



# Nottingham Country Garden Club



## NCGC Meeting Information

**Date:** Thursday, **November 10**, 2016; 9:30am social time; 10:00am meeting  
**Where:** MUD #81 Meeting Room, 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, TX  
**Program:** "Monarch Waystations and Pollinator Gardens" by Diane Russell, Ph. D.  
 President, Coastal Prairie Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist  
**Lunch:** Babin's Seafood House, 21851 Katy Freeway, Katy

**[NOTE: REMEMBER TO BRING CASH/CHECK for the Dec. luncheon, raffle tickets, Plant Shoppe, trips, etc.]**



## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Christmas Luncheon is **Thursday, December 1, 2016** at Pappadeaux's (10499 I-10 and Gessner). There will be a three course menu:

\*Pappadeaux Salad

\*Your choice of four entrees:

Grilled Chicken Breast, Ginger Salmon, Cajun Combo, and Mixed Seafood Grill

\*Dessert choices: Vanilla Cheesecake or Key Lime Pie

**Sign-up at the November 10th meeting. Cost is \$28. (Cash or check; NO REFUNDS)**

**Ask Lori or Nan about the 50/50 Cash Raffle at the Christmas Luncheon. You have to be present to win.**

## Highlight - Mary Lou Proctor, 1st Vice-President of Programs

### Favorite Plant

Q: What is your favorite plant and why?

MLP: *I would say violas. There are so many different colors, I never can decide which ones to get. I usually end up getting a variety of colors. They will bloom for the longest time and lots of them will reseed. Mainly, I like them because those little faces just make me smile. They make me happy.*



### Favorite Resource

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

MLP: *I like to talk to friends and family about gardening questions. I also take a lot of my questions to Enchanted Gardens. They are very friendly and helpful and have had many of the same issues that I have. A lot of times just walking around to see what they have done with certain plants and flowers helps answer questions that I have. I also walk around and enjoy the quiet beauty of the gardens. Most of the time I can't resist buying things though.*

### Advice

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

MLP: *My suggestion to a new gardener would be to build your beds with great soil before you even think about plants. Then watch the sun orientation for help with what kind of plants you need, sun or shade plants.*



## Calendar of Events

Nov. 11th - HFGC\* General Meeting; 9:30am social, White Oak Conference Center; Program: A Flower Show - "Traffic Flow" by Suzanne Milstead and Nell Shimek, National Flower Show Judges.

\* Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Nov. 19th - Annual Enchanted Open House and Evening at Enchanted Gardens, 2 - 8 pm.

Jan. 19th - Car Trip to Mercer Botanical Gardens

Feb. 17th - Bus Trip to Cockrell Butterfly Center, Houston Museum of Natural Science

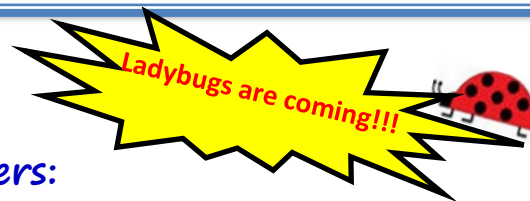
Mar. 10th - Bus Trip to Azalea Trail

April 14th - Bus Trip to Japanese Gardens, Herman Park



Welcome our newest members:

**Garreta Kipp** and **Lee Hardisty** joined NCGC. Please locate these ladies at a meeting and introduce yourself to them.



## Fundraising

\* **The Plant Shoppe** is open for business each month. All plants brought to the *Shoppe* should be labeled. REMEMBER to retrieve any unsold plants after the meeting. ~ Kim

\* **Raffle Items** — Don't forget to stop by the raffle table to buy your raffle tickets.



Two of this month's raffle items are pictured here: an adorable set of ladybugs to adorn your wooden fence, tree, or another space in someone's yard.; and a metal wreath of veggies that can hang inside or outside. Cash is appreciated.



~ Lori and Nan

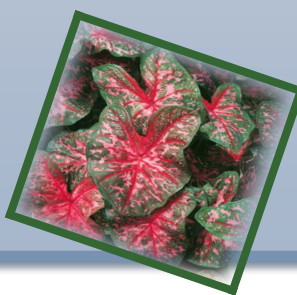
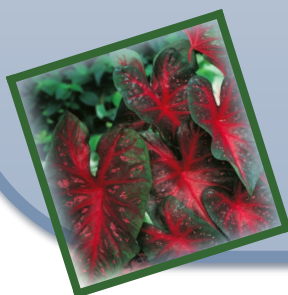
### \*Caladium Bulbs

The fundraising project for 2016-17 is to sell caladium bulbs. We will sell #1 fancy leaf bulbs (bulbs are 1.5—2.5 " in size) . Some characteristics of fancy leaf caladiums include: leaves tend to be heart shaped, taller, and have a more upright habit.

The bulbs we will be selling are Red Flash, White Christmas, and Carolyn Wharton. Each of these bulbs performed successfully in the Houston Caladium Bulb Trials of 2013 at Bear Creek and Pasadena.

Caladium bulbs will be sold in bundles of 10 bulbs (one color) for \$10, 25 bulbs (one color) for \$25 or a case of 200 bulbs (one color) for \$175. This project will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

~Lori and Nan



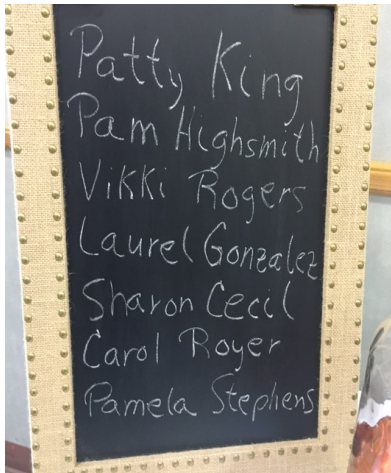
## Gardening Tip: Mycorrhizal Fungi



As a new gardener, a friend introduced me to Mycorrhizal Fungi. She sprinkles Mycorrhizal Fungi into the hole before planting. Mycorrhizal Fungi expands the root system of plants allowing the plant to reach nutrients and water that might not be available otherwise. Mycorrhizal Fungi extends the plant's reach, allowing it to get to more of what it needs to survive. That makes the plant stronger, especially during drought periods.

Recently, I attended a session at Enchanted Forrest on Fall Planting. I was surprised to hear the presenter say that she uses Mycorrhizal Fungi the same way I do—a small amount in the hole (ground or pot) just before putting in the plant.

~Flora



Thank you  
to the  
October  
hostesses  
for the  
delicious  
food.

### November Birthdays

11/3 Carole Royer  
11/6 Carole Yard  
11/11 Mary Burrows and Fay Pirooz  
11/16 Claudine Illg  
11/18 Amy Marinucci



## Horticulture Announcements

Please bring your garden blooms to the NCGC meetings so everyone can enjoy what you have growing in your garden.

*It is helpful if each bloom has it's own container.  
This will enable members to easily identify each plant.*



~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 filtered shade alkaline bulb "any" acidic "any"

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

[Use this label to identify your bloom.]

## Facebook

**NCGC Webpage**— Follow NCGC on Facebook by clicking “Like.”

**Closed Group (for NCGC members only) - Click “Join Group”**

If you need assistance, there's a handout at the sign-in table, or contact Cheryl (832-390-7321) or Flora (281-665-3118).



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