

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
December, 2013



December NCGC Holiday Luncheon

Thursday December 5, 2013

Ciro's Italian Restaurant

9755 Katy Frwy. Houston

Arrive @ 11:00 (If you would like to carpool from the MUD Building, please call Maddy Gardner @ 281-579-7017 for information.)

For those of us who signed up and paid for our Holiday Luncheon we are in for a wonderful treat at Ciro's. Besides the opportunity to slow down a bit and visit with each other, we'll be served a four-course meal which will include appetizers, salad, entree, dessert and beverage (tea, coffee or soda). It will be a great way to kick off the holiday season. See you there!

*Don't forget to bring a toy for Houston Federation's toy drive to benefit Star of Hope. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for guidelines.

Looking Ahead

Our January meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday, January 9, 2014. Our program will be "Let's Have a Flower Show" with guest speaker Bonnie Baker.

January Extra Activity: We will have an extra activity next month on Tuesday, January 21st at the MUD Building. The activity will be "Small Design Arrangements" and the guest instructor will be Corrie Ten-Have. A sign-up sheet for this activity will be available at the December luncheon and the number of participants will be limited. The fee will be determined by our January meeting.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, December 13, 2013

W. Gray Multiservice Center

1475 W. Gray Houston

Program: "Holiday Extravaganza"

Date: Friday December 13, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Houston Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 West Gray

For complete details please see page 2



HFGC will also be holding their annual toy drive for Star of Hope. If you would like to donate a toy, guidelines can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. You may bring your toy to NCGC's December luncheon and Donna Luther will take it to HFGC's luncheon.

Harris County Master Gardeners

AgriLife Extension Office

3033 Bear Creek Dr.

Houston, TX

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Noon

Program: "Tools"

Speaker: Skip Richter County Extension Agent - Horticulture



December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Alice Brown - 3

Lisa Holden - 5

Shirley Parma - 6

Pat Plesko - 7

Jewel Cullins - 20

Vita Barrio - 10



"One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides." W.E. Johns

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs' "Holiday Extravaganza"

A "not to miss" event, the "Holiday Extravaganza" will have a silent auction, wassail and cookies, seated catered luncheon with a men's quartet to entertain and lead a "sing-along" during dessert and coffee, a raffle for the centerpieces on all the tables and more. You can even set and create your own table and try for a cash prize for your decorating skills. (Centerpieces will be raffled off, so do not plan to take them home - you may win it or others!!) Below are the "fine print details".

Date: Friday, December 13, 2013 10:00 a.m.

Place: Houston Multi-Purpose Center - 1475 West Gray near Dunlavy

Tickets: \$20 each - send checks made to Houston Federation of Garden Clubs to:

Lynda Counts

911 Cleistes Lane

Richmond, Texas 77469 (email: rbcounts@aol.com)

An email confirmation will be sent as soon as the check is received. Tickets will be placed in an envelope with your name on it to be picked up at the door.

Interested in donating a Silent Auction gift?

Contact Sherrie Steiger: 281-933-8419 to let her know you'll be bringing something. We have the forms all ready and we only need to know the value and your beginning bid amount.

Planning to set a table?

Contact Kay Veech: 713-526-6158 so that she can assign your spot. All clubs are encouraged to participate or individuals may also join in. The tables will be covered with HF's own black tablecloths, but you, as the designer, can put whatever tablecloth you wish on top. The tables are 6' X 30" and will be seating only 6! No more crowding.

Event Includes:

Wassail and cookies from 10:00, Silent Auction, catered lunch and dessert and coffee from Cafe' Express, drawing tickets which can be purchased to win one of the table centerpieces, music by Pin Oak Middle School Girls Choir during the silent auction/cookies and wassail period, and music by The Men's Quartet from First Baptist Church in Pasadena for entertainment during lunch.

We will have a few bricks from the Houston Garden Center available for those of you who would like a "little bit of history"!

It will be a really fun day. Hope you can join us. If you wish to decorate a table, please call Kay Veech at 713-526-6158 or email kayveech@gmail.com.

Don't miss out! Call your club members today and let them know.

Thanks,

Margaret Sinclair

Houston Federation President

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STAR OF HOPE

Toy Drive

Infants and Toddlers

Learning toys with batteries included
Building blocks
Activity tables, big picture books
(hard cover books only please)
Fabric books for infants
Diaper bags
Baby blankets, towels
Crib mobiles, crib activity centers
Large size pieces puzzles for toddlers

Children

Learning toys with batteries included
Electronic games with batteries included
Children's bibles, books
Large cars and trucks
Football, basketballs, soccer balls, Nerf balls
Dolls of all ethnicities, doll clothes
Puzzles for all ages, blocks, LEGO sets
Electronics with batteries included
Table games

Teenagers

Watches, alarm clocks, clock radios
Portable CD players with batteries
Tote bags, purses, sports bags, wallets
Curling irons, hot rollers, hair dryers
Make-up and nail polish sets
Toiletry gift baskets
Boxed costume jewelry, jewelry boxes
Board games, electronic games with
batteries
1000+ jigsaw puzzles
Football, basketballs (regulation size)
Bibles, books, diaries, journals
Sleeping bags
Flashlights with batteries
******GIFT CARDS FROM TARGET, WAL-
MART, WALGREENS, ETC.**

****NOTE:** Gifts must be *UNWRAPPED*

Only new items please

Check that the items are not on the toy recall list

The Star of Hope Mission does not accept (for the Christmas toy drive only): bicycles, skateboards, roller-skates, toys with a frightening appearance, Play-Dough, small die cast cars, toy guns or knives, perishable goods, candles, Harry Potter, Pokémon, Digimon, Yoh-gi-oh, Bratz Dollz, or gambling items such as World Poker Tour.

Gift bags and tissue paper are also needed to help with wrapping gifts.

The Star of Hope mission will send a truck to collect the toys at the Christmas extravaganza on Friday December 13th. There will be a sign for drop-off. Make sure you sign in so you and/or your club can get credit for participating.