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DEAR READERS,  
If you'll allow us to quote from ...

### FLOWERS IN WINTER

How strange to greet, this frosty morn,  
In graceful counterfeit of flower,  
These children of the meadows, born  
Of sunshine and of showers!

How well the conscious wood retains  
The pictures of its flower-sown home,  
The lights and shades, the purple stains,  
And golden hues of bloom!

It was a happy thought to bring  
To the dark season's frost and rime  
This painted memory of spring,  
This dream of summertime.

The settler saw his oaken flail  
Take bud, and bloom before his eyes;  
From frozen pools he saw the pale  
Sweet summer lilies rise.

Without is neither gold nor green;  
Within, for birds, the birch-logs sing;  
Yet, summer-like, we sit between  
The autumn and the spring.

We wish you all the very best!

John Ferguson  
&  
Brenda Beust Smith

**TRAPPED IN THE HOUSE BY THE COLD?**  
Check out all the local December gardening advice  
in [Nature's Way Resources' archives!](#)

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

*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:*



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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

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***

— 2023 —

***(Make sure later-2023 events are carved-in-stone  
before submitting. Complete details a must. )***

**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](http://gbtb.org)

**THURS., JAN. 5: ALL ABOUT TREES** 6:30-8:30 pm, 9020 Airport Rd Conroe. Montgomery County Master Gardeners event. \$5. Register: [eventbrite.com/e/all-about-trees-tickets](https://eventbrite.com/e/all-about-trees-tickets). [MCMGA.com](http://MCMGA.com); 936-539-7824

**SAT, JAN 7: WEDGE GRAFTING by HERMAN AUER, HAZEL LAMPTON, DEBBIE ESPINOSA;** 9-11:30am, & **GROWING PECANS AT HOME** by Stephen Brueggerhoff, 1-3 pm. Galveston County Master Gardeners. [Register](#). 281-309-5065.

**TUES., JAN, 17: FEARLESS PRUNING by DEBORAH BIRGE** 10am, . St. Basil's Hall, 702 Burney Road, Sugar Land. Free. [sugarlandgardenclub.org](http://sugarlandgardenclub.org).

**WED., JAN. 25: ROLE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN CIVIC SPACES DESIGNING by THOMAS WOLTZ,** noon, Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet. Free. River Oaks Garden Club event. [riveroaksgc.org/one-more-featured-post/](http://riveroaksgc.org/one-more-featured-post/)

**SAT, JAN 21: GROWING GREAT TOMATOES (PART 2) by IRA GERVAIS,** 9-11:30am; **PROPAGATING FIG TREES BY BARBARA CANETTI,** 1-3 pm, [galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/mgseminars/](http://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/mgseminars/); 281-309-5065.

**SAT., JAN. 28 — SUN., AUG 13: STEVE TOBIN'S EXPLORING NATURE'S NETWORKS EXHIBIT OPENS.** Houston Botanic Garden, One Botanic Lane. Ticket info: [hbg.org/visit/](http://hbg.org/visit/)

**WED., FEB. 1: SPRING ROSE CARE by KAREN GERLACH,** 9:30-11am, Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 NASA Pkwy, Webster. Gardeners by the Bay. [gbtb.org](http://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., MAR. 11, 2023: BROMELIAD SOCIETY/HOUSTON ANNUAL SPRING SALE,** 8am, West Gray Recreation Center, 1475 W. Gray. Free. [bromeliadsocietyhouston.org](http://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org)

**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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## 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 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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