

Nottingham Country

Garden Club

Newsletter January, 2015

NCGC Meeting:

Date: Thursday, January 8th, 2015

Time: 9:30am social time

10:00am Meeting start

Where: MUD building #81

805 Hidden Canyon Katy, TX

Speaker: Peg Turrentine and Jennifer Plihal

Presentation topic: Spring Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces

Peg and Jennifer are organic vegetable farmers and egg producers. They operate the Three Sisters Farm in the Needville area, close to Brazos Bend State Park. They sell their produce, eggs, and various prepared foods, such as pickles and jellies, at farmers markets and to various restaurants in the Houston area. Peg and Jennifer are active members of the Fort Bend County Master Gardener Association, where they

****Lunch to follow the meeting at Red River BBQ**

1711 S. Mason Rd.

Katy, TX 77450**



NCGC Workshop Activity:

The Basics of Home Canning

Join this hands-on workshop to learn the basics of home canning and the use of a pressure canner.

Two sessions will be offered, both sessions will come together for lunch from 12-1pm.



Date: Tuesday, February 10th, 2015

Time: Session 1 10:00am– Noon

Lunch from noon to 1pm for both sessions

Session 2 1pm– 3pm

Place: Pat Chislett's home in Sealy. Meet at the MUD building at 9:30am for session 1 to car pool and at 11:30am for session two car pool.

Cost: \$5.00 for supplies and each participant will need to bring 2 cups of washed and peeled carrots cut in 1/4 inch slices.

Sign up at the January and February meetings, **space is limited** so please sign up asap. Payment is due at the time you sign up for the workshop.

Looking ahead:

The next NCGC meeting will be Thursday, February 5th, 2015



Our February speaker is Mary Karish who will present a program on Food Preservation Techniques including canning, dehydrating, and fermenting the harvest.

January Birthdays

1/1—Sharon Cecil 1/7—Esmee Greer

1/7—Kim Patrick 1/11—Jeanette Bliss

1/13—Kimberly Farou 1/18—Zara Aliyeva



The Plant Shoppe will be open for business this Thursday at our meeting. Of course, our fundraising team will have some wonderful prizes to give away in the raffle! Make sure to bring your cash!

The NCGC Annual Spring Plant Sale will be held on **March 28th at the Villagio in Katy from 10am– 1pm!** To make our plant sale a success we need contributions from our members! Now is the time to start propagating perennials and herbs for the spring sale! Stay tuned for more tips like the one below, from our Plant Shoppe expert Kathy B.!

Kathy's Tip this month: Since we have a hard freeze coming, today is a good time to harvest cuttings. Put them in a bucket of water in the garage until you have a chance to plant them. Many of our favorites may freeze to the ground!



Good Times at the Annual NCGC Holiday Luncheon this past month! Thank you Gayle and Pat for planning a wonderful party!



Join the conversation on NCGC's very own **closed group** on **Facebook!** Share photos of your plants, interesting gardening facts, or ask others for gardening advice. Search for the closed group Nottingham Country Garden Club and request to join!



NCGC Plant Sale 2014-Villagio Katy, TX

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, January 9th, 2015—General meeting starts at 9:30am

White Oak Conference Center

7603 Antoine Dr.

Houston, TX 770088

Program: “Downsizing with Begonias and Terrariums”

Speaker: Cheryl Lenert

Workshop: Propagating Begonias: A hands-on workshop with Cheryl Lenert.

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners

*** Saturday with the Master Gardener**

Saturday, February 7th, 2015

Program: Rose Pruning Clinic

Location: Bud O'Sheiles Community Center
(at the Rose Gardens)

1330 Band Rd. Rosenberg, TX

Learn to care for roses, proper pruning techniques and get hands-on practice pruning roses
(bring pruning tools and gloves)

Harris County Master Gardeners

Green Thumb Lecture Series

Saturday, January 17th, 2015

10:00am– noon

Subject: Compost Why and How

Maude Parks Library

1815 Westgreen Blvd.

Katy, TX 77450