

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter

January 2017



NCGC Meeting Information

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017; 9:30am social time; 10:00am meeting
Where: MUD #81 Meeting Room, 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, TX

Program: **Louis Bennett**, Wabash Feed and Garden, on "Soil and Fertilizers"
Lunch: To be announced at the meeting.

Federation

HFGC: Friday, Jan. 13, General Meeting;
9:30am social; White Oak Conference Center.

Program: Penny Wise/Pound Foolish: When & Why to Hire a Landscape Professional by Rita Hodge, owner FH Landscape and Design.

~Sharon



January Birthdays

1/01 Sharon Cecil
1/04 Pam Highsmith
1/07 Kim Patrick
1/08 Garreta Kipp
1/21 Laurel Gonzalez



Highlight - Linda Warren, Secretary

Favorite Plant

Q: What is your favorite plant and why?

A: *I really love my Louisiana iris because it reminds me of my grandmother and my mother. I grew up in Missouri, and everyone traded iris bulbs and passed them down through the generations. Unfortunately, those varieties don't grow well here. Last year, I finally planted the Louisiana variety, though, and they were close enough to what I remembered to make me happy.*

Favorite Resource

Q: What's your favorite "go to" resource?

A: *Nottingham Country Garden Club members are definitely my best and favorite resource. Many people in the club are extremely knowledgeable, and I can always call on them when I need help. For a written resource, lately I like Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew. It's a great resource, especially for growing vegetables and herbs.*

Advice

Q: What one suggestion would you give a new gardener?

A: *Don't pay too much for plants and don't get too attached to them. If they don't work in a reasonable amount of time, move them around or throw them away. I have trouble with this and will put up with an underperforming plant for far too long.*

PROGRAM NEWS

~Mary Lou and Claudine

Important Dates

Jan. 19th — Car trip to Mercer Botanical Gardens. Group will leave from the MUD #81 Bldg., 805 Hidden Canyon Road, at 9:00 am. You can sign-up at the Jan. 5th meeting. Plans are to return by 3:30 pm.

Feb. 17th - Bus Trip to Cockrell Butterfly Center. Sign-up at the Jan. 5th meeting for this trip.

March 10th - Bus Trip to Azalea Trail, sponsored by the River Oaks Garden Club.



The Cockrell Butterfly Center

On Feb. 17, 2017 NCGC will tour The Cockrell Butterfly Center. The center is part of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It is a six-story glass cone that houses live butterflies flying amid a tropical rain forest.

Visitors can stroll within the area to view flowers, medicinal plants, giant trees, a 40-foot waterfall and scores of exotic butterflies. This simulated tropical rainforest/living butterfly habitat is filled with exotic plants and beautiful butterflies.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

~Lori, Nan and Kim

Check out the *Fundraising Table* for some great raffle items.

One of the items this month is a stained glass picture made by Vikki Rogers.



Please bring your labeled plant items to *The Plant Shoppe*. Remember to shop for a plant from your garden club friends.

Please retrieve any unsold plants after the meeting.

Caladium Bulb News

Sales begin Jan. 5th. Order forms will be distributed at the meeting and a copy will be emailed to members as well.

Remember —

Our customers are people you know.

Kudos, Mary Lou and Claudine for the wonderful Christmas Luncheon.

Thanks to all who helped make the luncheon a festive event.



Norma won the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations!!



Thank you, Lori and Nan for the fabulous door prizes.

Horticulture Announcements

Please bring your garden blooms to the NCGC meetings! It is helpful if each bloom has it's own container. This will enable members to easily identify each plant.

Use this label to identify your bloom and bring to our monthly meetings so everyone can enjoy what you have growing in your garden.

The label is available on the NCGC website:
www.nottinghamcountrygardenclub.com



~Jean

Nottingham Country Garden Club Monthly Horticulture

Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____

Height/width: _____

(circle one or more)

type: light: soil: hardiness: annual sun moist hardy perennial
partial sun boggy root hardy shrub shade dry tender tree fil-
tered shade alkaline bulb "any" acidic "any"

Your name: _____



Elections

ELECTIONS AHEAD

Elections for President, Second VP of Programs, and Parliamentarian will take place at our Jan. 5th meeting. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

~Kim

Square Foot Gardening

Square foot gardening is the practice of dividing the growing area into small square sections. Typically 12' on a side, hence the name. The aim is to assist the planning and creating of small but intensively planted vegetable gardens. It results in a simple and orderly gardening system, from which it draws much of its appeal.



Mel Bartholomew
Author



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Nottingham Country Garden Club has a Facebook page that is open to the public. If you have a Facebook account, you can read NCGC posts just like any one else with a FB account.

Members of the Nottingham Country GC wanted to be able to post questions, comments, and pictures that were only shared with members of the garden club not the world wide web. In order to accomplish that, a "Closed Group" account was established. This is a **Facebook designation** which means that the group is not public; it is only open to Nottingham Country Garden Club members. It is an avenue for members to post pictures of plants growing in their yard; or to post pictures and ask questions; or just comment about the weather.

