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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



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Thanksgiving

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX
(1850 - 1919)

We walk on starry fields of white
And do not see the daisies;
For blessings common in our sight
We rarely offer praises.
We sigh for some supreme delight
To crown our lives with splendor,
And quite ignore our daily store
Of pleasures sweet and tender.

We ought to make the moments notes
Of happy, glad Thanksgiving;
The hours and days a silent phrase
Of music we are living.
And so the theme should swell and grow
As weeks and months pass o'er us,
And rise sublime at this good time,
A grand Thanksgiving chorus.

*We wish all of you the very best
this day and every day to come!*

**John Ferguson
Brenda Beust Smith
Pablo Hernandez**

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LAZY GARDENER & FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER CALENDAR EVENTS

WANT YOUR EVENT IN RIGHT AWAY? FOLLOW THESE CALENDAR RULES!

ALL EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO & CAPABLE OF HANDLING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

- Use this 3-line (max) **EXACT** FORMAT/STYLE (*reformatting=delay!*)
DAY, DATE: TITLE by NAME (if talk), time, address, Fee/free.
Sponsoring group (if not in title). website/phone (NO MORE!)
- Only events submitted/earmarked specifically for LG&F calendar are used
- Actual gardening/plant type events only. No harvesting, cooking, etc.
- NO events picked up from general flyers. NO PDFS! TYPE IN EMAIL
- Submit: lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com. Check published entry!
- All events on-site and in Greater Houston area ONLY!
- ALWAYS PROOF PUBLISHED WORDING & TEST EMAIL
- YOU are responsible for telling us about cancelled events

THURS., DEC 5: HYPERTUFA BOWL WORKSHOP by **DEBBIE HAGER**,
9-10am, 846 6th St., Hempstead, Waller County Master Gardener event
Free, RSVP by Dec. 2: d.hager@att.net, 979-826-7651, txmg.org/wallermg/events/

FRI., DEC. 6: RAIN GARDENS AND CONSERVATION by **HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**, 11am, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr.
Free. hcmga.tamu.edu

SAT., DEC 7: GROWING TOMATOES FROM SEED, Part 1, by **IRA GERVAIS**, 9-11am. Galveston AgriLife Extension, Carbide Park, 4102-B Main (FM 519), La Marque. Free. galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/, 281-309-5065.

WED., DEC. 11: WINTER SALAD CONTAINER GARDENING by **SARAH ELLIS**,
Noon – 2 pm, Mercer Visitor's Center, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd. Free. Register: pct3.com/MBG

WED. JAN. 8: LUNCH & LEARN – NATIVE PLANT CONSERVATION by **KARI HERNANDEZ**, Noon- 2pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd., Free. Register: pct3.com/MBG or call 713-274-4160

SAT. JAN. 11: THREATENED TEXAS PRICKLY ASH by **JACOB MARTIN**, 11am–12:30pm, Mercer Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd., Free.

Register: pct3.com/MBG or call 713-274-4160

SAT, JAN 25: MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS FRUIT & NUT TREE SALE, 9am- Noon, 9020 Airport Road, Conroe. 935-539-7824 MCMGA.com.

FRI & SAT. FEB. 14 & 15: FRUIT & TOMATO VIRTUAL PLANT SALE, Friends of Mercer Botanic Gardens, friendsofmercer.com, 713-274-4166

MON., FEB. 10: SPRING VEGETABLE GARDENING by **HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS (virtual)**, 10-11:30am, Free. Register in advance to receive link: hcc.idloom.events/gardening-series/register

TUE., FEB. 18: SPRING VEGETABLE GARDENING by **HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS (virtual)**, 11am-noon, Free on Facebook Live. facebook.com/harriscountyp/1/events

SAT, MAR. 22: MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS SPRING SALE, 9am- Noon, 9020 Airport Road, Conroe. 935-539-7824 MCMGA.com.

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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 general feature 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 later was said to rank 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 general reporting into also doing gardening reporting 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 show 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 had 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.

About her column, Brenda says: "I don't consider myself a 'garden writer.'" I started out 50+ years ago as a very lazy "gardening reporter." I still feel that way today. I hope my columns inspire/help newcomers, but I do not write to them. I write to very experienced gardeners who want to expand their horizons.

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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