

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
November, 2013



November NCGC Meeting

Thursday November 7, 2013 9:30

MUD Bldg. #81

805 Hidden Canyon Katy

Our program will be "Best Native Trees for Our Area" with guest speaker Barry Ward. Barry is the Executive Director of "Trees for Houston". His presentation will cover watering during drought, planting and care. Trees for Houston is a non-profit organization dedicated to planting, protecting and promoting trees. This is sure to be a "tree"mendously informative meeting!

A Message From Our President

Hi Everyone!

I hope that you will enjoy the "Trees Best for Houston" lecture on Thursday.

If you have the time, please join us for lunch after the meeting. We will meet at Red River Bar-be-que at 1711 S. Mason Road (next to HEB) immediately after the garden club meeting.

Alice

Fundraising Corner

Don't forget to bring \$ for our monthly drawing! This month our drawing will be for an afghan made and donated by Nan Richter, a hose collector donated by Phyllis Mann and another lovely plant. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Also, always keep in mind our spring Plant Sale when you are digging up and dividing plants in your yard. Put those in a pot, nurture them over the winter and bring them to the sale. We will love you for it!!

*Nottingham Country Garden Club will be taking pre-orders at the November meeting for a garden apron. The aprons are khaki-colored with our pink NCGC logo embroidered on them. The price is \$20.00. How cute will that be if we're all in our aprons at the spring Plant Sale!!

Sign Up For Holiday Luncheon

We will be accepting sign ups at this meeting for our annual Holiday Luncheon. It will be held on Thursday, December 5th at Ciro's Italian Restaurant. The cost is \$30.00 which includes a four-course meal, beverage and gratuity. The fee must be paid when you sign up.

*Please note that last month's newsletter had the wrong date for our luncheon. It will be December 5th, NOT the 13th.



*Sign-up for January Workshop

There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting for our January workshop on floral design to be held at the MUD building on Tuesday, January 21st.

A Warm Welcome!

Nottingham Country Garden Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members Kathy Burleson, Patricia Crawford, Jeannie Gordon, Jewel Munoz, Anita Parrott, Charlene Sauls and Linda Warren. Ladies, we are so happy you decided to join us for a fun year of gardening! Welcome! Welcome!



Gardening Events



Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

Monthly Program

Date: Thursday November 21, 2013

Time: 6:30 Social 7:00 Lecture

Location: Bud O'Shieles Community Center
1330 Band Rd. Rosenberg

Program: "Garden Insects: Getting to Know What Bugs You"
Speakers: The Entomology Group from the Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

Learn to recognize the most common insects found in your gardens and distinguish between beneficial insects and insect pests. This program will give attendees the opportunity to see the bugs - the good, the bad, and the ugly - that are found in our gardens. There will also be exhibits to view.

*Home Landscape Series

Saturday November 16, 2013 8:30am-12:30pm

Location: Katy High School 6331 Highway Blvd. Katy

"Water Conservation"

Participants will have hands-on learning opportunities involving home irrigation system components and how to convert to a drip system. Participants will receive assistance in constructing a rain barrel to take home. Topics addressed will include landscaping to conserve water, irrigation efficiency, managing water supplies and rainwater harvesting methods.

Registration fee is \$25.00. For more information and registration go to www.fbmg.com and click on Home Landscape Series under Upcoming Events.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday November 8, 2013

W. Gray Multiservice Center

1475 W. Gray Houston

Program: "Locally Grown but Unknown"

Heidi Sheesley of Treeseach farms

Heidi will bring plants to show and sell!

For more information or for carpooling please contact Donna Luther at (281) 492-1512

Plan Ahead

December 13, 2013

"Holidays by Houston Federations"

There will be table decorations provided by our clubs and we'll vote on the most appealing ones. Lunch is provided and tickets for this event can be purchased at the November meeting or from Donna Luther.

Harris County Master Gardeners

Lecture Series

Date: Tuesday November 5, 2013

Time: Noon

Place: AgriLife Extension Office
3033 Bear Creek Dr. Houston

Program: "Pruning and Grafting"

Speaker: Bill Adams
County Extension Agent Emeritus



Peter's Purple Bee Balm
(*Monarda fistulosa*)

Greg Grant - well-known Texas Horticulturist - first obtained this plant from Peter Loos' Nacogdoches garden. The bright purple tubular flowers bloom in the summer. The flower stalks emerge from a 3-4 foot clump. The leaves have a minty-spicy fragrance. Hummingbirds and butterflies can't resist the flowers. Plant in full sun in moist, well-drained soil. Fall is an excellent time to add this lovely addition to your garden.

A Reminder From Horticulture

Do you have some lovely flowers blooming in your yard, or an unusual plant? Bring in a sample for our Horticulture Committee to show club members at our next meeting. Do you have something growing in your yard and you 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 much information as possible.

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Carole Yard - 6

Fay Pirooz - 10

Tisha McDuff - 8

Patricia Crawford - 20

