

Nottingham Country Garden Club

Newsletter
October, 2013



Time to plant your fall vegetables. See our "Garden Tips" page on this website for a list of vegetables to plant in October.

Welcome Back!

Our next meeting will be:

Thursday October 3, 2013 9:30a.m. (Meet & Greet) 10:00 Meeting
MUD Bldg. #81 805 Hidden Canyon, Katy

Program: "Landscaping with Natives"

Speaker: Tricia Bradbury

What is a native plant? Why grow native plants? Answers to these questions as well as information on lots of native plants appropriate for home gardens -- from groundcovers and vines, to ornamental and shade trees will be provided in Tricia's presentation. Tricia's own backyard is certified as a Texas Parks & Wildlife Wildscape, National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat, and Monarch Watch Monarch Waystation, so she comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge. Don't miss this meeting!

Looking Ahead



NCGC November Meeting
November 7, 2013

Program: "Trees Best for Houston"

Speaker: Barry Ward/Executive Director for
"Trees for Houston"

Fundraising Corner

Our club is so fortunate to have Lori Fay and Vita Barrio at the helm of the Fundraising Committee this year. They will undoubtedly do a great job raising much needed funds to support our programs, building expenses, etc. One of their projects is the monthly drawing. They always surprise us with wonderful items, so dig in your couch for some extra change and plan to buy some tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. This month they have the Lazy Gardener's CD donated by Phyllis Mann, a Hoya plant donated by Alice Brown and a beautiful ceramic pumpkin donated by Vita Barrio. Thanks ladies!

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!!

Sign Up For October Extra Activity

Date: Tuesday October 15, 2013

Time: Meet at the MUD Building
no later than 8:20 am.

Our October Extra Activity will be the Painted Churches Tour in Schulenburg on October 15th. We will travel there by charter bus, tour the churches, then enjoy lunch at Roberts Steakhouse in Flatonia. The bus can only accommodate 38 passengers, so space is on a first come basis. We will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. The cost is \$12.00 (not including lunch) and must be paid when you sign up.

A reminder that Extra Activities are for paid members only.

Sign Up For Holiday Luncheon

We will be accepting sign ups at the October meeting for our annual Holiday Luncheon. It will be held on Thursday, December 13th at Ciro's Italian Restaurant. The cost is \$30.00 which includes gratuity and must be paid when you sign up.



Welcome
Fall!!!

Gardening Events



Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

Monthly Program

Date: Thursday October 17, 2013

Time: 6:30 Social 7:00 Lecture

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

Program: ABC's of Winter Season Tree & Shrub Care

Speaker: Paul Wierzbicki Horticulturist, Missouri City Parks and Recreation Department

At this free monthly program you'll receive helpful and timely information on caring for your valuable trees and shrubs during the fall and winter months.

*Home Landscape Series

Saturday October 26, 2013 8:30-12:30

"Water Conservation" presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services and the city of Sugar Land. Please go to www.fbcmg.com to register.

*Plan Ahead

Thursday November 21, 2013 6:30-8:00

"Garden Insects - Getting to Know What Bugs You"

Presented by the Fort Bend County Master Gardener Entomology Group.

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday October 11, 2013

W. Gray Multiservice Center

1475 W. Gray Houston

Program: "Tropical Breezes in Houston"

A design program with three of our own famous designers in a competition using the same container and floral material. They will produce their own unique creations.

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

Plan Ahead

November 8, 2013

"Locally Grown but Unknown" with Heidi Sheesley, Treeseach Farms.

Harris County Master Gardeners

Lecture Series

Date: Tuesday October 15, 2013

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: AgriLife Extension Office
3033 Bear Creek Dr. Houston

Program: Home Greenhouses

Speaker: Cathy Preator



American Beautyberry (*callicarpa americana*)

A native shrub that grows 3-5 ft high and 3-5 ft. wide. It can grow to 9 ft. high in ideal conditions. It grows in partial shade and makes a good understory shrub. Its most striking feature is the clusters of magenta purple (sometimes white) berries that appear in the fall and winter. The branches arch toward the ground and the foliage turns a yellow-green in the fall. It is drought tolerant and attracts many species of birds and butterflies.



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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Pat Chislett - 3

Dore Sulisty - 15

Naoko Brittin - 11

Margaret Cook - 24

Doris Netto - 28

