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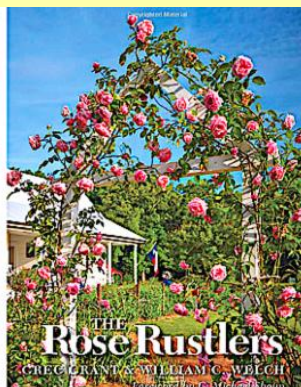
Here is the 299th issue of our weekly gardening newsletter for Houston, the Gulf Coast and beyond. We really appreciate all of our readers hanging in there with us, sharing stories and inspiring us in so many ways.

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. Thanks so much for your interest.

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CELEBRATING TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS & SOME LESS FRAGRANT ESSENCES

BY BRENDA BEUST SMITH

"Overshadowed by modern hybrids, old roses have been neglected in this century; but now there is a renaissance afoot to restore the older varieties to their place in the garden."

--"Antique Roses for the South"

*By Dr. William C. Welch, Landscape Horticulturist
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas*

The [Texas Rose Rustlers](#) are a uniquely Lone Star kind of organization whose actions help preserve not only endangered floral treasures but their place in Texas history as well. In our Spotlight Article below, Rustlers recall how their unique group started, and how they helped spread word of incredibly hardy roses that have survived for centuries in cemeteries and at old abandoned homesteads, among other historically old spots.



Even better, TRR's Rustlers helped bring these treasures into public retail so the rest of us can grow, enjoy and help preserve them as well. Congratulations, TRR members, on your 40th Anniversary!

The Sat., July 20, [2019 Annual Texas Rose Rustler Summer Meeting](#) at the [Antique Rose Emporium in Independence](#) . will feature two noted antique rose enthusiasts, Peggy Martin and Leo Watermeier. Leo Watermeier is curator of [New Orleans' Antique Rose Garden in Armstrong Park](#) , which has, in Leo's words, ". . . grown to become one of the largest collections of 'old roses' that do well in warm climates...anywhere in the country or the world." (Praying "Barry" leaves it safe.)

Peggy Martin and her namesake rose hold a unique spotlight among antiques.



Break for Truth-in-reporting:

- My sister Audrey Beust McMurray is a past TRR Chairman.
- I was born in New Orleans so love to promote outside-the-Quarter treasures.
- This spectacular 'Peggy Martin' rose display above (in Crystal Beach) started with numerous cuttings from my own 'Peggy Martin' (which never grew this large!),

started and planted by Trish Smith. Her mother Edith Smith is pictured on their porch.

In 2005, only two roses survived the 20 feet of Katrina Hurricane-floodwaters that covered Peggy Martin's generations-old, New Orleans-area family homestead. One was a delightful thornless spring-blooming rose planted long, long ago by one of Peggy's ancestors. She had no idea of its name or variety.

Peggy, already an antique rose advocate, told her friend, Dr. Bill Welch, about her rose's amazing resurrection. Long story short, Dr. Welch, with the help of the Garden Club of America and other entities, spearheaded a drive to get the then-named 'Peggy Martin' rose into retail trade, with a portion of proceeds going to restoration projects at Katrina-devastated botanical gardens throughout the South. Talk about a win-win project!

Peggy Martin roses, of course, will be available for sale at the July 20 Summer Meeting, along with ARE's full inventory of these historic treasure. Track the history of Texas rose rustlin' in our Spotlight Article below. First, however, a slightly less fragrant aroma.

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"Lilies when they fester smell far worse than weeds."

-- Sonnet 94, Shakespeare

Husband's cousin Krystal Bevel Bruski in Oklahoma posed a fascinating Facebook query: "*I have a small flower bed that smells horrible ... The first time I thought it was a dead mouse ... but it's not. Any ideas ... what it could be ?*"

I have no idea, but scents are subjective. I love the smell of lantana, left below, which a lot of folks find rather annoying. Dying foliage can smell awful too. The worst plant I ever smelled was a bearded iris (rhizome & foliage) Husband's

Grandma Mabel gave me in Coos Bay, OR. I knew nothing about bulbs or stinky dying foliage back then. Husband threw it out somewhere in Idaho. (Bearded iris don't like us much anyway but wish I'd saved the bulb. Live & learn.)



Researching commonly-used plants some would classify as malodorous brought up some surprises (to me). It's not a one-way street. Humans have 400+/- odor receptors, elephants 2,000+/-, the largest number in animals.

But plants may not only be able to detect far more odors than animals, they produce their own aromas at times most beneficial to that plant's continued good health.



L to r, some potential (but not always!) stinkers, l to r, buddleia, hawthorn, datura, moss phlox and Shasta daisies.

So next time you walk by a bed of society garlic, don't grimace. Marvel at how that plant is busy ensuring its own survival! Other plants with sometimes-unattractive essences include: ash tree, Bradford pear, buddleia, datura, English boxwood, ginko, hawthorn, lantana, moss phlox, Shasta daisy, yellow alyssum.

Krystal's friend Sue Ellen also offered another possibility: mushrooms hiding in mulch. Don't worry, if you have them, they will appear soon! Can you think of others? Do share!

Hybridizing roses in particular often -- but not always -- sacrificed scent in favor of larger more strikingly colorful rose blooms. So now, back to sweeter natural air fresheners highlighted below.

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"LAZY GARDENER SPEAKER LIST" — free — 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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We hope you will repost & share with anyone and everyone!

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Three of the hundreds of antique roses we now enjoy thanks to the Texas Rose Rustlers: l to r, San Felipe Noisette, Natchitoches Noisette and Maggie .

COMMEMORATING FORTY YEARS OF ROSE RUSTLING

By **ELISABETH CASTRO**

Texas Rose Rustlers

Texasroserustlers.com

“Roses are difficult to grow.” This was a common sentiment shared by many who thought keeping roses healthy and free of disease meant a strict regimen of spraying with toxic chemicals.

A sentiment not lost on Pamela (Pam) Puryear (1943-2005), one of the founders of the Texas Rose Rustlers. In the May 1980 Heritage Rose Letter, Pam described her efforts growing hybrid tea roses, comparing them to roses growing on street corners of her home town, Navasota. She remembered efforts spent on pampering her HT roses in well-tilled beds with manure and sprayed with benomyl. They still languished in the heat.



L to r, Margaret Sharpe, Pam Puryear and 'Pam's Pink,' named in her honor

Pam soon met a kindred spirit at a Houston Rose Society meeting. Margaret Sharpe (1918-1998), Houston's Grand Dame of Roses and American Rose Society Judge, had been growing hybrid. Before long, others who heard about Pam's excursions to cemeteries jumped on the rustling bandwagon. Trips were organized to find more old-fashioned roses.



The first official rustle was organized in Nov. 1979 at the Anderson Cemetery where cuttings from 'Old Blush,' 'Silver Moon' and 'Excelsa' were obtained
L to r, 'Old Blush,' 'Silver Moon' & 'Excelsa'

Serendipity kicked in. Michael Shoup heard about "rose enthusiasts" scouring cemeteries and abandoned homesteads looking for old roses. Michael's nursery in Independence specialized in native and other plants that survive Texas summers. He could not help but notice roses blooming on abandoned plots and fences. At the same time the "Rose Rustlers" were gaining popularity, Dr. William (Bill) C. Welch approached Michael to grow roses from his cuttings and later those from Pam and her group of rose rustlers.

In 1982 the Texas Rose Rustlers were officially formed with Dr. Bill Welch as President, Pam Puryear, Secretary and Margaret Sharpe as Vice-President.



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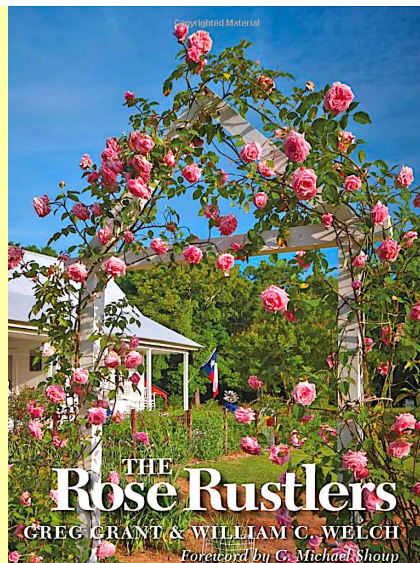
Although The Texas Rose Rustlers no longer go on rose rustling excursions they have followed the tradition of exchanging cuttings and helping out in preserving old roses when needed.



At every Fall Exchange, The Texas Rose Rustlers freely share rose cuttings from their gardens, some of which date back to earlier rustles, such as the Schulenberg Rose, left, found at the Catholic Cemetery in Schulenberg. Some of these roses cannot be obtained in commerce and are therefore very special to the group. (See below)

NOTES:

- **SAT, JULY. 20: TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS SUMMER MEETING**, 10am-3pm, Antique Rose Emporium, 10000 FM 50, Independence. Free. No reservations needed Texasroserustlers.com
- **SAT., OCT. 19: THE 2019 FALL EXCHANGE** will be part of the **TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. McAlpine St. Navasota. Dr. Bill Welch and Greg Grant will be guest speakers. Details: Texasroserustlers.com
- **"THE ROSE RUSTLERS"** by [Greg Grant](#) and [William C. Welch](#) (Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Service Series). [Details](#).



NEWS FROM THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SOIL AND PLANTS # 91

One of the keys to having a healthy garden is diversity. Diversity is essential to having stability in an eco-system. Diversity of microbes in the soil, diversity of nutrients (elements), diversity of plants, diversity of insects, and more. For example, 90% of our birds eat caterpillars when they have eggs and baby birds in the nest, as they need that concentrated nutrient rich source of food. Hence, do you plant a species from Asia that only feeds zero or maybe one type of insect? If so, you will not have the beautiful birds that control other pests. Today we have **1.5 Billion** fewer birds than 40 years ago and 432 species of birds are on the edge of extinction.

When we plant an invasive species of plant or even one from a different part of the world it is a type of pollution called "Biological pollution". The USA has over 3,300 species of introduced plants from other parts of the world and most become invasive as we do not have the species of pests that keep them under control in their native habitat.

The imported fire ant is a common example of an imported species, with none of its natural controls. In some areas one can see a mound every 10-15 feet. A number of years ago I was invited to give a series of lectures in Costa Rica where the fire ant is native. However, there one would see a mound and the

next one was hundreds of feet away and they were not a serious problem as there were many predators that kept the population in check

Even the mulch we use is important. Most spiders do not spin webs as they are hunters that hide in a mulch layer during the day and come out at night to feed. One of their favorite foods is mosquitos. Spiders eat more of these pests than birds, bats and dragonflies combined. Does the mulch you use create a home for them or discourage them? A few examples of bad mulch are Cedar, dyed mulches, ashen mulches, etc. A coarse screened composted native mulch which is naturally a dark chocolate brown color if made properly is of very high quality. As a bonus it is also one of the most fire-resistant mulches available.

A black cherry tree (*Prunus serotina*) may have (support) 239 caterpillars of 14 different species of butterflies and moths. All the native *Prunus* species combined support 276 species of caterpillars! These are our butterflies and moths. A few that I am aware of are Banded Hairstreak, Spring Azure, Tiger Swallowtail, Painted Lady, Viceroy, Henrys Elfin, and the Red Spotted Admiral butterflies. Birds also love the fruit which is edible and makes great jelly or beverages. Compare this to the Ginkgo tree which supports zero species or compared to the family of trees we call Oaks support 481 species of caterpillars.

Our Eco system today is like a Persian rug that has been cut up into hundreds of pieces...it no longer looks like a Persian rug; hence our ecosystem is failing. In our subdivisions we need to think of how we can link a path to connect all these pieces in different yards (Dr. Doug Tallamay)

For example, the *Lonicera sepervirens* our native Coral Vine or Coral Honeysuckle is a host plant for 5 species of Sphinx moths. Hummingbirds love it and the berries are food for many species of wildlife. It is cold, heat, drought, flood tolerant with few insect or disease problems and is beautiful. We need to use this native instead of the invasive Japanese Honeysuckle that is destroying ecosystems.



Bring birds to your home today by growing native plants. With [Audubon's Native Plant Database](https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds), you can find the best plants for the birds in your area. Growing bird-friendly plants will attract and protect the birds you love while making your space beautiful, easy to care for, and better for the environment. Explore all of our native plant resources here.” There is additional information on their websites:

<https://www.audubon.org/> and www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds

The National Wildlife Federation has a lot of information on native plants and how-to bring wildlife back into one’s garden and it can be found at:

<https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide>

They also have a guide to help you find native plants for your area that are not only beautiful but support wildlife. <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/>

We have to rethink how we design our gardens to use more native plants in the landscape and become part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

To support a healthy ecosystem our landscapes must do the following:

- Support life (from microbes to insects, birds and small mammals)
- Sequester carbon (increase the organic matter in our soil)
- Clean and manage water (do not use toxic chemicals)
- Enrich the soil (use compost, native mulch and organic fertilizers)
- Support pollinators (Use native plants and reduce the amount of lawns)

In May this year the United Nations released a report on this issue: “ The Report finds that around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened

with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history. " If we allow these extinctions to occur many ecosystems will collapse. Without these ecosystems many food webs of life will collapse with huge environmental consequences (no one is above the law of nature (God). This type of loss will provide a mechanism to make the Biblical prophecy of the end times come true.

Last month OHBA (Organic Horticultural Benefits Alliance) brought in Dr. Doug Tallamy whom gave a wonderfully seminar on this subject. If you missed it his book is excellent and should be on every gardener's reading list.

"Bringing Nature Home - How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants"
by Douglass W. Tallamy, Timber Press, 2014, Edith Printing,
ISBN-13: 978-0-88192-992-8

Many communities around Texas are now offering rebates to purchase native plants as it costs far less to encourage planting natives than spend billions of dollars on infrastructure to do the same thing. For those readers whom live in The Woodlands area, Nature's Way Resources is proud to provide native plants that qualify for the 50% rebate on their approved native plants list.

We are also partnering with The Woodlands Township to raise 15,000 milkweed plants of multiple species to provide host plants (food for our beloved Monarch butterfly caterpillars that will be given away this fall.

A rapidly growing trend around the country is getting rid of lawns and creating "Urban Meadows". These meadows are beautiful, take very little work, cost almost nothing to maintain and provide tremendous environmental benefits and are essential for healthy ecosystems from pollinators to birds.

Last month the state of Minnesota passed a bill to help folks convert their lawns to bee friendly landscapes (Urban Meadows). They reimburse homeowners 75-90% of the cost of removing and converting their lawns. As homeowners convert their lawns to meadows, they will save a lot of time in maintenance of lawns (mowing and edging) and they will save thousands of dollars of expense in fertilizer, chemicals and water bills each year. In addition to all the other benefits and best of all, they become part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

Have You Tried . . .
BARBADOS CHERRY
(*Malpighia emarginata*)

Tropical shrub or small tree with bright red to purple fruits (few years after planting). Pink flowers July-Sept. Also called wild crepe myrtle. Full sun best, fewer fruits in part shade Appreciates compost mulch. Drought tolerant. Bees are main pollinators.



Barbados cherry is carried by Nature's Way Resources. ([Map](#))
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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.
Individual events must be submitted in exact format below to lazygardener@sbcglobal.net*

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

SAT., JULY 13, WATER SENSE: RIGHT PLANTS, LESS WATER. 8-10am, & AWARD WINNERS: KNOWING THE BEST FLOWERS, 10:30am-12:30pm. AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport Rd, Conroe. \$5 each/\$8 both. Montgomery County Master Gardener event. 936-529-7824; mcmga.com

MON., JULY 15: HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS OPEN GARDEN DAY, 8:30-11:00am, Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road, Pasadena. Free. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

TUES., JULY 16: HOUSTON BOTANIC GARDEN UPDATE by JOY COLUMBUS, 7pm, West Gray Multi-Service Center, 475 West Gray. Free. Bromeliad Society/Houston event. bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

TUES., JULY 16: WATER CONSERVATION – 6:30-8:30pm, Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

TUES., JULY 16: CONTAINER AND SMALL SPACE GARDENING, 6:30-8:30pm, Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

THURS., JULY 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. npstot.org/houston

THURS., JULY 18: WATER CONSERVATION, 6:30-8:30pm, Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Ln. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

THURS., JULY 18: CONTAINER AND SMALL SPACE GARDENING, 6:30-8:30pm, Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT., JULY 20: PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA SHOW & SALE, 9:30am-pm, Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E Nasa Parkway, Seabrook. Free. theplumeriasociety.org

SAT, JULY 20: TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS SUMMER MEETING, 10am-3pm, Antique Rose Emporium, 10000 FM 50, Independence. Free. Texasroserustlers.com

SAT., JULY 20: WATER CONSERVATION – 10:30am-12:30pm, Maud Smith Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd., Katy. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT., JULY 20: CONTAINER AND SMALL SPACE GARDENING, 10:30am-12:30pm, Maud Smith Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd., Katy. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SUN., JULY 21: MULCH - SECRET WEAPON OF SUCCESSFUL GARDENERS by JOHN FERGUSON, 2pm, Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Dr. Free., Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society event. 713-284-1994

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

THURS., AUG. 8: BUILD YOUR OWN IRRIGATION SYSTEM by Baxter Williams 7pm, Cherie Flores Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive. Houston Rose Society event. Free. www.houstonrose.org

THURS., AUG. 8: FORM DICTATING FUNCTION: AN INTIMATE LOOK AT PLANT PARTS by BRANDI KELLER, 10-11:30am, Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road, Pasadena. Free. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

THURS., AUG. 8: FALL VEGETABLES – 6:30-8:30pm, Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., Spring. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT., AUG. 10, DIY: COMPOSTING AND ENRICHING THE SOIL, 8-10am, & HONING IN ON YOUR FALL VEGETABLE BOUNTY, 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

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

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

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0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

MON., AUG. 19: HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER OPEN GARDEN DAY, 8:30-11am, Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road, Pasadena. Free. Plants for sale in the greenhouse. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

TUES., AUG 20: TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST/COASTAL PRAIRIE CHAPTER CLASS begins, ends Oct. 12. \$50. Register: 281-633-7033, mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu or txmn.org/coastal.

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

TUES., AUG. 20: ADDING QUESNELIA TO YOUR COLLECTION by CHARLIE BIRDSONG, 7pm, West Gray Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Free. Bromeliad Society/Houston event. Bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

TUES., AUG. 20: FALL VEGETABLES, 6:30-8:30pm, Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT. AUG 24: COMPOSTING by JIM GILLIAM, 1-3 pm, AgriLife Extension Office, Carbide Park, 4102-B Main St./FM 519, La Marque. Free. Galveston County Master Gardener event. Register first: galvcountymgs@gmail.com, 281-309-5065, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html

SAT. AUG 31: BACKYARD CITRUS by ROBERT MARSHALL, 10:30 am-12:30 pm; TEXAS TUFF PLANTS FOR THE GULF COAST by MARIE LEAL, 1:30-3:30 pm. Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood Galveston County Master Gardener event. Register first: galvcountymgs@gmail.com, call 281-309-5065, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html

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

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

SUN., SEP. 22: TIDBITS FROM 50 YEARS WITH DAYLILIES by Hershale Theilen, 2-3pm. Klein United Methodist Church, 5920 FM 2920, Spring. Cypress Creek Daylily Club event. Free. 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

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

SAT. OCT 12: GALVESTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FALL PLANT SALE, 9am-1pm; SALE PREVIEW, 8am, Galveston County Fair Grounds, Jack Brooks Park-Rodeo Arena, Hwy 6 & Jack Brooks Road, Hitchcock. Free. galvcountymgs@gmail.com, 281-309-5065, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html

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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. . . but Brenda Beust Smith is also:

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- * 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, it then 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 which morphed into her Lazy Gardener's Guide on CD. which she now emails free upon request.

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 specialty shows on HoustonPBS (Ch. 8) and her call-in "EcoGardening" show on KPFT-FM.

For over three decades, Brenda served as 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

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 is the co-author of the book Organic Management for the Professional.

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