Students exhibit their class design, created at Floral Design School last fall. This fall’s classes are October 1, 15 & 22. See details on page 4.

**Fall at a Glance ~**

**Wednesday, Sept. 4**  
*Cactus & Succulents in the Landscape*  
Mary Ruona, Landscape Designer

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
*Fall Colors & Textures in Floral Designs*  
Adrianna Pedraza, Floral Elegance

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**  
*Pilgrimage Through Our Missions*  
Rebecca Simmons,  
El Camino de San Antonio Missions

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**  
*Holiday Shopping Market & Tasting Luncheon*

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*Plant Exchange & Social 9:30am  
Program 10am*

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**Fall Floral Design School**  
Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 15 & 22  
12n-2pm

**Operation Christmas Cheer**  
Monday-Wednesday Nov. 25-27  
9am-3pm

**Cookies & Pictures with Santa**  
Sunday, Dec. 1  
2-5pm

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*Garden Center Programs, Activities & Events Are Open to Everyone So Bring a Friend!*
Wednesday, Sept. 4

Cactus & Succulents in the Landscape

Marty Ruona “Cactus Marty”

Open any gardening magazine from any region of the United States and you’ll find cactus and succulents used in landscape designs.

Aside from their tolerance for heat and drought, the almost infinite variety of sizes and shapes become elements of art in yards and gardens.

Locally, Marty Ruona—widely known as “Cactus Marty”—is not only a landscape designer, but also an expert on propagating, growing and maintaining healthy cactus plants.

He purchased his first cactus at the Austin Highway Flea Market in 1981, which led to joining the San Antonio Cactus & Xerophyte Society, opening his own nursery in LaVernia, and most recently, presidency of the SACXS.

Currently he is the owner of Rhinamic Workforce, a company specializing in home remodeling and xeric landscaping with cactus and succulents.

Host Clubs:
Ikebana San Antonio
San Antonio Conservation Society
Gardening Volunteers of South Texas

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Capture Fall in Floral Design

Adrianna Pedraza
Floral Elegance

You’ll leave inspired after Adrianna Pedraza shows you how to combine the colors and textures of fall in modern floral design trends.

Adrianna is the owner of Floral Elegance, established locally in 1998. She will also be our instructor at the Oct. 15 and 22 Design School classes.

Host Clubs:
Windcrest Garden Club
Terrell Heights Garden Club
Alamo Orchid Society

Don’t Forget Our Plant Exchange!

Where you’ll find unique plants grown by our members in their gardens and greenhouses. If you have donations, just bring them to the meeting.

It opens at 9:30 each month and continues after our meeting and program.

Luis Valdez & Ken Levi
Plant Exchange Co-Chairs
Pilgrimage Through the Missions

Rebecca Simmons
Director
El Camino de San Antonio Missions

The season of Thanksgiving makes us think about heritage. And in San Antonio, much of our heritage is rooted in the Missions.

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is establishing a center that will facilitate and support pilgrims seeking a faith journey. It will also be an opportunity to learn more about San Antonio’s past, present and future, including the preservation of the Mission’s artistic architecture.

Rebecca is a former Bexar County Judge and Fourth Court of Appeals Justice. She has taught religious education, facilitated Bible studies and led many pilgrimages.

Host Clubs:
Gardeners at Large
Bexar County Master Gardeners
Lantana Garden Club

We Appreciate Your Gifts & Donations

Donations may be made to Garden Center’s general fund or earmarked for a special project such as Scholarships or Christmas Cheer.

Helen Jones is Chairman of Gifts & Memorials

Holiday Shopping Market & Tasting Luncheon

It was a huge hit last year--so we’re bringing it back!

Come shop for holiday gifts, fashions, jewelry and décor, then enjoy a tasty buffet lunch provided by our members.

Vendors Invited

Last year many of the vendors who filled the Frost Room included members of Fiber Artists of San Antonio and the San Antonio Bead Society. Terrell Heights Garden Club also set up shop to raise money for their club.

Garden Center member organizations are invited to be a vendor and there is no charge to have a table.

Non-member vendors are also invited to participate. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Rhonda Reeder-Banuelos, Garden Center’s Event Coordinator, at 824-9981 or rhonda@sanantoniogardencenter.org

Space is limited and on a first-come basis.
Enroll Now!

Fall Floral Design School

Tuesdays 12n-2pm

Oct. 1 – “Fall for Fall Designs”
Deborah Gonzales, Oakleaf Florist

Oct. 15 – “Real Pumpkins, Real Flowers”
Adrianna Pedraza, Floral Elegance

Oct. 22 – “Christmas is Coming”
Adrianna Pedraza, Floral Elegance

$35 each class or $100 for all three
Includes containers, fresh flowers and greenery to take home a finished project from each class.

Register at the Sept. 4 meeting or any time before Sept. 25.

Information and Registration Forms
www.SanAntonioGardenCenter.com
(210) 824-9981

Felis Salinas is Chairman of the Floral Design School

Antique Wicker Set Donated to Garden Center

Over the summer Garden Center received this gift from Vicki Siptak, a member of the San Antonio Fiber Artists and who attends the SAFA monthly meetings held at Garden Center.

Vicki and her husband Joe were downsizing for a move, and she felt that Garden Center’s Solarium would be a perfect home. The furniture has been in Vicki’s family for five generations, and in 1989, she had it shipped to her home in San Antonio from Virginia. The coffee table in front of the sofa was designed by her husband and placed on a vintage wicker frame. The ottoman was a found piece. In addition to the sofa and two matching chairs, she also donated a Van Dael print purchased at the Louvre in Paris in 1993 and that compliments the furniture.

Have a question about Garden Center?
Contact
Rhonda Reeder-Banuelos
SAGC Event Coordinator
(210) 824-9981
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On their way to a loving child in need!

Monday, Nov. 25 – Wednesday, 27
9am-3pm

For three days every November, Garden Center turns into Santa’s workshop as we create gift bags and Christmas decorations for underprivileged children and adults, and the organizations who serve them.

Bring your crafting tools and join in the fellowship and help us turn gently used holiday decorations and children’s toys into cherished gifts.

We also need donations to help us fill the need.

Christmas Cheer Wishlist

Small toys and books for children

Personal care items for adult men & women

Gift cards and items that appeal to older children and younger teens – girls and boys

Gently used holiday decorations for wreaths and table toppers

Cash donations (contributions from clubs appreciated)

Jamie Whitfield is Chairman of Operation Christmas Cheer

Cookies & Pictures with Santa

Sunday, Dec. 1
2-5pm

The halls at Garden Center will be all decked out

• There will be homemade cookies for all

• …And Santa will be waiting for lots of girls and boys!

Professional photographer Lorraine Aguirre will take pictures that will be printed on site, with a digital image Emailed to you at the time the portrait is taken. Your choice of 2 to 3 poses. Cost of the picture package is $25 for one of the following:

(1) 8x10
(2) 5x7’s
(1) 5x7 + 4 wallet size

Feel free to bring your own camera, too.

Cookies with Santa is a free Garden Center event open to the public.

Norma Sackett is Chairman of Civic & Conservation Committee
Colleen Walheim

This is the beginning of a new year and while I’m looking ahead to all that we'll do—I’m also looking back at the accomplishments of the past year.

These accomplishments could not have materialized without the many hours that our dedicated members contribute. The ‘Chairs’ of all our special Standing Committees never shy away from a challenge and charge into any project with full speed ahead.

Our building and landscape have never been more beautiful. Our friends at City Parks and Recreation have been tending our grounds and planting beautiful seasonal color throughout the year. Inside, we replaced the accordion door between the Terrace and Frost rooms. Expensive, and not a glamorous project, but what a difference!

But we are certainly more than a beautiful building. Our members are the heart of Garden Center.

This year we will build on the success of last year’s accomplishments—scholarships, Christmas Cheer, Cookies with Santa, Floral Design classes, programs, monthly plant exchange, Plant Sale and more.

If you are not a regular visitor to Garden Center, please drop in and join us.

Our September meeting or our Floral Design School would be a great time to get involved.

--Colleen

Who’s Who for 2019-2020

San Antonio Garden Center
Officers & Committee Chairs

President
Colleen Walheim
1st Vice President / Programs
Anne Schiller
2nd Vice President / Membership
Bea Moreno
3rd Vice President / Gardeners at Large
Marcie Rockne
Recording Secretary
Pat Schultze
Corresponding Secretary
Joann Neal
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Felis Salinas
Assistant Treasurer
Jamie Whitfield
Annual Flower Show
Bobbie Quick
Annual Plant Sale
Ines Salinas
Civic / Conservation
Norma Sackett
Floral Design School
Felis Salinas
Hospitality
Rose Lopez
Library
Betty Riggs
Life Membership / Memorials
Helen Jones
Newsletter
Anne Schiller
Operation Christmas Cheer
Jamie Whitfield
Parliamentarian
Elaine Olivier
Plant Exchange
Luis Valdez & Ken Levi
Rentals, Inc. Furnishings & Building Maintenance
Janie Dodier
Scholarship
Gloria Elizondo
Sensory Garden @ Botanical Garden
Carol Orozco
Yearbook
Peggy Jones
Scholarship Chairman Gloria Elizondo (L) and SAGC President Colleen Walheim, with two of our three current scholarship winners. This year scholarships were awarded to two Palo Alto horticulture students—Linda Morales and Theresa Archanbalt—and a third Texas A&M student to be named this fall. Scholarship winners must be from the greater San Antonio area to be considered.

The Bexar County Master Gardeners presented San Antonio Garden Center with their 2019 ‘Partners in Education Award’ at our May meeting. It was presented to SAGC by Barbara Lutz, Garden Center representative for the Master Gardeners.

Follow us on FaceBook and on our website at: www.SanAntonioGardenCenter.org

Twelve contestants competed in this year’s ‘Floral Design Challenge’. The event is presented each year at the Festival of Flowers by San Antonio Garden Center’s Floral Design School.

In Memoriam

This past year we lost valued friends and members, including June Khym in December, a longtime member of Judges Council. Ginger Hodges passed in April. She was serving as GC Treasurer at the time, and had been active in Judges Council, chaired Operation Christmas Cheer many times, and was a member of the San Antonio Rose Society. In June, Holly Garden Club lost Betty Hans. June also saw the passing of Joyce Breene, a member of Judges Council and past president of Garden Club. Joyce was also a gifted needlework artist and Garden Center was gifted with one of her beautiful pieces that now hangs in Garden Center’s foyer.
Spring Programs

Jan. 8  
*Fashions Through the Decades*  
Michael Quintanilla

Feb. 5  
*Flower Show Preview*  
Bobbie Quick

Mar. 4  
*Creating Hummingbird Hotspots*  
Kathleen Scott

Apr. 1  
*All About Peppers*  
Corrie Ten-Have

May 6  
*When Good Gardens Go Bad*  
Judy Barrett

Events

Feb. 4, 18, 25  
Spring Floral Design School

Feb. 28 – 29  
Annual Flower Show  
*Theme: “Home”*

Mar. 20 – 21  
Annual Plant Sale

May 29  
Annual Scholarship Luncheon & Fashion Show