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## Gardening Newsletter

May 24, 2019

Dear Friends,

Here is the 293th 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. (John is 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](mailto:lazygardenerandfriends@gmail.com). Thanks so much for your interest.

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## MEMORIALIZING WITH FLOWERS ... PLUMERIA'S R-US!

By BRENDA BEUST SMITH

Memorial Day is the perfect time to give thought to creating our own "living memorials" -- not only to lost loved ones, but to precious memories that will come flooding back ( *oops, bad word choice?* ) every time something new blooms.

Most of us already have treasured plantings that spontaneously trigger thoughts of loved ones, here and departed. But a special niche? I was always delighted with our then-neighbor Mel Basham planted a colorful little memorial area with a departed friend's bicycle as a centerpiece. I have sites dedicated with Louisiana iris (my birthland), red yucca (favorite Big Bend trips), etc. In our new yard, I have the perfect protected-yet-sunny spot for a plumeria to bring back thrilling visions of Hawaii.

Speaking of plumerias, isn't it amazing our Gulf Coast area hosts the world's primary international organization dedicated to this Hawaiian lei flower, one of the most deeply-ingrained cultural icons across numerous continents.

How did we get this honor . . . especially considering there probably wasn't a single plumeria to be found for retail sale in Houston as recently as the mid-1970s? Three Houstonians, at least, did have impressive private collections. Elizabeth Thornton, Nadine Barr and Nancy Ames (yes, the famed singer) were so enamored with this exotic flower, they formed the Plumeria Society of America. At their first sale in 1979, an amazing 700 gardeners showed up and all 120 plants and leis sold out in 20 minutes.

Now an international organization, PSA is still based in Houston, still educating us and still offering the best-for-us plumerias at their annual sales.

If you ever wanted to either try a plumeria, or to expand your collection, 'tis the season. Free advice is going to abound all around the area:

- SAT. JUNE 1 & 15: PLUMERIA PROPAGATION WORKSHOP by LORETTA OSTEEN, 11 am-1 pm. La Marque. [aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html)
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This is all the more amazing when you realize most local plumeria growers haul their plants in every winter. The good news is:

- plants go dormant so, in a protected garage corner, they can be ignored until spring.
- inground plants can also be dug up, soil shaken off, and stalks stacked inside the same way.
- increasingly plumeria lovers, especially to the south, are heavily mulching inground plumerias and praying they make it through the winter. Usually the more winters they survive, the stronger root systems become and the more likely they will survive through harder winters.

So what are serious plumeria growers talking about these days? In our Spotlight Article below, Past PSA President Paula Furtwangler is used to questions and shares some of her most frequent answers.

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### **FIRST, THO, TIP O' TROWEL TO RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS**

I realize my love of the wildflowers on their Bender Dr. @ I-59/69N northern border has nothing to do with Ritchie's mowing schedule. But it does wonderfully allow for the peak flower bloom period we are now entering and plenty of time for enough plants to drop seed to ensure next spring's blooms. And it ensures such a healthy, joy-surgingly smile for me now every time I drive by! Never hurts to praise big companies!

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***EMAIL information in our exact calendar format to: [lazygardener@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lazygardener@sbcglobal.net)***

***See Calendar for details. Always check to make sure submitted event IS published. If you don't see it, email me: [lazygardener@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lazygardener@sbcglobal.net)***

***Brenda's column in the LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER is based on her 40+ years as the Houston Chronicle's Lazy Gardener.***

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*Tried and true plumeria favorites include Hawaiian cultivars:  
'Duke', 'Hilo Beauty' and 'Penang Peach'*

## PLUMERIAS AFTER HARSH WEATHER

by **PAULA FURTWANGLER**

*Past President*

*Plumeria Society of America*

[theplumeriasociety.org](http://theplumeriasociety.org)

- **HARSH WEATHER ALWAYS CAUSES PROBLEMS** in the plumeria world. We had early freezing weather in October, and fairly mild winter, thereafter.
  - When people don't take precautions to protect from freeze, they will lose the plant tips, and sometimes all the way down to the roots.
  - Wet weather will cause the roots to rot. If pots are put away wet, they dormant root system does not take up the water, causing the water to stagnate in the pot...again leading to rot.
  - **CAN DIFFERENT COLORED PLUMERIAS BE GRAFTED ONTO ONE ROOTSTOCK?** Yes. Grafting onto multiple branches can be quite rewarding. But donor plants must have similar growth habits.
  - For instance, to graft a Jeannie Moragne (insert) donor plant onto a plant, the other donor cuttings should also be lanky in growth habit to match Jeannie's growth.
  - It is best to use compact growing plants as donor cuttings to keep your

new "rainbow tree" compact and balanced.



## NO BLUE PLUMERIAS!

There is no such thing -- yet! -- as a blue plumeria, even though you can find "photoshopped" plumerias on Ebay that have extraordinary colorations. Just don't be fooled into ordering or buying one!

### • WHAT ARE THE MOST POPULAR PLUMERIA COLORS?

- To date: lavender, purple, orange, and red.



*Black Purple, JL Metallica, 'George Brown' (aka Musk Rainbow) from Australia and J-105 from Thailand*

### • WHAT ARE SOME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PLUMERIAS FOR THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA?

- The PSA recommends you buy plumerias from local growers at upcoming PSA sales. (*See end of article*)
- Some of the most fantastic plumerias available include tried and true favorites such as the Hawaiian cultivars: 'Duke', 'Hilo Beauty' and 'Penang Peach'. (*Pictured at top of page*)
- Other Show Stoppers include Black Purple, JL Metallica, 'George Brown' (aka Musk Rainbow) from Australia and J-105 from Thailand. (*Pictured above*)

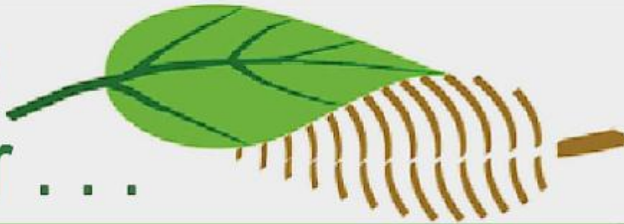
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**NOTE:** Upcoming [Plumeria Society of America](http://theplumeriasociety.org) show/sales & classes include:

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(*See calendar below for details. Only PSA members are allowed to enter PSA shows - to join: [theplumeriasociety.org](http://theplumeriasociety.org) .*)

# John's Corner . . .



## NEWS FROM THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SOIL AND PLANTS # 85

We often hear that all life is linked, good or bad. Hundreds of thousands of people are dying every year due to antibiotic resistant bacteria that occurs when animals are fed antibiotics to make them gain weight quicker and keep them alive in the unsanitary conditions of confined animal feedlots. Making the problem worse occurs when one uses antibacterial hand creams like those that contain triclosan only the resistant dangerous bacteria survive. A study published in the Journal Peer J (October 2018) has found another cause of antibiotic resistant bacteria. They found that herbicides like glyphosate (Round Up) and dicamba which are widely used on GMO crops builds antibiotic resistant bacteria 100,000 times faster after being exposed to these weed killers.

As the shield of lies surrounding the safety of glyphosate become unraveled and Monsanto's "Black Opps" department being exposed and dismantled, more studies are now being released on the dangers of this toxic chemical that were previously hidden or researchers were afraid to publish. A study released by Washington State University researchers found in animal studies that exposure to the chemicals in Round-Up, found that descendants of those exposed developed prostate, kidney, ovarian diseases, obesity, and birth abnormalities. The parents and even the first generation showed no signs of problems. This is a new field of study called "generational toxicology". Note: Products like fungicides, pesticides, jet fuel, DEET, atrazine, and bisphenol-A in plastics also cause generational health issues. Scientific Reports 2019.

More and more gardeners are planting gardens for pollinators from bees and butterflies to hummingbirds. As in medicine one of the most important steps is "do no harm". A common pesticide used to control whiteflies and aphids called flupyradifurone (Sivanto is one brand name) kill honeybees in extremely low doses when in combination with a fungicide. Proceedings of the Royal Society (2019).

We often talk about the importance of trace and micro nutrients in the soil. A recent 4-year trial has found adding 200 mcg selenium (Se) to 200 mg of CoQ10 reduced cardiovascular mortality by 50%. Why do we need to take selenium supplements? – It is not in the food we eat because it is not in the



soil that the plants grew on. As gardeners we have to stress to others the importance of re-mineralizing our soils.

Research at MIT has found that magnesium (Mg) supplementation can reverse some forms of brain aging including cognitive dysfunction, sleep disorders, and anxiety (Life Extension 2019). It is estimated that 90% of all Americans are magnesium deficient. Remember if one eats foods with glyphosate (Round-Up) on them, especially GMO foods, it prevents the body from absorbing magnesium.

For gardeners the rose rosette virus is an incurable disease now found in over 30 states. Research at the ARS (Agricultural Research Service) have discovered that the rose bud mite that spreads the disease, hides deep in the flower's internal organs (rose flowers, leaf buds, etc.). By imbedding itself deeply, it avoids chemical sprays applied as controls. Biocontrol will be the most likely treatment to prevent this disease as predatory mites can reach the hiding spots of the rose bud mite and eat them, hence preventing the spread of the disease.

We have a new invasive pest insect called the spotted lanternfly that is attacking over 70 plant species including wine grapes and apples. Research at Cornell University has found that two native fungal pathogens *Batkoa major* and *Beauveria bassiana* can decimate spotted lanternfly populations. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2019).

One of my favorite native plants is the elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*). It is a beautiful shrub that is in full bloom across our region right now with large showy white flower heads. Many pollinators love to nectar on this plant and the flowerheads are edible (think elderberry fritters for one example). The elderberry fruit has been used for decades to make wine and jelly and they are considered one of nature's superfoods, as it is a powerful anti-oxidant not to mention the vitamins and minerals it contains. Birds and small mammals also love the fruits hence it is a great plant for habitat gardening and very easy to grow. A new study by the University of Sydney has found that compounds in the elderberries fruit, minimize influenza symptoms. These compounds directly inhibit the virus's entry and replication in human cells. They are also effective if you already have the flu helping one recover faster. Journal of Functional Foods (2019).

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*Have You Tried . . .*

**Wendy's Wish Sage**

*(Salvia hybrida 'Wendy's Wish' )*

One of our top hummingbird and butterfly draws, this spring to fall bloomer creates a beautiful, loose evergreen shrub likes partial to full sun. Drought tolerant once established but water at first. 3'-4' tall, 2'-3' wide.



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## LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR EVENTS

#### GARDEN/PLANT EVENTS ONLY

*Events are in Houston unless otherwise noted. No events are picked up from newsletter, etc. Events must be submitted in exact format below to [lazygardener@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lazygardener@sbcglobal.net)*

WED., MAY 29: SUMMER VEGETABLE PLANTING CLASS, 6-7pm, McGovern Centennial Family Gardens, 1500 Hermann Dr. \$20. Urban Harvest event. Register: 713-880-5540, [urbanharvest.org/education/classes/](http://urbanharvest.org/education/classes/)

SAT, JUNE 1: BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY CLUB PLANT SALE, 9am-2pm, Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Highway 332, Lake Jackson. Free. 281-413-4844.

SAT. JUNE 1: PLUMERIA PROPAGATION WORKSHOP by LORETTA OSTEEN, 11 am-1 pm. Master Gardener Discovery Garden, Carbide Park, 4102 Main St. (FM 519), La Marque. Free. Galveston County Master Gardener event. Register: [galvcountrymgs@gmail.com](mailto:galvcountrymgs@gmail.com), 281-309-5065, [aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html)

SAT., JUNE 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES Family workshop, 9-10am; TREE ID & PLANTING TIPS Adult workshop, 11am-noon; SITE WALK, 10am, Houston Botanic Garden, 8205 North Bayou Dr. Free. Register : Family Workshop. Register . Adult Workshop. [hbg.org](http://hbg.org)

SUN, JUNE 2: LONE STAR CHAPTER AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY HIBISCUS SHOW & PLANT SALE, 1-4pm, Condit Elementary, 7000 S. 3rd. St., Bellaire. Free. [lonestarahs.org](http://lonestarahs.org)

SAT., JUNE 8, BRINGING BEES TO YOUR GARDEN, 8-10am, & OTHER POLLINATORS BESIDES BEES, 10:30am-12:30pm. AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport Rd., Conroe.



\$5 each/\$8 both. Montgomery County Master Gardener event. 936-529-7824 or [mcmga.com](http://mcmga.com)

SAT., JUNE 8: PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA SHOW & SALE, 9:30am-3pm, Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E Nasa Parkway, Seabrook. Free. [theplumeriasociety.org](http://theplumeriasociety.org)

SAT. JUNE 8: ASK A MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINIC, 10 am-1 pm. Keyworth's Hardward Store, 2209 FM 517 Rd E, Dickinson. Free. Galveston County Master Gardener events. Register: [galvcountymgs@gmail.com](mailto:galvcountymgs@gmail.com), 281-309-5065, [aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html)

SAT., JUNE 8: GARDENING 101 by KAROLYN GEPHART, 1-3 pm. Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy St, Galveston. Free. Galveston County Master Gardener events. Register: [galvcountymgs@gmail.com](mailto:galvcountymgs@gmail.com), 281-309-5065, [aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html)

SAT., JUNE 8: LOW VOLUME IRRIGATION, 9:30-11:30am, Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park. \$30. Urban Harvest event. Register: 713-880-5540; [urbanharvest.org/education/classes/](http://urbanharvest.org/education/classes/)

TUES., JUNE 11; SEED: THE UNTOLD STORY, 6:30-8:30pm. Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr \$16. Urban Harvest event. Register: 713-880-5540; [urbanharvest.org/education/classes/](http://urbanharvest.org/education/classes/)

WED., JUNE 12: BEHIND SCENES AT A BOTANIC GARDEN, noon-2pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

WED., JUNE 12: LEARN, GROW, EAT & GO EDUCATORS 6 CEUs WORKSHOP. 9am-3pm, Extension Office, 1402 Band Rd., Rosenberg. Register: [fbmg.org/junior-master-gardener-teacher-leader-session](http://fbmg.org/junior-master-gardener-teacher-leader-session); [mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu)

THURS., JUNE 13: USING THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOB by Bob Patterson 7:00pm, Cherie Flores Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston 77004. Houston Rose Society event. Free. [houstonrose.org](http://houstonrose.org)

SAT. JUNE 15: PASSION FOR PLUMERIA by LORETTA OSTEEN, 1-3 pm. AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main St. (FM 519), La Marque. Free. , but Galveston County Master Gardener event. Register: [galvcountymgs@gmail.com](mailto:galvcountymgs@gmail.com), 281-309-5065, [aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html)

SAT., JUNE 15: 14" METAL HANGING BASKET CLASS by JIM MAAS & PAT CORDRAY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

SAT., JUNE 15: STARTING A COMMUNITY/SCHOOL GARDEN WORKSHOP, 8:30am-2:30pm. University of Houston Downtown, Rm A629, One Main St. \$20. Urban Harvest event. Register: 713-880-5540; [urbanharvest.org/education/classes/](http://urbanharvest.org/education/classes/)

TUES-THURS, JUNE 18-20: EDIBLE ACADEMY 8am-3pm Tues-Wed, 8am-noon Thurs. Gregory Lincoln Education Center, 1101 Taft. \$350. Urban Harvest event. Register: 713-880-5540; [urbanharvest.org/education/classes/](http://urbanharvest.org/education/classes/)

SAT., JUNE 22: HIBISCUS CLASS by JIM MAAS & JOE MILLER, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

THURS., JUNE 20: JUST ENOUGH LATIN TO GO PLANT SHOPPING by CAROL CLARK, 6:45-8:30pm; Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway. Free. Native Plant Society of Texas/Houston Chapter event. [npsot.org/houston](http://npsot.org/houston)

TUES., JUNE 25: SEED ASSETS: FOOD, FIBER, FLOWERS & FUTURE, 6:30-8:30pm, Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr. \$16. Urban Harvest

event. Register: 713-880-5540; [urbanharvest.org/education/classes/](http://urbanharvest.org/education/classes/)

WED., JUNE 26: CSSA VIDEO "PROPAGATING PLANTS & CULTIVATING FRIENDSHIPS," 7:30 pm, at the Metropolitan Multi-Services Center, 1475 West Gray. FREE. Houston Cactus & Succulent Society. [www.hcsstex.org](http://www.hcsstex.org)

SAT. JUNE 29: RAINWATER HARVESTING by NAT GRUESEN, 9-11 am, AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102 Main St. (FM 519), La Marque. Free. Galveston County Master Gardener event. Register: [galvcountrymgs@gmail.com](mailto:galvcountrymgs@gmail.com), 281-309-5065, [aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html](http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html)

SAT., JUNE 29: BONSAI CLASS by JIM MAAS, CLYDE HOLT, & PAUL NESTRSTA, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

SAT., JULY 6: CACTI & SUCCULENTS CLASS by JIM MAAS & PAT CORDRAY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

TUES., JULY 9: GROWING PLUMERIAS, 7-9pm, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive. Free. Plumeria Society of America event. [theplumeriasociety.org](http://theplumeriasociety.org)

WED., JULY 10: TREE IDENTIFICATION. Noon-2pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

SAT., JULY 13: TROPICAL SYMPOSIUM, 8:30am-4pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Fee. Register: 713-274-4160.

SAT., JULY 13: MINIATURE FAIRY GARDEN W/WATER FEATURE CLASS by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & BRENDA HESSE, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$55. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

THURS., JUL. 18: VIRTUALLY WILD! TEXAS – CONNECTING STUDENTS DIGITALLY by JAIME GONZALES, 6:45-8:30pm; Houston Arboretum, 4501 Woodway. Free. Native Plant Society of Texas/Houston Chapter event. [npsot.org/houston](http://npsot.org/houston)

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AT, JULY. 20: TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS SUMMER MEETING, 10am-3pm, Antique Rose Emporium, 10000 FM 50, Independence. Free. [Texasroserustlers.com](http://Texasroserustlers.com)

SAT., AUG. 3: 14" METAL HANGING BASKET CLASS by JIM MAAS & PAT CORDRAY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

WED., AUG. 14: BIRDS OF A FEATHER IN YOUR GARDEN, noon-2pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160.

SAT., AUG. 17: PLUMERIA CLASS by JIM & MAAS & LORETTA OSTEEN, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

SAT., AUG. 24: FALL & WINTER VEGETABLE GARDENING CLASS by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & PAUL NESRSTA, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

SAT., SEPT. 14: MINIATURE FAIRY GARDEN CLASS by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & BRENDA HESSE, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

SAT., SEPT. 21: GARDENING FOR HUMMINGBIRDS & BIRDS CLASS by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & KATHRYN COURTNEY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

SUN., SEP. 22: TIDBITS FROM 50 YEARS WITH DAYLILIES by Hershhal Theilen, 2-3pm. Klein United Methodist Church, 5920 FM 2920, Spring. Cypress Creek Daylily Club event. Free. [cypresscreekdaylilyclub.simplesite.com](http://cypresscreekdaylilyclub.simplesite.com)

SAT., SEPT. 28: 14" METAL HANGING BASKET CLASS by JIM MAAS & PAT, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488, [maasnursery.com](http://maasnursery.com)

TUES., OCT. 8: GROWING PLUMERIAS, 7-9pm, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive. Free. Plumeria Society of America event. [theplumeriasociety.org](http://theplumeriasociety.org)

SAT. DEC. 14, 2019: CHAPPELL HILL GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR, 10am-5pm., Chappell Hill. \$20 advance/\$25 tour day. 713-562-6191; 979-337-1200

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## 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 Pablo Hernandez 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**

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