

# Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter  
January, 2013



## NCGC January Meeting

Thursday January 3, 2013  
MUD Bldg. #81  
805 Hidden Canyon Katy

Our January presentation will be "Composting and Worms" with guest speakers Sam Guardiola and Mike Frismanis.

Come join us and learn how to create your very own "black gold" for the garden!

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*Old Blush China rose  
living antique from 75z*

## A Word From Our President

Happy New Year! I can't wait to hear about compost and worms. Isn't it a great way to start the year off? "From the ground up". I hear the worms are actually visiting! Alice & Maddy have quite a program set up for us. Come and join the fun. I will see you on January 3rd.

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## }ANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

SHARON CECIL -

KIM PATRICK -

KATHY BLISS -

ZARA ALIYEVA -



## Looking Ahead



Nottingham Country Garden Club's February meeting will be Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the MUD building. Our speaker will be Skip Richter and the topic will be "Beneficial Insects".

# Events and Workshops

## Fort Bend County Master Gardeners Monthly Program

The January 17, 2013 program will be "Fruit and Citrus Trees" presented by Tom LeRoy, Montgomery County Horticulture Agent. This will be a good preparation for the FBCMG Annual Fruit Tree Sale.

### Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, January 26, 2013 Fort Bend Master Gardeners will hold their Annual Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale. It will be at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Come early for the best selection.

## Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, January 11, 2013

Houston Civic Garden Center  
1500 Hermann Dr., Houston

### Program: "Tree Planting at the 9/11 Memorial Plaza"

**Speaker:** Paul Cox, Tree Mover and Regional Vice-President of Environmental Design, Inc. . Mr. Cox provided and nurtured the trees at the Memorial Plazas in New York City and in Shanksville, PA.

For more information or for carpooling call Donna Luther @ (281) 492-1512

### Plan Ahead:

Friday February 8, 2013

"Zen Gardens in Public Spaces: A Timeless Art"

Speaker Keiji Asakura: Asakura & Robinson, Landscape Design Company

## A Reminder from Texas Garden Clubs

Texas Garden Clubs invites you to read and enjoy the *Lone Star Gardener* online. Click on [www.texasgardenclubs.org](http://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.



*anuarY is the time to plant citrus trees. Oranges and lemons do great in containers.*

## Fundraising Announcements

- our Fundraising Committee, under the capable and creative direction of Janet Blowers and Lori Fay, will continue with the monthly book and magazine sales this year. Bring in your old, "gently read" issues of magazines or garden-related books. Magazines can be on any subject (gardening, cooking/food, health/wellness, family/parenting, decorating/home, travel/leisure etc.) Magazines and books will be available for purchase at each meeting.
- our annual Plant Sale is tentatively set for Saturday, March 23, 2013. This is a great time to propagate plants in your garden and get them started over the winter for the plant sale.



# JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

Sources [Texas Garden Almanac](#) Dr. Doug Welsh, Professor & Horticulturist Texas A&M University  
"Texas Gardener" Magazine, Chris S. Corby, Editor, Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.  
([www.fgmg.com](http://www.fgmg.com))



## GARDEN TASKS

- Cool-season annuals planted in the fall will benefit from a light application of a balanced fertilizer every 4-6 weeks throughout the winter. Mulch flowerbeds to keep weeds from germinating.
- Take time in midwinter to plan new additions to the landscape such as a butterfly garden, herb garden, statuary or a new tree. Look through garden magazines and catalogues for creative ideas.
- Add organic matter to open (i.e., plantless) vegetable gardens and flower beds. Composted or aged manure, fallen leaves and pine straw, added now, will have time to break down before spring planting.
- Refrain from pruning off freeze-damaged plant material, because it actually provides some insulation for healthy plant tissue. Pruning is best done in February and March.
- Keep up with winter weeding. Herbicides should be used only as a last resort.
- Transplant trees and shrubs in your landscape during the dormant season. This will greatly increase their chances of survival.



## WHAT TO PLANT

- you can still plant cool-season flowering (pansies, violas, stock, snapdragons, dianthus) or foliage plants (ornamental cabbage and kale, dusty miller). They will continue blooming into the spring with care.
- January is a good time to plant those tulip and hyacinth bulbs that have been chilling in the refrigerator. This is also a good time to start warm-season flowers and vegetables indoors from seed to be set out in spring as transplants.
- Many cool-season vegetables can still be planted this month. Asparagus crowns, onion transplants and artichoke plants (with some protection) can be set out. Transplants of broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, mustard, kohlrabi, collards, kale, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts are all cold hardy and need to go in soon to allow enough time for growth and production before the weather heats up. Beets, carrots, English peas, greens, leaf lettuces, radishes, sugar snap and snow peas, and turnips can be sown from seed this month. Remember to add organic matter to your beds and mulch for added protection from the cold. If a freeze is expected, plants will need to be covered.
- you can begin purchasing and planting bare-root roses, fruit and nut trees this month.

### A Reminder From Horticulture

Do you have some lovely flowers blooming in your yard, or an unusual plant? Bring in a sample or cutting and share it with the club. Do you have something growing in your yard and have no idea what it is? Bring a sample in and we'll try to solve the mystery. Please remember to complete the horticulture form found on our website ([www.nottinghamgardenclub.org](http://www.nottinghamgardenclub.org)) with as much information as possible.