

Planting Series

By Angela Roth

Bouquettes Garden Club will be part of the team teaching members of the public how to grow Native Plants. Third Tuesday of the month September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. 6-8pm in Prefontaine Hall at Corpus [Christi Catholic Church](#), 9900 Stella Link Road, Houston.

“Holiday Traditions”

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs
December Celebration & Fundraiser

“Southern Elegance: A Magnolia & Pine Christmas Showcase”
by G. Alan Masters, AIFD, PFC-1, CFD

\$40.00 per ticket*



Friday, December 13

9:30 am to 1:30 pm

CityRise Church-Bellaire
4601 Bellaire Boulevard



Silent Auction, Raffles, Drawings, donation of unwrapped toys & gift cards for Star of Hope, Poinsettias and more! All clubs, affiliates & individual members are asked to donate to the auction. *Let's make our Auction fabulous!* Cash, check & credit cards are accepted for purchases.

*Tickets are available at our monthly Federation meetings (beginning in September) or by mail to Linda Kuper, 8 Rain Hollow Place, Houston 77024. *Checks payable to HFGC.* Questions, email Linda at kuperfamily80@gmail.com.
No ticket sales at the door.

Gala Chairs – Susan Diehl & Tony Huffman



“Holiday Traditions” Auction Donation Info!

Each garden club, and each individual member, is asked to donate one auction item. Your club will be recognized for your donation. ***Involve your club members with your donation!*** A good rule of thumb is to donate something you yourself would want to purchase either for yourself or to give as a gift.

AUCTION ITEM IDEAS:

- ✿ If you sew, sew something (table or mantle runners, stocking, etc.).
- ✿ Are you crafty? Share one of your creations.
- ✿ Do you sell something, like Thirty-One, Essential Oils, Tupperware, etc.?
- ✿ Not crafty, but want to make something? Spend some time Googling on your phone or computer...you'll find some great ideas! Try Pinterest!
- ✿ Astros, Texans, Dynamo, or Rockets tickets – Do you (or your employer) have tickets you're willing to donate?
- ✿ ***Always popular ... BASKETS!*** Put together a themed gift basket (bath, wine, golf, pro or college sports, coffee/tea, gardening, game night, gourmet foods, etc.).
- ✿ Also, very popular is ***CHRISTMAS DECOR*** (yard signs, wreaths, mailbox swags, Santas, angels, and snowmen of all shapes and sizes, throw pillows, etc.).
- ✿ Shop at one of the upcoming holiday markets/crafts shows – Great products and ideas can be found there.

Please bring your donations to the November Federation meeting. Two other options: (1) *Bring your item to the church on Thursday, December 12, after 2 pm (poinsettia pickup/decorating day)* or (2) *on Friday, December 13 (the day of our event)*. ***If on Friday, please arrive early so we can properly place your item.*** Print the auction donation form (in this newsletter) to attach to your item. Please contact Silent Auction Chair Leslie Wong (281-935-6442 or leslie.j.wong@gmail.com) with any questions.

This is Federation's major fundraiser of the year! We are relying on the generosity of our clubs, affiliates, and individual members in making donations to our auction. Let's make this year's auction the most fun and successful ever!





Houston Federation of Garden Clubs
December Celebration and Fundraiser
Friday, December 13, 2024
“Holiday Traditions”

Please attach this form to your Silent Auction/Drawing donation.

Club/Individual _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Cell Phone _____

Item/Contents _____

Value _____ Suggested Minimum Bid _____

Please bring this form and your donated items to City Rise Church, 4601 Bellaire Blvd., the afternoon of Thursday, December 12. Time to be determined.

STAR OF HOPE

At our Holiday Traditions Christmas Brunch in December, we will be collecting **new unwrapped toys, etc.** and **gift cards** for the Star of Hope.

The [Star of Hope](#) is always so grateful and appreciative of the generosity of the HFGC members.

Please contact Debra Kelley, debikelley@hotmail.com or (713) 248-8309 with any questions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a list of urgent needs. See following pages for list of Christmas gift suggestions.

Urgent Needs

- Men's shower shoes – all sizes
- Men's size 28 to 36 jeans, Gently Used
- Men's underwear/boxers, all sizes – New
- Bath Towels
- Pillows – Preferably New
- New Underwear for Women – all sizes
- Bar Soap for Women
- Women Shaving Cream
- Women and Men Regular Size Deodorant
- Sippy Cups
- Twin Size Blankets preferably New

Ongoing Needs

- Twin Size Fitted & Flat Sheets
- Women and Men Regular Size Body Wash
- 2X,3X Polo Style Shirts for Men
- Regular Size Conditioner
- Hairbrushes
- Overnight Maxi Pads
- Bar Soap for Men and Women
- Women Adult Diapers 2X & 3X (Underwear Style)

Not up for shopping in the stores??
Shop from the comfort of your own home!!

Star of Hope has an
[Amazon Wish List.](#)

STAR OF HOPE

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Infants & Toddlers

- Learning toys with batteries included
- Building blocks
- Activity tables, big picture books (hard covered books only)
- Fabric books for infants
- Diaper bags
- Baby blankets, towels
- Crib mobiles, crib activity centers
- Large size pieces puzzles for toddlers

Children

- Underwear and socks– all kid sizes
- Pajamas
- Learning toys with batteries included
- Electronic games with batteries included
- Children's Bibles, books
- Education toys and games
- Large cars and trucks
- Regulation size Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, Nerf balls
- Dolls, doll clothes
- Puzzles, blocks, LEGO sets
- Radios with batteries included

Gift Giving Guidelines

- Gifts must be donated unwrapped.
- Only new items please.
- Because of recent recalls, please take care that items are not on the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's Toy Hazard Recall list.

We cannot accept: bicycles, skateboards, roller-skates, toys with a frightening appearance, Play-Dough, small diecast cars, toy guns or knives, perishable goods, candles, Harry Potter, Pokemon, Digimon, Yoh-gi-oh, Bratz Dollz, or gambling items such as World Poker Tour.

Teenagers

- Watches, alarm clocks, clock radios
- Portable mp3 players
- Tote bags, purses, sports bags, wallets
- Curling irons, hot rollers
- Make-up and nail polish sets
- Toiletry gift baskets
- Boxed costume jewelry, jewelry boxes
- Board games, electronic games with batteries
- 1000+ Jigsaw puzzles
- Footballs, basketballs (regulation size)
- Bibles, books, diaries, journals
- Sleeping bags, blankets
- Flashlights with batteries

Gift bags of all sizes and tissue paper are needed to help with wrapping gifts.

Gift Cards

- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Gas cards
- Grocery stores (Kroger, Fiesta, HEB, etc.)

History of Star of Hope Mission

(From SOH web site)



Ending homelessness...
one life, one family at a time.

Most of us were not alive at the turn of the 20th Century, but it was a time of great beginnings. It was the time when Reverend Dennis R. Pevoto, a Baptist minister, having set sail for New York from Savannah, Georgia, had a dream that altered the course of his life and the lives of hundreds of thousands of people from that point to this very day. He experienced a Divine vision in which he was being called to come to Houston to establish a refuge for Houston's lost community of men—men who had fallen on hard times and never recovered, men who were alcoholic, helpless and hopeless with no place to go. It was to be named Star of Hope Mission.

By 1906 Reverend Pevoto had arrived in Houston and was making headway toward his vision. He met with other Baptist clergy and Evangelist Mordecai Ham. Together, they formed the first shelter for homeless men in the city, and Star of Hope Mission began its life-changing work on July 1, 1907, in a two-story building at 714 Franklin Street, with a former alcoholic named Richard Dowling appointed as the first director. Eventually Star of Hope was relocated to Congress Street and then to LaBranch Street, where it ministered to homeless men for 45 years, from 1955 to 2000.

It was during the period at the LaBranch location that homelessness took a turn. It was no longer reflective of the peculiar poverty of urban men. Suddenly, it began to take on a softer look, all too frequently, innocent and desperate, as women and children became the fastest growing population among the homeless. In fact, nationally, the average age of the homeless person is nine years old.

The latter part of the 20th century saw greater and greater numbers of frightened women and children entering the homeless scene. In response, Star of Hope opened the Women and Family Emergency Shelter in 1986 on North Main Street. The goal was to provide the love of Christ through a nurturing, safe environment that comforted and encouraged the most vulnerable among the homeless. Two years later, the Transitional Living Center opened on Calhoun Street, offering a year-long residential program for homeless women and families, to ensure that they could re-enter mainstream society fully equipped to be self-sufficient.

The Women and Family Emergency Shelter, in its second home at 419 Dowling Street, underwent a million dollar renovation to maximize the safety, comfort and care of its residents. In the spring of 2004, the June Waggoner House of Hope Day Care Center was opened on that site providing the very best in childcare and after school programs for more than 100 homeless youngsters and teens.

The Transitional Living Center, also in its second home at 6801 Ardmore was a custom-built complex. On the property was the Hope Center Administration Building serving the entire Star of Hope ministry. In addition, there were 111 single and family apartments, including service and program centers that target healthcare, childcare, education, employment, substance abuse recovery and life-skills management.

Located at 1811 Ruiz Street, is the home of the Doris and Carloss Morris Men's Development Center, completed for occupancy in June of 2000. It was formerly the Men's Emergency Shelter. In this 70,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility, God is at work renewing the hearts and minds of broken men, casting off the old and bringing forth new opportunities for physical, emotional, occupational and spiritual wholeness through programs and services similar to those at the Transitional Living Center.

Today, Star of Hope Mission is in its own stage of great beginnings. The Star of Hope's Cornerstone Community transformational campus, located on Reed Road at the intersection of Highway 288, now consolidates our clients and staff from our downtown Women and Family Emergency Shelter and the Transitional Living Center near the Texas Medical Center, at the Women and Family Development Center. The new site houses up to 160 homeless, single women and 130 homeless families where they will progress towards independent living through our basic recovery services and our longer-term programs. In addition, mental, physical and spiritual health services are offered with on-site permanent supportive housing and convenient public transportation, all in a walkable campus environment.

Thank you for supporting Star of Hope in its efforts to uplift our suffering neighbors, providing them with help and HOPE and freedom from the grip of despair.

HORTICULTURE CORNER

How Do You Force Amaryllis Bulbs For Christmas?

By Tony Huffman

Option 1

- Six weeks before Christmas (approximately November 13)—Purchase Amaryllis bulbs that are “designed for forcing”. The label will state this.
- Fill the bulb forcing vase to the neck with water
- Trim any brown, dry roots off the bulb.
- Place the bulb in a vase so that the root area is submerged. To prevent rot, ensure that the bulb itself is not in contact with the water.
- Position in a warm, sunny location—usually around 60-70°F.
- It will take around six weeks for the amaryllis to bloom.



Option 2

- Another truly effortless way to force bulbs for Christmas is to grow WAXED BULBS. All they need is sunlight.
- Waxed bulbs are as their name suggests—the bulb has been dropped into wax. The wax contains the moisture and heat to grow.
- Simply purchase your waxed bulb and a stand and place them in a sunny windowsill. The bulb will grow and flower between three to six weeks.



HORTICULTURE CORNER

By newsletter editor, Tricia Bradbury

The Horticulture Bulletin is now Horticulture Corner—a short blurb each month to pique your interest and written by a variety of our members.

Thanks so much to Nancy Giffhorn for the August article, Tricia Bradbury for the recycled September article., and Sarah Bentley for the October article. Watch for upcoming articles by your HFGC friends:

November—Tony Huffman

December—Angela Roth

January—Pamela Randall

February—???—MAYBE YOU??

March—_____

April—who, who, who?

May—Kathleen Sullivan

NOTE: Notice that February, March, and April slots are still available!! You could share your gardening passion. First 3 submissions will be used so don't dilly-dally!!! Keep it pretty short—about 200 words. Send a picture or two if you'd like. Submit to triciabrad35@yahoo.com.

Lakewood Forest Garden Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration

On the first Friday of March 2024 the Lakewood Forest (LF) garden club celebrated the 50th anniversary of the club. A planning committee under the direction of Harolene Hatley worked for months to make this a special event. Committee members shared their talents and resources to organize a sophisticated 'HIGH TEA' for the membership. Ladies dressed in unusually elegant attire arrived at an equally elegant setting to reflect on the half century of the club's existence, enjoyed the reminiscence, the camaraderie and the good food. Previous presidents were part of the gathering and shared stories about the early function and development of the club.



In the early 1970's the Lakewood Forest subdivision was a new development in Harris county. Families came from all over the country to settle their families in this new housing sector just north of Houston. Neighbors met and friendships formed over time. A group of ladies came together frequently over a glass of wine and discussed, among other things, their often-frustrating experiences of keeping their yard growing, flowers blooming and pests away from plants in this subtropical climate. Their shared interest around gardening attracted more neighbors and led to establishing a garden club. In 1974 the Lakewood Forest Garden Club was created with Ginger Cunliffe (picture right), the energetic originator of the group, as its first president.



With a steady increase in membership, the mission of the club grew beyond caring for their own yards and extended to the beautification of the subdivision. In coordination with the HOA, the team planted flowers in the medians and decorated the wing walls at each entrance to the growing subdivision. Outside their own community, club members focused on community engagement which led to the creation and

maintenance of a Butterfly Garden at the local elementary school, volunteer activities at Mercer Arboretum and the Brookwood Community, and various wildlife organizations. For the annual fundraising event the club purchased flats of flowers from a local garden center and sold them to their neighbors from the parking lots of the club house. Proceeds from the fundraiser were distributed to many other nature and environmental focused organizations within the local community.

These gals were busy but they also took time for fun activities. During monthly meetings they learned the art of flower arranging and wreath making as well as many other plants and flower centered arts and craft projects.

A few years after its founding, a few club members organized a short vacation trip outside of Houston where they had a great time just relaxing and getting to know each other. These 3-day trips became an annual tradition known as the Spring Fling. In recent years the club has visited gardens, parks and

historical sites in places like Waco, Nacogdoches, Austin and Tyler, just to name a few. It is one of the most favorite events of the club and attracts an ever-growing number of participants.

Besides the Spring Fling members take day trips to garden and nature related places or historical sites around Houston such as 'Nature's Way' in Conroe, the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham and the Hummingbird Observatory and weigh station in Lake Jackson and the Bryan Museum in Galveston.

Although membership in the LF garden club has remained relatively steady over the years, its future was threatened by the Covid shut downs in 2020. Newly elected president, Eleese Lester-Baier (picture right), saved the club as she quickly pivoted the monthly meetings to a ZOOM format. Her enthusiasm and sense of humor kept members engaged as she led fun filled electronic conferences that even computer challenged members could follow and enjoy.



Over the years the membership changed as new people joined and others moved away or lost interest. Today, the club registers over 70 members. Our well-established club has a large number of ladies that belonged to the group for decades. They are the keepers of the club's history and are a valuable resource for us all. Gloria Cox (picture left) is our most senior member. She joined the club a year after its conception. Gloria recently recruited her daughter-in law into the LF garden club ensuring the continued growth and rejuvenation of the club. Eleese Lester Baier and Joyce Lester, Pat Gauger and Huguette were another mother and daughter garden club team. Membership grew mostly through family,

friends and neighbor connections. Besides mothers and daughters, we also have sisters and cousins as members. At each meeting we welcome guests, many of which become members.

The strength of the club and its resilience lies in the friendly and giving spirit of its members. We look out for each other and are there to support each other, not only when it comes to gardening but also in the health and wellbeing of the members and our community.



Lakewood Forest Garden Club celebrates 50th Anniversary

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In Memorium

Jody Rogers, HFGC president 1985-1987 and long-time member of Far Corners Garden Study Club and Houston Area Flower Show Judges, passed away Sunday, October 27, 2024.



A memorial service will be November 9 in Denton.

See [obituary](#) for details.

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MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS – The next date is Monday, November 11, and the topic is "Hanging of the Greens: Wreath-making Competition".



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that never dies.

Gertrude Jekyll



USEFUL LINKS TO LOTS OF INFO

District IV Spring Convention [registration form](#)

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[TGC Awards updates](#)—NEW District IV procedures and list of judges

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[Click here](#) to see a few Seasonal Transitions flower show photos by very amateurish photographer (truthfully just a picture-taker), Tricia Bradbury.



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1. *Poinsettia Sleevng* – Prepare the poinsettias for delivery by placing in pot covers and paper sleeves. Various dates.

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[Volunteer Application](#) with Brookwood required.

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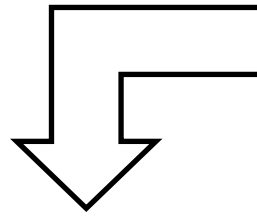
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DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please note correction/updates for the directory:

NEW—Page 60—League City Garden Club has officer changes. Remove Stacy Mills as Co-President. Change treasurer to Diana Lawless.

Previously published—

Page 13 special ad and Page 16 November meeting listing—Arbor Day has been CHANGED from November 8 to January 10.

Page 14—Design Exhibits chair Sandra Bierstedt-Gallegos email should be LILIE_BELLE@msn.com. Those pesky lower case Ls and Is can goof things up!!

Page 14 & Page 72—Inspiration chair & individual member Sylvia Drew has new address and phone number: 2611 Stanford, Houston 77006; 713-598-1291

Page 59—Lakewood Forest Garden Club President Barbara Crum (phone & email need to be corrected):

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ENGLISH COTTAGE GARDENS



Teresa Byington's Bloom Thyme Cottage Gardens weaves together her love of roses from heirlooms to the most modern shrubs and their garden companions. She has planted 120 roses alongside annuals, herbs, shrubs, trees, perennials and a few veggies. Teresa's garden was recently featured in Garden Gate Magazine's January 2022 edition, The American Rose Society Nov/Dec edition, and Midwest Living in June of 2023.

Teresa's program will include tips and tricks for creating a cottage garden or adding cottage garden elements to your garden and a tour of her garden. She will also make recommendations on plants that work well in a cottage garden setting. She is an active member of the American Rose Society and the Indianapolis Rose Society. She is a Consulting Rosarian, Master Gardener, Former President of the Indianapolis Rose Society and winner of the Bronze Medal. Teresa serves currently on the Board of the Indianapolis Rose Society as their Website and Social Media Chairman. Her blog, [TheGardenDiary.com](https://www.thegardendiary.com) tells of her adventures in the garden and in life, as well as promotes roses as an integral part of her cottage garden. She is also the host of the Rose Chat podcast, dedicated to all aspects of growing roses and you can find her on the Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/@TeresaByington>.

Teresa is now the proud owner of the beautiful mini-shrub Petite Peach. A sport of Petite Pink was found in her garden in 2019. Since then, Petite Peach has been on a wild ride that has resulted in a Patent (2023) and recipient of the 2024 ARS Award of Excellence in the no spray division.

Consulting Rosarians who attend this meeting will receive one hour of continuing education credit. CRs will be required to sign a registration form at the meeting or email president@houstonrose.org prior to the meeting with their name, email address, and name of your rose society if outside HRS in order to receive credit.

This is one program that you will not want to miss. Please join us **November 14 at 7pm** from the comfort of your home and office with Zoom by clicking on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84255031373?pwd=gqIKcpXDP8nExRxCVM685cvWZlIhegt.1>

Also, you can open the web page for zoom.us and manually enter the meeting id and password listed below:

Meeting ID: 842 5503 1373

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HFGC clubs are divided into seven zones with each having a Zone Counselor who is responsible for coordinating the host activities for one general meeting per year (scrumptious food, table décor).

In addition, each Zone Counselor functions as a liaison between Federation and member clubs.

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Host Date: January 10, 2025

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Houston Hemerocallis Society

Houston Rose Society

Plumeria Society of America

Southampton Garden Club

Individual members A-B

ZONE 2

Host Date: October 11, 2024

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League City Garden Club

Gardeners by the Bay

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Meadowbrook Garden Club

Nassau Bay Garden Club

Texas City Garden Club

Individual members C-G

ZONE 3

Host Date: November 8, 2024

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Individual members H-J

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Kingwood Garden Club

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Far Corners Garden Study Club

Flora Luncheon Study Club

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Houston Area Flower Show Judges

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Sugar Creek Garden Club

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Individual members K-L

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Bouquettes Garden Club

Bouquettes Garden Club

Bromeliad Society of Houston

Crestwood Garden Club

Harris County Master Gardeners

New Century Garden Club

Tomball Garden Club

Individual members M-R

ZONE 6

Host Date: March 14, 2025

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Spring and Sprout Garden Club

Columbus Garden Club

Friendship Garden Club

Garden Club of Sealy

Hearthstone Garden Club

Royal Oaks Garden Club

Sprig & Sprout Garden Club

Individual members S

ZONE 7

Host Date: April 11, 2025

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