

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
January, 2014



NCGC January Meeting

Date: Thursday January 9, 2014
Time: 9:30 Social/ 10:00 Program
Place: MUD Bldg. #81 805 Hidden Canyon Katy

Program: "Let's Have a Flower Show"
Guest Speaker: Bonnie Baker

Are you interested in designing and making floral arrangements? Don't miss our program this Thursday with Bonnie Baker. Her presentation will provide artistic ideas as well as show us how flowers are judged. Ms. Baker is a Master Flower Show Judge, a Design Consultant, and a past District IV, Texas Garden Clubs Director.

All members are invited to join us after the meeting for lunch at Willie's Grill & Icehouse at 19905 Katy Frwy. near Fry and I-10 across from Petsmart.

Looking Ahead:

Our February meeting will be on Thursday, February 6, 2014. Our speaker will be Mike Serant and the program will be "Getting Your Lawn and Garden Ready for Year Round Success - Organically of Course!".

NCGC January Extra Activity

Date: Tuesday January 21, 2014
Place: MUD Bldg. #81 805 Hidden Canyon Katy
Activity: "Small Design Arrangements"
Guest Instructor: Corrie Ten-Have

This extra activity is currently full. Those of you who signed up, additional information on time and cost will be emailed to you.



Onion sets as well as asparagus crowns and artichoke plants can still be set out in January.

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:



Sharon Cecil - 1
Kim Patrick - 7
Zara Aliyeva - 18



"In every gardener there is a child who believes in The Seed Fairy." ~ Robert Brault

Upcoming Gardening Events



Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

*FBMG - Annual Fruit & Citrus Tree Sale Preview Saturday January 18, 2014

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

Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Road in Rosenberg

This will be a preview of over 50 varieties of fruit and citrus trees and berries that will be for sale.

*Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale

Saturday January 25, 2014 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or until sold out

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds Building H

*1st Saturday with the Master Gardeners - Rose Pruning Clinic

Saturday February 1, 2014 9:00- 11:00 am

Bud O'Shieles Community Center 1330 Band Road in Rosenberg

Harris County Master Gardeners

Green Thumb Series:

Date: Saturday January 18, 2014

Time: 10:00-12:00 noon

Place: Maude Marks Library

1815 Westgreen Blvd. Katy

Topic: "Soils and Composting"

Fruit Tree Sale & Symposia

Date: Saturday January 25, 2014

Place: 3033 Bear Creek Dr. Houston

For more information on available trees go to www.hcmga.tamu.edu/Public

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, January 10, 2014

Time: 10:00 am

Place: W. Gray Multiservice Center

1475 W. Gray Houston

Program: "Designing with Humor"

Speaker: Glenwood Weber

2012 Primavera's Best in Show Recipient and People's Choice winner will demonstrate his gifts of design with unusual plant material. You'll go home with fabulous ideas to bring beauty to your landscape and your dinner table!

Workshop Following Program:

Grafting heirloom tomatoes presented by Tom LeRoy, Montgomery County Extension Agent. Everyone will go home with their own grafted plant.

If you need information on carpooling, please call Donna Luther at 281-492-1512.

Looking Ahead:

February 14, 2014

"Jewels of the Desert"

Speaker: Darrin Duling - Director of Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden



Eastern Bluebird

Remember to provide food and water for the birds in your garden. More birds die from lack of water than lack of food.

Fundraising Corner

*We have some great door prizes this month, so bring a few dollars to purchase your tickets with. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. The prizes are a kitchen compost canister donated by Phyllis Mann, a garden tote bag donated by Nan Richter, a plant and a rhinestone rodeo handbag donated by Lori Fay. Thanks ladies for your generosity!!

*Our garden aprons with our emblem embroidered on them are in and they are beautiful! We have a few extras to sell. They are \$20.00 and will be available at the meeting.

*Our spring plant sale is fast approaching, so mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29, 2014. It will be held at the Villagio Center in the courtyard from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our next meeting for members to volunteer an hour of work at the sale. More information will be given at the meeting.