



Garden club tours are a great way to learn about unusual plants such as this fragrant Paduca Plumeria, left and, clever ways to use plants like plumerias and fruits in a landscape (all past-tours photos, courtesy of League City Garden Club)
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Everyone should join a local garden tour...any place, any time. Surprises await you just beyond the garden gate:

- Displays are arranged in ways you have never imagined.
- Color and landscape design of wonderful plant specimens are expected, but unusual solutions to everyday problems are ingeniously devised.



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- Natural landscapes for wildlife can be explored as well as educational opportunities for xeriscaping. (pictured: Wildlife Habitat in the city.)
- Garden tours sometimes have home grown plants for sale, always an added pleasure!

Over the past ten years that League City Garden Club has held its "Garden Walk," many diverse personalities have displayed unique, beautiful and timeless ways to grow outdoor plants. These hidden backyard gems are treasured by their homeowners, where only the most discriminating of visitors are allowed "inside."



What is a "water smart" garden? What is a bog garden? Have you ever witnessed aquaponics in action? Trendy rain water collection systems are displayed in beautiful and remarkable ways. Have you ever seen snail eggs? Have you ever witnessed a Red Tailed Hawk Release? Did you know people keep outdoor tortoises as pets?

Did you know that wild native grasses can be beautiful in your landscape? Bird habitats are explored and enhanced beyond your imagination. Special water features, such as blue pools, colorful koi ponds, natural creeks and winding "lost rivers" inviting wildlife, butterflies and hummingbirds, are mesmerizing. **(Pictured: cleverly placed bridge)**





So, have fun and take a garden tour. At the same time, helping local nonprofits sponsor scholarships for youth, contribute to civic beautification, and increased environmental awareness are added bonuses. Consider the benefits of self-education, outdoor enjoyment, and meeting the neighbors.
Win, win, win!