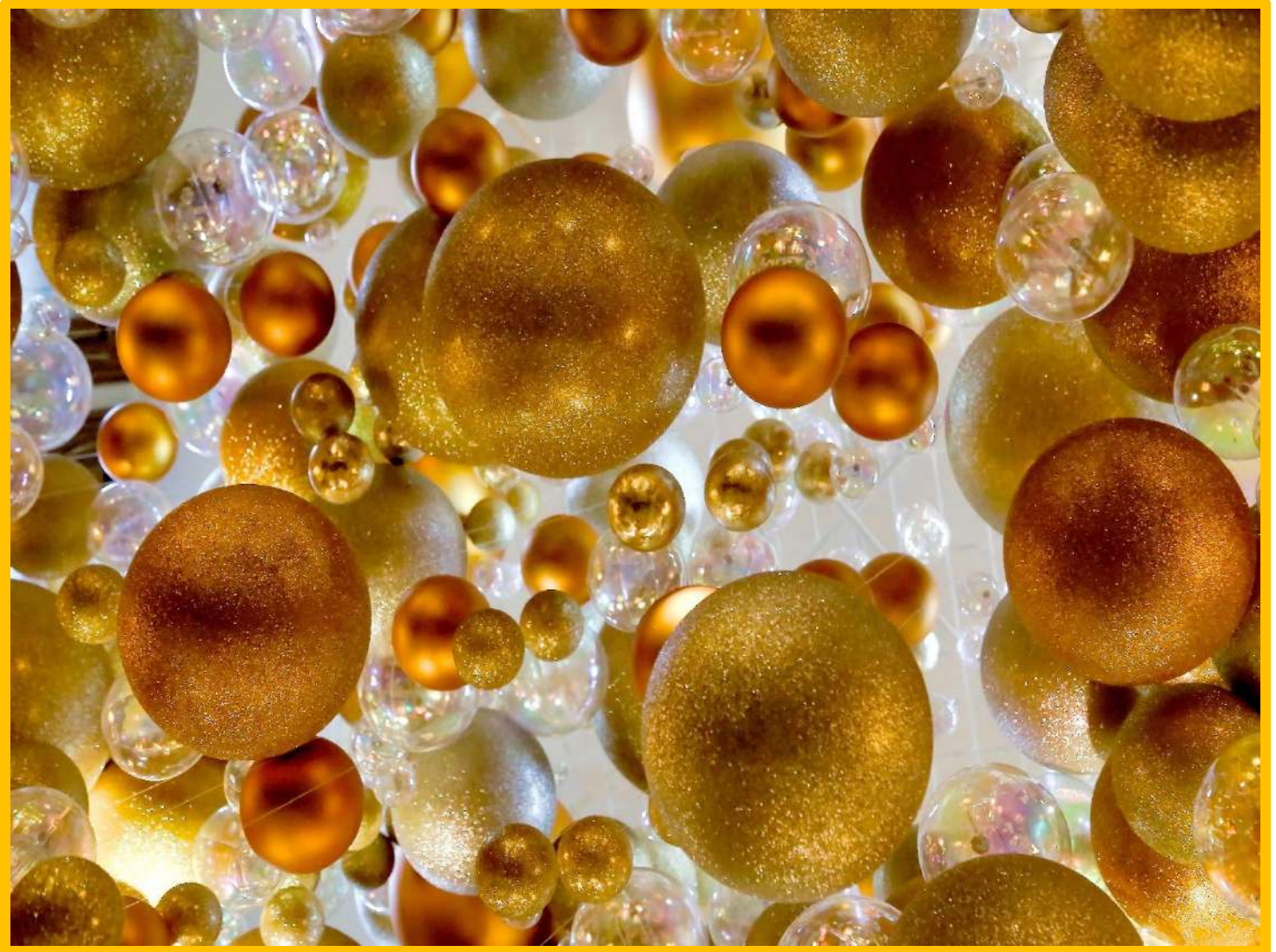


The Magnolia



Columbus Garden Club Newsletter

January, 2025



***IT'S A NEW YEAR
NEW LIFE
NEW CHANCES***

Columbus Garden Club ended the year with its annual Christmas Tasting Luncheon.

We enjoyed being together to celebrate the season and to celebrate the coming of a new calendar year. It was good to see members we haven't seen in awhile, visitors that we loved meeting and being with, and it was wonderful to have our special Santa who brings his jolly happy self to increase our fun.



Santa and Debbie Braden were so happy to see JoAnn Sebesta who was with us at our tasting luncheon. JoAnn also made some "goodies" for our silent auction.

Ann Pavliska brought a smile to everyone in her so cute flamingo outfit...just too precious.



On previous page, Regena calls out winners of the Mistletoe Bag drawing. Thank you to Wanda Anglin for gathering and organizing the mistletoe bags and to everyone who donated items and contributed.



In this picture, Regena takes a look at the Silent Auction items. Thank you to Velma Harrington, Jennie Pritchett, and Debbie Braden for gathering and organizing the silent auction. And thanks to Stephanie Cabrera (a Youth in the Garden volunteer) for helping put items into “baskets”. Other club members helped too putting together the items for the silent auction and organizing the items. Thanks everyone who contributed.

The food for our luncheon was super fantastic as usual because the club has so many wonderful cooks. Lucky us!

Thanks to Sharon Wegenhoft and Regena Williamson for donating the turkey and ham. And a big thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share at the luncheon. And thanks to everyone who helped set up the buffet and helped in the kitchen.



And then there were so many who helped set up for the party on the day before and those who helped clean up after the party. You are appreciated so very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

And then... there was the big, BIG, **BIG** moment of when that winning ticket for the Scholarship Quilt was drawn!!! This year the winner was Kathie Weige of Columbus. **CONGRATULATIONS Kathie!!!**

Thank you Sharon Heimann for quilting and donating the beautiful quilt for the drawing that benefitted our Scholarship Fund. Also thank you Sharon for the quilt and table runners you donated to the silent auction.

We are so very grateful to all of our members for all of the help and donations that you contributed to this event.

Here are some more pictures taken by Patsy Hodge at our luncheon:



Ed Peyer (left) played festive music during the event.

Debbie Braden and Patti Schindler enjoyed some desserts and helped to keep track of tickets and money.

Visitors at our luncheon were

Gina Carter, Maria Dahlberg, Jordyn Galloway, Cynthia Rios, Keith Johnson, Mike Braden and Joe Gates.



Janet Johnson was in a very festive mood and enjoyed the beautiful decorations at our party. Thank you Nancy Galloway for sharing your decorations with us.

When it was time to clean up, the flamingo (Ann Pavliska) got right to work along with many other members of the club.



And, now.....

Patti Schindler submitted these results of our hard work:



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

	Income	Expenses	Net
QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS	\$2,880.00	Donated	\$2,880.00
Quilt donated by Sharon Heimann			
MISTLETOE BAGS	\$ 315.00	\$ 12.49	\$ 301.51
SILENT AUCTION	\$1,540.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,540.00
 LUNCHEON/PARTY			
Entertainment	\$	\$ 200.00	
Drinks		23.92	
Food and Paper goods		?????	
Poinsettias		?????	
Credit Card Sales (\$955.00) _____		25.63	
	\$	\$ (41.63)?	\$
 TOTAL	 \$	 \$	 \$

40 SILENT AUCTION SHEETS

Thanks to everyone for attending our party, contributing to our scholarship fund, contributing to the Mistletoe Bags and the Silent Auction and contributing in so many ways to make this a wonderfully successful event.

There will be more receipts submitted for expenses. **A final analysis will be forthcoming.**

Member in the Spotlight – SHARON HEIMANN

This is Sharon's story.

I was raised in central Texas in a small community called Ben Hur. My Grandmother taught me how to sew on a Singer treadle machine. For years I made my own clothes or altered clothes that were given to me. I took home economics all my years in high school and then on a rainy day in January my senior year I was called to the principal's office while in English class. As I walked down the aisle my friends were asking me what I had done wrong to be called to the office and I had no idea. When I got there I was introduced to a representative from Mary Harden Baylor College who offered me a full academic/work scholarship. Mary Harden Baylor was a girl's school at that time and there were many times during my four years that I needed something and extra funds would show up in my account. God seemed to be looking out for me.

I started out with a major in home economics but I just could not get past the cooking so I changed to Health and Physical Education. I graduated in 1966, coached and taught school for 38 years. During that time I married my wonderful husband of 57 years and I went with him to Virginia and Guam while he was in the Navy and taught in both places but I yearned to get back to Texas. I never quit sewing and eventually even made my husband's leisure suits that he wore as a farm equipment sales representative.

In early 2000 I met my new neighbors who introduced me to the International Quilt Show. Quilting was something I was familiar with because my grandmother and her friends and my husband's grandmother quilted all the time but mostly hand quilting. Through my friendship with a special lady from Oklahoma I decided I wanted to make one quilt after I retired but another special lady offered me a chance to learn a newer more technical way of quilting. So in 2007 I made my first quilt using a Gammill quilting machine. Judy Park was my first quilting teacher and that first quilt was made for the Columbus Garden Club Scholarship Raffle at the request of Lynda Counts. The quilt won Best of Section in the Colorado County Fair and in December was won by Ann Moore.

Quilting has become a therapy for me. It has helped me to make wonderful new friends and given me inspiration in times of stress and keeps me active. It also serves as a way to help others through scholarships or ministry quilts or quilts of valor. God has blessed me with a talent that I hope to use in the ways He gives me for as long as He needs. God bless each of you for what you give to this community.



**January Garden Club Meeting
Roses 101: Best Roses for Our Area**

Come enjoy coffee and a small brunch with us at The Lighthouse at 9:30 a.m. this coming **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**. The program/meeting will begin at 10:00 as Suzanne Gilbert, Rosarian and member of the Houston Chapter of National Rose Society presents “Roses 101: Best roses for Our Area”.

Share Your Garden



Janet Johnson shares this beautiful amaryllis. Mine are starting to bud but are not blooming yet. I hope you are enjoying yours. They are so much fun to watch. Send more pictures of your amaryllises for next month’s newsletter. There is a picture of Sandy Barrett’s amaryllises further in this newsletter.

Janet also shares some pictures (next page) of butterflies enjoying her outside plants.



The butterflies are certainly enjoying Janet's lantana plants. Above left is a Gulf Fritillary, above right is a Julia Heliconian butterfly, and on the right is a Reakirt's blue butterfly. Below is a yellow kalanchoe.





Above left are red cyclamens that Sandy Barrett has in a large planter. On the right is her planter with Dusty Millers, Dianthus and other colorful flowers. Across on the left are her beautiful amaryllises blooming profusely.

Let us know how you are gardening and include pictures of your plants and gardens. If you are on facebook you can chat with other garden club members, share pictures, ideas, memes, club activities and other fun

stuff on the new **private group site** that is “up and going” thanks to Wanda Anglin. Just look up on facebook, Columbus Garden Club Private Group. This is a group seen only by CGC members. If you have problems finding the private group you can contact Wanda at 713-628-6545. Also, follow our public page: fb.me/columbusgardenclubtx. Or, you can always text me (Velma) at 979-253-0055 or email velma.george07@gmail.com

Columbus Oaks Raised Bed Planter Project

The planter still needs some repairs on the one that had rotten boards. Wanda Anglin will work with them over the next week or two to get that finished and to get the soil picked up from Take Root that the garden club bought for them. We will have them ready for a spring garden planting. Here is a picture of broccoli that is starting to produce and the other of the rest of the garden that includes black seeded, Simpson, lettuce, and carrots.



Also quite a bit of low growing weeds that I gave them information on which was weeded so they could pull them. The residents have greatly enjoyed the planter that we provided seeds

from Sprout to Share Seed Library. And a resident bought some collard and broccoli transplants they've been harvesting things along and really enjoying it.

If you are interested in participating in this low-effort project and connecting with folks in our community you most likely will not see out and about in town, let Wanda know at 713-628-6545 or wanda.anglin@hotmail.com .

Plant Chat

By Janet Johnson

Flowers for Night Pollinators

Night pollinators like most pollinators love a variety of plants to choose from. Most night pollinators are attracted to many types of flowers as well as native plants and grasses with flowers that are shades of white, cream, silver, pale pink or pale lavender.

Examples of flowers that can draw night pollinators to your garden are yucca, moonflower which is a climber, angel's trumpets, night blooming water lilies, night blooming jasmine. Heavily fragrant flowers are also very attractive to our night pollinators for example; four o'clocks which have several colors but has a sweet lemony scent that hummingbird hawk moths love, phlox (white), tuberose (white), wisteria has strong scent at night, dianthus has a sweet clove fragrance, lilies with their scent becoming stronger at night, lilacs which has a honey-sweet fragrance, and gardenias. Other choices are flowers that glow, due to the moon light, at night for example cosmos (white), Zinnias (white), Yarrow (white), and flowers or grasses with silvery, gray and variegated foliage.

So, as you plan your gardens for the spring be creative and plant flowers not just for your day pollinators but a moon garden for the night pollinators! Make sure you group the night pollinator flowers that are white, have pleasing strong smells, and glow together so they are easily found by our night friends.

Can Youth in the Garden Help Your Project?

Bren Wyman and Wanda Anglin invite you to consider if our Youth in the Garden student volunteers can help with your project. We have discussed having the Youth in the Garden to water the Courthouse Square planters in December and January on Tuesdays.

THE COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR 2025

JANUARY 23, 2025
8:15AM - 11:30AM
COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL - OLD GYM

CONTACT US
 Becky Nutt: 979-732-8385
 Britanni Rerich: 979-732-5746



  Columbus Independent School District

Several of our members have expressed interest in Columbus Garden Club participating in the Career Fair, January 23, sponsored jointly by Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Columbus Independent School District.

Wanda Anglin says, “I know it may feel like a bit of a stretch that the garden club is part of a career day, but the goal is to expose kids to many different ideas so they have passions to pursue. In my Master Naturalist work, I have come across several people who went to a bird walk, or saw reptiles at a zoo, or talked to a person who had a passion for a topic, and they have a career in that field because of that one experience.” Wanda, Regena Williamson, and Sharon Wegenhoft are interested in working on this project. Wanda has contacted Becky Nutt at the Chamber to get info of how the career fair will run, how many students will be involved, and our need to do something to attract attention to our table. There will be 3 groups of 9/10, 11th, and 12th grades with an estimate of about 100 per group. Our club is considering 3 handouts/topics that include: Environmental Sciences Careers; Horticultural Sciences Careers (Floral Design, Greenhouse/Nursery, Landscape Mgt.); and Garden Club Support of Student Careers.

This sounds like an exciting opportunity.

Getting Club Emails? Want to Send an Email to the Entire Club?

Get Emails

Are you receiving emails from the Club? About 4, sometimes 6 are sent monthly including meeting announcements and reminders, the newsletters, and information about upcoming events. If you are NOT receiving emails from the Club, go to this website:

<https://tinyurl.com/cgc-emails> . Enter your email address there and you will begin receiving all emails sent out by the Club.

Send an Email to the Entire Club

FYI...in the past, there was confusion about our Club email address which is hello@columbusgardenclub.org . Please note that when someone sends an email to this address, the Website/Social Media committee and some Board members get the email. It is NOT an email that sends out announcements or information to the entire Club.

The way to send an email to the entire club is to prepare what you want to say and send it along with any images to Cheryl Rose (cherylsccgc@gmail.com) AND Wanda Anglin (wanda.anglin@hotmail.com). Cheryl and Wanda will coordinate putting your information in our tool called MailChimp that will send out to the entire Club.

DATES TO REMEMBER: (As Listed in Dist. IV Newsletter)

2025

January 2025:

10th Houston Federation Regular Meeting, 10 a.m.

17th-19th Environmental School – Course 4, Contact: Sarah McReynolds @ esarabeth@aol.com

February 2025:

14th Houston Federation Regular Meeting, 10 a.m.

March 2025:

14th Houston Federation Regular Meeting, 20 a.m.

27th District IV Spring Convention, hosted by League City Garden Club – See ad in District IV (August 24) Newsletter – 9a.m.- 2p.m, Johnny Arolfo Ballroom, 400 W. Walker, League City, Tx.

April 2025:

1st-4th TGC Inc. Spring Convention, Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, Tx.

11th Houston Federation Regular Meeting, 10 a.m.

14th-15th South Central State Spring Convention, Albuquerque, NM

16th-17th South-Central Region Spring Convention, Albuquerque, NM

May 2025:

9th Houston Federation Regular Meeting, 10 a.m.

(**Note: National Spring Convention:** It has been decided to move forward with the 2025 Pre-convention meetings and Convention to be held at the Embassy Suites in North Charleston, SC **May 18-21, 2025. Please make note of this change.**)

June 2025:

2nd National Garden Week

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs regular meetings are held the second Friday, September through May with the “social hour” beginning at 10-10:30 a.m. Dates are as follows:

- Sept. 13, 2024
- Oct. 11, 2024
- Nov. 8, 2024
- Dec. 13, 2024
- Jan 10, 2025
- Feb. 14, 2025
- Mar. 14, 2025
- Apr. 11, 2025
- May 9, 2025



Houston Federation of Garden Clubs has a new meeting place at the corner of Bellaire and Ave. B and located directly across Bellaire Blvd from last year’s meeting place, Faith Lutheran Church

**CityRise Church-Bellaire
4601 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire
77401**



Help Columbus Garden Club earn funds by recycling your HP and Canon printer cartridges. Turn in your cartridges

to Marian Schonenberg or Brenda Boehm. This project only applies to HP and Canon. Thank you for helping.

Joys, Love and Concerns



Our sincere condolences to Sandy Barrett and all of the family of Owen Elmer Pfeffer who passed away at 101 years of age. The funeral was held Saturday January 4 at the First Baptist Church in Columbus.

Please keep these garden club members in your thoughts: Regena Williamson, Dell Szymkowski, and Debbie Braden

So that we can better communicate and express our love and concern for each other, if you know of a **garden club member or family of a garden club member who is ill or has had a death in the family** please contact:

Janet Johnson – She will notify the appropriate members to communicate with the club.

Cheryl Rose – She is person in charge of notifying the club.

Share your Good News, Love and Joys. Send information and pictures to Velma Harrington at 979-253-0055 or email velma.george07@gmail.com to include in our newsletter.



It's time to celebrate January Birthdays:

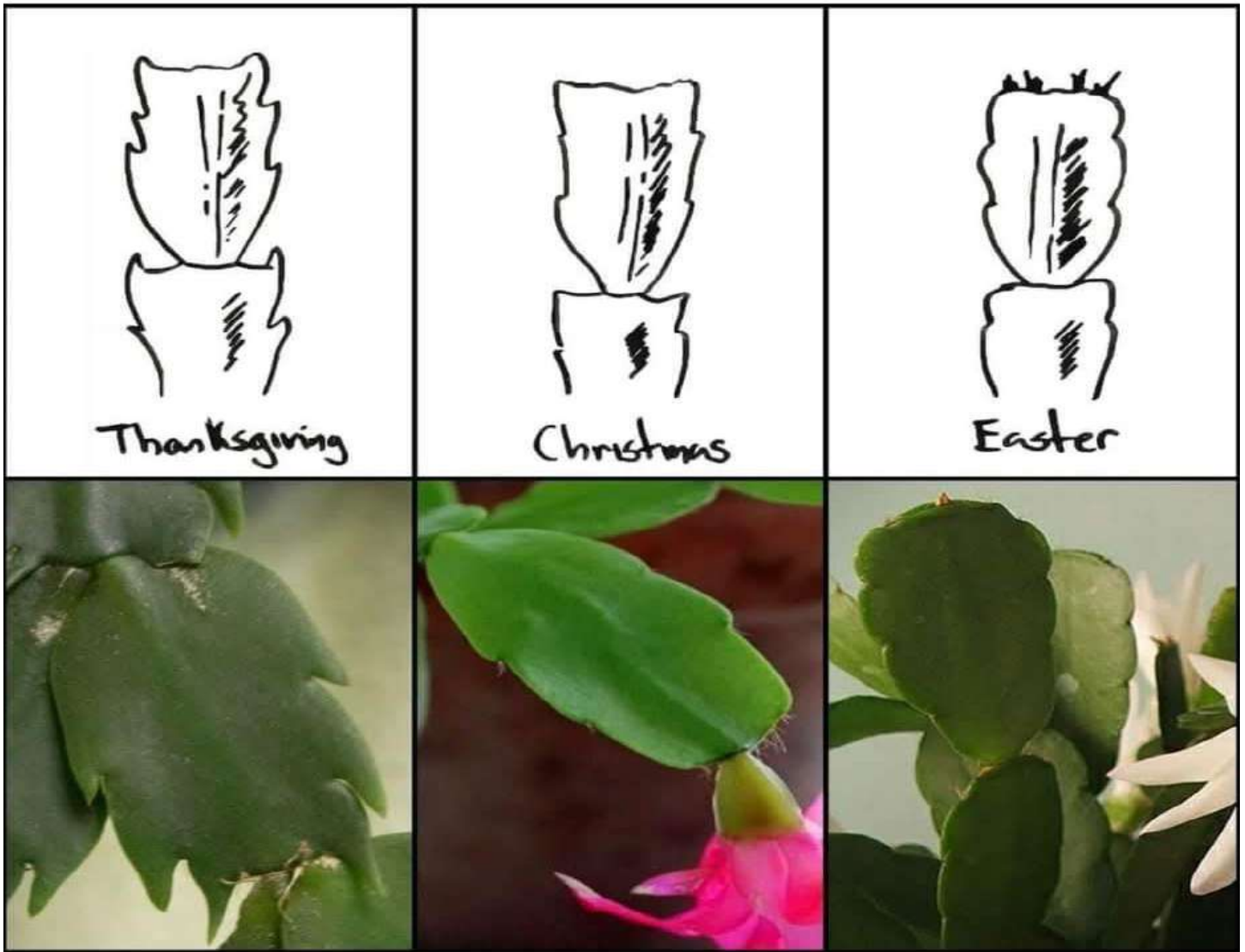
- 06 Bonnie Halkett
- 17 Joann Obenhaus
- 28 JoAnn Sesbesta

Here are some photos that didn't get in last month's newsletter but I am certain you will find them to be wonderful. Bren Wyman sent photos taken at the Santa Claus Museum on the day of the Children's Tour.



We appreciate Santa and all the happiness and joy he brings to our community.

Thanks also to Bren and David Wyman.



Just for your information because many of us cannot remember the difference in these similar plants that bloom at different times.

Yard of the Month – January

None Selected

Community Beautification Award – January

None Selected