



Growing Gardeners

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Dear Gardeners,

We were so enthusiastic learning about citrus for our gardens that we almost exhausted our speaker, Gary Edmondson, at the last meeting. He gave us lots of handouts and answered our questions as well as offering expert advice. **Jeanne Street** has another excellent program planned for us for our next meeting "**The Katy Prairie.**" I hope you will get a carpool together and come for the program. Bring a sack lunch and stay for the **New Officers' Workshop.** This is the perfect place for your new club officers to get their questions answered.

Mary Lou Hakansson arranged a very moving **memorial service** for our garden club members who had passed away over the past year. Thank you Mary Lou for helping us let everyone know how much we treasure and remember our lost members.

Another thank you goes to **Christina Rizzo** for our **Arbor Day** ceremony at the VA Hospital's Fisher House. She arranged for a Cedar Elm to be planted in the place of a tree that Ike had destroyed. VA administrators, Far Corners Garden Study Club and Dist. IV all joined Federation in this Arbor Day planting ceremony.

Our **horticultural exhibits** have been pretty sparse at our last couple of meetings. For March let's all try (myself included) to bring at least one horticultural specimen. We love looking at what our fellow gardeners have grown and learning what works for them.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our March meeting.

Flower Show School is For Everyone

Take the course for credit, or take the course for the joy of learning aspects of design and horticulture from the experts. Design Topics to be presented are Functional and Exhibition Tables. The plants to be studied are **Herbaceous Perennials, Chrysanthemums, and Ferns**, all suitable to our climate and growing conditions. Registration forms are in this Newsletter or you can email me at betty.schoolar@yahoo.com or call me at 713-523-6979 and I will mail you a copy. Betty Schoolar Flower Show Schools Chairman

Attention: Saturday, March 28 All Club & Affiliate Presidents

All clubs that meet at the **Houston Garden Center** will have a Presidents Meeting from 10am to 12 pm. Scheduling for 2010 will be on the agenda as well as other important items. Scheduling forms for 2010 must be finalized by

May 1. Please make sure your group is represented.

Contact Mary Hughes for any questions

Board Meeting Reminder

**Board meeting on Monday,
March 9 at 1pm in Azalea**

March Hostess Reminder

Zone 1

Chairman

Cheryl Lennart 281-897-0155

Astro Branch American Begonia Society
Bromliad Society of Houston
Cypress Creek Daylily Club
Greater Houston Amaryllis Club
Greater Houston Chrysanthemum Society

Harris County Master Gardeners

Houston Amaryllis Society

Houston Area Daylily Society

Houston Area Flower Show Judges

Houston Hemerocallis Society

Houston Orchid Society

Houston Rose Society

Men's Garden Club of Houston

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Workshop March 13 New Officers Workshop

Tips for New Officers: Plan to have your current and upcoming officers attend this workshop. They will learn the important information needed to perform their jobs easily and effectively. Workshop is after the HFGC meeting. Bring a sack lunch.

Workshop April 10 New Designs in the Flower Show Handbook

Sign up in March Please be prepared to pay a fee, information will be given as to the material to bring to participate in the Workshop. Class will be limited to 25. Betty Schooler will be instructing us on some of the new designs. Workshop will follow the HFGC meeting. Bring a sack lunch.

Plant Sales

February proceeds.....\$85.00
Bring your plants, buy new ones

Free Publicity for Your Special Events

To announce your Special Event (*not your regular monthly meeting*), submit information to the newsletter editor by the **second Friday of the month prior to the event**. Please make sure your submission includes contact name and telephone number for the event. **Newsletters are generally mailed the 3rd Friday of the month and take 5-10 days for delivery.

March 6, 7 & 8 River Oaks Garden Club

11am to 5 pm
Ticket Cost
7 Admissions \$20.00
Sales before
Mar 1st \$15.00
Single Site
Admission \$5.00
713.523.2483
riveroaksgardenclub.org



TICKET COST

Saturday, March 7

Woodlands Garden Club presents
ANNUAL GARAGE AND PLANT SALE
7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Robinson Road Community Center

Furniture, tools, baby clothes, toys, collectibles, antiques, books and CD's, etc., to beautiful member-grown plants of all kinds and everything will be at prices you just can't afford to miss!

For information call 281-381-3260 or
www.thewoodlandsgardenclub.org.



Spring Break Native Plant Sale

March 14-22, 2009 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4501 Woodway, Houston 77024

Upcoming Classes:

"Landscaping for Birds & Butterflies"

Wednesdays, March 11 & 25, 7 to 9 p.m.

Instructor: Glenn Olsen

**"Making a Rain Garden or
Native Pond"**

Wednesday, March 18, 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday session: March 21, 8 a.m. - noon will include hands-on experience on making a rain garden at the Arboretum. Instructor: Joe Blanton, Conservation Director

For more information
call 713-681-8433 or visit
www.HoustonArboretum.org

Saturday, March 28

Petal Pushers Garden Club presents
"Texas, Our Texas"

A Standard Flower Show

Admission is free

open to the public 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Artistic Design Exhibits are limited to Petal Pushers Garden Club members only. The Horticulture section is open to members and residents of Deer Park.

There is a special commercial exhibit open to local Deer Park florist shops by invitation only.

Claude Burgess Center
4200 Kalwick in Deer Park

For more information
please call 281-479-4873
Penny Henson, President

Saturday, April 4

Bromeliad Society of Houston presents
Annual Spring Bromeliad Sale
9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Houston Arboretum and Nature Center
4501 Woodway.
bromeliadsocietyhouston.org
Charlien Rose (713)-686-9969

Fri & Sat, April 17 & 18 Forest Cove Garden Club

presents

**"A Garden Tour With
Southern Hospitality"**

10 am - 3 pm

Tour will include: 4 lovely home gardens, a quilt exhibit, Texas memorabilia display, fabulous water fountains, unique bird-house displays - and a gorgeous raffle prize at each home. Tickets \$10.00

cksilverfox@aol.com or 281-358-6515

Sat & Sun, April 25 & 26

Heritage Gardeners GG

Friendswood presents

"Through the Garden Gate"

17th annual Garden Tour

Maie Workman Garden Center & Gardens
is open both days 10 - 5 free of charge

Featuring a judged **Flower Show**, raffle, huge **plant sale**, garden art, **bazaar**, Jr. Gardener's & Master Gardener's booth.

Garden Tours: Sat 12-4 & Sun 1-5

Tickets are available in early April

\$7 advance purchase, \$10 at door

Call 281-482-7130 or 281-992-4438

For more information

Wednesday, April 29

The Woodlands Garden Club

**"It's A Small, Small
World"**

A Small Standard Flower Show

Admission is free

Open to the public 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Forum

5055 West Panther Creek Dr.

The Woodlands, Texas

For more information

please call 281-381-3268 or

www.thewoodlandsgardenclub.org

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Horticulture Report

"Daylily Health Care for February"

by Catherine L. B. Neal 281-444-7804

In late February trim your daylilies to 6 inches from the ground, apply a balanced fertilizer, water, place a mulch 3 to 4 inches deep and get ready for the blooms in May and June.

There will be a Daylily Show and Sale when Houston Area Daylily Society and Houston Hemerocallis Society present their display of color in early May 2009. (date to be announced). On the horticulture tables you will see the color and read the cards with the daylily's name. This allows you to pick the colors with names you want and then you can check out the names via other sources. Many hybridizers are now listed on the Internet and you can see the pictures on the screen. There are catalogs available from independent growers. There are publications with valuable information available through membership in a Daylily Club. Regional Newsletters in color and the National Daylily Journal all contribute to the education material available to the gardener. Look under Daylily on the Internet and find all the links, both regional and national. In your Houston Federation Directory under Houston Federation of Garden Clubs Affiliates, you will find some local Daylily Clubs listed to contact for more information. History of the Houston Hemerocallis Society dates to September 1953. **You often hear May belongs to Daylilies** because today there are many clubs and shows in the Houston area and surrounding towns. Some have open gardens for touring. Happy daylily hunting on the Internet and at the daylily shows.

HOUSTON FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL – COURSE IV

March 24 – 26, 2009

SPONSORED BY HOUSTON AREA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

Houston Civic Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, TX 77004 Phone: 713-284-1989

Betty Schoolar, Chairman

Phone: 713-523-6979 FAX: 713-521-3938 Email: bettyschoolar@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24, 2009		Wednesday, March 25, 2009		Thurs. March 26, 2009
8:00-8:15	Registration	8:00-8:15	Registration	1:00-4:00 Exam
8:15-9:15	Flower Show Proc.	8:15-9:15	Flower Show Proc.	
9:15-9:30	Break	9:15-9:30	Break	
9:30-12:00	Design	9:30-12:00	Horticulture	
12:00-12:45	Lunch	12:00-12:45	Lunch	
12:45-2:45	Design	12:45-2:45	Horticulture	
2:45-3:00	Break	2:45-3:00	Break	
3:00-5:00	Design Written Point, Scoring	3:00-5:00	Horticulture Written Point, Scoring	

INSTRUCTORS:

Design: Claudia Chopp. Punta Gorda, Florida. **Tables:** Functional and Exhibition.

Horticulture: Sandra Joyce. Hudson, MA. **Herbaceous Perennials:** Chrysanthemums and Ferns

Flower Show Procedure: Sandra Joyce. Hudson, MA

REQUIRED READING LIST FOR COURSE IV

National Gardener, 3 years.

Handbook for Flower Shows. 2007 edition. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 14.

Table Settings for all Seasons. Wood & Smith. Entire text.

Creative Floral Design: Step by Step. Hawkins & Row. All chapters not previously read.

Essence of Creativity: A Legacy. Thomas. Chapters 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8.

Hortulana, revised. Heber. Those paragraphs pertaining to members of the Plant Group/s studied in this course.

The Houseplant Expert. Hessayon.

Tree & Shrub Expert. Hessayon.

The New Flower Expert. Hessayon.

These "expert" books may be purchased as needed for the Plant Group/s and plants selected to be studied in each course.

Horticulture Instructor is to advise local FSS chairman of books and pages of required reading for designated Plant Group/s and plants selected for this course.

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Houston Flower Show School, Course IV

Please complete registration by March 17, 2009 and mail to Mickey Sanders, 9333 Memorial Drive, #202, Houston, TX 77024-5743. Make check payable to Houston Area Flower Show Judges.

Name _____	Club _____	Student/Student Judge, plus exam \$60 _____	First Time Attendee \$ -0- _____
		Others, Tuesday.....\$20 _____	Lunch Tues.....\$5 _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____		Others, Wednesday.....\$20 _____	Lunch Wed.....\$5 _____
		Refresher, both days.....\$40 _____	TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
Telephone _____	Email _____		

First Time Attendees do not pay for registration, but must pay for lunch.

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"Growing Gardeners"

HFGC meets on the second Friday of each month (Sept to May)

Meeting 10:30 AM (fellowship and refreshments at 10 AM)

Houston Civic Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston TX

March 13th

Remember to be on time

**The program will begin at 10:30 am, followed
by a short business meeting**



Program: *"The Katy Prairie
Flat Out Wonderful"*

Jamie Gonzalez and Wesley Newman will highlight the unique and critically important ecological, agricultural and social qualities of Katy's prairie.

Jamie serves as the Community Education Manager & Wesley as Land Manager for Katy Prairie Conservancy.

Workshop *"New Garden Club Officers Workshop"*

All new (and returning) officers are highly encouraged to attend, for this is the most effective method to learn the latest information and tips to aid you in doing your job easily and effectively. (bring a sack lunch)

Horticulture Exhibit Table: Please use the new forms

Plant Sale Table: Bring your plants, buy new ones

March Dates to Remember

- *9 HFGC Board Meeting: 1:00pm Azalea Rm
- *13 HFGC Meeting 10:00 am Hostesses: Zone 1
"The Katy Prairie - Flat Out Wonderful"
Jamie Gonzalez and Wesley Newman
Workshop *"New Officers Workshop"*
- 18 Dist. IV Spring Convention Madisonville
- 23 EASTER
- *24-26 Flower Show School, IV Houston
- 27-2 SCR Convention Albuquerque, New Mexico

April Dates to Reserve

- 1 **ALL DUES DUE** (Federation, District and State)
- *10 HFGC Meeting 10:00 am Hostesses: Zone 4
*"East Meets West in Your Backyard -
Growing Japanese Maples in Houston"*
by William Caldwell
Workshop (rescheduled) New Designs from
The Flower Show Handbook
- 21-25 TGC Spring Convention Midland
- 23-24 Florescence Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- 27 Flower Show School Judges Reading Exam

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