

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
November, 2011



NCGC Meeting /November 3, 2011 MUD Bldg. #81

Field Trip to Peckerwood Gardens

We will carpool to the gardens. Meet at the MUD building by 8:45 a.m. . We will leave the parking lot at 9:00. Admission to the gardens is \$10.00. If you did not pay at the October meeting, you can pay Thursday.

We will enjoy lunch at the Salt and Pepper restaurant in Katy afterwards. The cost for lunch is \$18.00 which includes tax, tip, and drink payable at the restaurant.

Directions: Peckerwood Gardens
20571 FM 359, Hempstead



Go west on I-10 toward Brookshire. Take Highway 359 exit at Brookshire and turn right onto Highway 359 (North). Continue north to Highway 90 and turn left. Go to Baines St (FM 359) and turn right. Continue north on 359. You will come to a fork where 359 and 362 split. Stay left on 359 toward Hempstead. Peckerwood Gardens will be on the left just past FM 3346. If you get to Brumlow Rd., turn around and backtrack. Marilyn's Cell # is 713-376-6907.

A Word From Our President

Finally! Delightful weather. Let's hope for more on Nov. 3rd as we tour Peckerwood Gardens. It is a hidden treasure and yet different from Houston gardens that we normally see. It includes many different plants to learn about. You may want to check out their website at www.peckerwoodgarden.org or check with Marilyn Frueh, our program chairperson, if you have any questions about this meeting. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. May each of you enjoy a truly special holiday.
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December Meeting

**Thursday, Dec. 1st
9:30a.m. MUD Bldg.
#81**

Program: "Lone Star
Christmas"
Presenter: Meda
Wogan

We'll be enjoying a pot
luck luncheon. We
would also like to
encourage each of you
to bring a decoration
for the Christmas tree
that the early Texas
settlers may have used.



Events and Workshops



Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday; Nov. 11th: Houston Civic Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Dr., Houston

Time: 10:00 Refreshments
10:30 Program

Program: "Heirloom Gardening" presented by Dr. William Welch, Professor and Extension Horticulturist at Texas A&M and author of many books on gardening. Dr. Welch will be talking about southern gardens and will have available the new edition of his book Heirloom Gardening in the South.

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

Spend a Morning with the Fort Bend Master Gardeners

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, the Fort Bend Master Gardeners will open their Demonstration Gardens to the public from 9:00-11:00 a.m. You'll be able to stroll through the gardens and talk to the volunteers who design and maintain them. The gardens are located at the Agricultural Center, 1402 Band Rd., Rosenberg. Take one of the sidewalks back to the area behind the building.



Check It Out!



Fort Bend Master Gardeners

November 17, 2011

Bud O'Shieles Community Center
1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg

6:30 Social Time 7:00 Program

Program: "Native American Gifts to the World"

Presenter: Dr. Bob Pierce

The program will include examples of the food and other "gifts" that have come to us from Native Americans.

Be sure to check the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs' website at www.houstonfederationgardenclubs.org for a list of area garden clubs hosting fall plant sales and holiday home tours. The list is in the November newsletter. There are a lot of great activities planned, so check it out!

Last Chance to Help Our Fundraising Committee!!

The Fundraising Committee has some exciting raffles planned this year to raise much needed funds for our guest speakers, but they need our help! Look over the following list of items they need donated and bring in one or two (or even more!).

In order to allow time to arrange the baskets **please bring your contributions to the November meeting** or contact Janet Blowers (janetblowers@hotmail.com) or Lori Fay (luvgingerpug@yahoo.com) to come pick them up.

Drinks with a Friend: Any beverage or beverage related item. Suggestions: teas, tea cups, coffee, mugs, tea cookies, tea tray, wine or beverage glasses

Sweet Treats: Any baking item or sweet item (can be sugar free) Suggestions: baking mixes, chocolates, mints or hard candies, oven mitts, rolling pin, cupcake wrappers, decorations for cookies or cakes, sprinkles

Herbs: Any item related to herbs or herb gardening. Suggestions: Any herb seeds, pots, gloves, plant labels, gardening tools, spice jars

Magazine Donations: Bring in your old, "gently read" issues of magazines. Magazines can be on any subject (Gardening, Cooking/Food, Health/Wellness, Family/Parenting, Decorating/Home, Travel/Leisure etc.) Magazines will be available for purchase at each meeting. (Magazine donations will continue throughout the year.)

Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone for your continued support!



grub worm

Creepy Corner

Grub worms are the larvae of the June bug beetle. These c-shaped, milky bugs are root

eaters. They can destroy a once healthy lawn or flower bed as well as many varieties of vegetables in a garden. It is not considered an infestation unless you have 10 or more worms per square foot of lawn or soil. If you have that many treatment is necessary. A biological control using Milky Spores is becoming more acceptable. It only targets the grubs and multiplies according to the number of grubs available. It will not multiply in the soil without the presence of grubs. Another way to control grub worms is to control June bugs. Place a bucket of soapy water (1 tablespoon of dish detergent per gallon of water) under any outdoor lights (porch lights, security lights). The light reflecting off the water will attract the June bugs and they will dive into it, but won't be able to fly out because of the soap. Bugs check in but they never check out!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To:

TRSHA McDuFF - 11/8

TULINDEMIRMEN - 11/15

ISSAC PAPE - 11/30



Monthly Gardening Tasks - JVO.,ember



Sources: Fort Bend Master Gardeners;

Or. William Welch, Landscape Horticulturist, Texas A&M University;

Or. Doug Welsh, professor and horticulturist, Texas A&M University, Texas Garden A/manse

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc. website (v.ww.fbmng.com)

"Texas Gardener" Chris S. Corby, editor/publisher.

Flowers: Annuals, Perennials, Bulbs

You can continue planting cool season annuals. Some favorites are pansies, calendulas, cyclamen, poppies, and violas.

Divide and reset spring-blooming perennials including daylilies, iris, oxeye daisies, coneflowers, Louisiana phlox, coreopsis, and Katie ruellia.

Time to get those bulbs in the ground. Here are some favorites for our area:

sgspsnthus, *allium*, *slstroemeris* (*Peruvian lilies*), *amaryllis*, *anemones*, *calls lilies*, *crinum*, *dietes* (*African iris*), *dsffodils/nsrscissus*, *freesia*, *grape hyacinths*, *stsr flower*, *iris* (*Dutch*, *Loulsisns*, *walking*, *snd some besrded*), *ixis*, *leucojum* (*snowflake*), *lycoris* (*hurricane 11/y*), *oxslis*, *rsin lilies*, *rsnunculus*, *spsrsxis* (*wsnd flower*), *spider lilies*, *snd wstsonis*. Tulips and Dutch hyacinths must be refrigerated 4-6 weeks before planting. For Indoor flowering, plant amaryllis bulbs, keeping 1/3 of the bulb above the soli.

Vegetables: Plant by transplant - broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, and spinach. In November carrots, lettuce, radish, snap peas, spinach and turnips can be planted from seed.

Now Is the time to plant Sequoia, Tangl or Douglas strawberries for spring fruit.

Herbs: Cool weather herbs Include dill, cilantro, fennel, and parsley. For a great list of herbs suitable to the Houston area and information on when to plant them, their growing habits and more, go to the South Texas Unit of The Herb Society of America at www.herbsociety-stu.org. Click on the tab Growing & Using Herbs, then click on "A Primer on Culinary Herbs".

Shrubs/Trees: This month continues to be a good time to plant new shrubs and trees. It's also time to transplant any that need to be moved.

Did you know you could grow apples in our area? Plant Dorsett and Anna apple trees. Plant at least one of each variety so they will pollinate one another.

Time for Cuttings: Take cuttings to carry over to next spring inside or in a protected area - begonias, colius, impatiens, geraniums, sweet potato vine, and various herbs. Dip cut stem end in rooting hormone, poke into sterile potting mix, then keep damp but not soggy.