

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter

March, 2017



NCGC Meeting Information

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2017; 9:30am social time; 10:00am meeting
Where: MUD #81 Meeting Room, 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, TX
Program: **Darla Harris, "The Fern Planation"**
Lunch: **Local Table**, 22756 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy (behind where Three Olives was)

Federation Meeting

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs:
Friday, March 10, General Meeting;
9:30am social; White Oak Conference Center.
Program: Lana Kelly, "The Art of Garden Photography"

Mark your calendars: Friday, April 14th. Steven Chamblee of Weatherford is the speaker. He has brought his favorite stories together for a presentation of inspiration, enlightenment, and humor.
~Sharon

THANKS!!

Thank you to the February Hostesses for the wonderful refreshments and to Pamela Stevens for all she does each meeting.

Hostesses: Pat Chislett, Mary Ann Clark, Doris Netto, Margaret St Clair, Freddy Kelly, and Gayle Granger.



3/05 Jeannie Gordon 3/07 Sue Nolen
3/19 Lori Fay 3/31 Frankie Green

Horticulture Announcements

Let's fill the Horticulture table with spring blooms. *It is helpful if each bloom has it's own container.*

The Horticulture Form, used to identify each bloom, can be printed from the website or found on the table.

~Jean

Welcome - Kathy Coleman

Kathy is our newest member. Take a moment at the meeting to meet Kathy.



Highlight - Kim Patrick, Parliamentarian

Favorite Plant

Q: What is your favorite plant and why?

A: *I have so many! I do love my Matchstick Bromeliad and my Rainbow Bromeliad. The blooms are so unique and beautiful. Another, new favorite, is the Milkweed plant because of my new hobby of growing and releasing Monarch butterflies.*

Favorite Resource

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

A: *The Garden Club members and Google. I am always amazed at the wealth of knowledge among our members.*

Advice

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

A: *Just do it. If it dies, you can replace it; if it isn't in the right spot or container, you can move it; and if you don't like it, donate it to the monthly **Plant Shoppe** or give it away.*

PROGRAM NEWS

March 10th - Bus Trip to Azalea Trail

Please arrive at the MUD #81 Building, 805 Hidden Canyon Road, Katy, by 8:45 am. The bus will depart at 9:00 am.

Members attending this trip will need to purchase a ticket to the Azalea Trail. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

This year, a ticket to the Azalea Trail gives admission to 6 locations within the River Oaks neighborhood, including 4 private homes and gardens, Bayou Bend and Rienzi. A 7th free location is the River Oaks Garden Club Forum of Civics.

You will be able to sign up for the **End-of-Year Luncheon** at the March meeting. Hasta la Pasta is the location and more information will be given at the meeting.

Ferns

Our March speaker, **Darla Harris**, will bring lots of ferns for her program. These ferns will be available for purchase after the program. Bring check or cash if you are interested in purchasing one or more of Darla's ferns.

April 13th - Bus Trip to Japanese Gardens

In 2017, the Japanese Garden will mark its 25th year as a popular destination in Hermann Park. Sign up for this trip at the March or April meeting .



FUNDRAISING NEWS



CALADIUM BULB ORDER FORMS

Don't forget to bring your completed form with cash/check.

REMINDER: This is our only fundraiser this year. We need everyone to participate.

If you think you don't have a place to plant Caladium Bulbs, purchase some for gifts. They will arrive before Easter, which is April 16th.

Stop by the table to see pictures of these beautiful bulbs and turn in your forms. Nan and Linda will be available to answer questions and will have blank forms.

~Lori and Nan

The Plant Shoppe will be open for business. Please bring your labeled plant items to the *Shoppe*.

Please retrieve any unsold plants after the meeting. At the April meeting, instead of **The Plant Shoppe**, we will have a plant exchange. Donated plants will be available at the end of the meeting.

~Kim



Check out the *Fundraising Table* for some great raffle items. Remember to bring cash/check for the raffle.

Don't forget you can still place a bid on the rain barrel until the speaker begins. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

~Lori and Nan