# Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter April, 2013



## NCGC April Meeting

Thursday April 4, 2013 8:45 a.m. MUD Bldg. #81 805 Hidden Canyon Katy

Come join us for a field trip to Arbor Gate Nursery in Tomball. We will meet at the MUD building **NO LATER THAN** 8:45 a.m. We will leave promptly at 9:00.

We'll be treated to a wonderful presentation by Rand C. Hopkins of Monrovia Growers on "New, Unique and Unusual Plants for Your Garden". Are you a plant fanatic? Are you a gardening guru? Do you like knowing about the newest varieties of plants around? If that's you, then you'll want to come hear Rand Hopkins speak. He comes with over 14 years of experience as an Independent Sales Consultant for Monrovia Growers. He'll give us a sneak peak at what plants stand out above the others. Join us and be the "first on your block" to try out these new plants.

Just a reminder that field trips are for members only.

### A Word From Our President

Hello Spring Ladies!

Now that the gorgeous winter weather is probably really over, you can sneak out to your garden and secretly look under and behind your plants...(there may be an unnoticed Easter egg still in your garden!) And while you are down there, notice the bugs, caterpillars, compost and mulch levels, little frosted bits, worms etc. Do not tell anyone if you really have a chat with the Easter Bunny.

People will wonder?!

Thank you to all who made the Plant Sale a success. Villagio was a new setting for us and it proved successful in terms of \$\$. Hats off to our amazing Fundraising Chairpersons, Janet Blowers and Lori Fay. We will share the final results at our next general business meeting.

See you soon, Sue



APRIL BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: JANET BLOWERS - 4 DONNA LUTHER - 13 MARGARET TILLERY - 23





**Field Trip to Shimek Day Lilly Farm** Date: Thursday April 18, 2013 Time: 9:00 a.m.

If you signed up for the field trip to Shimek's, please meet at the MUD building promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will carpool from there. We will enjoy lunch together after the tour, place to be determined.

### Looking Ahead



Our last meeting of the year will be on Thursday, May 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the MUD building. We will enjoy a delicious luncheon of lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. The cost is \$10.00. If you were unable to sign up at the March meeting, please have your money to Gwen Heck no later than April 18th. We'll also be having a fun white elephant gift exchange. More information will be coming in the May newsletter.

## **Events and Workshops**

#### Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

Monthly Program Time: 6:30 social 7:00 program Bud O'Shieles Community Center 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg



#### \*Thursday April 18, 2013

"Wild About Wildflowers" presented by Cheri Foster Colburn, author of several books, winner of several horticultural awards and collaborator with Chris Wiesinger on "The Bulb Hunter".

#### \*Saturday, April 6, 2013

Saturday in the Gardens: Visit the FBCMG demonstration gardens beginning at :00 a.m.
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"Pecan-Citrus Grafting Clinic" beginning at :00 a.m.

For more information visit their website at www.fbmg.com.

## **Houston Federation of Garden Clubs**

Friday, April 12, 2013 Houston Civic Garden Center 1500 Hermann Dr., Houston

Program: "The Old Made New Again: Designing with Stuff." Speaker: SJ Derby, The Hill Country collector of that "stuff" and designer extraordinaire. For more information or for carpooling call Donna Luther @ (281) 492-1512

#### Plan Ahead:

Friday May 10, 2013 Display of Hupertufa Pot-et-fleur Designs and installation of new officers.

#### Free Herb Workshop Date/Time: Friday April 19, 2013 10:00-11:00 a.m.

The Brookwood Community store at 10222C Westheimer, Houston is offering a free herb workshop featuring speaker Rebecca Martin, Brookwood's own herb specialist. Come and enjoy coffee and muffins while learning about herbs. Please make a reservation by calling 713-782-7757.

#### Harris County Master Gardeners Green Thumb Gardening Series

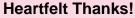
\*Tuesday April 2, 2013 Maude Smith Marks Library 1815 Westgreen Blvd. Katy



"Plannng a Water Star Garden"

#### Lazy Gardener Newsletter

Brenda Beust Smith aka The Lazy Gardener now has a free newsletter she will email to you. If you are interested in receiving this, send your name and email address to lazygardenerandfriends@gmail.com.



A huge round of applause goes out to Janet Blowers and Lori Fay for organizing our successful Plant Sale. Thanks to everyone who worked the sale or brought

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#### A Reminder from Texas Garden

ClubsTexas Garden Clubs invites you to read and enjoy the Lone Star Gardener online. Click on www.texasgardenclubs.org to go to the TGC home page. Click the white flower in the box on the right side of the home page to read the LSG online.