

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
September, 2012



WELCOME BACK!

**Our first meeting will be:
September 6th, 9:30a.m.
MUD Bldg. #81**

**Program: "Plant Scents (Sense) for
Summer Shade Gardens"**

**Speaker: Linda B. Gay, former
Director of Mercer Arboretum and
Botanical Gardens in Humble.**

**Linda states that our sense of smell is
the strongest of the senses we
possess. She will share with us ideas
for bringing scents into the shade
garden.**

September Extra Activity **Backyard Plumeria Garden Tour**

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012

*9:40 Meet in the parking lot of Willie's Grill
near Target at I-10 and Fry Rd.

We'll be carpooling to the home of Paula
Furtwangler in Green Trails to enjoy a backyard
garden tour featuring over 40 varieties of
Plumerias in bloom! Lunch will follow at Willie's
Grill.

This extra activity is open to NCGC members
only. The only cost will be lunch.

A Message From Our President "Yes!"

I'm excited! This year is going to be so much fun that I can hardly wait. We have a fascinating schedule of programs, thanks to Alice and Maddy's hard work all summer. We will be learning and doing new things through lectures and hands-on demos and going to new places. I never want to miss out on going to new places! Oh, the fun begins as we listen to Linda B. Gay share her expertise on scents and shade gardening at our first meeting of this year. Come early for coffee and who knows? Maybe we can even "do lunch" somewhere. Keep Growing and Gardening,
Sue



Looking Ahead

**NCGC October Meeting
October 4, 2012**

**Program: "The Historical, Cultural, and
Culinary Aspects of Pumpkins, Squash,
and Gourds"**

Presenter: Corrie Ten-Have

Events and Workshops

Fort Bend Master Gardeners Monthly Program

Thursday, September 20th

6:30 Social Time

7:00-8:00 Program

Bud O'Shieles Community Center
1330 Band Road
Rosenberg, TX

Program: "What's Growing in the
Lazy Gardener's Garden?"

Presenter: Brenda Beust Smith -
Author and Houston Chronicle
garden columnist

Plan Ahead: Thursday, October 18th
Vince Mannino, Director of Ft. Bend
County AgriLife Extension Service
presents General Gardening
Information.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, September 14th

Houston Civic Garden Center

1500 Hermann Dr., Houston

Time: 9:30 am. - Program at 10:30 am.

Presenter: Meda Wogan, amateur historian
with a flair.

Program: "Lewisia and Clarkia: Botany on
the Trail"

There were 176 plants "not of the U.S."
discovered yesterday; common to this
country today and preserved for
tomorrow. A most uncommon journey
through history.

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

Plan Ahead: Friday, October 12th

"Flowers with a "WOW" Factor"

Presenter: Dawn Stover

Harris County Master Gardener Lecture Series:

Tuesday, September 4th 12:00-1:00

AgriLife Extension Office 3033 Bear Creek Dr. Houston

Lecture Topic: "Ginger and Tropicals"

Speaker: Darlene Morris

Tuesday, September 18th

7:00 AgriLife Extension Office 3033 Bear Creek Dr. Houston

"Fall Plant Sale Overview"



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Don't Forget To Join!

If you haven't joined yet for the 2012-2013 year, please bring your \$25.00 dues and membership form to the September meeting or mail them to:

Mary Lou Proctor
2042 Lake Fountain Dr.
Katy, TX 77494

See our website at
www.nottinghamgardenclub.org for the
Membership Form.



A big thanks goes out to Alice Brown for donating bulbs and to Mary Lou Proctor for donating a plumeria plant for the September raffle. Remember, tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, so bring you money for a chance to win these great gifts!

Fundraising Announcements

Our Fundraising Committee, under the capable and creative direction of Janet Blowers and Lori Fay, will continue with the monthly magazine sales this year. Bring in your old, "gently read" issues of magazines. Magazines can be on any subject (gardening, cooking/food, health/wellness, family/parenting, decorating/home, travel/leisure etc.) Magazines will be available for purchase at each meeting.

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 in the October, 2011 newsletter available on our website with as much information as possible.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

REGINA STUMPF -4

SUSIE GRIFFIN - 16

MARGARET MASON - 16

JEAN BAYS - 25





SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN



GARDEN TASKS

- *Prepare the soil in beds where you plan to plant cool-season annuals. Work in plenty of compost and mulch the surface.
- *When night temperatures dip into the 50s, replace your warm-season annuals with cool-season annuals, such as dianthus and petunias. Don't be too quick to plant Johnny-jump-ups, pansies, snapdragons, and violas; they like the cooler temperatures of October.
- *Continue to prune off old blooms on roses and perennials to encourage more blossoms through the fall.
- *Fertilize rosebushes to encourage more growth and blossoms.
- *You may notice fire ants making a renewed appearance. After laying dormant most of the summer they are beginning to forage again. If they are near or in your vegetable garden try this organic recipe to eliminate them. I've used it and found it to work wonderfully while not harming my food crops at all.
 - 6oz orange oil
 - 1 tbsp molassesMix these in a gallon jug and fill with water. Add a couple of drops of dish detergent after you fill with water and shake gently to avoid too many suds. Drench the mound when the ants are not out foraging. Fire ants prefer cool temperatures and are usually in their mounds in the middle of the day.



WHAT TO PLANT IN SEPTEMBER

- *Fall is the perfect time to plant container-grown trees and shrubs (NOT bare-root plants!). Fall temperatures give these plants time to "stretch out" their roots and recover from transplanting.
- *September is a good time to plant Texas wildflower seeds. Purchase your seeds from a reliable source that has "fresh" seed (from this year's crop). Some wildflowers such as bluebonnets, bluebells, and gaillardia are available as transplants.
- *Many cool-weather annuals can be started from seed this month. Examples include alyssum, candytuft, cleome, daisies (African and English), delphiniums, larkspur, pansies, petunias, Drummond phlox, pinks, poppies, snapdragons, stock, sweet William and violas. If you choose to plant these as bedding plants wait until the end of September when temperatures are a bit cooler.
- *September is the perfect time to plant many cool-season vegetables. The blue-leaved vegetables that are known as cole crops, such as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi and kale, can be planted now. These vegetables perform best when planted as transplants. Leafy greens can be planted now such as swiss chard, bok choy and Chinese cabbage. Spinich likes cooler weather, so wait until the end of the month. Once the heat lets up toward the end of September set out bunching onions, shallots, leeks and garlic. Water them well at planting and fertilize when you see new growth appear.