



Feb. 28, 2020 - Issue # 328

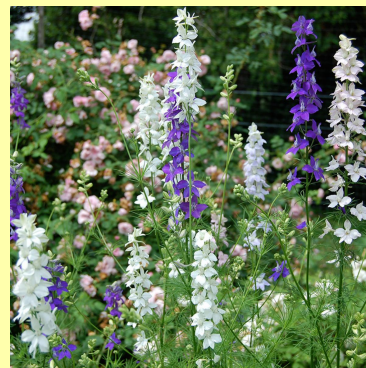
Nature's Way Resources is proud to produce & email you this free weekly newsletter. We have no ads, but sponsors do graciously help support this project as a public service. Please note their names below & show your gratitude for this free service by patronizing their businesses!

To become a sponsor, call (936) 273-1200

Nature's Way Resources owner John Ferguson, "The Lazy Gardener" Brenda Beust Smith and Pablo Hernandez welcome your feedback and are so grateful to the many horticulturists who contribute their expertise.

[Click here to join our email list](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for PDFs OF PAST LG&F NEWSLETTERS



L to r, delphiniums, hollyhocks and larkspur

WILL MY "DEAD" PLANTS REAPPEAR AFTER THIS ROLLER-COASTER WEATHER?

By Brenda Beust Smith

*To snip, or not to snip, that is the question:
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to choose patience
when green leaves fail to appear
Or to take shovel to soil and seal their fate forever.*

Apologies to Mr. Shakespeare



Poppies



Snapdragons



Sweet peas

If you've planted hardy 'lazy gardener' varieties, chances are "Yes!" Even in spite of our recent roller-coaster weather, your dead-looking plants should return. But how long do you put up with those nasty dead branches?

There is a third option. You can always cut dead stalks back to an easily-camouflaged height, and plant spring annuals around them. Taller things like , delphiniums, hollyhocks, larkspur, poppies, snapdragons and sweet peas.

Give them to the Fourth of July, when these spring annuals will probably be faded anyway. By that time, if you're not celebrating the return of the prodigal plants, give up and put something else more permanent in that hole.



This is not, of course, the path of lazy gardeners. We have infinite patience. I once waited three years for my white Mexican baubinia (orchid tree) to return after "someone" cut it back too far one spring. It returned in full glory (left). Great draw for butterflies and hummers. Into our new post-Harvey yard, I planted cuttings (with roots!) of this shrub which had again grown quite large over the decades. It's now been 2 1/2 years with no sign of those hoof-shaped leaves. But I have faith!

In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for fabulous blooming trees as you drive around. Japanese magnolias have been magnificent, which always brings to mind a truly bittersweet memory.

When Jane Hoffert Moore's incredible pink magnolia (on the corner of Calumet and Jackson) died, I felt I'd lost a good friend. I drove by every spring for decades to marvel at it. It was thought to be the victim of a ball moss invasion. In truth, ball moss is often attracted to already-ailing trees. Since most trees die from the inside out, they may have reached the fatal stage as long as five years before any visible decline can be spotted.





commented on the beggertick (left) that I noted recently is now gracing my yard. She pointed out it's blooming on roadsides all over now. I've been a huge fan of local wildflowers for decades but never zeroed on this one. Amazing!

A COUPLE OF PERSONAL NOTES:

- *So delighted to see John's review of the new Master Naturalist book below. We have an incredible [Master Naturalists/Gulf Coast chapter](#) here in the Greater Houston area which works very closely with the [Texas Native Plant Society/Houston](#). The mutually beneficial overlap between all these dedicated folks and local [Master Gardeners](#) has opened amazing new avenues for home gardeners. Thanks, folks!!*
- *I have now suffered through two major computed crashes and backups that didn't always work. I have saved and do have all calendar items . . . I think. If you have submitted info that has not yet appeared, and I have not contacted you to explain the delay in publication (usually because it wasn't in our exact calendar format so has to be retyped/reformatted), then please do resubmit it.*

Note new email address: lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com

(lazygardener@sbcglobal.net is still valid and will be for foreseeable future)

* * *

"LAZY GARDENER SPEAKER LIST" & "PUBLICITY BOOKLET"

are free — email request to: lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com

Brenda's column in the LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDENNEWSLETTER

is based on her 40+ years as the Houston Chronicle's Lazy Gardener



BOOK REVIEW

Texas Master NATURALIST

– Statewide Curriculum,

Michelle M. Haggerty and

Mary Pearl Meuth, eds., Texas

A&M Press, 2015, ISBN: 978-

1-623493400

I was recently given a copy of this text book which is used as

the reference for the Texas Master Naturalist training program. The book is divided into 24 chapters each discussing a different aspect of our natural world.

It starts off with land stewardship, the role it plays in taking care of our planet and how landowners (private or public) can be part of the solution. It covers wildlife management to fishing and hunting.

The next chapter moves into the history of our land usage (archeology) from the indigenous people to the settlers. From this intro it moves in to the scientists and original naturalist that described the plants, fauna, and geology of our state.

With a little background out of the way, the Ecological regions of Texas are introduced. This is followed by an introduction to basic ecological concepts from the water cycle to the importance of burning.

The book continues to build by exploring the geology and soils of Texas and how they affect plant and animal life. As one's knowledge builds it starts linking in other factors like climate and weather and from there it progresses into water resources.

With the basics out of the way the book starts exploring, plants, animals, birds, insects, reptiles, etc. and how they all fit together.

Soon forest, prairie, and aquatic systems are discussed and the role they have in the ecosystems and how to manage them. Finally, the urban ecosystems are discussed.

This book is over 760 pages and contains a very good introduction on how to be stewards of our planet.

“Excellent reading if interested in the natural world from soil and rock to microorganisms and water to birds and mammals with all that lie between”.

[From the website](#) for those whom want to learn more about the Master Naturalist program.

For fifteen years, the Texas Master Naturalist program has been hugely successful, training more than 9,600 volunteers who have given almost 2.8 million hours to nature education. This dedicated corps of naturalists provides teaching, outreach, and service in their communities, promoting the

Michelle M. Haggerty & Mary Pearl Meuth, eds.

Texas Master NATURALIST



appreciation and stewardship of natural resources and natural areas around the state.

Hundreds of new volunteers are trained every year, and the *Texas Master Naturalist Statewide Curriculum* serves as the basis of instruction for trainees who complete a certification course taught under the auspices of more than forty program chapters. The curriculum contains twenty-four units of instruction that range from geology to ornithology to wetland ecology—all written by the state's top scientists and experts. Available as well to educators, interpreters, and others who may not yet be able to commit to the Texas Master Naturalist program, the curriculum offers an authoritative source of information for anyone seeking to learn more about the natural world in Texas.



Texas Master Naturalists not only get their feet wet and their hands dirty, but while doing so they spend time in a natural setting, learn about different plant and animal species, and maybe even find something new: one member, in fact, discovered a new plant species.

To become a Texas Master Naturalist, each volunteer:

- Master Naturalist Trainees must successfully complete an approved training program with at least 40 hours of combined field and classroom instruction through a Texas Master Naturalist Chapter
- after completing the training above, to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist, the candidate donates at least 40 hours of volunteer service back to the state and community. Trainees can complete their 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training within a year after completion of their initial training.
- in subsequent years, the candidate must complete another 8 hours of advanced training and donates 40 hours of volunteer service to maintain their certification (or to re-certify) as a Texas Master Naturalist.

* * *

DR. DAPHNE MILLER FARMACOLOGY



TAKE BACK YOUR HEALTH

HER FIRST HOUSTON APPEARANCE | MARCH 5TH 2020



Daphne Miller, MD is a family physician, science writer, Clinical Professor at U.C. San Francisco & Research Scientist at U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health. As founder of the 'Health from the Soil Up' Initiative, her goal is to build a healthier & more resilient food system from the soil up.

In her book 'Farmacology', Dr. Miller brings that goal to life. She goes beyond the simple concept of "food as medicine" by introducing us to the critical idea that it's the farm where the food is grown that offers the real medicine. Come join us as Dr. Miller uncovers the profoundly powerful impact farming & soil management have on our health.

**UNITED WAY OF
GREATER HOUSTON**

**50 WAUGH DR.
HOUSTON, TX 77007**

ITINERARY

5:00PM-5:45PM
Registration, Networking,
Light Bites

5:45PM-7:00PM
Daphne Miller, MD

REGISTER ONLINE @
OHBAONLINE.ORG/EVENTS

**OHBA MEMBERS \$25
NON-MEMBERS \$50**

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

MicroLife
ALL ORGANIC BIOLOGICAL FERTILIZING

*Joyce Serant
Foundation*

ArborTrue

Tellepsen
Landscaping

**Sustainable
Growth
Texas**

BLACKWOOD
Fruit & Nut

HomeShow
GARDEN PROS

**Hippie
Fertilizing**

**Nature's Way
Resources**

F&S
HORTICULTURAL

* * *

HAVE YOU TRIED . . .

CORALBERRY

(*Ardisia crenata*)

This compact, 4'-6' evergreen shrub has glossy thick leaves with small, fragrant, pinkish-white flowers in late spring to early summer followed by shiny, coral (hence the name) to scarlet red fruits that often stay on the plant year-round to the delight of native and migrating birds. Tolerates our



CORALBERRY is carried by Nature's Way Resources ([Map](#)). Or . . . contact our sponsor, Montgomery Pines Nursery in Willis, our other sponsors below or your neighborhood nurseryman for possible sources.

• • •

LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER CALENDAR EVENTS

ADULT GARDEN PLANT EVENTS ONLY

ALWAYS CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOUR EVENT IS IN! HOWEVER . . .

PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING EVENTS!

- Events NOT submitted in the EXACT format below may take 2 weeks or longer to be reformatted/retyped and added to calendar.
- Events written in the email in this EXACT format will be copied & pasted immediately into the next upcoming calendar.
- No pdfs or flyers!!! They only delay publication.
- Submit to: lazygardener@sbcglobal.net.
- Put group name in email subject.

SAT., FEB. 29: MINIATURE FAIRY GARDEN by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & BRENDA HESSE, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

TUES., MAR. 3: A HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO WEED CONTROL by JOHN JONS, 6:30-8pm, Extension Office, Carbide Park, 4102-B Main/FM 519, La Marque. Register: galvcountymgs@gmail.com, 281-309-5065, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston

THURS, MAR. 5: SHERRI HARRAH SPEAKING ABOUT WEEDS AND DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS, 10am, MUD Building 805 Hidden Canyon Dr., Katy. Free. Nottingham Country Garden Club event. ncgctx.org

THURS., MAR. 5: KOKEDAMA-THE JAPANESE ART OF HANGING MOSS BALLS by KAROLYN GEPHART, 10am, Heritage Gardeners Garden Club, 112 W. Spreading Oaks, Friendswood. Free. 281-992-4438; heritagegardener.org

THUR., MAR. 5: SMART FERTILIZATION by BRAZORIA & GALVESTON COUNT EXTENSION SERVICES, 6:30pm, 21017 CR 171, Angleton. \$15. Register: 979-864-1558; counties.agrilife.org/galveston/agnr/forage-series

SAT., MAR. 7: WALLER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VEGETABLE & HERB SALE, 9am-1pm, VEGETABLES by MARY KARISH; VEGETABLES by HENRY FLOWERS. Extension Office, 846 6th St., Hempstead. wallermgardener2103@gmail.com

SAT., MAR. 7: SPRING VEGETABLE PLANTING II by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & PAUL NESRSTA, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., MAR. 7: HERBS FOR THE GULF COAST by BRIANA ETIE, 9-10:30am; KITCHEN GARDENING by MARY DEMENY, 1-3pm, Extension Office, Carbide Park, 4102-B Main/FM 519, La Marque. Register: galvcountymgs@gmail.com, 281-309-5065, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston

SAT., MAR. 7: PARTY FOR THE PRAIRIE!, 11am-2pm, Safari Texas Ranch Palm Pavilion, 11627 FM 1464, Richmond. Native Prairies Association of Texas. texasprairie.org/party; 512-392-2288.

SAT. MAR. 7. SPRING VEGETABLE-HERB PLANT SALE by FORT BEND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS. 9am-12pm, Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg. fbmg.org/events/annual-sales/vegetable-herb-sale; 281-341-7068.

SAT., MAR. 7: AZALEA (BONSAI) CARE ON THE TEXAS GULF COAST by DR. HOE CHUAH, 10:15am, Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt. Houston Bonsai Society event. houstonbonsaisociety.com

SAT. MAR. 7: SPRING VEGETABLE-HERB PLANT SALE by FORT BEND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS. 9am-12pm, Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg. fbmg.org/events/annual-sales/vegetable-herb-sale/ 281-341-7068.

SAT., MAR. 7: HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SPRING TOMATO, PEPPER, HERB, VEGGIE & PERENNIAL SALE, 9am-1pm, Richard & Meg Weekley Park, 19110 Longenbaugh Rd. Free. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT.-SUN., MAR. 7-8: SPRING BRANCH AFRICAN VIOLET CLUB SHOW & SALE, Sat.: 9am-5pm Sale, 1-5pm show. Sun.: 10am-3pm Sale. Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Dr. Free. kjwross@yahoo.com

TUES. MAR 10, 2020: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH PLANT SOCIETIES by MARK WOMACK, 7-9pm ; Cherie Flores Garden Pavillion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Plumeria Society of America event. theplumeriasociety.org

WED., MAR. 11: A MARCH MART PREVIEW, by Mercer Staff, noon-2pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Register: 713-274-4160. hcp4.net/parks/merce

THURS., March 12: COMPANION PLANTS FOR ROSES, 7pm, Cherie Flores Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Houston Rose Society event. Free. www.houstonrose.org

THURS., MAR. 12: HERBS, 6:30-8:30pm, Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., Spring. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

THURS., MAR. 12: NATURAL HABITATS by TIM PYLATE, 10-11:30am, Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road,. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

FRI. MAR. 13: HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS PLANT SALE. 10 am, First Christian Church, 1601 Sunset Blvd. Free. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org.

SAT., MAR. 14: TOMATO STRESS MANAGEMENT 3 by IRA GREVAIS, 9-11am. free; BONSAI WORKSHOP by CLYDE HOLT, 1-4pm, \$25. Extension Office, Carbide Park, 4102-B Main/FM 519, La Marque. Register: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com, 281-309-5065, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston

SAT., MAR. 14: MUST DO, SHOULD DO, DON'T DO IN YOUR GARDEN, 8-10am, & ATTRACTING BEES, BUTTERFLIES & OTHER POLLINATORS, 10:30am-12:30pm, AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport Rd., Conroe. \$5/\$8 both. Montgomery County Master Gardeners event. 936-539-7824; mcmga.com

SAT., MAR. 14: THE WOODLANDS GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL SPRING PLANTS SALE, 8 am, The Woodlands Farmers Market, 7 Switchbud Pl., The Woodlands. thewoodlandsgardenclub.org

SAT., MAR. 14: MCGOVERN CENTENNIAL GARDENS TOURS, 9-11:30am, & WORKSHOP, 10:30am, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Harris County Master Gardeners event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

MON., MAR. 16: OPEN GARDEN DAY & PLANT SALE AT GENOA FRIENDSHIP

GARDENS, 8:30-11am, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

TUES., MAR. 17: USING BROMELIADS FOR IKEBANA by NANA KO TINGLE AAF, 7pm, West Gray Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Free. Bromeliad Society/Houston event. bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

TUES., MAR. 17: HERBS, 6:30-8:30pm, Spring Branch Memorial Library, 930 Corbindale. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

TUES., MAR 17: PASSIONATE FOR PLUMERIAS by RAY ALLISON, 10am; St. Basil's Hall, 702 Burney Rd., Sugar Land. Free. Sugar Land Garden Club event. sugarlandgardenclub.org

THURS., MAR. 19: NATIVE TREES IN THE LANDSCAPE: WHY AND HOW? by BRAD PHILLIPS, 6:45-8:30pm; American Red Cross, 2700 Southwest Fwy. Free. Native Plant Society of Texas/Houston Chapter event. npsot.org/Houston

THURS., MAR. 19: HERBS, 6:30-8:30pm, Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana In. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

FRI.-SAT, MAR. 20-21: MARCH MART PLANT SALE, 10am-4pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Info: 713-274-4160. hcp4.net/parks/mercer

SAT., MAR. 21: LOUISIANA IRISES by MONICA MARTENS, 9-11am; AQUAPONICS by GENE SPELLER & BRIANA ETIE, 1-3pm, Extension Office, Carbide Park, 4102-B Main/FM 519, La Marque. Galveston County Master Gardeners event. Register: galvcountymgs@gmail.com, 281-309-5065, aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston

SAT., MAR. 21: HERBS, 10:30am-12:30pm, Maude Smith Marks Library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd., Katy. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT., MAR. 21: GENOA FRIENDSHIP GARDENS PLANT SALE, 9am-1pm, Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7601 Red Bluff Rd., Pasadena. Free. Harris County Master Gardener event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT., MAR.21: CY-FAIR HOME & GARDEN SHOW PLANT SALE, 9am-6pm, The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress. Harris County Master Gardener booth. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SUN., MAR. 22: BIRDS OF THE BAYOU CITY by MARY ANNE WEBER, 2pm-3pm. Klein United Methodist Church, 5920 FM 2920, Spring, TX 77388. Cypress Creek Daylily Club event. Free. cypresscreekdaylilyclub.simplesite.com

THURS., MAR. 26: BLUE RIDGE DAYLILY GARDENS, 7-9pm, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Houston Hemerocallis Society event. ofts.com/hhs/

SAT., MAR. 28: CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB SPRING DAYLILY & PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, 10am-3pm. Wunderlich Historical Farm, 18218 Theiss Mail Route Rd., Klein. Cypress Creek Daylily Club event. Free. cypresscreekdaylilyclub.simplesite.com

SAT., MAR. 28: TAKING CARE OF ROSES by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & KATHRYN COURTNEY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., MAR. 28: GREENHOUSE SELECTION & MANAGEMENT by BRIANNA ETIE, 9-10:30am; RAINWATER HARVESTING by NAT GRUESEN, 1-3pm, Extension Office, Carbide Park, 4102-B Main/FM 519, LaMarque. Free. Galveston County Master Gardener event. Register: galvcountymgs@gmail.com; 281-309-5056; aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston.

SAT. MAR. 28: MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENER SPRING PLANT

SALE, 8 am sale preview; sale 9-noon, AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport Rd, Conroe. Bring wagon.936-539-7824; mcmga.com

SAT., MAR 28: HERB FESTIVAL & PLANT SALE AT THE WYNNE HOME, 8am-2pm. Wynne Home Arts Center, 1428 Eleventh St., Huntsville. Herb Society of America Texas Thyme Unit event. Free. texasthymeunit.org

SAT., MAR. 28: WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 10:30am-2pm, 12581 Dunlap St. WestburyCommunitygarden.org

SAT., MAR. 28: MCGOVERN CENTENNIAL GARDENS TOURS, 9-11:30am, & WORKSHOP, 10:30am, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Harris County Master Gardeners event. 713-274-0950; hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT., MAR. 28: COLDSRING GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL SPRING FLING, 9am-3pm, Coldspring Community Center, 101 E, Cedar Ave., Coldspring, Free.coldspringgardenclub.org

MON., MAR. 30: INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE LIGHTING INSTITUTE DESIGN REVEAL, 6:45pm-10pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield, Humble. Free. Info: 713-274-4160. hcp4.net/parks/mercer

SAT., APR. 4: HERB GARDENING by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & KATHRYN COURTNEY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., APR. 4: WHITE OAK GARDEN SPRING PLANT SALE 10am-2pm; PREVIEW by HEIDI SHEESLEY, 9am, White Oak Conference Center, 7603 Antoine Dr. Free. nnmd.org.

FRI., APRIL 10, 2020: EXCITING UNDERUTILIZED PLANTS ADAPTABLE TO HOUSTON REGION by ADAM BLACK. 10am, First Christian Church, 1601 Sunset Blvd. Federation of Garden Clubs event. Free. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

SAT., APR. 11: WILD THYMES HERB GARDENING by JIM MAAS, & MELDA SIEBE, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., APRIL 11: SOIL ISSUES, 8-10am, & BEST HERBS FOR YOUR GARDEN, 10:30am-12:30pm, by MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport Rd., Conroe. \$5/\$8 both. 936-539-7824; mcmga.com

SAT., APR. 18: 14" METAL HANGING BASKET by JIM MAAS, & PAT CORDRAY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., APR. 18: BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY SALE, 9am-3pm (or sell-out), Lake Jackson Civic Center Plaza, 333 TX-332 East, Lake Jackson. lorisgarrett@comcast.net

TUES., APR 21: HEIRLOOM GARDENING IN THE SOUTH: YESTERDAY'S PLANTS FOR TODAY'S GARDENS by GREG GRANT, 10am; St. Basil's Hall, 702 Burney Rd., Sugar Land. Free. Sugar Land Garden Club event. sugarlandgardenclub.org

WED., April 22: HOUSTON BOTANICAL GARDEN UPDATE by JOYCE COLUMBUS, 7:30 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Services Center, 1475 West Gray. FREE. Houston Cactus & Succulent Society. hcsstex.org

THURS., APR. 23: MS. MARIKO GONDA'S GARDEN, 7-9pm, Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Houston Hemerocallis Society event. ofts.com/hhs/

SAT., APR. 25: PLANTING IN GLASS by JIM MAAS, & PAT CORDRAY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT. & SUN., APRIL 25 & 26: SPRING GARDEN TOUR 1-5pm, \$15. SPRING

MARKET & PLANT SALE 9am-5pm, Free. Heritage Gardeners Garden Club, 112 W Spreading Oaks, Friendswood. 281-992-4438. heritagegardener.org

SUN., APR. 26: HOW TO GROOM A DAYLILY FOR A FLOWER SHOW by MARY GAGE, 2pm-3pm. Klein United Methodist Church, 5920 FM 2920, Spring. Cypress Creek Daylily Club event. Free. cypresscreekdaylilyclub.simplesite.com

SAT., MAY 2: GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES & BEES by JIM MAAS, & PAT CORDRAY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., MAY 2: PARTY FOR THE PLANT, Armand Bayou Nature Center, abnc.org

SAT., MAY 2, MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS OPEN GARDENS DAY, 9:30-12:30. AgriLife Extension Office, 9020 Airport= Road, Conroe. Free. 936.529.7824; mcmga.com

FRI. MAY 8, 2020: THINGS I WISH I HAD LEARNED SOONER (ABOUT ROSES) by BAXTER WILLIAMS. 10am, First Christian Church, 1601 Sunset Blvd. Houston Federation of Garden Clubs event. Free. houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

SAT., MAY 9: HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY DAYLILY SHOW, 1-3pm, & PLANT SALE 10am-3pm. Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4040 Watonga, Houston, 77092. Free. ofts.com/hhs/calendar.html

SAT., MAY 9: BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW & SALE, 1-4pm, St., Mark's Lutheran Church, 501 Willow Dr, Lake Jackson, nfreshr@aol.com

TUES. MAY 12: PLUMERIA IN THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS by NICOLE TIERRMAN, 7-9 pm; Cherie Flores Garden Pavillion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Plumeria Society of America event. theplumeriasociety.org

SAT., MAY 16: PLUMERIA by JIM MAAS, & LORETTA OSTEEN, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., MAY 23: MINIATURE FAIRY GARDEN by JIM MAAS, PAT CORDRAY & BRENDA HESSE, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$45. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

SAT., JUN. 13: 14" METAL HANGING BASKET by JIM MAAS, & PAT CORDRAY, 10am, Maas Nursery, 5511 Todville Rd., Seabrook. \$35. 281-474-2488; maasnursery.com

TUES., JUL 14: BONSAI by SCOTT BARBOZA, 7-9pm; Cherie Flores Garden Pavillion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. Plumeria Society of America event. theplumeriasociety.org

TUES., OCT 13: FALL PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA SOCIAL/LUAAU 7-9:00 pm; Cherie Flores Garden Pavillion, 1500 Hermann Dr. Free. theplumeriasociety.org

For event submission rules, see top of calendar

If we inspire you to attend any of these,
please let them know you heard about it in . . .

THE LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER!

& please patronize our Newsletter & Calendar sponsors below!

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS MADE POSSIBLE
BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS**

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us
at 936-273-1200 or send an e-mail to: lazygardenerandfriends@gmail.com



green
PRO
healthy lawns, happy families

COMPOST TOP DRESSING
LAWN, TREE, & BED FERTILIZATION

YearRound

Organic Fertilizers
Core Aeration
Compost Top Dressing

YearRoundHouston.com

MicroLifeTM

f&s
landscaping
LLC
Complete Organic Solutions

Montgomery Pines Nursery

www.bartlett.com



NATURE'S WAY RESOURCES

an organically based service company

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

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

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 and quality control.

Pablo helps this newsletter happen from a technical support standpoint.

