

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter

October 2016



NCGC Meeting Information

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2016; 9:30am social time; 10:00am meeting
Where: MUD #81 Meeting Room, 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, TX

Program: "Feng Shui in the Garden" by Katherine Ashby. Katherine M. Ashby has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics with a Teaching Certificate. Since 1983, she has delved deeply into the art and science of Feng Shui (fung schway), which studies the "energy" of a given space.

Lunch: BB's Café, 406 W. Grand Parkway #400, just south of Charming Charlie's and north of Kingsland.

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

Important Dates

- ◇ **Friday, Oct. 14** - NCGC Members Only Bus Trip. Meet at MUD Building #81, Parking Lot; 805 Hidden Canyon Road; Departure 9:00 am. Lunch at Buca do Beppo (separate checks, cost not included), Italian food served family-style. Return to the MUD Building at 3:00 pm. Fee is \$3.00, due at sign-up.
- ◇ **Thursday, NOVEMBER 10, 2016;** The November meeting is the **SECOND THURSDAY** (NOT THE FIRST THURSDAY) because the MUD Building is being used for the elections.



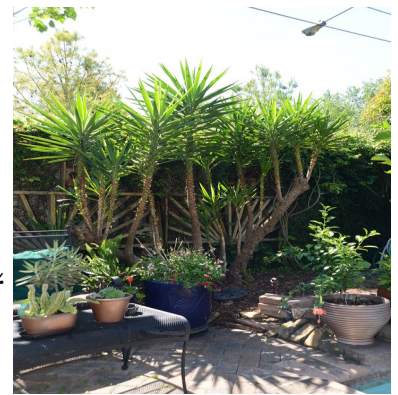
Highlight

Alice Brown, Board—Directory, is highlighted this month.

Favorite Plant

Q: What is your favorite plant and why?

A: *Ginger...any kind. I especially like the white Butterfly ginger and the Hedychium Coccineum ginger because they smell divine. Gingers are so fragrant and easy to grow. I purchased mine years ago at the Houston Bulb Mart.*



Favorite Resource

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

A: *My favorite "go to" book is the River Oaks Garden Club's A Garden Book for Houston and the Gulf Coast. I have used this book since the 1980's and I was so happy when they updated it in 2013.*

Advice

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

A: *I would recommend using a book like A Garden Book for Houston and the Gulf Coast as a guide. This book indicates whether plants need sun/shade, when to plant; when the plant blooms, as well as drainage requirements, etc.*



A special THANKS to Jeannie Gordon for the pictures taken during the garden tour.

2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you have not picked up your Membership Directory, please stop by the Membership table.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 8th - Landscaping with Edibles by Scott Snodgrass at Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm.

Oct. 14th - HFGC* General Meeting; 9:30am social, White Oak Conference Center; HFGC Celebrates 80 Years with "Tea Thyme: When Memories Bloom." Program: Monarch Butterflies: Progress & Challenges, by Mayra Fowley, Senior Educational Outreach Manager, National Wildlife Foundation.

Oct. 15th - HC** Green Thumb Series, "Fruit Trees", Maude Smith Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd., Katy

Oct. 22nd - Fairy Garden Workshop at Enchanted Gardens; 10 am—2 pm.

Nov. 5th - Greeting and Gifting your Guests with Beautiful Planted Containers at Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm.

* Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

** Harris County

Fundraising



The Plant Shoppe will be open for business. Please bring your labeled plant items to the *Shoppe*. After depositing your plant, shop for a great plant from your garden club friends. **Please retrieve any unsold plants after the meeting.**

~Kim

Check out the *Fundraising Table* for some great raffle items — a Fall wreath (made by Jean Bays' daughter) and an adorable pumpkin on a stand. Both would look fabulous in any home. Be sure to buy raffle tickets so you have a chance to win one of these items.

The fundraising project for this year is to sell caladium bulbs. Lori and Nan will give us more information in the months to come. Sales will begin in 2017.

~Lori and Nan



Electronic Gardening Resources

[Lazy Gardener and Friends Newsletter](#) - This weekly gardening newsletter is a project by Brenda Beust-Smith, John Ferguson and Mark Bowen (John and Mark are with Nature's Way Resources). To join her mailing list, send an email to lazygardenerandfriends@gmail.com.

[Harris County Horticulture Blog](http://harris.agrilife.org/hort/) - This is a great resource for gardeners in Harris County and surrounding counties. <http://harris.agrilife.org/hort/>

[Ft Bend Master Gardeners](http://www.fbmga.org) - A website full of information. <http://www.fbmga.org>

[Harris County Master Gardeners](http://hcmga.tamu.edu) - Another great website full of information. <http://hcmga.tamu.edu>

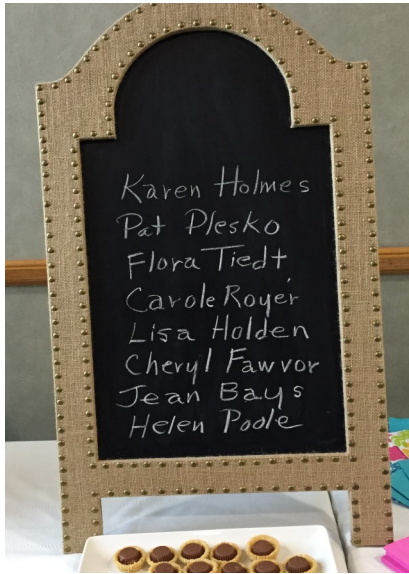
[Proven Winners](http://www.beauty.provenwinners.com/) - Their electronic magazine has a lot of information on plants, especially new products they are introducing. It's not specific to Houston. <http://www.beauty.provenwinners.com/>

[Houston Rose Society](http://houstonrose.org/) - This is a great website for information on roses. <http://houstonrose.org/>

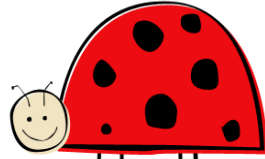
[Aggie Horticulture](#) - This is a fantastic site with loads of information.

October Birthdays

10/2 Pam Stephens, 10/3 Pat Chislett
10/11 Naoko Brittin 10/28 Doris Netto



A HUGE



Thank You

to the hostesses for the delicious food. And a special thanks to Pam Stephens for organizing the hostesses this year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 1, 2016 is our *Christmas Luncheon* at Pappadeaux's (I-10 and Gessner).

There will be a three course banquet 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 October 6th or November 10th meeting. Cost is \$28.

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 at home.

~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: _____

Facebook

NCGC Webpage - Follow NCGC on Facebook by clicking "Like."

Closed Group (for NCGC members only) - Select "Join the Group."

For assistance, pick up the *NCGC Facebook* handout at the sign-in table or contact Cheryl (832-390-7321) or Flora (281-665-3118).



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