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**APRIL 2021**

**Garden Club Calendar**

**Newsletter**: Members will be receiving our final May **B&G Newsletter** on or before the end of April. (Hint: If you print your newsletter, save paper by printing on both sides.)

**Zoom Meeting: Friday, April 9, 2021.** **10 a.m.** “Hanging Baskets” Presented by member **Mary Mikhail.** Mary will be presenting a Power Point show. Be sure to download Zoom if you haven’t used it before: [**https://Zoom.us**](https://Zoom.us) ***The log-on link remains constant.***  Our very dependable and helpful Communication Chair, **Liz Mason**, will send all members an email to remind you of the last 2020-2021 Zoom meeting and link.

**Picnic: Friday, May 14, 2021.** **11:30 a.m.** Exciting news! We have received approval from Lakeway’s Parks & Recreation to have our catered picnic lunch at the Lakeway Pavilion on Friday, May 14th. Unless this decision is reversed due to pandemic guidelines, we can once again meet in person. The Board has started planning this event, and we will keep you informed about participating once the details of our picnic are determined.

**The links/passwords to watch our recorded meetings:**

**December: *Christmas Wreaths and Center Pieces Using Natural Elements****.* **Addie Bier**.

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**January: *Japanese Gardens***. **Phyllis Miller**, Member GC. **A** **Must See. Outstanding!**

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/P\_acPirD6SDfn8xLG7N0Hr4r5809KRe01yFchAR9DSbH0ZGdNyptsAkZypKoj3P3.Vy4OLZ\_caw5j3Uca**](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/P_acPirD6SDfn8xLG7N0Hr4r5809KRe01yFchAR9DSbH0ZGdNyptsAkZypKoj3P3.Vy4OLZ_caw5j3Uca) **Access Passcode: Dgzn9G.W**

**February: *Bird Gardens***. **Diana Goss-Graham**. [**https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/-yN9AlCUmzaYlefpiTZ9SRzI1c5J73oKdAbvtAdbpgjbVwhxstMo\_faQFcSRMOSu.xVKsq2Yy1YYO8hzU**](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/-yN9AlCUmzaYlefpiTZ9SRzI1c5J73oKdAbvtAdbpgjbVwhxstMo_faQFcSRMOSu.xVKsq2Yy1YYO8hzU) **Access Passcode: x4=arEQ.**

**March: *Vegetable Gardening at Johnson’s Backyard Garden - a CSA.* Ada Broussard.**[**https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6DFiw0HZCT2SiXbVCcyTXh1wibIRU5e\_NztF8d0RqQJrZ7xca8ipBBbO4m0FjjnU.eyQR80HaWnH8j7Xo**](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6DFiw0HZCT2SiXbVCcyTXh1wibIRU5e_NztF8d0RqQJrZ7xca8ipBBbO4m0FjjnU.eyQR80HaWnH8j7Xo) **Access Passcode: 97jt&c^4**

**Garden Club Officers 2021-2022**

Ladies, below you will find the names of members who have volunteered to serve our club in 2021-2022. We have added an additional co-chair for Hospitality. Several volunteers will be traveling in the coming months, and we want to ensure we have plenty of “hospitality” when we can all meet together once again. We hope to be able to vote in person on the proposed slate of officers at our May picnic.

**Proposed Slate of Officers:**

**Chairperson:** Jennifer Windau

**Treasurer:** Jayne Meythaler \*

**Programs:**

**Co-Chair:**  Sharon Rogers

**Co-Chair:** Carol Jones

**Secretary:** Yvonne Dunkin \*

**Hospitality:**

**Co-Chair:** Betsy McCraine

**Co-Chair:** Nancy Hughes

**Co-Chair:** Nancy Thornton

**Communication:** Mary LaBoube \*

**Name Tags & Historian:** Susan Rick \*

**Parliamentarian:** Cheryl May \*

\* Former Chairs 2020-2021

**Gardener Greetings**

As spring nears, I love hearing all the chatter of the birds, and imagine they are beginning to prepare their nests. I always hope to find a nest or two in my trees. After listening to our Zoom program from **Birds Unlimited** in February, I bought not one but two bird houses for small screech owls! The gentleman who makes them has already installed mine high on a backyard tree. The other owl house is a birthday present for my oldest daughter. I also purchased two small bird houses for my granddaughter and for myself, a new feeder and some seeds. The owls usually lay eggs in March, so I am hoping that my owl house will soon be occupied! My middle daughter has chickadees who return annually to their nest near her front door. They receive a “birds-eye” view of babies every year! Wish me luck!

The nurseries and garden shops are filling their shelves, and gardeners are happily starting their annual pilgrimage to buy various soils and plants. The checkout lines are starting. I know. I recently stood in line to buy compost for my vegetable garden. Warning - just don’t buy the pretty flowers and other plants I want….ho ho.

The freshness of the air and warmth of the sun are invigorating. We’ve been through a lot this past year, and spring weather certainly helps the soul. All that has transpired from the pandemic to the awful freezing storm has been very rough on so many. It is a good time to count our blessings and remember those less fortunate. A lot of us have been vaccinated thanks to the effort of so many. Yes, we have all incurred some damage to our homes and yard, but countless had it far worse. Numerous individuals had to be out in that miserable weather to restore water/power and provide medical care at overloaded facilities. How special to witness neighbors helping neighbors and others. Let us vow – the ladies in our Garden Club - to do what we can to help people and businesses that continue to suffer. At their February Zoom meeting, The Galloping Gourmet SIG distributed in their lunch boxes a February calendar with daily suggestions for “Random Acts of Kindness.” I am going to keep it posted as a reminder for me throughout the year. That was a terrific idea!

This newsletter is focused on houseplants. Indoor plants have always been part of my life. I certainly enjoy my houseplants. Mine are relatively easy to maintain. Do you have plants inherited from family? I imagine there are several of us who asked for or rescued family plants in need of a new home. Mother had a nice Philodendrom that she kept for years in a brass coal bin. I treasured it for a long time, but lost it when moving. My eldest daughter is a gardener also. She “saved” a plant belonging to her paternal side. It was pretty sad looking when she adopted it, but after thirty years, it is now thriving in her home. This past year I read an article about all the plants abandoned in office buildings when the pandemic forced people to stay home. I wish they could have been rescued also. I am sure this news saddened all of us.

I believe in-door plants will always be part of our lives whether at home or in a building. We always need to talk to somebody…….or a plant - especially this past year.

Most likely every GC member has houseplants. We thought you might enjoy some info on the biggest plant trends in 2021, and the ten most popular plants (with photos) in 2020. If you like indoor hanging plants, we relate three popular plant suggestions. Program Co-Chair **Kathleen Christensen** is an avid orchid fan, and she has graced us with some very good tips on how to take care of orchid plants. **Mary LaBoube** has written a very informative article on microgreens for us. We appreciate learning more about growing edible in-door plants. We also have included information on how to care for your various indoor plants. Be sure to check out our Garden Humor and puns in this newsletter. A good laugh helps lift our spirit. We think you will really enjoy some of the gardening jokes.

Please note that Program Co-Chair, **Mary Mikhail**, will be presenting our April 9th Zoom program on hanging baskets. Plan to join us!

In May, we are presenting a potpourri of articles for the last 2020-2021 GC newsletter. This newsletter has beautiful photos related to our various articles: The Language of Flowers, Miniature & Fairy Gardens, Terrariums, Tips for Potted Plants and Various Self-Watering Planters, plus The Top 10 Most Beautiful Gardens in Texas.

Your GC Board wishes you a blessed Easter season.

**Cheryl May, Chair**

P.S. Enjoy the TX Blue Bonnets. We are being told the freeze will actually improve all!



How precious is this?

**Gardening Gems**

**The Biggest Plant Trends of 2021**

**Abbreviated Article Published in Los Angeles Times**

**By Linda Boone**

First time plant parents love low maintenance pothos and sansevieria because they are easy, but what about fussy staples like orchids and fiddle-leaf figs? It should come as no surprise that many of the people who bonded with their houseplants while stuck at home during the pandemic are now looking to elevate their plant collections.

Plant additions definitely increased during this past year. People grew their overall collections with plants they found best suited for their lifestyle, skills and home environment. On one plant Facebook group when polled this fall, 50% said they were new to houseplants. Suppliers have definitely noticed an increase, and have struggled to keep up with the demand. Whether neon, architectural, or gothic black, the latest trends and hottest houseplants are a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic.

What to expect in 2021:

1. **Plants as Therapy.** Plants make people happy, and more people than ever are realizing that caring for them is bringing them joy. They are accessible to people of all experience levels and a good addition to homes as we spend more time at home. People are connecting more discussing plants – problems and successes. That may be the trend – plants as emotional support décor.
2. **Going Gothic.** Many predicted that the ZZ plant - produced and sold by an exclusive right of Costa Farms - would be the hot household plant for 2020. (See photo on page 11.) The slow grower has a striking gothic look with bright green growth that matures to a rich, purple-black hue. This plant which is a popular topic on Reddit is rather difficult to find. If gothic is not your thing, Costa Farms reports that their “moonlight” plant is a popular choice for 2021.
3. **The Supermodel.** Pink is alive and well especially in high maintenance plants sometimes referred to as “supermodel” plants. They are gorgeous, but difficult: Calatheas, Chinese evergreen “Pink Valentine.” Pink plants in general are huge right now.
4. **Miniatures.** Last year Bloomscape’s top-selling plant was the mini money tree, which is purported to bring positive energy and good luck to the owner. Look for other miniatures to trend this year including string-of-pearls (See page 8), happy bean, and petite terrarium plants.
5. **Virtual Workshops.** Because of the pandemic, many plant stores are hosting virtual classes and workshops in place of in-person events. Instagram has hosted potting classes, Bloomscape has held Rookie classes on plant care and Sill’s workshops have included plant pairing with astrology.
6. **Edible Plants.** Thanks to the allure of growing your own food, edible plants will continue to grow in popularity as people continue to spend time at home. Many herbs, including common culinary herbs such as basil and oregano, can be grown on a kitchen windowsill as long as you have about four to six hours of sunlight. Some hybrids, such as Bloomscape’s micro tomato plant, are designed to be grown indoors in your kitchen or on a sunny Windowsill.
7. **Rare Plant Boom.** Rare plants and smaller terrarium species will continue to captivate plant fans. They allow owners to keep things manageable size wise with various little plants. There is also a big trend for high-humidity plants especially with the aid of the Ikea Milsbo cabinets that people are customizing to create in greenhouse terrariums. Expect hoyas to continue to be popular and the succulent stapeliads which are prized for their unique flowers.
8. **Neon Is In.** Neon plants are expected to make a big splash in spring and throughout summer. Neon pothos, neon cordatum and Dracaena fragrans “Limelight as well as the more exotic plants like the philodendron “Prince of Orange or “Florida Ghost” will be in high demand.
9. **Propagation.** Plant propagation will be particularly big in the next year as many first-time owners perfect their horticultural skills. When we are all vaccinated and can see each other again, a ton of plant swaps and prop parties are expected as we rejoin our friends.
10. **Ficus Modernized.**  Look for ficus altissima and Ficus benghalensis to replace the popular but finicky Ficus lyrata otherwise known as fiddle-leaf fig. Interior designers are looking for plants that don’t look “dated.”
11. **Zoom Staging.** Plants used to set the stage for office meetings. Now they set the stage for Zoom meetings, classes and video calls. Because homes have become our offices, the trend now is stores to offer plants specifically for the home office.
12. **The** **Weirder the Better.** Hey – we have an Austin zip code, so this concept is not new. People are now appreciating the unique exposed stems and curves/bends. People are also looking for something with more architectural charm. Philodendrom varieties, anthuriums and the black olive (Bucida buceras) are popular right now. These are not the easiest plant to care for and are expensive, but plant lovers are still insisting on taking them home. They have that sparse architectural look.

**The Ten Top Houseplants of 2020**

[The Top Houseplants of 2020 | Columbus Underground](https://www.columbusunderground.com/the-top-houseplants-of-2020-ae1)

**10. Majesty Palms**

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**Majesty Palm.**

If you want to give your home a tropical vibe, Majesty Palms are the way to go. With long arching fronds and a slow growing nature, they are an easy and beautiful indoor plant.

**9. Succulents**

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Succulents are super easy to care for, being drought tolerant, and come in lots of fun shapes and sizes.

**8. Polka Dot Begonia**

**A Polka Dot Begonia.**

It’s no wonder people loved this one, with its large, wing-shape leaves, bold silver spots, and dark green foliage.

**7. String of Pearls**

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It is a member of the succulent category, but people specifically sought out String of Pearls. With plump pea-shaped leaves and trailing vines, this plant creates a dramatic and quirky focal point.

**6. Snake Plants**

**Snake Plant.**

Hailed as one of the easiest plants to take care of, Snake Plants also work hard, cleaning the air in your home. Its spiky swords give your home a chic modern look.

P.S. I thought this was called “Mother-in-Law’s Tongue?”

**5. Philodendrons**

**Philodendrom.**

Several top selling plants were philodendron varieties: Prince of Orange, Brasil, Birkin, Micans, and Moonlight. With glossy leaves and a tendency to climb, philodendrons can

quickly grow into a large plant.

**4. Fiddle Leaf Fig**

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Although it has been an ‘it’ plant for a while, the Fiddle Leaf Fig is still a fun one to have in your house, especially if you have high ceilings and can let that baby grow!

**3. Calatheas**

**Calathea.**

Another fun group of plants, Calatheas have beautiful, patterned leaves and raise their leaves at night and open them again in the morning. Another plant that will work to purify the air in your home.

**2. ZZ Plant**



**ZZ Plant.**

Zamioculcas zamiifolia, known as ZZ Plant is also loved because it is super easy to care for. It has glossy bright leaves that are many shades of green.

**1. Monstera Deliciosa**



**Monstera Deliciosa**

And the top houseplant of 2020 is….Monstera Deliciosa - also known as Swiss cheese plant. This was the plant that lots of people wanted to bring into their homes. With its huge glossy leaves and statement-making size, it’s a plant that adds a touch of drama to any room.

**Three of the Best Hanging Plants for Creating an Indoor Jungle**

**American Statesman**

**September 9, 2020**

Hanging plants have returned in a big way as demand for plants has skyrocketed in the pandemic. Plant parents love to dote on their household plants especially now that everyone is hunkering down at home. You are advised to evaluate your home and lifestyle before choosing a houseplant to hang in your home. Think about what kind of light will your plant enjoy, how much time will you have to take care of its needs, and can you reach the plant to water once it is hanging? Here are some varieties that do well in baskets and macramé hangers.

1. **Silver Satin Pothos (Scindapsus Pictus**). In the wild this plant can climb as high as the crown of a tree. Indoors, it can grow up to 6 feet tall. It enjoys low to bright indirect light. It is easy to care for, and looks lovely as a hanging plant. It has patterned silvery green leaves. Take a cutting from this plant and share at plant swaps as they are easy to propagate.



**Silver Heartleaf Brasil**

1. **Heartleaf Philodendron (Philodendron Hederaceum).** This plant features distinctive pointed tips and can be grown as a climber or a trailing vine. They are fast-growing heart-shaped plants that enjoy low to bright indirect light. They are easy to care for and happy in most areas of the home. This plant can handle its soil drying out from time to time. Just water it thoroughly and then hang back up. It is an excellent choice for the trailing plant look.
2. **Philodendron Hederaceum ‘Brasil.’** This variety of the popular heartleaf philodendron features beautiful yellow and lime green leaves that look dramatic cascading from bookshelves and hangers. It is fast growing and very easy to care for. It needs low to bright indirect light.

ORCHIDS

By Member, Kathleen Christensen



Kathleen’s Phalaenopsis Blume (Moth Orchid)

THE ORCHID (*orchidaceae) The* elegant, poetic plant that tempts you at HEB and Randall’s. But after a few weeks or months it drops its blooms and is thrown out. But that doesn’t have to be.

You will find a plethora of orchid care tips on the web. Here are a few pointers that will keep your orchid alive and blooming.

* Water with 5 ice cubes (for a med sized plant) per week. Overwatering is the classic cause of orchid demise.
* Place near a natural light source that receives east or west sun. Morning sun and shaded afternoon sun is best. Too much sun – yellow leaves. Too little sun – dark green leaves.
* Repot every one-two years. Use a special orchid potting mix, which can be found on the internet. I used a kit from etsy.com for $12.50. Don’t use regular potting soil.
* Fertilize monthly with a liquid orchid fertilizer. However, a personal confession - orchids will bloom again with only the ice cube method.

Perhaps next year we can invite a speaker from the Heart of Texas Orchid Society to give us the ‘Full Monty’ on orchids. In the meantime, don’t overcomplicate the subject, and follow the points above. Your orchid will bloom over and over. **Kathleen Christensen**

**Microgreen Magic**

**Article from Mary LaBoube**

Microgreens are among the most healthful and least expensive superfoods in the world.

Microgreens have a short shelf life and are not readily found in most grocery stores, although they can sometimes be found at Central Market. However, they are exceptionally easy to grow indoors and year-round on your own countertop or by a sunny window. These are houseplants with benefits. It has been found that microgreens contain anywhere from four to forty times as many nutrients as their full grown vegetable counterparts.  They are more nutritious than sprouts.  The Department of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Maryland found that of the 25 types of microgreens tested, red cabbage, green daikon radish, cilantro and garnet amaranth were the most nutrient dense.  A study in the Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry shows that when small amounts of microgreens are added to a daily diet, “weight gain can halt while markers for heart disease plummet.”

Microgreens are delicate and are usually eaten raw. However, pea shoots can be added the last minute of a stir fry. Microgreens are enjoyed in salads and as a garnish for main dishes, soups and stews.  They can be incorporated into smoothies and juices for a nutritional boost.  They are wonderful in quiches or omelets.  Try them instead of lettuce on sandwiches, tacos, wraps, and burgers. Sprinkle them on flatbreads and pizza.  For more information about the specific tastes, see the following.

Microveggy.com   *What Do Microgreens Actually Taste Like?*

It is cost effective to grow your own microgreens.  They are quite expensive in the market, but you can grow them for minimal cost.  There are specialty microgreen seed mixes available, but you don’t need to spend extra money.  You can use seeds of any vegetable, herb, or grain - preferably organic non-GMO seeds.  The exception is nightshade vegetables - potatoes, tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers.  These plant shoots are poisonous.  That sounds scary, but all other vegetable, herb, and seeds that have a reputation for making delicious microgreens are safe and nutritious.  Examples include broccoli, amaranth, radish, beet, nasturtiums, and mustard.  The top 5 microgreens are sunflower, pea shoots, radish, broccoli, and cress.  Herbs such as basil and cilantro and salad green mixes are delicious.

There are two ways to grow microgreens, with soil and hydroponic.  YouTube is an excellent resource for explicit directions on either method.  There are many books on the subject of growing microgreens, a subject that has grown in popularity.  Amazon is one resource for seeds, supplies and kits.  A small kit might be an easy way to see how easy it is to grow these little nutrient bombs.  One word of advice.  Since these plants grow so quickly, it may be preferable to have smaller planting trays that can be planted in succession, (depending on their 3 - 10 day growing cycle or weekly) so that you have a sufficient ongoing supply of fresh microgreens.

 Choose a sunny or well lighted spot to grow your microgreens indoors.  There should be good ventilation.  The hydroponic method (self-watering) of growing involves having a shallow container with water in the bottom, a biodegradable microgreens grow mat to fit the container, seeds to sprinkle over the mat, and a cover to block light the first few days. To grow microgreen seeds in soil or soilless coconut coir, 2 plant trays, fine textured potting soil, seeds, and a spray bottle are needed.  Large seeds such as sunflower seeds need to be presoaked to soften their thick hulls. Instructions for growing microgreens are available online, in books, and on YouTube.  Here are a few possibilities:

*Year-Round Indoor Salad Gardening* by Peter Burke, [www.MotherEarthLiving.com/store](http://www.MotherEarthLiving.com/store)

[www.themicrogardener.com](http://www.themicrogardener.com),*Easy Guide to Growing Microgreens,*Web article and YouTube video

YouTube video *How to Grow Microgreens Start To Finish,* Epic Gardening

[www.trueleafmarket.com](http://www.trueleafmarket.com) Growing Instructions – Hydroponic Microgreens

**How to Keep Indoor Plants Healthy**

**By Diana Kirby**

**(Abbreviated)**

**American Statesman**

**December 17, 2020**

Caring for houseplants might seem daunting, but with a few simple tips, you can master the art of houseplant parenting. Healthy, well-cared for plants are less likely to succumb to pest and disease. Stressed plants are easy targets. Research the needs of your plant before buying. Know how much water and light are necessary for the indoor plant to thrive. Check the plant carefully before buying for signs of distress or disease. Start with clean pots and fresh potting soil. Fertilize regularly.

Some of the easiest plants to grow include: Aloe, Dracaena, English Ivy, Heartleaf Philodendron, Monstera, Peace Lily, Peperomia, Ponytail Palm, Pothos Ivy, Sansevieria – Snake Plant, Spider Plant, and ZZ plant.

If you have small children or pets, make sure the plants are safe if ingested. If you ever discover or suspect a plant has a pest or disease problem, move the plant to a different area from other plants ASAP and treat it as appropriate.

**Leggy Plants**: If your plant begins to send out leggy stems and grows too tall without filling in, it probably needs more light. Rotation may help.

**Yellow Leaves:** This is a sign of under or over watering. Each plant is different. Do not keep plants wet all the time. This will cause root rot. Most plants want to be on a wet to dry cycle. Test the soil with your finger about ½ inch and water when dry. This could also indicate a low-light problem. Try a different location or watering schedule.

**Spotted Leaves.** Fungal, bacterial and viral plant diseases often cause spots on leaves. Isolate the plant and cut off and throw away damaged leaves. Prune to increase airflow. Water the base only. Apply an organic bactericide or fungicide.

**Powdery Mildew:** This is a fungus and appears as a white, chalky film. It is often caused by humid conditions. Prune to allow airflow. Home treatment includes spraying with 1 tablespoon spoon baking soda, ½ teaspoon liquid dish soap and 1 gallon of water. Spray generously. Commercial fungicides are also available.

**Aphids:** The most common houseplant pest. Aphids are tiny pear-shaped insects that suck the sap from new plant growth. They attach themselves to the ends of soft stems and cause foliage to wrinkle and leaves to drop. They secrete a stick honeydew substance that attracts other insects or cause sooty mold or fungus. (Note from Cheryl: Aphids also love outdoor trees such as crepe myrtles….and it took a special commercial solution poured onto the roots of my trees to rid my trees of theses awful pests! The branches of my crepe myrtles became sooty black.) On your inside plants, you can wash them away with a strong spray of water or hose outside. You can also turn the plant upside down and dip all the foliage in a bucket of water. If those treatments don’t work, look for safe, pesticide-free insecticidal soap to spray on the plants. Spray tops and bottoms of leaves because they are smart little insects and will hide.

**Whiteflies:** If you notice little specks of white – almost like dust – flying around when you water or touch your plants, it is a whitefly infestation. They are prolific and rest on the undersides of leaves. Treat them at the first sign or they will spread. The treatment is the same as for Aphids. They are attracted to the color yellow.

**Red Spider Mites**: If infested, your plant leaves will get spots, wilt, turn brown and fall off. They are very small and hard to see. A reddish film might appear at the bottom of leaves or faint webbing. They prefer dry conditions and dusty leaves. Keep your leaves clean. Treat with miticides made from natural ingredients like neem oil or pyrethrins. You also can use insecticidal soap.

**Scales and Mealy Bugs:** Armored and soft scales are flat and look like fish scales with no visible legs. Mealy bugs are covered with a white, cotton like material. They suck on plant sap. Soft scales excrete honeydew and increase plant susceptibility to sooty mold and fungi. If only a few, scrape away or use a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol. For bigger infestations, spray with insecticidal soap, neem oil or natural pyrethrin products.

The key to thriving houseplants is a watchful eye. Give them the right light, water regularly and keep a lookout for any emerging pesky problems.

**Garden Humor!**









**Pandemic Hairdo**

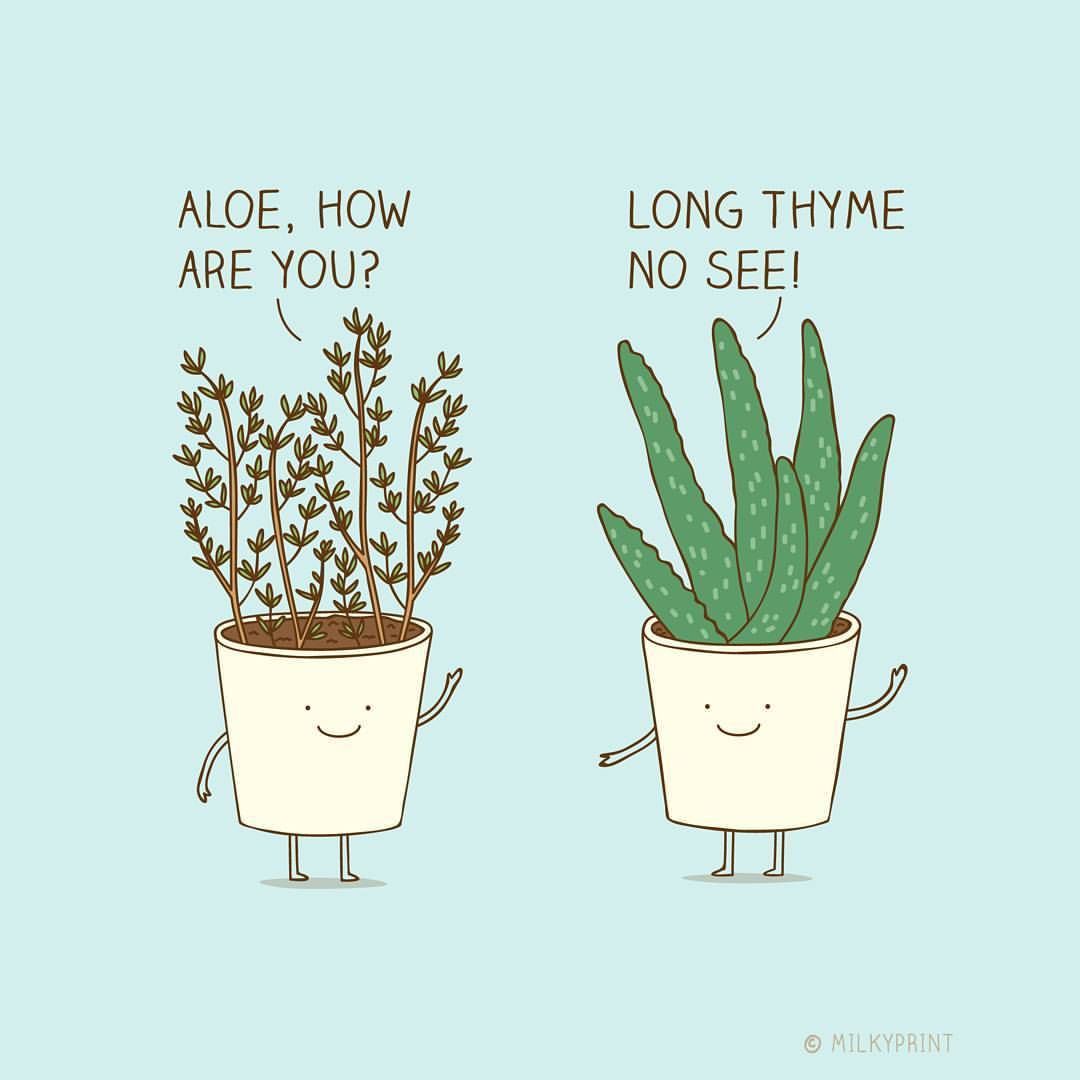












**Hopefully it won’t be too long before we can say this to each other.**

**Now a Few Puns:**

**1. What did the big flower say to the little flower?**

What’s up, bud?!

**2. How do succulents confess their feelings?**

“Aloe you so much!”

**3. Why was the gardener so embarrassed?**

He wet his plants!

**4. Where do flowers recharge?**

At a power plant!

**5. What do you call a cheerleading herb?**

An encourage mint!

**6. How did the gardener know his herbs were fully grown?**

It was just about thyme!

**7. What kind of flowers bloom on your face?**

Tulips!

**8. Why did the cactus get in trouble at school?**

It couldn’t keep its plants to itself!

**9. Why couldn’t the gardener plant any flowers?**

He hadn’t botany!

**10. What makes some plants better at math than others?**

Square roots!

**Websites for Indoor Gardening**

[https://www.clickand**grow**.com](https://www.bing.com/aclk?ld=e8RuPQ7dNptD4PlmZPmlFcMjVUCUza0g_RgakOrafcET2ffW5_VkCE5zTeoq-u5r3_v7ZdkzV6BNU3xy8l12swTRF0JYnTuQ0qBtHBFi23BZrCnF3s2rhb0IKOIedALrVT2rX_tIx_vt9L69hzNmLb7rNmXAUDUOxYaH0UCzGa7FQSCFOrSlhuD0Rn9wYZ00NmM63pqw&u=aHR0cCUzYSUyZiUyZmNsaWNrYW5kZ3Jvdy5jb20lM2Ztc2Nsa2lkJTNkNTJiOTgzYTg0NTIzMWY3OWY1YjVlMzg2ZTIxOGU4MjklMjZ1dG1fc291cmNlJTNkYmluZyUyNnV0bV9tZWRpdW0lM2RjcGMlMjZ1dG1fY2FtcGFpZ24lM2RTZWFyY2glMjUyMC0lMjUyMEdlbmVyYWwlMjUyMC0lMjUyME5vcnRoJTI1MjBBbWVyaWNhJTI2dXRtX3Rlcm0lM2RpbmRvb3IlMjUyMGdhcmRlbiUyNnV0bV9jb250ZW50JTNkaW5kb29yJTI1MjBnYXJkZW4&rlid=52b983a845231f79f5b5e386e218e829&ntb=1)

[https://www.trueleafmarket.com/**grow**/microgreens](https://www.bing.com/aclk?ld=e8RWrxMkuaSWo836njKjzZJTVUCUwIhST1q6Z5KmD_rIA_m8TFBiwXzDmna2iLofY9HZu8xUeKpvXZedPrWp89ernsHfPhvI1XJMUwah0xMQbqNICBbV5IWDqoh3RZocZNOIAkUjiJB1Pllm6qDzU6ixMzpq5eokq9J_27JYmX4-r9U0KTb_rn7H5NOWzQ13krSfbtzQ&u=aHR0cHMlM2ElMmYlMmZ3d3cudHJ1ZWxlYWZtYXJrZXQuY29tJTJmY29sbGVjdGlvbnMlMmZtaWNyb2dyZWVucy1raXRzLWFuZC1zdXBwbGllcyUzZm1zY2xraWQlM2RmNzUyMGI1MGNiY2QxZTdmNTY1NDZiN2U2Y2Y2MjE1MCUyNnV0bV9zb3VyY2UlM2RiaW5nJTI2dXRtX21lZGl1bSUzZGNwYyUyNnV0bV9jYW1wYWlnbiUzZE1pY3JvZ3JlZW5zJTI2dXRtX3Rlcm0lM2RtaWNyb2dyZWVuJTI1MjB0cmF5cyUyNnV0bV9jb250ZW50JTNkTWljcm9ncmVlbnM&rlid=f7520b50cbcd1e7f56546b7e6cf62150&ntb=1)

<https://nymag.com/strategist/article/best-indoor-garden-kits.html>

<https://www.wikihow.com/Design-a-Successful-Indoor-Garden>

<https://www.planetnatural.com/growing-indoors>

[https://www.bestreviews.com](https://www.bing.com/aclk?ld=e8YFug_p1B1ZYwT4pAQTgljDVUCUxuunS9v0r9lV9Bjv63Sh7EtsesW3n9VGL4DUKI7xDengaeH9ZSP1PhBav6F7WzAvWXTNB2DSqefGOWvyAUTxEYJz5_oz6i_B9W5iaOtlOrRjrqb3uZILgWT1olB5Jdq-4On-ZkZq2xRgEtZlCrt25fGizEy5Imi9n-bks5zD96QQ&u=&rlid=8ad8e38c7a651136121483a2dd5eb35b&ntb=1)

**Local Garden Resources**

**Pedernales Farmers Market**

**https://www.pedernalesfarmersmarket.com****23526 TX-71**

**Spicewood, TX 786699**

**Sundays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Pedernales Farmers Market is located in the parking lot of Apis Restaurant. This small market has certainly grown recently. A full listing of regular vendors is available on their website. Of interest, many products can be preordered for pick-up during their Sunday market hours. They carry ethically sourced meats, organic seasonal fruits and vegetables, organic eggs, pastries and breads, local honey, wild mushrooms, non-gmo seasonal herb and vegetable plants, native foraged jams and herbal teas, locally milled flours, Indian food, tamales, and artisan crafts. Arrive early for best selections.

**April Gardening**

[April Gardening Checklist for Austin - Urban Programs Travis County (tamu.edu)](https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/monthly-gardening-calendar-for-austin-area/april-gardening-checklist-for-austin/)

**International Gardener/Travel Trip**

Floriade Expo 2022 & River Cruise By Joann Anderson

I'm sure that you have heard about the Floriade Expo that is offered once every 10 years.  It is the "World's Fair" of horticultural exhibitions.  This year it will be in Amsterdam, and I thought that members of the Garden Club might like to attend this as a group perhaps next April or May.  Travel should be settled down by then.

There is a river cruise that ties in with Floriade that cruises the Dutch Waterways that I thought would be a good combination to the exhibit.

**Floriade Expo 2022**

A once in a decade event, Floriade is the world’s fair of horticulture, abloom with fragrant flowers and greenery from all over the globe. In 2022, Floriade comes to life in a technicolor tapestry of trees, plants, crops and flowers from 40 different countries, each representing new technologies and prized plantings for sustainable greenery, architecture, food, energy and healthy living. Themed exhibits, art, live entertainment and culinary treats add to the festivities to make your visit here a highlight of your trip.



[**https://www.tauck.com/tours/netherlands-river-cruise?tcd=qa2022**](https://www.tauck.com/tours/netherlands-river-cruise?tcd=qa2022)

Explore The Netherlands’ inland waterways aboard a custom-designed Tauck riverboat for a unique view of the Dutch cultural landscape on this 8-day, 7-night river cruise that begins and ends in historic Amsterdam and includes a once-in-a-decade visit to Floriade, the “world’s fair” of horticultural exhibitions.

If interested, contact member, Joann Anderson - 512-261-3313 - [Joannstravel@aol.com](mailto:Joannstravel@aol.com)

**Garden Books**

Enjoy these Travis County Library Books:

1. **The Texas Bluebonnet**

[**https://laketravis.biblionix.com/catalog/biblio/164626692**](https://laketravis.biblionix.com/catalog/biblio/164626692)

1. **The World of Lau­ra In­gall­s Wilder: The Fron­tier ­Land­scapes that In­spired the Lit­tle ­House­ ­Books**

[**https://laketravis.biblionix.com/catalog/biblio/329525896**](https://laketravis.biblionix.com/catalog/biblio/329525896)

1. **The Perfume Garden (Fiction, Family)**

[**https://laketravis.biblionix.com/catalog/biblio/216675852**](https://laketravis.biblionix.com/catalog/biblio/216675852)

**My Glorious Internal Garden**

God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done (or take care of the indoor plants!)

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