

# Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter

September, 2016



## NCGC Meeting Information

**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2016; 9:30am social time; 10:00am meeting  
**Where:** MUD #81 Meeting Room, 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, TX  
**Program:** AROMATHERAPY & FRAGRANCE IN THE GARDEN by Lucia Bettler; <http://luciasgardenblog.com>  
**Lunch:** Uncle Julio's after the meeting at 20526 Katy Fwy, between Fry and Westgreen on the north side of 1-10. When you sign-in, please check "Lunch" if you are joining us.

## Important Dates

- ◇ Friday, October 14, 2016; Bus Trip to the Houston Bulb and Plant Mart. Details and sign-up at the Sept. and Oct. meeting. Save 10% when you pre-order your bulbs on-line before Sept. 15. <http://www.gchouston.org/#!all-pre-order-bulbs-1/e40xw>
- ◇ **Thursday, NOVEMBER 10, 2016;** The November meeting is the **SECOND THURSDAY** (NOT THE FIRST) because the MUD Building is being used for the elections.

## Highlight

As you recall, Cheryl Fawvor's home was on the 2016 Backyard Passion Garden Tour. We asked Cheryl questions for the NCGC Newsletter.

### Favorite Plant

Q: What is your favorite plant and why?

A: *Artemisia* (*Artemisia powis castle*) or Silver Bells is her favorite plant because it's wispy, light and airy. It's beautiful silvery color "pops" in any yard.



### Favorite Resource

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

A: Dave's Garden website is a favorite resource.  
<http://davesgarden.com>

### Advice

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

A: Never go cheap on potting soil or plants.



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

## Calendar of Events

Sept. 9th - HFGC\* General Meeting; 9:30am social, White Oak Conference Center; Program: 'The Evil House of Roses' by Dr. Martin Stone, Director of the Baker Arboretum at Western Kentucky University.

Sept. 16th - Greater Houston Plant Conference 2016  
8am - 4pm, Trini Mendenhall Community Center. \$60. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.  
<http://counties.agrilife.org/harris/files/2015/08/2015-Plant-Conference-flyer.pdf>

\* Houston Federation of Garden Clubs  
\*\* Harris County

Sept. 17th - HC\*\* Green Thumb Lecture Series  
10:00 am - Noon Maude Smith Marks Library,  
1815 Westgreen Blvd , Katy  
Program—*Decorate Your Garden*

Sept. 24th - Annual Scarecrow Festival at Enchanted Gardens,  
2:00 pm; call for reservations; \$20. They provide the  
supplies to make a festive scarecrow; you bring the  
clothes. <http://myenchanted.com/events/annual-scarecrow-festival-at-enchanted-gardens-2/>

Oct. 1st - HC\*\* Master Gardener Plant Sale at Bear Creek

Oct. 1st - "Get Ready for Fabulous Fall Color" at Enchanted Gardens, 2:00 pm.

## September Birthdays

9/05 Cindy Shelton  
9/17 Mary Kyser  
9/25 Jean Bays

9/11 Theory Chiu  
9/21 Lisa Spivey

9/12 Vikki Rogers  
9/23 Flora Tiedt

9/16 Susie Griffin  
9/25 Linda Warren



### 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 wire basket with wine and herbs; a bird bath; and a container with bird seed.

What? No garden tour this year!! No plant sale??? Stay tuned for details about selling caladium bulbs as our fundraiser.

~Lori and Nan

### The Sanctuary Garden

Several years ago while at the library with my granddaughter, I found The Sanctuary Garden by Christopher Forrest McDowell and Tricia Clark-McDowell. I was fascinated by the seven design elements of a Sanctuary Garden: 1. Creating a special entrance; 2. Effectively using water; 3. Creatively using color; 4. Designing sitting areas; 5. Highlighting natural features as anchor points; 6. Integrating art; and 7. Providing habitat and features to attract wildlife.

After reading the book, I was inspired to create a sanctuary garden in my backyard. I placed a wrought iron arch at the entrance with Thunbergia growing on it (1). Then added plants at the base (3). Next we placed a swing surrounded by colorful plants in an open area (3, 4). A wind chime highlighted the wind in the trees and added art (5, 6). In order to attract wildlife, I hung a bird feeder and placed a bird bath nearby (7). I was not able to incorporate the use of water (maybe the bird bath counted but I wanted to hear water moving!). As you can see, it was a simple process of pulling together garden items I had and adding a few new things. This was truly my sanctuary in every sense of the word.

~Flora

Thank you to everyone who helped make the May Luncheon a huge success!!



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### Horticulture Announcements

Please bring your garden blooms to the NCGC meetings!

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)

Join the conversation on NCGC’s very own **Closed Group** on **Facebook**! Share photos of your plants, interesting gardening facts, or ask others for gardening advice.

Step 1. On Facebook search for Nottingham Country Garden Club. Two choices will appear. Select the one that does not have our logo and says members. .

Step 2. Next select “Join Group” on the NCGC Group Page.

Only current NCGC members are approved.

Step 3. You will receive a message that you have been approved to join the group.

If you need assistance, contact Cheryl (832-390-7321) or Flora (281-665-3118).

