



LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS

Houston Garden Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

Here is the 176th issue of our weekly gardening newsletter for Houston, the Gulf Coast and beyond. We really appreciate all of our readers hanging in there with us, sharing stories and inspiring us in so many ways.

Thanks so much!

This newsletter is a project of The Lazy Gardener, Brenda Beust Smith, John Ferguson and Mark Bowen (John and Mark are with Nature's Way Resources). We also have a great supporting cast of contributing writers and technical specialists who will chime in and tweak away regularly. We would love to keep receiving your input on this newsletter . . . comments . . . suggestions . . . questions. . . Email your thoughts to: lazygardenerandfriends@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your interest.

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Treasures on display at the big upcoming Oct. 21-23 Rose Show/Convention will include 'Artic Circle' (cq), 'Bride's Dream,' 'Cajun Moon,' 'Cajun Sunrise' and 'Dolly Parton'

By BRENDA BEUST SMITH

"We haven't seen this level of experts here since the World Federation of Rose Societies convention in the Year 2000"

-- Baxter Williams, Houston Rose Society, American Rose Society Master Rosarian

It's exciting when Houston hosts events that attract folks from outside the state. No, I'm NOT talking about the Super Bowl.

Rather, an gathering much more helpful to area gardeners: the 2016 Annual America Rose Society's South Central District Convention and Rose Show.

Hosted by the nation's largest rose society (Houston's, of course), renowned Rosarians will thrill and educate visitors from across Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas and beyond with prize blooms, even more enviable bushes for sale and the latest rhodology updates.

Think of this as a more visual column. I tried to select fewer pictures from so many varieties Baxter Williams reported will be seen at the Fri.-Sun., Oct 21-23 show and convention. But I just couldn't do it. I loved them all and looking at them is so very relaxing. They make me smile. As Emerson put it:

"...where round the damask rose / A thousand nameless Graces move . . . "

The Houston Rose Society will host the Oct 21-23 American Rose Society's tri-state show/convention at the Hampton Inn, 4741 East Sam Houston Parkway South, Pasadena.

In our Guest Commentary below, Baxter Williams shares tidibits on what folks can expect at this gathering. Baxter and Patsy Williams' Pasadena home gardens, mainstays of HRS tours, feature some 500 rose bushes. If your eyes popped at the roses pictured above, which will be among those on display and in judging at the ARS Show, wait until you see all those below with Baxter's article!

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MAKE ROOM ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER! Before you "feast" your eyes on gorgeous roses, however, Angela Chandler's Spotlight article is a great companion piece to this latest headline from [Harris County AgriLife Extension's GREEN TRENDS](#) newsletter:

[Kitchen Counter Gardening Leads Annual Trends List](#)

Who else would tell you these things? The article points out that, as a group, "millennials" (born 1982-2002) want to grow their own food, teas, cocktails, beer and medicine.

But, as other research indicates, they don't always have the space, time or inclination for traditional gardens. One sign: look for greater availability of indoor gro-lights in local nurseries!

Not sure if this trend includes counter composting, but Angela says this is a option for both indoor kitchen gardens as well as outdoor ones. Certainly would appeal to lazy gardeners! Angela's giving us a preview of her upcoming class: Indoor Composting for Outdoor Success, Sun., Oct. 1, 11am, The Arbor Gate, 15636 FM 2920, Tomball. Free, but register first at 281-351-8851 or [arborgate.com](#).

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SNEAKING IN THOSE NATIVES! Great Spotlight coming up next week on how to incorporate more natives into your existing gardens - with wonderful plant suggestions. This is a preview of the great information being shared in the Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston's new Landscape Certification Program. The next 4-class series starts Nov. 1. Details: [npsot.org/wp/nlcp](#).

SUBMITTING EVENTS TO THE LG&F CALENDAR BELOW? PLEASE READ!

See calendar for OUR CARVED-IN-STONE format. COPY EXACTLY! Events submitted in this EXACT format will be copied & pasted in right away. Any necessary re-typing/reformatting may take a couple of weeks. See calendar for format.

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*Brenda's column in the free, emailed LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER is based on her 45+ years as the Houston Chronicle's Lazy Gardener.

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L to r, kitchen counter bokashi, beneficial white mold on bokashi and worms for vermicompost.

Indoor Composting for Outdoor Success

By Angela Chandler, The Garden Academy

thegardenacademy.com

[facebook.com/thegardenacademy](https://www.facebook.com/thegardenacademy)

Everyone wants to compost. We all know composting is good for the garden and good for the environment. But physical limitations, space limitations, deed restrictions, schedule, the amount of available waste, a lack of enthusiasm about turning the pile – any number of things may limit a gardener's ability to compost.

Two ways everyone can compost - Vermicomposting and Bokashi. These methods:

- Can be used in addition to an outdoor compost pile or as stand-alone composting projects.
- Don't take up much space, don't require any special equipment
- Don't emit objectionable odors and aren't expensive, time-consuming or complicated
- Can be done by everyone, even very young children
- Can be set up in the kitchen, utility room, or shady porch.

Vermicomposting uses compost worms to process kitchen waste. These worms live in the top layers of leaf litter in nature. All they need is a 10-gallon plastic tote, darkness, a little moisture, some bedding and regular feeding to process food waste, dryer lint, paper waste, even hairbrush hair. They are quiet and produce no objectionable odors. Best of all, their castings are nutrient rich fertilizer for your plants.

Bokashi composting is a fermentation process sometimes called "pre-composting" that only requires a couple of 5-gallon buckets. Food waste is combined with a special grain product called "Bokashi Bran" which is inoculated with yeasts and bacteria similar to those found in yogurt or other fermented foods. These beneficial microbes transform food waste into something similar to pickles or sauerkraut. The finished product is rich in beneficial bacteria and nutrients to enrich garden soil and nourish plants.

Universities, restaurants, and even entire apartment buildings now use Bokashi to transform their kitchen waste. You can Bokashi foods that are often banned from the compost pile such as dairy, seafood, eggs, meat, and bones. The indoor composting movement is fun, good for the earth and good for the garden.

Questions for Angela? Register for her free *Indoor Composting for Outdoor Success* class, Sun., Oct. 1, 11am, The Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball, at 281-351-8851 or arborgate.com. Or through thegardenacademy.com or facebook.com/thegardenacademy

Guest Commentary

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More roses to see at the ARS event: l to r, *Dona Martin (cq)*, *Double Delight*, *Firefighter*, *Fragrant Cloud*, *Gemini*



L to r, *Hot Princess*, *Jewel Grace*, *Kardinal*, *Let Freedom Ring*, *Louise Estes*, *Mavrik*



L to r, *Mohana*, *Moonstone*, *Randy Scott*, *St. Patrick*, *TH Coop (cq)*, *Touch of Class*, *Veterans' Honor*

SO, ARE YOU A "SOPHISTICATED ROSE GROWER"?

by BAXTER WILLIAMS

HOUSTON ROSE SOCIETY - houstonrose.com

Many of us began growing roses years ago. I was so fascinated with their colors and fragrances, it was easy to fall in love with the "Queen of Flowers." I have never regretted that choice, and look forward to each new opportunity to learn more about them.

The variety choices that were available when I first became enamored have mostly gone away in favor of newer ones, but their memories linger on. Who could forget the beauty of a "Peace" rose, or the overwhelming fragrance of a "Mister Lincoln"? And would you believe that those two are still available in your local nursery after 60+ years?



L to r: 'Peace' and 'Mr. Lincoln'

But what of the new ones? Are they fragrant? Colorful? Would I want one in a vase on the dining table at the evening meal?

Rose specialists are coming to Houston Oct 21-23 to share their experiences and advances in roses. What a perfect opportunity to find out the latest advances in rose horticulture!

Hybridizer Ping Lim will talk about exciting hybrids he has brought to market over the years and roses that soon to be in local nurseries. These varieties are mostly disease-free, easy-care and fragrant, roses a casual gardener can grow, but growers who "know" roses have much to say about their virtues.

His "arsenal" of roses include "Love and Peace" (AARS 2002); "DayDream" (AARS 2005); "Rainbow Sorbet" (AARS 2006); 25 own-root varieties of "Easy Elegance®" roses; and "FlyingKiss" (Best Climber in the Biltmore International Rose Trials). His pictures will really show you some of the future of good roses.

Every marriage partner likes beautiful blooms in a vase on Anniversary Day. Those blooms will be on long stems and, hopefully, have strong fragrance (and while I like to see a lot of color in the garden, roses for anniversaries are not likely to be "Knock Out.")

What wife would not be happy with a rose variety named for her? "Dona Martin" (left above) is an absolutely gorgeous Hybrid Tea rose that has captured the minds of many serious rose growers. (The real Dona Martin is a charmer, too.) ARS Vice President Bob Martin has a number of hybridizations to his name, the kinds that do well in competition. "Butter Cream", "Peter Cottontail", and "Peachy Cheeks" are of the same quality as "Dona Martin", and are well-known to rose enthusiasts. To visit Bob and Dona's garden is to see great 400+ roses in a "happy" state. The Martin's magnificent rose bushes are full of exhibition roses, the kinds that sophisticated rose growers enjoy. Also on the agenda:

- Dr. Larry Unruh, Technical Director of American Plant Food Corporation, who will recommends proper blends of fertilizers to adjust fertility for various food crops and will share soil tests of our own rose gardens. He is former director of the Soil, Water and Forage Laboratory at Texas A&M University.
- Dr. Alan Henn, specialist in diseases of fruit, home lawns, ornamentals and nematodes. We are all familiar with blackspot or mildew, but Alan has analyzed other serious maladies. He will share with us solutions to issues that commercial rose producers have faced, and that might also become problems for our own gardens

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The Houston Rose Society, the nation's largest rose society, will host the American Rose Society's tri-state show/convention Fri.-Sun., Oct 21-23 at the Hampton Inn, 4741 East Sam Houston Parkway South, Pasadena. The Rose Show will be open Saturday to the public when judging is completed, probably around noon. \$30 day passes will be available to hear speakers. Details: houstonrose.org.

JOHN'S CORNER

NEWS FROM THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SOIL AND PLANTS



A meta-analysis by the University Of Illinois College Of Agriculture (Soil Biology and Biochemistry, 2016) has found that No-till systems had greater microbial biomass and activity and higher enzymatic activity. This study confirms that the only time one should till is to mix ingredients together in a new bed. The more microbes and the more active they are in the soil, determines the health of the soil. This in turn determines the health of our plants.

In the July, issue of the journal Current Biology there is an article on how plants take risks. They found that pea plants take gambles when it comes to root growth. They grew pea seedlings with their roots divided between two pots that contained differing levels of nutrients. As expected, pea seedlings with their roots divided between a pot with adequate levels of nutrition and one with variable levels (sometimes high and sometimes low), grew more roots in the stable pots. However, when the roots were divided between pots with consistent low levels of nutrients and one with variable levels, more roots grew in the pot with variable levels of nutrients. In the pot with consistent low levels of nutrients the plant would die, hence the plant took a chance and put its energy into the pot with varying levels of nutrients where there was a chance it could grow and survive. This is the first demonstration of an adaptive response to risk in an organism without a nervous system. www.cell.com/current-biology/home

The dangers of glyphosate (Round-Up) continue to be exposed, and is now being compared to the pesticide Zyklon B death chemical that was used to kill millions by the Nazis in WWII. A study published in the journal Entropy by P. Coleman, PhD of the Cornucopia Institute has linked

glyphosate to the rise in allergies, dementia, gastrointestinal disease, cancer, and a host of other ailments due to the biochemical pathways damaged by exposure to this chemical. They found that low-level exposure builds up over time in our bodies leading to chronic disease. One of the methods it damages our bodies is by obstructing the synthesis of amino acids during digestion, depleting amino acid reserves within the body and damaging the probiotic bacteria in the gut. They also found that glyphosate depletes the body of enzymes it needs to detoxify other harmful poisons, including pesticides and heavy metals. "The available evidence shows that glyphosate may be the most important factor in the development of multiple chronic diseases and conditions that have become prevalent in Westernized societies. The full study can be found on the website: cornucopia.org

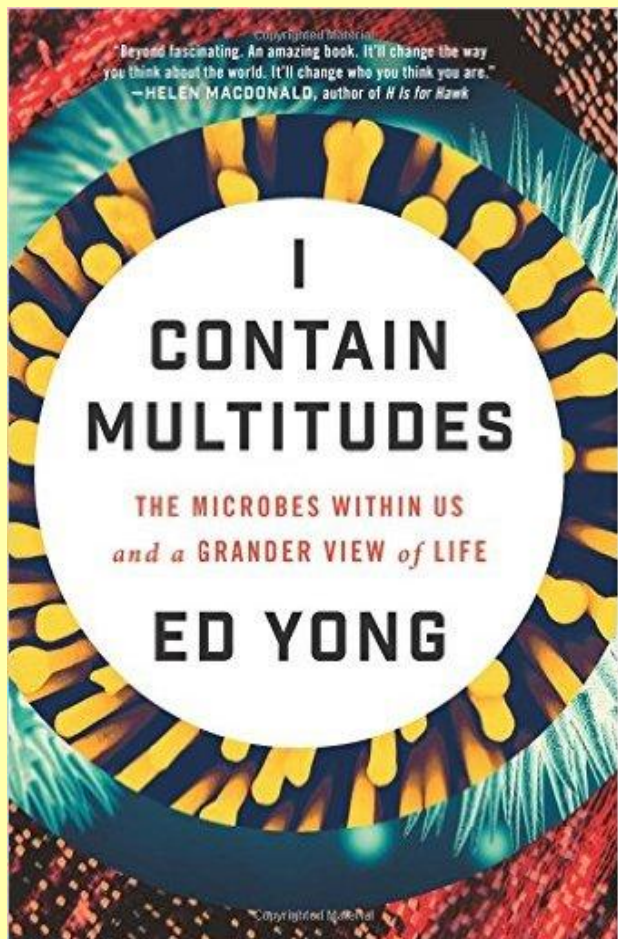
Note: The largest exposure to glyphosate is on GMO foods where the levels can be ten times higher than conventionally grown food. Best yet is to eat organically grown food where this toxic chemical is not allowed or grow one's own fruits and vegetables organically.

BOOK REVIEW

As a soil scientist, I am constantly reading new studies about the microbes found in the soil. These studies show that microbes affect or even control soil quality and plant growth. I am also seeing more and more research linking the microbes in the soil to the health of animals and humans. This book was a revelation about how important microbes are, from human health to eco-system services. Ed Yong explains how and why microbes are essential for life on earth, and why we should start viewing them as friends rather than enemies. He is an award-winning science writer on the staff of The Atlantic. His work has appeared in many publications from the New York Times to National Geographic.

Yong explains all about the different biomes we find in nature, from the microscopic to the human body in an easy to understand, captivating and compelling manner of all things microbiome. This book is a great way for any person to develop a understanding of the

importance of the microbes around us and how they protect us.



[I CONTAIN MULTITUDES - The Microbes Within Us and a Grander View of Life, Ed Yong, Harper Collins, 2016, ISBN: 978-0- 06-236859-1](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT

OHBA (Organic Horticultural Benefits Alliance) is having our annual scholarship fundraising event. The proceeds go to support students studying organic and sustainable horticulture.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 6 PM - 9 PM

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WEEKLY GARDENING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CALENDAR

PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING AN EVENT TO THIS CALENDAR.

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Sorry, no children's programs. - Submit to: lazygardener@sbcglobal.net

IF WE INSPIRE YOU TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE TELL SPONSORS YOU HEARD ABOUT IT IN
THE LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER

SAT., OCT. 8: PECKERWOOD GARDEN OPEN DAY, 10am-2pm tours, 20559 FM 359 Road, Hempstead. \$10. Garden Conservancy event. peckerwoodgarden.org; 979-826-3232; info@peckerwoodgarden.org

SAT., OCT 8: BULBMANIA!, by DODIE JACKSON, 9-10 am, & GARDENING FOR JEWELS...HUMMINGBIRDS by DEBORAH REPASZ, 1-2:30 pm. AgriLife Extension, Carbide Park, 4102 Main, La Marque. Galveston County Master Gardener events. Register: galvcounnymgs@gmail.com, 281-534-3413, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston

SAT., OCT. 8: BULBS AND BUDDIES by Chris Wiesinger & Heidi Sheesley, 10am-noon, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free. Register: arborgate.com

SAT., OCT 8: COCKRELL BUTTERFLY CENTER FALL PLANT SALE & MARKET, 9 am-noon (or sell-out), Houston Museum of Natural Science, parking garage 7th level, 5555 Hermann Park Dr. Free parking/\$30 purchase. hmns.org/cockrell-butterfly-center/

SAT., OCT. 8: MERCER ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY GALA: WILD ABOUT GINGERS! 5pm, 22306 Aldine-Westfield. Tickets: 713-274-4166; msociety@hcp4.net

SAT., OCT. 8: LANDSCAPING WITH EDIBLES by SCOTT SNODGRASS, 10am, Enchanted Forest, 10611 FM1750, and 2pm, Enchanted Gardens, 6420 FM359, both in Richmond. myenchanted.com

SAT., OCT. 8: PROPAGATION & CONTAINER PLANTING, TAG SALE & TOURS by HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS AT PRECINCT 2, 9am-noon, Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Rd. Free. hcmga.tamu.edu

SUN. OCT. 9: INDOOR COMPOSTING-OUTDOOR SUCCESS by ANGELA CHANDLER, 11-1pm, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920. arborgate.com

SAT., OCT. 8: PROPAGATION & CONTAINER PLANTING, TAG SALE & TOURS by HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS AT PRECINCT 2, 9am-noon, Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Rd. Free. hcmga.tamu.edu

SUN., OCT. 9: DESIGNING BOUNTIFUL GARDENS THROUGH PERMACULTURE by Permaculture Guild of Houston. Greater Houston area sites. \$404. Urban Harvest event. 713-880-5540; urbanharvest.org

TUES., OCT. 11: GROWING PLUMERIAS, 7:30pm, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, Hermann Park Conservancy, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Plumeria Society of America event. thepлумeriasociety.org

TUE., OCT 11: MY FAVORITE PERENNIALS by JAN BRICK, 6:30-8 pm. AgriLife Extension, Carbide Park, 4102 Main, La Marque. Galveston County Master Gardener event. Free. Register: galvcounnymgs@gmail.com. 281-534-3413, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston

WED., OCT. 12: DIGGING OUT OF DEPRESSION by CYNTHIA GRAHAM, RN, BSN, 12-1pm, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free. Register: arborgate.com

WED., OCT. 12: CACTI IN THE ROUGH - SUCCULENT TOUR OF BIG BEND, noon-2pm, Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

THURS., OCT. 13: 2016 BULB & PLANT MART'S EARLY BIRD SHOPPING PARTY 4:30-7pm, St. John the Divine Church, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. \$20. Garden Club of Houston; gchouston.org

THURS, OCT 13: FRUIT TREES PLANTING & CARE BY HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS. 6:30-8:30pm, Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., Spring. Free. hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2016-green-thumb.pdf; 281-855-5600

THURS., OCT. 13: DAYLILIES by Nell Shimek, 10-11:30am, Clear Lake Meeting Room, 5001 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook. Free. Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2. hcmga.tamu.edu

THURS. OCT. 13: CREATING BIRD-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES by Sarah Flournoy, Houston Audubon Society, 7:30pm, McCullough Jr. High, 3800 S. Panther Creek Dr., The Woodlands. Free. The Woodlands Township event. 281-210-3800.

THURS., OCT. 13 : ROSE PROPAGATION by PATSY WILLIAMS, 7:30pm, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Houston Rose Society event. houstonrose.org

THURS., OCT. 13: MONARCH BUTTERFLIES by BARBARA KELLER-WILLY, 9:30-11am, Missouri City Rec & Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Dr., Missouri City. Free. Quail Valley Garden Club event. QuailValleyGardenClub.org

THURS. OCT. 13: CREATING BIRD-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES by SARAH FLOURNOY. 7:30pm, McCullough Jr. High, 3800 S. Panther Creek Dr., The Woodlands. Free. The Woodlands Township event. 281-210-3800

FRI.-SAT., OCT. 14-15: 2016 BULB & PLANT MART, 9am-5pm Fri., 9am-2pm Sat., St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. Free. Garden Club of Houston event. gchouston.org

THURS. OCT.13: ATTRACTING BLUEBIRDS TO YOUR GARDEN by LINDA CRUM, 10-noon, Arbor Gate 15635 FM 2910, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free; register: arborgate.com

FRI., OCT. 14: EMPOWERING MONARCH HEROES COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY by MARYA FOWLER, 10am, White Oak Convention Center, 7603 Antoine. Free. Houston Federation of Garden Clubs event. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

SAT., OCT. 15: GALVESTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL FALL SALE. 8am-SALE PREVIEW by JOHN JONS; 9am-1pm-PLANT SALE, Galveston County Fair Grounds, Jack Brooks Park - Rodeo Arena, Hwy 6 at Jack Brooks Road, Hitchcock.

SAT., OCT.15: EDIBLE FLOWERS by HENRY FLOWERS, 10am-noon, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free. Register: arborgate.com

SAT, OCT 15; FRUIT TREES PLANTING & CARE by HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS. 10am-Noon. Maude Smith Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd., Katy. Free. hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2016-green-thumb.pdf; 281-855-5600

SAT., OCT. 15: GALVESTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE, 9am-1pm, Galveston County Fairgrounds, 10 Jack Brooks Road at Highway 6, Hitchcock

SAT. OCT 15: MONTGOMERY COUNTY OPEN OPEN GARDENS DAY/VEGETABLE & HERB SALE, Sale 9-noon, Open Gardens 9-11 am. AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport Rd, Conroe. 936-539-7824; mcmga.com

SUN., OCT.16: FLOWERING HERBS AND FESTIVE TREATS by ANN WHEELER and CHRIS CROWDER 11am-1pm, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free; register: arborgate.com

SUN., OCT. 16: CHEILANTHOID FERNS by GEORGE YATSKIEVYCH, P.D., 2pm, Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Dr. Free. Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society event. tgcfersoc.org

MON., OCT. 17: STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN, 10:30am, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

MON., OCT. 17: OPEN GARDEN DAY & PLANT SALE, 8:30-11am, Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd. Free. Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. hcmga.tamu.edu.

TUES., OCT 18: FRUIT TREES PLANTING AND CARE by HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS. 6:30-8:30pm, Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale. Free. hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2016-green-thumb.pdf; 281-855-5600

TUES., OCT 18: HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS OPEN GARDEN DAY & SEMINAR: FRUIT TREES-PLANTING & CARE; 10-11 am, Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd. Free. ogd.harrishort@gmail.com

THURS., OCT. 20: HAPPY HERBAL NEW YEAR by Ann Wheeler, 10am-noon, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free; register: arborgate.com

THURS., OCT 20: FRUIT TREES PLANTING & CARE by HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS. 6:30-8:30pm. Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. Free. hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2016-green-thumb.pdf; 281-855-5600

FRI.-SUN., OCT. 21-23: AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 2016 FALL ROSE SHOW & CONVENTION, Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway. houstonrose.org.

SAT., OCT. 22. STARTING A COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL GARDEN WORKSHOP, 8:30am-2:30pm. \$20. University of St. Thomas, Malloy Hall, Rm 113, 3812 Yoakum Blvd. 713-880-5540; urbanharvest.org

SAT., OCT. 22: 2016 FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP, 10am, Enchanted Forest, 10611 FM1750; 2pm, Enchanted Gardens, 6420 FM359, both Richmond. \$10. Register: myenchanted.com

SAT., OCT. 22: GUNTERS HEIRLOOM VEGETABLES by PAM AND LEAH GUNTER 9am-1pm, & THE FALL AND WINTER FRUIT GARDENER by ANGELA CHANDLER, 10am-noon, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free. Register: arborgate.com

SAT., OCT. 22: SAN JACINTO COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS FALL SYMPOSIUM & PLANT SALE, 9am-4pm, Community Center, 101 West Cedar Ave., Coldspring. \$25. 713-252-5254

SAT., OCT. 22: 2016 FALL "ACROSS THE BEND" GARDEN TOUR, 9am-3pm, \$15. Sugar Land Garden Club event. Homes/tickets:

sugarlandgardenclub.org

SAT., OCT. 22: STARTING A COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL GARDEN WORKSHOP, 8:30am-2:30pm, University of St. Thomas, Malloy Hall, Rm 113, 3812 Yoakum Blvd. \$20. Urban Harvest event. 713-880-5540; urbanharvest.org.

SAT., OCT. 22: 2016 ACROSS THE BEND FALL GARDEN TOUR, 9am-3pm, \$15. Sugar Land Garden Club event. Homes/tickets: sugarlandgardenclub.org

SUN., OCT. 23: DAYLILIES, 2-4pm, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Cypress Creek Daylily Society event. Register: 713-274-4160

TUES., OCT. 25: GARDEN TO VASE by Linda Gay & Pat Hermes, 9am-noon, Houston School of Flowers, 4340-D Directors Row. \$75. 713-681-2400, agardenforcutting.com

WED., OCT 26: FALL & WINTER HABITAT GARDENING by DIANA FOSS, noon-1pm, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free. Register: arborgate.com

THURS., OCT. 27: GARDEN TO VASE by Linda Gay & Pat Hermes, 9am-noon, Houston School of Flowers, 4340-D Directors Row. \$75. 713-681-2400, agardenforcutting.com

SAT., OCT. 29: GULF COAST MEAD FESTIVAL, LUCY-STYLE GRAPE STOMP COMPETITION & GRAPE GROWING DISCUSSIONS, 10am-5pm, Frascone Winery, 308 Bayside Dr., Anahuac. Free. Frascone Winery, Mystic Oak Meadery, Bentley Bees & Crane Meadows event. [Facebook: Gulf Coast Mead Festival](https://www.facebook.com/GulfCoastMeadFestival/).

SAT., OCT. 29: GARDEN TO VASE by PAT HERMES, 10am-noon, Arbor Gate, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free; register: arborgate.com

SAT., OCT. 29: FRIGHTFUL FUN IN THE GARDEN by ASHLEY GRUBB, 10am, Enchanted Forest, 10611 FM1750; 2pm, Enchanted Gardens, 6420 FM359, both Richmond. Free. myenchanted.com

SAT., NOV. 1: NATIVE LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATION LEVEL 1 CLASS, 8am-5pm, Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena. \$37. Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston Chapter. 713-657-0372. npsot.org/wp/houston/native-landscaping-certification

SAT., NOV. 5: GARDEN TO VASE by LINDA GAY & PAT HERMES, 9am-noon, Houston School of Flowers, 4340-D Directors Row, \$75. ,713-681-2400; agardenforcutting.com

SAT., NOV 5 : PECKERWOOD INSIDER'S TOUR, 10am & 6pm, 20559 FM 359 Road, Hempstead. Garden Conservancy event. \$15. Register: peckerwoodgarden.org. 979-826-3232; info@peckerwoodgarden.org

SAT., NOV. 5: GREETING, GIFTING GUESTS WITH BEAUTIFUL PLANTED CONTAINERS, 10am, Enchanted Forest, 10611 FM1750; 2pm, Enchanted Gardens, 6420 FM359, both Richmond. Free. myenchanted.com

SAT., NOV. 5: GROWING FRUIT TREES IN A SMALL SPACE, 9:30-11:30am, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Moran Hall, 5555 Hermann Park Dr. \$45. Urban Harvest event. 713-880 5540; urbanharvest.org

SAT., NOV. 5: GROWING NATURALLY: LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS by GREG GRANT, 9-11am, AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport Road, Conroe. \$25/website; \$30/door. Montgomery County Master Gardeners event. mcmga.com; 936-539-7824

MON., NOV. 7: NEW GARDEN DOCENT ORIENTATION, 9am-noon, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160

WED. NOV. 9: THE MADALENE HILL PHARMACY GARDEN, noon-2pm, [Mercer Botanic Garden](http://MercerBotanicGarden.org), 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

THURS., NOV. 10: SOILS, FERTILIZERS, ETC.-ORGANIC SOLUTIONS by Louis Bennett, 10am, Municipal Utility Bldg. #81, 805 Hidden Canyon Dr, Katy. Free, Nottingham Country Garden Club event; nottinghamgardenclub.org

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THURS., NOV. 10: THE ARS AND YOU by LAURA SEABAUGH 7:30pm, Cherie Flores Garden Pavillon, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Houston Rose Society event. houstonrose.org

SAT., SEPT. 10: RAISING & CARING FOR BEES, 9-11am, AgriLife Extension Office, 9010 Airport Rd., Conroe. \$5. Montgomery County Master Gardener event. 936-539-7824, mcmga.com

FRI., NOV. 11: FLOWER SHOW - JUDGING DEMYSTIFIED by SUZANNE MILSTEAD & NELL SHIMEK, 10am, & TRAFFIC FLOW, 1pm, White Oak Convention Center, 7603 Antoine. Free. Houston Federation of Garden Clubs event. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

SAT., NOV 12: PECKERWOOD GARDEN OPEN DAY, 10am-2pm tours, 20559 FM 359 Road, Hempstead. \$10. Garden Conservancy event. peckerwoodgarden.org 979-826-3232; info@peckerwoodgarden.org

SAT., NOV. 12: HERBS THAT LIKE TO CHILL by HENRY FLOWERS, 10am, Enchanted Forest, 10611 FM1750 & 2pm, Enchanted Gardens, 6420 FM359, both Richmond. myenchanted.com

MON., NOV. 14: DOCENT TRAINING-REFRESH YOUR SKILLS, 9am-noon, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

SAT., NOV. 19: ANNUAL ENCHANTED OPEN HOUSE & EVENING, 2-8pm, Enchanted Gardens, 6420 FM359, Richmond. Free. myenchanted.com

MON., NOV. 21: STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN, 10:30 am- 11:30 am, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160

TUES., NOV 22: HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS OPEN GARDEN DAY & SEMINAR: HOLIDAY PREPARATION; 10-11 am, Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Rd. ogd.harrishort@gmail.com

SAT., NOV 26: PECKERWOOD GARDEN OPEN DAY, 10am-2pm tours, 20559 FM 359 Road, Hempstead. \$10. Garden Conservancy event. peckerwoodgarden.org, 979-826-3232; info@peckerwoodgarden.org

SAT., NOV. 26: ANNUAL ENCHANTED OPEN HOUSE & EVENING, 2-8pm, Enchanted Forest, 10611 FM 2759, Richmond. Free. myenchanted.com

SAT., DEC 3 : PECKERWOOD INSIDER'S TOUR, 10am and 6pm, 20559 FM 359 Road, Hempstead. Garden Conservancy event. \$15. Register:peckerwoodgarden.org, 979-826-3232; info@peckerwoodgarden.org

SAT. DEC. 3: THE ARBOR GATE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, 2-6pm, 15635 FM 2920, Tomball. 281-351-8851. Free; register: arborgate.com

SAT., DEC. 3: CITRUS FEST & Q&A by DR. BOB RANDALL, 8:30am-noon, Urban Harvest Farmer's Market, 3000 Richmond Ave @ Eastside. Urban Harvest event. 713-880-5540, urbanharvest.org.

SAT., DEC. 3: GROWING CITRUS IN HOUSTON & S.E. TEXAS, 9:30-11:30am, University of St. Thomas, Malloy Hall, Rm 017, 2812 Yoakum Blvd, \$45. Urban Harvest event. 713-880-5540; urbanharvest.org

SAT., DEC 3: HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, 10am-4pm, Buchanan's Native Plants, 611 E 11th. Free. 713-861-5702; buchanansplants.com/events

SAT., DEC. 3: FRUIT TREES by SCOTT SNODGRASS, 10am, Enchanted Forest, 10611 FM1750; 2pm, Enchanted Gardens, 6420 FM359, both Richmond. Free. myenchanted.com

FRI., DEC. 9: HOLLY-JUJAH by JIM JOHNSON, 10am, White Oak Convention Center, 7603 Antoine. \$25 advance sale only. Houston Federation of Garden Clubs event. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

SAT., DEC. 10: WINTER AT MERCER BOTANIC GARDEN, 9am-noon, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

WED. DEC. 14: CHRISTMAS CRAFTS USING NATURAL MATERIALS, noon-2pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

SAT., DEC 17: PECKERWOOD GARDEN OPEN DAY, 10am-2pm tours, 20559 FM 359 Road, Hempstead. \$10. Garden Conservancy event. peckerwoodgarden.org, 979-826-3232; info@peckerwoodgarden.org

SAT., DEC. 17: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, 8am, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: albbarr@comcast.net.

MON., DEC. 19: STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN, 10:30 am- 11:30 am, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

WED., JAN. 11: EXPLORING THE PRIMEVAL FLORA OF NEW CALEDONIA, noon-2pm, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

FRI., JAN. 13: PENNY WISE / POUND FOOLISH: WHEN & WHY TO HIRE A LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL by RITA HODGE, 10am, White Oak Convention Center, 7603 Antoine. Free. Houston Federation of Garden Clubs event. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

MON., JAN. 16: STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN, 10:30-11:30 am, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

MON., JAN 23-FEB. 27: TEXAS GULF COAST GARDENER TIER III: THE ART OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN, 9am-3pm with an hour lunch break, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. \$250. Register: 713-274-4160.

WED., FEB. 8: MICROGREENS, noon - 2pm, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

FRI., FEB.10: FLORAL DESIGN INSPIRED BY ART by HOUSTON DESIGNING WOMEN, 10am, White Oak Convention Center, 7603 Antoine. Free. Houston Federation of Garden Clubs event. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

MON., FEB. 20: STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN, 10:30-11:30 am, Mercer Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

**If we inspire you to attend any of these events, please let them know you heard about it in . . .
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PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING AN EVENT FOR THIS CALENDAR.

Events **NOT** submitted in the **EXACT** written format below may take two weeks or longer to be reformatted/retyped. After that point, if your event does not appear, please email us. Sorry, no children's programs. - Submit to: lazygardener@sbcglobal.net

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ADOPTABLE DOG OF THE MONTH

DIESEL

Diesel was abandoned by his owners when they moved, and he ended up at Montgomery County Animal Shelter.

Diesel is a American Blue Pittbull Mix and is thought to be about 10 years old.

He knows basic commands- is housebroken and crate trained- loves everyone he meets... Loves bones, treats and squeaky toys- even likes a nice jog. He has a good amount of life to live and would love to have somewhere to spend it. If he has siblings- they have to be female.

Diesel loves to play and socialize and is so much fun to have around.

He is fixed and has all of his shots.

If interested in adopting Diesel, please reply to this newsletter and type "Diesel" in the subject line. Diesel is not at the shelter currently. He is in foster care.



ABOUT US

BRENDA BEUST SMITH

WE KNOW HER BEST AS THE LAZY GARDENER . . .

. . . but Brenda Beust Smith is also:

- * a national award-winning writer & editor
- * a nationally-published writer & photographer
- * a national horticultural speaker
- * a former Houston Chronicle reporter

When the Chronicle discontinued Brenda's 45-year-old "Lazy Gardener" print column a couple of years ago, it ranked as the longest-running, continuously-published local newspaper column in the Greater Houston area.

Brenda's gradual sideways step from Chronicle reporter into gardening writing led first to an 18-year series of when-to-do-what Lazy Gardener Calendars, then to her *Lazy Gardener's Guide* book and now to her *Lazy Gardener's Guide* on CD (which retails for \$20. However, \$5 of every sale is returned to the sponsoring group at her speaking engagements).

A Harris County Master Gardener, Brenda has served on the boards of many Greater Houston area horticulture organizations and has hosted local radio and TV shows, most notably a 10+-year Lazy Gardener run on HoustonPBS (Ch. 8) and her call-in "EcoGardening" show on KPFT-FM.

Brenda recently ended her decades-long stint as Production Manager of the Garden Club of America's **BULLETIN** magazine. Although still an active horticulture lecturer and broad-based freelance writer, Brenda's main focus now is **THE LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER** with John Ferguson and Mark Bowen of Nature's Way Resources.

A native of New Orleans and graduate of St. Agnes Academy and the University of Houston, Brenda lives in Aldine and is married to the now retired Aldine High School Coach Bill Smith. They have one son, Blake.

Regarding this newsletter, Brenda is the lead writer, originator of it and the daily inspiration for it. We so appreciate the way she has made gardening such a fun way to celebrate life together for such a long time.

JOHN FERGUSON

John is a native Houstonian and has over 27 years of business experience. He owns Nature's Way Resources, a composting company that specializes in high quality compost, mulch, and soil mixes. He holds a MS degree in Physics and Geology and is a licensed Soil Scientist in Texas.

John has won many awards in horticulture and environmental issues. He represents the composting industry on the Houston-Galveston Area Council for solid waste. His personal garden has been featured in several horticultural books and "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine. His business has been recognized in the Wall Street Journal for the quality and value of their products. He is a member of the Physics Honor Society and many other professional societies. John is the co-author of the book *Organic Management for the Professional*.

For this newsletter, John contributes articles regularly and is responsible for publishing it.

MARK BOWEN

Mark is a native Houstonian, a horticulturist, certified permaculturist and organic specialist with a background in garden design, land restoration and organic project management. He is currently the general manager of Nature's Way Resources. Mark is also the co-author of the book *Habitat Gardening for Houston and Southeast Texas*, the author of the book *Naturalistic Landscaping for the Gulf Coast*, co-author of the *Bayou Planting Guide* and contributing landscape designer for the book *Landscaping Homes: Texas*.

With respect to this newsletter, Mark serves as a co-editor and periodic article contributor.

PABLO HERNANDEZ

Pablo Hernandez is the special projects coordinator for Nature's Way Resources. His realm of responsibilities include: serving as a webmaster, IT support, technical problem solving/troubleshooting, metrics management, quality control, and he is a certified compost facility operator.

Pablo helps this newsletter happen from a technical support standpoint.

