



"Learn Something New Every Day"

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Greetings Garden Club Friends:

Wow – we survived hosting the National Garden Clubs National Convention in May (hundreds of people attended). The Rockets made it to the second round, finally, and the Astros are still plugging along. Our gardens are being well-watered (too much in some places), most of our Flower Shows are now history (except for submitting schedules for awards, etc.), and plans are being made for a new garden club year with new officers, new ideas, and new enthusiasms.

This newsletter is being sent to all club presidents and board members so that you will have all pertinent information for preparing yearbooks. Since you are probably also working on your budgets for next year, included in this Newsletter is a list of Federation Projects worthy of your consideration. One New Project is the awarding of a \$3,000 scholarship to a deserving student studying in one of the fields of interest to garden clubs (horticulture, landscape, design, etc.). Donations are welcomed. Also included is the current Affiliations list since this is the year for the changing of the guard at all levels of our organization. For help with program ideas, please consult the Speakers List found in last year's Directory. And lastly, there is a convenient Calendar of Events for inclusion in your yearbooks.

As you may know, this is my second go-round as President of Federation. What an honor to be asked back!! My theme is "Learn Something New Every Day." And that is what will be the focus of our efforts through programs, workshops, special interest tables, etc. The December program will be a learning experience for sure - so don't miss buying a ticket in October when they go on sale. By the way the title of the December event will be "A World of Holiday Celebrations: A Festive Story" (there is a clue there for what is going to happen!). We will again have horticulture exhibits, and for those months, which do not feature a design program, design exhibits. There will be plant sales, and any kind of miscellaneous sales items Mary Jo Busse can come up with, and which you won't be able to live without!

We will also have some Vision of Beauty Calendars for sale in September, which members usually buy for the designs. Meda Wogan will be putting together a commemorative calendar featuring the Garden Center and the activities

Daphne Light is busy working on the Directory – what a job!! If your club would like to place an ad in the Directory, please contact Jonni Almoney (ASAP) for information (713-524-4285). You may want to advertise your Flower Show, Garden Tour, special fundraising event, or honor a member of your club with a memorial ad.

There is a list of reconfigured Zones attached. What we did was to move all of Zone 1 affiliates to one of the other zones. Therefore, we now have seven zones instead of eight. Included is a list of clubs in each zone as well as the Zone Counselor's name.

Have a good summer, don't work too hard, and enjoy the leisure time that summer brings.

See you on Friday September 11 for our first meeting. We will honor each club president, distribute directories to all clubs and individual members, and top it all off with a program about the Discovery Green Project in downtown Houston. Y'all come!!

Betty

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Houston Federation Projects

ARBOR DAY -

Ann Gay, Chairman - 281-333-4462

Trees will be planted after the January meeting at the VA Hospital's Fisher House. Fisher House provides temporary lodging to families of hospitalized VA patients. Joining Federation in this ceremony will be District IV and the DAR. Clubs may make financial contributions to the Arbor Day Fund. Deadline for donations is November 1. Mail contributions to the treasurer.

BOTANIC GARDEN OF HOUSTON -

Margarette Jones, Liason 713-723-4698

Federation provides a consultant to this long-range project. The Botanic Garden of Houston is an independent, nonprofit institution governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and dedicated to the conservation and cultivation of plants - native, rare, and endangered - for the purpose of education, research, conservation, display and enjoyment. Margarette Jones serves on the Board of Directors. Their website is Botanicgardenofhouston.org for more information.

FRIENDS OF FEDERATION WILDFLOWER DONORS

Bunnye Baldwin, Treasurer 281-482-7130

Contributions are accepted from individuals and clubs to help cover the cost of printing our Directory. Contributions received by June 15 are recognized in the Directory. A special category is reserved by club donations.

- Bluebonnet (for former Presidents only).....Any amt.
Indian Paintbrush.....\$100
Lobelia cardinalis \$ 50
Coreopsis.....\$ 25
Black Eyed Susan (for garden clubs only).....\$ 15
Poppy..... \$ 10
Foxglove..... \$ 5

MARGARET SHARPE ANTIQUE ROSE GARDEN

Mary Lou Hakansson, Liaison 713-729-0788

Located on the University of Houston campus behind the Moores School of Music, the garden honors Margaret Sharpe, co-founder of the Texas Rose Rustlers and former president of Houston Federation of Garden Clubs (1987-1989). She was named TGC Garden Club

Woman of the Year in 1991. The garden will be created in five stages with stage one now complete.

POINSETTIA FUND -

Sara Chumley, Chairman - 713-461-0573

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Garden Center for the Christmas luncheon then distributed to area nursing homes and hospitals. Contributions due by November 1.

STAR OF HOPE TOYS -

Betty Broussard, Chairman - 409-898-8939

Toys will be collected at the December luncheon for donation to Star of Hope. Please bring unwrapped toys to brighten a child's holiday.

SEEDS FOR LIFE -

Ann Nette Pearce - 713-432-1260

Clubs and individuals are encouraged to bring commercially packaged vegetable or flower seeds to the Federation meetings. Include the name of the club and number of seed packets. Please send all financial contributions to Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. 3111 Old Garden Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76107-3498. On the check be sure to designate the Seeds for Life Fund.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND -

Margaret Sinclair - 832-722-5517

Federation is offering a \$3,000 scholarship to a student majoring in the field of horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, conservation, forestry, botany, agronomy, environmental or related subjects. Call to receive more information as the qualifications, etc.

BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY -

Carol Smith, Chairman - 281-346-1202

Federation encourages clubs to participate in the Brookwood Community Garden Therapy Program sponsored by District IV. Carol Smith schedules volunteers for the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Call her to sign up.

Celebration: Royal Oaks Garden Club will celebrate their 50th year with a Tea on August 12, 2009 at 10158 Haddington Dr, Houston.

Bylaws Change

As required in Article XXV - Amendments, the proposed change was read at the May Federation meeting, is being printed in this Newsletter, and will be voted on at the September meeting.

Article XVI - Zones. Section 1. Shall read "...shall have seven (7) zones, as follows: Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3, Zone 4, Zone 5, Zone 6, Zone 7." The change is from eight (8) to seven (7) Zones.

Rational: Zone 1 was deleted. All of the affiliate clubs previously located in Zone one (1) were reassigned to the other remaining seven (7) Zones. The Zones are now numbered from 1 to 7.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-2010

Note* = Event held at Houston Garden Center Federation Monthly Meetings: Social & Refreshments 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:30 a.m.

2009	2010
August	January
4-6 Texas Design Seminar – Renewal XVIII TAMU	1 District Area Coordinators send President's report forms to club presidents
6-8 Texas Design Seminar – Course 2 Series VII TAMU	4 *Federation Board Meeting, 1 pm, Azalea Room
24 *Federation Board Meeting, 1 pm, Azalea Room	8 *Federation Monthly Meeting -10:30, (Social, 9:30) Hostesses: Zone 3, Martha Fousek Zone Counselor Program: Bell Lamb. "Perceiving the Tiny Art Form of Seed Jewelry" Workshop: Bell Lamb – "Passing On Knowledge: Making Seed Jewelry"
September	28 *Houston Area Flower Show Judges Meeting
7 Labor Day	31-Feb. 7 Federation trip to Costa Rica
11 *Federation Monthly Meeting -10:30 (Social 9:30) Hostesses: Zone 7 Mary Vacek Zone Counselor Program: Susanne Theis "Insight into the Making of Discovery Green Park" Design Exhibits: "Discovering Green Designs." Betty Jean Collier Clubs and individual members pick up Directories	February
20-22 Symposium in San Antonio. Julia Clevett design; Carolyn Hawkins horticulture	1 Deadline for Contributing Awards to TGC Deadline for sending new President's name to TGC Deadline for application for Regional awards Deadline for President's Reports returned to District IV Area Coordinator
24 *Houston Area Flower Show Judges Meeting	12 *Federation Monthly Meeting - 10:30, (Social, 9:30) Hostesses: Zone 2, Vada de Jongh Zone Counselor Program TBA Design Exhibits: TBA, Betty Jean Collier Workshop: Mickey Sanders. "Know your Mechanics & How to Use Them."
29 NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO	15 Deadline for Area Coordinators to send President's Reports to District Director
30 District and State dues deadline	TBA Landscape design
October	March
8-10 Plant & Bulb Mart – Garden Club of Houston	8 *Federation Board Meeting, 1 pm, Azalea Room
9 *Federation Monthly Meeting – 10:30; (9:30 Social) Hostesses: Zone 5, Bonnie Steidley Chairman Program: LaVerl Dailey, Ikebana Instructor. "Prepare Yourself for the Unusual." Workshop: Shiril Manes "Understand Growing Begonias from Seed" Federation Luncheon tickets go on sale	12 *Federation Monthly Meeting – 10:30, (Social, 9:30) Hostesses: Zone 4, Jody Rogers Zone Counselor Program: "The Lore of a Challenge." Six mystery designers will create designs using the same container. Workshop: "Learn About Your New Job." New Officers' Workshop.
19-21 *Flower Show School, Course I. Anna Archer Design, Sandra Joyce, Horticulture and FSP	23-25.1 Flower Show School II
21-23 TGC Fall Convention, Texarkana	24 District IV Spring Convention, Orange, Tx.
22 *Houston Area Flower Show Judges Meeting	25 HAFSJ Meeting
November	TBA SCR Convention
1 Deadline for District & State award applications	APRIL
9 *Federation Board Meeting, 1p.m., Azalea Room	1 Dues deadline: Federation, District, State
13 *Federation Monthly Meeting – 10:30, (9:30 Social) Hostesses: Zone 6, Donna Luther Zone Counselor Program: Michael Eason, "Become Informed About the Seed Bank" Design Exhibits: "Designs With a History Worth Saving" - Betty Jean Collier Workshop: Nell Shimek "An Education in Daylily Care and Propagation."	9 *Federation Monthly Meeting -10:3 (Social, 9:30) Hostesses: Zone 1, Susan Wickliff Zone Counselor Program: Darrin Duling, "Garden Art Informed by Architectural Elements." Design Exhibits: "Constructions Conveyed" - Betty Jean Collier
17 District IV Fall Convention, Haven Methodist Church, Houston. Royal Oaks Garden Club hosting. Decorate Garden Center, Sugar Creek Garden Club	TBA TGC Spring Convention
December	MAY
1 Deadline for District Chairmen submitting awards to State	10 *Federation Board Meeting, 1 pm, Azalea Room
1 & 2 Federation two-day trip to Rockport to see whooping cranes.	14 *Federation Monthly Meeting - 10:30 Social, 9:30) Hostesses: Board of Directors Program: S. J. Derby – "Designs That Communicate" Week of 17 th Trip to Bayou Bend and Rienzi
11 *Federation Monthly Meeting – 10:30, (9:30 Social) 10:30 Program Hostesses: Federation Officers Program: "A World of Holiday Celebrations." A Festive Story. Luncheon, Silent Auction, Drawings, and much more.	14-16 NGC Spring Convention, Atlanta, GA
	15 Club rosters due to Federation Rosters Chairman
	19 Federation trip to Bayou Bend and Rienzi
	27 HAFSJ Meeting
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2011 – LOOKING WAY AHEAD!!!

June 15-19, 2011 the World Association of Floral Arrangers (WAFA) will hold their World Flower Show “This Glorious Earth” in Boston at the Seaport World Trade Center. There will be more about this later – mark your calendar for this don’t-miss date. Before that big event there will be meetings in October 2009, in Chicago, Delaware and Pennsylvania, and Washington DC. If you are interested in attending these fall events go to the website: wafusa.org for more information. In the near future there will be a BIG book of designs published to raise money for the event in Boston in 2011. Guess who will have designs in it? More later on that also.

TOURS AND PILGRIMAGES**Deanna Roberts, Federation Chairman And President of Intropa Tours****December 1 and 2, 2009 – A trip to view the whooping cranes..... Rockport**

We will meet and bus to Rockport, stopping along the way for a short break. Check into hotel in Rockport and have lunch. The afternoon will be free for shopping, visiting art galleries, etc. along Main Street. There will be a wine reception followed by a dinner at a local restaurant. Day 2 will find us up early (7:30 a.m.) for a boat trip to see the whooping cranes (‘til 11:00). We will check out of our hotel, have lunch and return to Houston by 5:00 p.m.

January 31 – February 7, 2010 - Costa Rica Trip – (See Calendar Of Events in this issue)

Week of May 17, 2010 Bayou Bend House and Gardens –This is a day trip with lunch at Ouisie’s and then a tour of Rienzi house and gardens.

October 11, 2010 – We will visit Shangri La in Orange, Texas. Itinerary to be announced. Mark your calendars, as this will prove to be a very interesting trip.

ZONE COUNSELORS

Shall be liaison officers and goodwill ambassadors between Federation and clubs, for the purpose of keeping clubs informed about Federation activities, projects, program, etc., and keep Federation apprised of what clubs are doing. Shall attend garden club meetings in their Zone when possible. Shall work with Directory Advertising Chairman to secure advertising from each geographical area. Shall deliver club Directories in September if clubs have not picked them up at the regular Federation meeting. Shall have responsibility for hospitality at one regular Federation meeting each year, providing hostesses, food, and centerpiece for the table. Shall Have responsibility for hospitality at one regular Federation meeting each year, providing hostesses, food an centerpiece for the table. Shall make a short presentation about activities in their Zone once during the two-year administration. Shall report to the Zone Counselor Chairman.

ZONE 1 COUNSELOR – Susan Wickliff, Blue Triangle Garden Club
ZONE 2 COUNSELOR – Vada deJongh, Alvin Garden Club
ZONE 3 COUNSELOR – Martha Fousek – Petal Pushers Garden Club
ZONE 4 COUNSELOR - Jody Rogers, HAFSJ

ZONE 5 COUNSELOR – Bonnie Steidley – Sugar Creek Garden Club
ZONE 6 COUNSELOR – Donna Luther – Friendship Garden Club
ZONE 7 COUNSELOR – Mary Vacek – The Woodlands Garden Club



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