



# THE GREEN THUMB

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## President's Message

What makes a nice garden? When you see a garden, what is it that catches your eye and draws you in? This can mean different things to different people. What about a vegetable garden compared to a flower garden? Does the area make you feel relaxed? Does the idea of fresh vegetables excite you? These are very different types of gardens, but here are a few suggestions that make both of these gardens pleasant to look at and a joy to be in.

The first is neatness. It really doesn't matter the size or plan of your garden, if it is a mess, it will look like a mess. Keeping your garden picked up and clean is beneficial to your garden and you. Pests will have a harder time getting a foothold. Your mind will have room to think of what

chores need to be completed or just enjoy it's beauty. A quick walk through with a bucket to hold your clippings and trash will have the area looking good in no time.

The second is that your garden should be walkable. Depending on the size, there should be a clear path that you or a guest can walk. Plants, tools and trash should be removed to keep the path clear and safe. English gardens can look a little wild, but with a path, there is a feeling of sense and order added to it. Whether your path is lined with mulch, stone, or ground cover, a defined path adds organization to the garden.

Last, having some type of seating is almost more of a must than a bonus. If you have a vegetable garden that only you see, a seat would certainly be a welcomed rest during your chores, preferably shaded. If your garden is full of flowers, you and your guests can sit and enjoy the surroundings that you created. It doesn't have to be fancy or expensive. A small table close by is great for holding your beverage.

Following these suggestions will bring a sense of order and beauty to any garden that you have.

Remember that if you have a friend join, you will have your next year's dues waived. Also, please patronize our advertisers!

— Anna

## Visitors Welcome

### CLUB MEETING LOCATION

At the Jewish Community Center, Big D room.

**7900 Northaven Road, Dallas — Next to North Haven Gardens.** Directions: From southbound U.S.75, Northaven Rd. is second street south of Forest Ln. turn west. From Hillcrest Rd. Northaven is fourth street north of Royal Lane, turn east.

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**There is a MEMBERS ONLY  
brunch, the website has details.**

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Marcus, Joseph A.

***Monarda citriodora******Monarda citriodora* Cerv. ex Lag.****Lemon Beebalm, Purple Horsemint, Lemon Mint, Plains Horsemint, Lemon Horsemint, Horsemint, Purple Lemon Mint****Lamiaceae (Mint Family)****Synonym(s):****USDA Symbol: [moci](#)****USDA Native Status: L48 (N)**

Known by a number of common names, lemon beebalm is a 1-2+ ft., aromatic winter annual with unusual, tuft-like, lavender to pink, whorled flower heads. Each whorl in the elongated spike is subtended by whitish or lavender, leaf-like bracts. Several stems grow from the base and are lined with pairs of lance-shaped leaves.

Horsemint has a distinctive citrus or lemony scent when the leaves are rubbed or crushed. It is very easy to grow and often forms large colonies. Bees and butterflies are attracted to this plant.

Linnaeus named the genus Monarda in honor of a 16th century Spanish physician and botanist, Nicolas Bautista Monardos (1493-1588). Monardos studied medicinal plants brought back to Spain from the New World.



Come out of  
your cocoon

## Puzzle 13: Butterfly Garden

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MARIGOLD  
SALVIA  
SUNFLOWER  
ZINNIA

Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves



## 5-Minute No-Cook Zucchini Avocado Dip

Yield: 8 servings

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 0 minutes

Use as dip for veggies, use as sandwich spread or with “fixens” in wrap or pita

### Ingredients

- ~ 1 medium raw zucchini, cut ends off, wash and roughly chop
- ~ 1 large ripe avocado, peeled and pitted
- ~ ¼ cup lemon juice
- ~ 1-3 cloves garlic, to taste
- ~ ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ~ 2 teaspoons cumin
- ~ ½ cup tahini
- ~ 1-3 tablespoons water, optional

### Instructions

- Combine raw zucchini and avocado in a food processor or high-speed blender. Pulse a few times to chop them up well.
- Add the remaining ingredients to the food processor or blender. Run until the mixture has a smooth consistency. Scrape down the sides of the food processor or blender and run again.
- Taste and add more garlic, cumin, or salt if desired. Add water if desired, 1 tablespoon at a time, blending in between to reach desired consistency.
- Enjoy or store in fridge in an air tight container for up to 4 days.





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**Bruce Miller**

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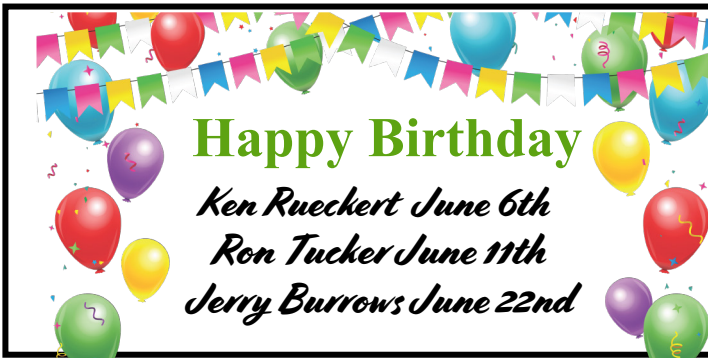
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## Board Meetings

7:00 pm  
June 12, 2025  
Geraldine Schwed  
6212 Telluride Lane  
Dallas, Texas 75252



May Winner  
Connie Grossman  
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## Squash (yuk!!)

Ten to one, you wouldn't go near it when you were a kid. Me neither. I'll guarantee you that you will love it if you use the attached recipe. *Especially if you grow it yourself.*

You can grow the little "Yellow" squash or maybe try the larger "Patty Pan". The Patty Pan is often called the "flying saucer" squash. Both the yellow and white varieties taste the same. Enjoy the most delicious casserole you have ever eaten.

### Summer Squash Casserole

6 cups	<u>sliced yellow summer or patty pan squash or combo of both</u>
1/4 cup	<u>chopped onion</u>
1 can	<u>cream of chicken soup</u>
1 cup	<u>sour cream (can use lite)</u>
1 cup	<u>carrot, shredded</u>
1 8 oz pkg	<u>Pepperidge Farm cornbread mix</u>
1/4 - 1/2 cup	<u>melted butter</u>

Cook sliced squash and onion in boiling water 5 minutes - drain

Combine soup and sour cream - Stir in shredded carrot

Combine squash/onions with sour cream mixture

Combine stuffing mix and melted butter

Spoon 1/2 the stuffing mix in the bottom of 9x12 baking pan

Add squash mixture and sprinkle remaining stuffing over the top

Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes until heated through.



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