

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
February, 2014



NCGC February Meeting

Date: Thursday February 6, 2014
Time: 9:30 Social/ 10:00 Program
Place: MUD Bldg. #81 805 Hidden Canyon Katy

Program: "Getting Your Lawn and Garden Ready for Year Round Success - Organically of Course!"
Guest Speaker: Mike Serant
Mike is the Director of San Jacinto Environmental and owner of Micro-Life Organic Fertilizers. This is sure to be an interesting, important and most helpful presentation.

Looking Ahead:

Our March meeting will be on Thursday, March 6, 2014. The program will be "Orchids 101" with guest speaker Bruce Cameron.

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Phyllis Hogue - 1
Debby Hamm - 12
Gwen Heck - 12
Mary Lou Proctor - 21
Norma Beustring - 22
Anita Parrott - 25
Susan Terry - 28



Yummy For the Tummy!

The fun continues after Thursday's meeting as we head to lunch at Red River Barbeque on Mason Rd. Won't you join us?? It's a great chance to get to know each other better and enjoy some good food.

Fundraising News

* NCGC Annual Plant Sale

Our Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Villagio Center in the courtyard. Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the sale will be from 9:00-1:00. There will be a sign-up sheet at our February meeting for members to volunteer to work an hour. Also, be sure to continue dividing your plants and preparing them for the sale. There will be more information at the next meeting.



*Garden Club Aprons

We still have some aprons available for sale at \$20.00. They have our club emblem on them and they're heavy duty too! Everyone needs one!



*Monthly Drawing

Bring your money to purchase tickets for our monthly drawing. This month we have a plant donated by Gayle Spence and a year's subscription to "Texas Gardener" magazine donated by Pat Chislett. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Proceeds from our drawings help to pay for speakers and other extras such as the new cordless microphones debuting at our February meeting! Thanks to everyone who supports this fundraiser!



"Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes." Author Unknown

Upcoming Gardening Events



Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

*Annual Vegetable-Herb Sale **Preview** - Saturday February 15, 2014, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Come learn about the vegetables and herbs to be sold at the Vegetable-Herb Sale. Location in the Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Rd. Rosenberg

*Annual FBCMG Vegetable-Herb Sale - Saturday February 22, 2014 from 9:00-12:00 or when sold out. Sale will be in the greenhouse behind the county extension buildings on Band Rd.

Harris County Master Gardeners

Green Thumb Series:

Date: Saturday February 15, 2014
Time: 10:00-12:00 noon
Place: Maude Marks Library
1815 Westgreen Blvd. Katy
Topic: "Spring Vegetable Gardening"

Lecture Series

Tuesday February 4, 2014
Agri-Life Extension Office
3033 Bear Creak Dr. Houston
10:00 a.m.
Topic: "Old Garden Roses: The Empress of the Garden"
Speaker: Mike Shoup of Antique Rose Emporium

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, February 14, 2014

Time: 10:00 am

Place: W. Gray Multiservice Center
1475 W. Gray Houston

Program: "Jewels of the Desert"

Speaker: Darin Dulling - Director of Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden
Darrin will take us to the rugged desert landscape which blooms with a surprising diversity of natural floral treasures, including the Lotos Tree, a newly-described species.

Looking Ahead:

Friday March 14, 2014

Program: "Oranges, Apples and Pears"

Speaker: Angela Chandler



Garden Club members enjoyed an extra activity in January on "Small Design Arrangements" presented by Corrie Ten-Have. Members learned the principles of small scale arrangements while designing and constructing their own miniature.