

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
March, 2014



NCGC March Meeting

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

Program: Orchids 101
Speaker: Bruce Cameron, owner of Orchid Obsession is a member of the American Orchid Society, the Houston Orchid Society and the Houston Bromeliad Society. He has also served on the Board of Directors at Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens. Bruce is willing to "diagnose" any sick orchids you may have. Bring them in a sealed ziplock bag so as not to infect other orchids.

Looking Ahead:

Our April meeting will be a field trip to "Plants for All Seasons." Sign-ups will be taken at the March meeting and more information will be given.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:
Jeannie Gordon - 5
Lori Fay - 19
Frankie Green - 31



Yummy For the Tummy!

The fun continues after Thursday's meeting as we head to lunch at Babin's at Mason and Katy Freeway. 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 March 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

There are only six aprons left available for sale at \$20.00. Grab one now before they're all gone! They have our club emblem on them and they're oh so cute!!



*Monthly Drawing

Bring your money to purchase tickets for our monthly drawing. 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. Thanks to everyone who supports this fundraiser! Special thanks to the following members who donated items for our drawings:

Gwen Heck - Hand embellished notebook cover for the February drawing
Leotine Gentry - Plasticware for the February meeting, chocolates for the drawing and coffee too!
Lori Fay - Embellished purse for the February drawing
Gayle Spence - Two plants for the February drawing
Nan Righter - Painted Clay Pot for the March drawing
Kathy Bureson - Garden Directory/Journal Set for the March drawing
Anonymous Donor - Bird Feeder for the March drawing



"Don't wear perfume in the garden - unless you want to be pollinated by bees." Anne Raver

April Field Trip

Our April 3rd meeting will be a field trip to the "Plants For All Seasons" nursery located at 21328 Texas Hwy. 249. Sherri Harrah will present a demonstration workshop on Container Herb Gardening. After a little shopping time we will head to lunch at Peli Peli. The only cost will be for lunch. We will meet at the MUD building at 9:15 and carpool to the nursery. More information will be given at the March meeting.



NCGC May Luncheon

Our annual end-of-the-year luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 1st at the MUD building. The theme this year will be Cinco de Mayo. We'll enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Chuy's which will include beverage and dessert. If you are planning on attending, a sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting. The cost for the lunch is \$15.00 and will need to be paid when you sign up. More information will be coming at the March meeting, including information on the Busy Bee Gift Exchange which will take place at the luncheon. We hope to see everyone there. We always have such a fun time!



Just a Reminder

Dues for the 2014-2015 year will need to be paid by May. You may pay as early as April by mailing a check to Mary Lou Proctor made out to Nottingham Country Garden Club for \$25.00.



Upcoming Gardening Events



FYI

"Farmer's Market at Grand Parkway"

The farmer's market that used to be held at La Centura is now located at 1225 Hwy 99, Katy every Saturday from 8am-noon. It is in the north parking lot of the Church of the Holy Apostles.

Harris County Master Gardeners

Green Thumb Series:

Date: Saturday March 15, 2014
Time: 10:00-12:00 noon
Place: Maude Marks Library
1815 Westgreen Blvd. Katy
Topic: Irrigation

Lecture Series

Tuesday March 4, 2014
Agri-Life Extension Office
3033 Bear Creak Dr. Houston
10:00 a.m.
Topic: 2013 Ornamental Trial Results
Speaker: Paul Winski, County Extension Agent/
Horticulture

Spring Sale and Workshops

March 8, 2014
AgriLife Extension Office
3033 Bear Creek Dr.

Perennials, tomatoes, peppers, vegetables and herbs suitable to our summer growing season.

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

*Backyard Basics

Date: Saturday March 22, 2014
Time: Doors open 8:30 Program: 9:00-11:00
Place: Fort Bend County Extension Office, 1402 Band Rd., Rosenberg
Topic: Vegetable Production
Cost: \$15/\$25 per couple
You must pre-register to attend. Go to the Fort Bend County Master Gardener website (fbcmg.com) for information on registering.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, March 14, 2014

Time: 10:00 am
Place: W. Gray Multiservice Center
1475 W. Gray Houston

Program: "Oranges, Apples and Pears, Oh My!"

Speaker: Angela Chandler, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist. Ms. Chandler holds Specialist Certifications in Plant Propagation, Entomology, Rainwater Harvesting and Greenhouse Management. Ms. Chandler will speak on high density planting with as many as four trees to a 4X4 space by heavily relying on pruning. She will also explain espalier, hedgerows and multiple varieties grown on one rootstock.

Looking Ahead:

Friday April 11, 2014
Program: Orchids in the Air
Speaker: Vern Wiersema