

# Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter  
April, 2014



## NCGC April Meeting

Date: Thursday April 3, 2014  
Time: Meet at the MUD Bldg. at 9:15  
MUD Bldg. #81 805 Hidden Canyon Katy

Field Trip: We will be taking a field trip to Plants For All Seasons located at 21328 Texas Hwy 249. We will carpool from the MUD building, so please be at the building no later than 9:15. We will be treated to a presentation/demonstration on container herb gardening by Sherri Harrah and then time for shopping. Our visit will be followed by lunch at Peli Peli. The only cost is your lunch.

*A reminder that field trips are for paid members only.*

### Looking Ahead:

Our May meeting will be our end-of-the-year luncheon. This year's theme is Cinco de Mayo. Please see below for more information.

## April Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to:

Janet Blowers - 4  
Donna Luther - 13  
Margaret Tillery - 23



We're coming to the end of our 2013-2014 club year and that means it's time to pay our dues for the 2014-2015 year. You can pay at the May luncheon or mail the membership form (on our website in the Documents tab) along with a check for \$25.00 to Mary Lou Proctor. Please indicate on the check that it is for dues.



## 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 and have not signed up and paid yet, please mail a check to Gwen Heck for \$15.00 (please note on the check that it is for the luncheon) no later than April 17th. More information will be coming in an email 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!

## Fundraising News

\*A big congratulations and thanks go out to our Fundraising Committee members Lori Fay and Vita Barrio as well as all the members who worked our annual plant sale, donated plants or came and shopped at the sale. It was a huge success and we made close to \$600.00! Thanks go out also to the Girl Scouts who helped set up tables and carry plants and to several members' sons and daughters who helped as well. What a great way to cap off the year!



"Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes." author unknown



## NCGC April Extra Activity

Activity: Join us for some garden club fun as we travel to Maas Nursery. After touring the nursery and shopping we'll enjoy lunch at Landry's on the Kemah Boardwalk.

Date: Tuesday April 22, 2014

Time: We will meet at the MUD Bldg. at 9:15 a.m. and carpool from there.



The only cost is for your lunch, but you do need to sign up so we know who is going. If you did not do this at the March meeting, please contact Gayle Spence or Maddy Gardner.

MAAS Nursery is located at 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook, TX



### Did You Know?

Nottingham Country Garden Club has its own Facebook page! If you would like to join the fun, please contact Vita Barrio who will let you know the rules and regs of using our page and how to get on. Many members have been posting beautiful pictures of the flowers blooming in their yards. If you have an "unknown" plant, post a picture and maybe someone can id it for you!



## Upcoming Gardening Events



### Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

#### \*Backyard Basics

Date: Saturday April 26, 2014

Time: Doors open 8:30 Program: 9:00-11:00

Place: Fort Bend County Extension Office, 1402 Band Rd., Rosenberg

Topic: Fruit 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.

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

#### Spring Sale and Symposia

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Location: Extension Office  
3033 Bear Creek Dr.  
Houston

Landscape plants and perennials suitable for our region will be for sale.

#### Green Thumb Lecture Series

Saturday, April 19, 2014

10:00-noon

Locations: Maude Marks Library  
1815 Westgreen Katy

### Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, April 11, 2014

Time: 10:00 am

Place: W. Gray Multiservice Center

1475 W. Gray Houston

Program: "Orchids in the Air"

Speaker: Vern Wiersema, past president of the Houston Orchid Society and avid orchid grower and designer.



Looking Ahead:

Friday May 9, 2014

Program: "Landscape Design in China"

Speaker: Meng Meng Gu, TAMU Assistant Professor AgriLife