

Tomball Garden Club Newsletter Vol. 3

September 2025



Message from your TGC president
Teresa Bosworth Green

As I begin my second year as President, I'm reminded of the joy this club brings — not just through gardening, but through friendships, creativity, and service. I hope you had a wonderful summer with family, friends, and maybe even some travel. This year, our board has planned exciting programs, field trips, and activities, and I encourage you to take part. When we nurture nature, we find that we are nurtured in return—through our gardens, our service, and the friendships we create here.

I'm grateful to work alongside such dedicated members—those who organize programs, manage finances, plan events, award scholarships, and so much more. Your time and talents make our club thrive. Thank you for all your contributions. I look forward to sharing another great year with you at Tomball Garden Club.

Tomball Garden Club History

Tomball Garden Club was founded by 22 members of the Tomball Community on October 23, 1956. Most were without previous experience in gardening and horticulture, but had the wish to beautify their homes, yards, and community. The Tomball Garden Club has continued to maintain the goal of providing horticultural knowledge to club members, provide assistance to local community gardens and to participate in community projects. The club celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2026 with new traditions - Creating a Poinsettia Tree for Christmas in the gazebo at the Tomball Museum, as well as annual bulb and poinsettia sales. Fundraisers enable special projects like the recently updated sign at 4 Corners of Tomball, annual landscaping maintenance at Tomball Museum Center and giving scholarships to local high school seniors. Next year, we'll have a big celebration for our 70th anniversary!



The beautiful poinsettia tree put up & maintained by TGC. This was in the gazebo of the Tomball Museum in December. This was a new project in 2024 & we'll continue it this year 2025!

****Tomball Garden Club meets on the first Monday of the month, September to May.**

Meeting Time: 10 am -noon (9:30 social time) First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 401 Oxford St. Tomball, TX

****Houston Federation of Garden Clubs Meet 1st Friday of every month. Sept to May
10 am - noon City Rise Church, 4601 Bellaire Blvd, TX 77401**

Quick Reference Guide: Deadheading vs. Self-Cleaning Flowers

(<https://www.gardenloversclub.com/garden-blooms/deadheading-benefits>)

Flower	Botanical Name	Deadheading needed?	Why/Why not	Pro Tips
Roses	<i>Rosa</i> species	☑ YES	Energy goes to seed production instead of new blooms	Cut to first 5-leaflet leaf at 45° angle
Dahlias	<i>Dahlia</i> species	☑ YES	Stops blooming without regular deadheading	Deadhead every few days during peak season
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	☑ YES	Focuses energy on flowers vs. seeds	Let some go to seed late season for volunteers
Zinnias	<i>Zinnia elegans</i>	☑ YES	Encourages continuous production	Cut back to next leaf set or side shoot
Geraniums	<i>Pelargonium</i> species	☑ YES	Prevents fungal issues, promotes blooms	Remove entire flower cluster, not just petals
Impatiens	<i>Impatiens walleriana</i>	✗ NO	Naturally self-cleaning	Perfect for shady, low-maintenance areas

Begonias	<i>Begonia</i> species	✗ NO	Spent flowers drop automatically	Focus energy on watering and feeding instead
Vinca	<i>Catharanthus</i> <i>roseus</i>	✗ NO	Self-cleaning, drought-tolerant	Ideal for hot, sunny spots with minimal care
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	✗ NO	Self-cleaning (some gardeners deadhead to control seeding)	Great for pollinator gardens



Celebrate Christmas with Kendra Scott jewelry!!

Please support Tomball Garden Club by shopping at Kendra Scott. 20% of sales will be donated back to and help Tomball Garden Club 501(c)(3). It costs you nothing extra, just use our code for this benefit.

WHEN: Sat Dec 13 in store and Dec 13 & 14 online at [kendrascott.com](https://www.kendrascott.com)

Unique online giveback code: Soon to be announced!

Supporters can shop in person on Sat Sept 13, 2025 from 4 – 6 pm the Katy LaCenterra Store - 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Suite D130. Katy, TX. 77494 in KATY.

If shopping in person, please be sure to mention the event at checkout by presenting and using the unique code. If shopping online, just be sure to put in our unique code at checkout.

Please share this opportunity with all your friends, family, neighbors, etc.

Member Spotlight - Lynette Forcht



Lynette has been a valued member of the Tomball Garden Club since January 2020. She treasures the sense of community she's found among fellow gardeners who share her passion for serving others by planting and selling flowers throughout the Tomball area. She also enjoys attending programs & field trips, listening to our guest speakers, and picking up new gardening tips and ideas along the way.

Lynette has been an active and dedicated member of TGC. She has chaired the Plant Sale, served on both the Museum and Poinsettia committees, and has faithfully filled the role of club secretary for the past two years.

Beyond gardening, Lynette has a wide range of interests. She tends her own vegetable garden, enjoys crafting, reading, and water aerobics, and loves spending time with friends at game days and lunches. She is also deeply involved in her church, serving in women's encouragement and hospitality ministries, and she co-leads a Grief Guide Ministry. Travel is another passion—this past August she enjoyed a trip to Alaska—and she always makes time for her family.

Lynette is truly a gardener at heart. Her pride and joy is a ponytail palm she has nurtured from a tiny one-inch plant into a thriving beauty now over seven feet tall. It has been transplanted from pot to pot over the years and currently resides in half of a 50-gallon plastic barrel!

We are truly blessed to have Lynette as part of the Tomball Garden Club family.

Fall Field Trips

—September 19 Friday 8:30 am Meet at Lonestar College, 30555 Tomball Parkway. We will CARPOOL to Chappell Hill Lavender Farm in Brenham. Lunch- Tilted Windmill.

—October 15 Wednesday 8:30 am Meet at Lonestar College, 30555 Tomball Parkway. We will CARPOOL to Jones State Forest, 1328 FM 1488, Conroe 77334. Lunch-Pallotta's Italian Grill. Shop at Nature's Way Resources, 101 Sherbrooke Circle, Conroe

—November 13, Thursday- 8:30 am Meet at LSC - Rose Emporium, Lunch-Martha's Bloomers, shopping at nursery.

Judy Rhodes Broccoli Salad Recipe

Judy always brought this wonderful salad to our TGC luncheons. We sure miss her!

2-3 Broccoli crowns, cut off the extra stem
Red onion
Cheddar Cheese
Bacon bits
Dressing: 1 cup mayo, ½ cup sugar, 2-3 T vinegar (red wine)
You may need to adjust amount of dressing, depending on how much broccoli you're using.
Enjoy!

Alleine's Anecdotes

Alleine shares many sayings, quotes, and words of wisdom at each of our meetings.

A garden is not just a plot of land to plant seeds. It is a living ecosystem. It is a place where nature and nurture interact, where mystery and magic unfold.

When we sow a seed in, we also create a habitat for other living things. Birds, bees, butterflies, worms, and whatnot, all visit our garden, make it their home and enrich its soil.

Similarly, we can also see this garden as a metaphor for our lives. We are connected to this garden by the cycle of life and death, growth and decay, joy and sorrow, and everything in between. Every action we take inevitably carries consequences that we must deal with. Like the diversity within our garden, our life is a work of art in and of itself.

Don't wear perfume in the garden unless you want to be pollinated by bees.

God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done.

Kind hearts are the gardens, Kind thoughts are the roots, Kind words are the flowers, Kind deeds are the fruits, Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds, Fill it with sunshine, Kind words, and Kind deeds. Keep love in your heart.

The best time to plant a tree was 25 years ago.
The second-best time to plant a tree is today.

An optimistic gardener is one who believes that whatever goes down must come up

What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered.

Weeds are nature's graffiti.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Gardening requires lots of water—most of it in the form of perspiration.

A flower falls, even though we love it; and a weed grows, even though we do not love it.

Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?





TJ, Teresa, Lynette & Lin purchased & donated "The Rose" to TGC. Rose designed & made by Becky Marie, Botanical Artist. www.beckymarie.com



TGC Scholarship winners with Lindy Hickman
Ryan Hechler and Sawyer Delaney



2025-2026 TGC Board
Teresa-President, Alleine-Corresponding Secretary, Lindy-1st VP Programs, Lynette-Recording Secretary, Victoria-2nd VP Membership, Teresa- Treasurer



Lynette and Alleine with their auction treasures from HFGC.



BlueStar Memorial Dedication March 2025



District 4 Garden Angel – Lisa Gibson
Teresa, Lisa, Lynette, Victoria