



Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter February, 2015



NCGC Meeting:

Date: Thursday, February 5th, 2015

Time: 9:30am social time

10:00am Meeting start

Where: MUD building #81

805 Hidden Canyon Katy, TX

Speaker: Mary Karish

Presentation topic: All About Canning and Preserving

Mary is a Harris County Master Gardener, a citrus specialist, a Master Composter, and the owner of Three Sisters, a company that conducts workshops on organic gardening and sells organic gardening products. Mary is also a freelance writer, and has published several articles on gardening related topics. She frequently gives public presentations and demonstrations to garden clubs, garden shows, and public events.

Steve Borne with Premier Sharpening (a mobile sharpening service) will be present at the meeting for tool sharpening services. See the price list that was sent out via email. Be sure to label your tools and wrap with a towel.

****Lunch to follow at D'amico's Italian Café**

2643 Commercial Center Blvd. Katy, TX 77494

In the La Centerra Shopping Center

NCGC February Workshop: The Basics of Home Canning Tuesday, February 10th at Pat Chislett's home in Sealy. There are just a few spots. Sign ups will continue this Thursday. Cost of \$5 is due at the time of sign up. Each participant will need to bring 2 cups of washed and peeled carrots cut into 1/4 inch slices. See the check in table for more details.

NCGC March Activity:

Shangri La Botanical Gardens

Thursday March 26th, 2015

Depart at 7:30 am from the MUD building

Arriving back around 4:30pm

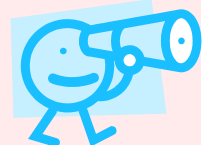
Join the fun as we ride together on a field trip to Shangri La Botanical Gardens in Orange, TX!

Cost will be \$20.00 which includes a box lunch along with a guided tour of the gardens.

See the sheet at the check in table to reserve your spot. Money and box lunch choice is due at the time you sign up. Space is limited to 39 passengers!

Looking ahead:

The next NCGC meeting will be Thursday, March 5th! Our speaker will be Joseph Johnson from Shangri La Botanical Gardens



February Birthdays

Phillis Hogue—2/1 Leigh Parks—2/3

Deborah Hamm—2/12 Gwen Heck—2/12

Mary Lou Proctor—2/21 Esther Spencer—2/21

Anita Parrot—2/25

Happy Birthday



The Plant Shoppe will be open for business this Thursday at our meeting. Of course, our fundraising team will have some wonderful prizes to give away in the raffle! Make sure to bring your cash! Also, this just in...**New NCGC Tote bags will be for sale for \$25.00!**

The NCGC Annual Spring Plant Sale will be held on **March 28th at the Villagio in Katy from 10am– 1pm! Mark you calendars!**

Kathy's Tip this month: Continue to nurse your plants to get them ready for the sale. See below an example of plants brought in by members at last year's annual sale.



NCGC Plant Sale 2014-Villagio Katy,TX



Join the conversation on NCGC's very own **closed group on Facebook!** Share photos of your plants, interesting gardening facts, or ask others for gardening advice. Search for the closed group Nottingham Country Garden Club and request to join!

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

*** Saturday with the Master Gardener**

Saturday, February 7th, 2015

Program: Rose Pruning Clinic

Location: Bud O'Sheiles Community Center
(at the Rose Gardens)

1330 Band Rd. Rosenberg, TX

Backyard Basics: The Spring Food Garden

Saturday February 21st, 2015

9-11am at the TX A&M Extension Office

1402 Band Rd. Rosendberg, TX

Cost is \$15.00 per participant, must register to attend

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, January 9th, 2015—General meeting starts at 9:30am

White Oak Conference Center

7603 Antoine Dr.

Houston, TX 770088

Program: "Migratory Bird Support for the Gulf Coast"

Speaker: Susan Heath, Ph.D.

Harris County Master Gardeners

Green Thumb Lecture Series

Saturday, February 21st, 2015

10:00am– noon

Subject: Spring Vegetables-Harvesting Know How

Maude Parks Library

1815 Westgreen Blvd.

Katy, TX 77450