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# *A Happy Thanksgiving Bouquet*



*for All You  
Wonderful Readers!  
John, Brenda  
& Pablo*

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK BELOW FOR  
UPDATED CALENDAR EVENTS!**

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*Brenda Beust Smith's column in the  
LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER  
is based on her 40+ years as Houston Chronicle's Lazy Gardener Email:  
[lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com](mailto:lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com)*

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The poster has a dark blue background with a starry night sky. At the top, a string of warm white lights is draped across the frame. In the upper right corner, there is a golden olive branch. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif, script, and sans-serif fonts. The main title 'OHBA Annual Yule Ball' is the most prominent feature. Below it, the theme 'Great Gatsby Themed' is written in a smaller serif font. The event details, including the date, time, location, and ticket prices, are listed in a clear, readable font. The registration information is highlighted with underlines. At the bottom, social media handles are provided with corresponding icons. The entire poster is framed by a thin white border.

# OHBA *Annual* Yule Ball

Great Gatsby Themed

Join us for a delicious dinner, drinks, divine  
strings, a fortune teller, magic & more!

*When:* SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH  
6:00 to 9:00PM

*Where:* The Ballroom at Tanglewood  
5430 Westheimer Rd Houston, TX 77056

**OHBA MEMBERS \$75 | NON-MEMBERS \$100**

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY:**  
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A lot of folks have asked for heirloom and non-GMO seeds. We listened, and  
now we offer Bentley seeds!



## VEGETABLE/HERB/FLOWER SEEDS

NON-GMO, HEIRLOOM, OPEN POLLINATED

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| Forget Me Not-Firmament-Cynoglossum amabile  | Eggplant, Black Beauty Seed Packets - 22          |
| Marigold-Crackerjack Mixed-Tagetes erecta    | Kale, Dwarf Siberian Seed Packets - 594           |
| Morning Glory Mixed Colors-Ipomoea           | Lettuce, Simpson's Curled Seed Packets - 29       |
| Sunflower-Mammoth-Helianthus annuus          | Lettuce, Parris Island Romaine Seed Packets - 452 |
| Sunflower, All Sorts Mix                     | Lettuce, Buttercrunch Seed Packets - 24           |
| Zinnia-Lilliput Mixed Colors-Zinnia elegans  | Mustard, Southern Giant Curled Seed Packets - 30  |
| Basil, Genovese Seed Packets - 3             | Onion, Evergreen Bunching Seed Packets - 32       |
| Catnip Seed Packets - 63                     | Onion, Sweet Yellow Seed Packets - 589            |
| Garlic Chives Seed Packets - 556             | Pepper, Long Red Cayenne Seed Packets - 38        |
| Cilantro, Coriander Seed Packets - 66        | Pepper, California Wonder Seed Packets - 37       |
| Dill, Long Island Mammoth Seed Packets - 68  | Peas, Sugar Ann Snap Seed Packets - 36            |
| Parsley, Plain Italian Seed Packets - 73     | Pumpkin, Jack O'Lantern Seed Packets - 40         |
| Arugula, Rouquette Seed Packets - 567        | Pumpkin, Small Sugar 'NEW'                        |
| Beans, Provider Seed Packets - 5             | Radish, Cherry Belle Seed Packets - 41            |
| Beets, Detroit Seed Packets - 8              | Radish, Sparkler Seed Packets - 43                |
| Brussel Sprouts-Long Island Improved         | Spinach, Bloomsdale Savoy Seed Packets - 44       |
| Cabbage, Pak Choi 'NEW'                      | Squash, Acorn Seed Packets - 45                   |
| Cabbage, Copenhagen Market Seed Packets - 10 | Squash, Yellow Crookneck Seed Packets - 48        |
| Cantaloupe, Hale's Best Seed Packets - 12    | Squash, Zucchini Seed Packets - 49                |
| Carrot, Nantes Seed Packets - 14             | Tomato, Ace                                       |
| Celery, Tall Utah 'NEW'                      | Tomato, Cherry                                    |
| Corn-Golden Bantam 8 Row                     | Turnip, Purple White Globe Seed Packets - 57      |
| Corn, Pearls & Gold Seed Packets - 18        | Watermelon, Sugar Baby Seed Packets - 60          |
| Cucumber, Boston Pickling Seed Packets - 19  |   |
| Cucumber, Marketmore 76 Seed Packets - 20    |   |

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## LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER CALENDAR EVENTS

### SUBMITTING EVENTS? PLEASE READ!

- Only events submitted specifically for LG&F calendar are used
  - Use our exact format, type into email, no pdfs/jpgs/flyers
  - 3 lines max per entry. We will edit down if you don't.
  - Too long links activated by word "Details."
  - Submit: [lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com](mailto:lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com). Check published entry!
  - Always check to make sure event is listed. if not let Brenda know
- EVENTS ARE ON-SITE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

**TODAY-DEC. 2: 2022 GALVESTON COUNTY PECAN SHOW SUBMISSIONS,**  
3pm. 4102-B Main St, La Marque. Galveston County AgriLife Extension event.  
<https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/>

**THUR., DEC. 1, PLANTABLE CHRISTMAS TREE ALTERNATIVES** (virtual)  
by **BRANDI KELLER**, 10-11am. Free. Register: [homegrown2022.eventbrite.com](https://homegrown2022.eventbrite.com)

**WED., DEC. 7: HOW TO GROW AMARYLLIS** by **PATTY CORDRAY**, 9:30-11am Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 NASA Parkway, Webster. Gardeners By The Bay [event.gbtb.org](https://event.gbtb.org)

**SAT., DEC. 10: GOING NUTS FOR PECANS!**, 2-4pm, Galveston County AgriLife Extension, 4102-B Main St, La Marque. Free but register: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/>

**SAT., DEC. 10: GROWING TOMATOES FROM SEED**, 9-11:30am, Galveston County AgriLife Extension, 4102-B Main St, La Marque. Free but register: [galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/](https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/)

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**SAT., DEC. 10: MERCER BOTANIC GARDENS' HOLIDAY IN THE GARDENS**, 10am-4pm, 22306 Aldine-Westfield Rd., Humble. Free. Friends of Mercer Gardeners/The Mercer Society event. [info@themercersociety.org](mailto:info@themercersociety.org)

### **2023**

*(Make sure your 2023 events are carved in stone before listing them here)*

**WED., JAN.4: "NATIVE PLANTS AND HOW TO KNOW THEM"** by **DIANE HUMES**/ 9:30-11:00am, Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 NASA pkwy, Webster. Gardeners By The Bay event. [gbtb.org](https://gbtb.org)

**TUES., FEB. 14: NCARBON'S NATURE BASED CREDIT PROGRAM: AN EARTH BASED, EARTH CHANGING CONCEPT** by **JIM BLACKBURN**, 1-2pm, United Way of Greater Houston 50 Waugh Dr. Free. Crestwood Garden Club event.

**SAT.-SUN., MAY 5-7: ANNUAL SPRING BROMELIAD SOCIETY/HOUSTON SALE**, 8am, Judson Robinson, Jr Community Center, 2020 Herman Dr. Free.

**SAT, & SUN., OCT 14&15: 2023 SOUTHWEST BROMELIAD GUILD SHOW & SALE**, 8am, Holiday Inn 18530 State Highway 249. Free.

**NOTE: We do NOT pick up events from other newsletters or general PR releases. See submission policy above calendar.**

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please let them know you heard about it in . . .

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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 -- started in the early '70s as a fun side-project to reporting, it then ranked as the longest-running, continuously-published local newspaper column in the Greater Houston area. The name, she says, is not just fun, it's true.

Brenda's gradual sideways step from 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.

Brenda became a Harris County Master Gardener and, over the years, served on the boards of many Greater Houston area horticulture organizations. She 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 Assistant Production Manager of the **GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA'S "BULLETIN"** magazine. Although still an active 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 Humble, TX, and is married to the 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.



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