

# Nottingham Country Garden Club

*Newsletter  
November, 2012*



## NCGC November Meeting

Thursday November 1, 2012 9:30 am  
MUD Bldg. #81  
805 Hidden Canyon Katy

Our November presentation will be "Hands-on Propagation - Seeds and Cuttings" with Jean A. Fefer as our guest speaker. After Jean's presentation we will have 2 workstations set up; one for planting seeds and another for cuttings. Please save 2-liter soda bottles and 24oz cottage cheese type containers and bring them to the meeting. The club will be providing the seeds, soil, and some cuttings, but you may bring cuttings from your own yard and share/swap with your friends. Also, you might wish to plant some extra cuttings or seeds to nurture for our March plant sale fundraiser.

***Please note that there will be no extra activity for November.***



### "Painting Gourds for the Holidays" Workshop

A huge thanks goes out to Helen Poole for hosting our gourd workshop last month. If you attended we would love for you to bring your painted gourd to the November meeting for others to see.

## Looking Ahead



Nottingham Country Garden Club's Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Carmelo's Restaurant in Houston. If you are planning to attend, please sign up at our November meeting. Cost for the luncheon is \$25.00, payable by check or cash when you sign up.

## A Word From Our President

Greetings!

I love this time of year, don't you? Halloween, it's so freeing. I can go out and do my errands, and be "me". The public, (if any one really notices) sees another person in a costume for Halloween. It is so easy! So, come on all members of our fun garden club and just come as you are! Plant seeds and propagate! (cuttings). (Well, you know what I mean). I have heard our speaker several times before, and I learn new things each time I listen to her. See you soon.

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# Events and Workshops

## Fort Bend County Master Gardeners Monthly Program

\*Thursday, November 15,, 2012

6:30 Social Time

7:00-8:00 Program

Bud O'Shieles Community Center

1330 Band Road

Rosenberg, TX

Program: ""Ferns from A-Z"

Presenter: Darla Harris, President of Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

\*November 3, 2012 - Saturday with the Master Gardeners

Visit their 4 acres of Demonstration Gardens on Saturday, November 3, 2012, and talk to the volunteers who design and maintain them. It's a great way to learn! Park in front of the Agriculture Center located at 1402 Band Road, Rosenberg. Take one of the sidewalks back to the area behind the building to find the Master Gardeners. Gardens are open from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



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Pecan harvest is in full swing this month. Pick up fallen pecans promptly and store in a cool place to maintain quality.

## Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, November 9, 2012

Houston Civic Garden Center

1500 Hermann Dr., Houston

**Program:** "Jean Tinguely and Jackson Pollock - Discovering a Different Interpretation". Featuring the Houston Designing Women. You are in for a treat with interpretations of Jean Tinguely's kinetic designs and Jackson Pollock's drip art by using plant material.

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

### Plan Ahead:

Friday December 14, 2012

"Texas Tidings: Creations in the Here and Now"

Speaker: J. Scott of J Scott A Florist

Ring in the season with awesome beauty!

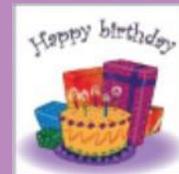
\*\*Also in December HFGC will be collecting toys for the Star of Hope Mission. Please check their website at [houstonfederationgardenclubs.org](http://houstonfederationgardenclubs.org) for guidelines for toy selection and consider making a donation as part of your Christmas giving.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CAROLE YARD - 6

FAY PIROOZ - 10

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## Fundraising Announcements

- our Fundraising Committee, under the capable and creative direction of Janet Blowers and Lori Fay, will continue with the monthly book and magazine sales this year. Bring in your old, "gently read" issues of magazines or garden-related books. Magazines can be on any subject (gardening, cooking/food, health/wellness, family/parenting, decorating/home, travel/leisure etc.) Magazines and books will be available for purchase at each meeting.
- our annual Plant Sale is tentatively set for Saturday, March 23, 2013. This is a great time to propagate plants in your garden and get them started over the winter for the plant sale.



## NOVEMBER tN THE GARDEN

Sources: Texas Garden Almanac Dr. Doug Welsh, Professor & Horticulturist Texas A&M University  
"Texas Gardener" Magazine, Chris S. Corby, Editor, Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc.  
(www.fgmg.com)



### GARDEN TASKS

- This is time to clean up perennial and annual beds and mix in compost to prepare for cool-season flower plantings. If you do not plan on planting until spring, spread a cover of mulch over the surface.
- Fertilize established flowers with moderate applications of fertilizer every 4-6 weeks to keep them at their best.
- Divide and reset spring-blooming perennials including daylilies, iris, oxeye daisies, coneflowers, Louisiana phlox, coreopsis, and Katie ruellia.
- Do NoT do any significant pruning or fertilizing to fruit trees as they are beginning their dormant season.
- If winter weeds are making an appearance in your beds, hand pull then mulch to provide the best and safest way to control them. Use all those falling leaves as mulch or compost them, but Do NoT bag them up and send them to the landfill!
- It is not unheard of to get a freeze in our part of the state this month. Remember to protect freeze-sensitive plants by covering them with frost cover, cardboard boxes or blankets. Container plants can simply be moved indoors. If some of your plants do suffer a bit of freeze damage, refrain from pruning off the damage until February or March.
- Take cuttings from begonias, coleus, impatiens, geraniums, sweet potato vine, and various herbs to carry over to next spring. Keep them inside or in a protected area.

### WHAT TO PLANT tN NOVEMBER



- You can continue planting cool season annuals this month. our part of the state has many more options to choose from such as alyssum, stock, snapdragons, nasturtium, calendula, dianthus, pansies, cyclamen, poppies, and violas. These will need some protection in a hard freeze.
- Time to get those bulbs in the ground. Here are some favorites for our area: agapanthus, allium, alstroemeria (Peruvian lilies), amaryllis, anemones, calla lilies, crinum, dietes (African iris), daffodils/narcissus, freesia, grape hyacinths, star flower, iris (Dutch, Louisiana, walking, and some bearded), ixia, leucojum (snowflake), lycoris (hurricane lily), oxalis, rain lilies, ranunculus, sparaxis (wand flower), spider lilies, and watsonia.
- The following vegetables can be planted by transplants: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, and spinach. In November carrots, lettuce, radishes, snap peas, spinach and turnips can be planted from seed. Now is the time to plant Sequoia, Tangi or Douglas strawberries for spring fruit.
- November continues to be a good time to plant new shrubs and trees. it's also time to transplant any that need to be moved.

### And Now a Word From Your Feathered and Furry Friends



Thanksgiving is this month so provide a feast for the birds and squirrels that visit your yard. Feed squirrels what they like most such as peanuts, peanut butter, corn, and sunflower seeds which may encourage them to stay clear of the bird feeder. Try spraying Pam or WD-40 on the feeder pole (must reapply often), mounting an inverted cone-shaped collar around the feeder pole below the feeder; or mounting the collar above the feeder on the support line. Yes, squirrels can be pesky critters, but their antics are such a joy to watch! For the birds buy bird seed with the least amount of millet. Millet seed is a filler and most birds throw it aside to get to the "good stuff". Use a variety of bird feeder types and food to attract a variety of birds.

### 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 on our website (www.nottinghamgardenclub.org) with as