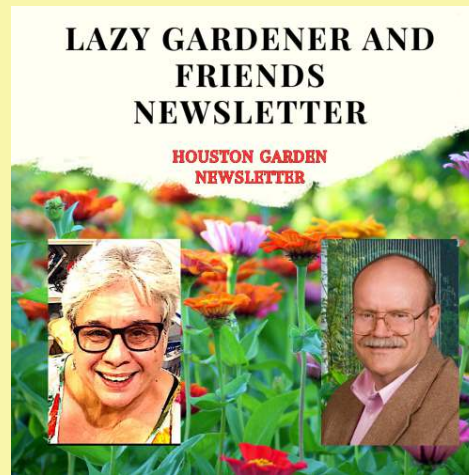


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Frances' specific LA iris

NOW THAT WE'RE OFFICIALLY IN SPRING

By Brenda Beust Smith | The Lazy Gardener

We "oldies-but-goody gardeners" are smiling under raised eyebrows at this headline! We know the truth of "April is cruel" (according to T. S. Eliot, whose famous "***The Waste Land***"... leaves us hoping, wishing (!) spring is really here. But she almost never follows through, teasing us with a few nice days before . . . (*But then "hope springs eternal" in gardeners, doesn't it!*)

First, a major correction (apologize!): Last week, I misspelled the name of my new favorite Louisiana iris gardener, **Frances Bland***. ("Bland" is correct. Sorry, Frances!). Close-up of Frances' specific LA iris (*top of column*) that boggled my mind! Talk about rich color!!!!

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As long as we are talking about outside challenges, predictions are deer may be a bigger problem than usual for gardeners in the outer-Greater-Houston

area. Why?

Mainly because we are increasingly invading THEIR territories! Clear-cutting their homes and food supplies LONG before any human building takes place! Living away from city hustle & bustle may look wonderful to us, but how would we feel if deer suddenly began invading our inner city areas?

Also, high populations and our now often-drought conditions are also reducing natural food sources, driving deer and other wildlife to depend more heavily on residential gardens and landscaping, even eating plants previously considered resistant.



Deer don't seem to like daffodils much.



SOME THOUGHTS ON DEER & GARDENING FROM
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"LAZY GARDENER AND FRIENDS HOUSTON GARDEN NEWSLETTER"
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So you want to stop deer from eating your landscape . . .

Frankly I'd give anything to be able to look out my window and see deer. But it's true you can have too much of any good thing. Here's some advice I've collected over the years . . .

- Deer have incredible stomachs. They eat plants toxic to other animals. The biggest problem is — once a deer has fed in a particular spot, he will return to that spot and start eating, even if it is filled with a plant he isn't supposed to like. So even if you switch to no-deer plants, you may still have to barrier the place for a while. And they have this uncanny knack for only coming to dinner when you're gone or asleep.
- A 6 foot fence may deter a well fed deer, but it will take an 8-10 foot fence to stop a hungry deer. Deer in different areas eat different things; so not every plant on every list will work in every yard. Also: what works this year may not work next year. A lot depends on the weather and availability of native forage — or if the man down the street who spent a fortune on deer food has moved.
- **Just remember** . . . deer love tender young leaves, even on bulbs, perennials and shrubs they will ignore once they become larger. Azaleas and emerging tulips are good examples. This is why deer so often go after newly-set-out plants. Some say if you will put a wire mesh cage over a new young shrub or tree, the deer may still get to the tender leaves (and will be less likely to tear down the cage if he can). But the plant itself won't be destroyed and once it becomes well established, and the leaves get tougher, deer might be more likely to leave it alone.



Saplings and trees usually suffer the most during the fall/winter "rutting" season. Bucks rub velvet from their antlers and do chauvinistic male things that may cause damage (similar to their human counterparts who get overly excited at football games). Protect the trees if this bothers you. It's just nature at work.

Deer have a strong sense of smell — particularly for new, young green growth. Try sprinkling these odoriferous items below around the plants or on leaves . . . or pack into bags and hang from branches:

- Scented shaved soap
- Rotting eggs
- Bloodmeal
- Human hair
- Creosote
- Curry powder
- Coyote urine (available in some nurseries. How do you suppose they collect it?)



Or, mix 1 1/2 dozen eggs in 5 gal. of water. Spray on plants.

The only person I ever heard say emphatically her deer solution worked perfectly was a wonderful 80+ year-old woman who every night made her husband go "mark" the borders of her vegetable garden (a la coyotes). She said she never had a deer problem although all her neighbors did.

Deer seem to especially love . . .

Asian jasmine • Chrysanthemums • Crepe myrtles • Daylilies • Geraniums
Hibiscus • Impatiens • Indian hawthorne • Phlox • Red tip photinas
Roses • Spirea (bridal wreath) • Wisteria



On the other side are plants said to be distasteful to deer
Experiment first! Don't buy dozens of one plant. Try a wide variety of selections. Plant them in clumps surrounded by a decorative mulch. You can always buy more of the ones you like, the ones that like you (!) and the deer don't like.

Have you checked out your neighbors' yards? What is surviving in their yards may be your best source for ideas on what to plant.

Would love to hear about plants your deer do/don't eat & where you live!
Brenda Beust Smith, Houston's "Lazy Gardener" — lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com

Word spreads fast among herds when favorite plants aren't available. Decades ago, area gardeners (experienced with such challenges) helped me develop a "NO DEER" flyer (don't take that title literally anymore!). I'm happy to share

(hopefully in exchange for your reports on plants in your yard, the deer DON'T eat)!

Text your request to lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com. No charge.

(Personal note about this flyer: The only person I ever heard say emphatically her deer solution worked perfectly was a wonderful 80± year-old woman who every night made her husband go “mark” the borders of her vegetable garden (*a la coyotes*). She said she never had a deer problem, even though all her neighbors did.

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(left to right, top to bottom) "Mont Blanc", "La Paz", "White Nile", "Gervase"

by **CORY SAUL**

**HOUSTON BOTANIC GARDEN'S HORTICULTURE COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST**

Houston Botanic Garden returns this spring with Flower Power, its groovy festival of big blooms and hippies (*Hippeastrum*, that is). The large tropical bulb from Central and South America, *Hippeastrum* (often called Amaryllis) comes in countless cultivated varieties, of which the Garden has more than 50. Typically grown indoors for holiday displays, they're instead displayed here as part of the Garden's perennial displays, staying in the ground year-

round. *Hippeastrum*'s hand-sized blossoms peak in April, washing the entire Garden with broad brushstrokes of color.

To celebrate this big bloom moment, join **Houston Botanic Garden on Sunday, April 12, 9am-4pm**, for flower-forward family fun and an afternoon concert from Houston-based Beatles and 60s music tribute band The Fab 5.

Here are just a few of the many varieties that will be on view — some growing perennially in the Houston area for just the second year ever.

1. *Hippeastrum* 'White Nile' in the Confetti Garden
2. *Hippeastrum* 'Cleopatra' in the Confetti Garden
3. *Hippeastrum* 'Himalaya' in the Tropical Heart
4. *Hippeastrum* 'Mont Blanc' in Woodland Glade
5. *Hippeastrum* 'Apple Blossom' in Cerrado
6. *Hippeastrum* 'Gervase' in the Picnic Grove
7. *Hippeastrum* 'Nymph' in the Mediterranean Garden
8. *Hippeastrum* 'La Paz' in the Corner of Curiosity
9. *Hippeastrum* 'Picasso' in the Susan Garver Family Discovery Garden

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Snails come in all types, you know!

SNAILS WELCOME IN A GARDEN? WELL . . .

by **ANGELA CHANDLER**
THE GARDEN ACADEMY

thegardenacademy.com/about/my-bio

Snails are more than welcome in my garden. Wait.....what?! Well, not the creepy, slimy kind that wants to browse my broccoli, but a new seed starting

method that went viral because.....it works! Seed snails are a spiral of soil captured in a non-porous wrapping. They have a couple of advantages over traditional seeding seed trays or small pots:

- They encourage deeper rooting than found in a common 4" transplant pot.
- The transplants are easy to separate for potting up or planting out.
- It's very easy to water and fertilize.
- They are very economical! This is a recycler's dream project.
- They are a super space saver from start to finish.
- They reduce plastic garden waste.
- Pssst.....you can do cuttings in them, too!

You can start a whole season's worth of plants in the space of a shoe box - veggies, herbs, flowers all happily growing together, waiting to take their place. Seed snails are a simple project that is a lot of fun and may encourage more of you to try starting your own transplants.

SAT., MAR. 28: SEED SNAILS by ANGELA CHANDLER, 10am–noon, [1411 West Main St, League City](#), \$35. College of the Mainland. 409-933-8461; [Register](#)

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Saturday, March 28th
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Special Guest
SKIP RICHTER
12-2 PM



Plant Talk: Perennials in the Landscape with
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Don't miss this weekend's event at our publisher company, [Nature's Way Resources](#).

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- **GOOD NEWS FOR BUSY/LAZY GARDENERS:** Curbside pickup is now available in the [Nature's Way Resources](#) nursery, and we're offering plant preorders for special requests. Call in your order, pick it up when it works for you, or let us try to source the plants you're looking for on upcoming shipments. *Find inventory sheet [here](#).*
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John's Corner

NEWS FROM THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SOIL AND PLANTS

Continuing with last week's theme, we will be exploring what healthy soil is, how to build and maintain it, and more. Please read on to enjoy the writings and teachings of our late founder, John Ferguson.

Subject: What Is A Healthy Soil – Part 3

Continuing our discussion of what is a healthy soil we are going to discuss item #2 below: Minerals.

Organic matter from almost fresh to totally decomposed in the form of humus (humins, humic, fulmic acids)

Minerals (nutrients, sand, silt, and clay)

Soil life (microbes and macrobes)

Air & water

Plant choices

Care for and do not destroy the health of the soil one has

For ease of discussion I am going to divide this topic into the elements or nutrients and the base materials that form all soils (sand, silt clay).

2) Minerals– The mineral requirement in a soil for healthy plant growth is a subject that is constantly being changed and expanded every year. First it was assumed that plants only needed NPK (nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), and potassium (K)) what are known as the “macro-nutrients”.

Later on, it was discovered that calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), manganese (Mn), iron (Fe), copper (Cu), and sulphur (S) were required. Over the last 25 years research has shown that zinc (Zn) and a little sodium (Na) were essential. Research over the last 10 years has shown that boron (B) is essential.

There are about 90 elements naturally found in the earth's crust and seawater hence we still have dozens of elements to go.

What about aluminum (Al)? The synthetic fertilizer industry says it is not required by plants. However when plant tissue is chemically analyzed it is present in small amounts. Other tests have shown that some plants grown in soils without aluminum will die, while others tests have shown plants without aluminum are disease prone and are subject to higher rates of insect damage.

What about cobalt (Co)? Most agricultural scientists say it is not required by plants. However, the vitamin B-12 molecule which regulates the immune system of mammals (including humans) and it is essential for hemoglobin formation and for the prevention of nerve degeneration is built around a cobalt atom.

For us as people whom consume food to obtain minerals, the mineral must be in the food we eat. This means it has to be in the plants, which means it has to be present and available in the soil for microbes to build the B-12 molecule and for the plants to absorb.

NO cobalt in the soil means NO vitamin B-12 in our food. Recently it has been discovered that Cobalt is needed in legumes for nodule formation and nitrogen conversion, seeds started without cobalt will not grow into a viable plants. It has also been found in the bodies of microorganisms that live in the soil. Is it important?

How about **Selenium (Se)**? This element is not generally thought of as a plant nutrient. However it is important in protecting humans against chronic degenerative diseases, as it is required in the production of powerful antioxidants such as vitamin E and glutathione peroxidase. Medical studies have found that America's "Stroke Belt" runs right across America, where selenium content in soils is low. Is selenium important? – You bet it is.

- Coming Next Week: What Is A Healthy Soil – Part 3 (Continued)

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March

WED., MAR. 25: ART OF GROWING ADENIUMS by EDDIE NOVAK & JENNIFER PESKEY, 7pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray St. hcsstex.com/

WED. MAR 25: GENERAL ADENIUM CARE, by EDDIE NOVAK and JENNIFER PESKY, 7pm, Multi-Purpose Metropolitan Center, 1475 West Gray. Free. [Houston Cactus and Succulent Society. hcsstex.com](http://HoustonCactusandSucculentSociety.com)

SAT., MAR. 28: NPSOT PINES & PRAIRIES NATIVE PLANT SALE, 8:30am, 2701 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery. Plant list week prior [Pines and Prairies - Native Plant Society of Texas](#)

SAT., MAR. 28: SEED SNAILS by ANGELA CHANDLER, 10am–noon, 1411 West Main St, League City, \$35. College of the Mainland. 409-933-8461; [Register](#)

SAT., MAR. 28: SPRING PLANT SALE by SAN JACINTO COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, 9am-1pm, Coldspring Community Center, 101 E. Cedar Ave., Coldspring, . txmg.org/sjmg/

SAT., MAR. 28: GARDEN VILLAS GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE, 9am-2pm, Garden Villas Park, 6720 S. Haywood Dr., Free

April

WED., APR. 1: ANNUAL PLANT SALE by Gardeners by the Bay 9am-12pm, rear of Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W NASA Pkwy, Webster: gibt.org

THURS., APR. 2: LEARN TO PLANT AND CARE FOR YOUR TREES by BEN PUNKETT, 11am-noon, 846 6th S, Free. 979-826-7651. txmg.org/wallermgwallermgardener@gmail.com

WED., APR. 8: GROW YOUR BEST ROSES 2026 by SUZANNE GILBERT, Noon–2pm, Mercer Visitor's Center, Mercer Arboretum & Botanic

Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd. Free. Register: pct3.com/MBG

FRI., APR. 10: TOUR “NATIVE WILDFLOWERS” by HORTICULTURE STAFF, 9–10am, Visitor’s Center, Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd. Free. Register: pct3.com/MBG

SAT. APR. 11: TEXAS SUPERSTAR® TRAIL & TOUR, by **GALVESTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**. 9-noon, Discovery Garden in Carbide Park, 4102 Main St. (FM 519), La Marque. FREE. Register: txmg.org/

SAT., APR. 11: HERB FESTIVAL AT THE WYNNE HOME by HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, TEXAS THYME UNIT, 8am-1pm., 1428 Eleventh St., Huntsville. Free. 936-891-5024. www.texasthymeunit.org

SAT., APR 11: LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY PLANT SALE, 9am-4pm; Pearland Lumber & Ace Hardware, 2027 N Main St., Pearland. lonestardaylilysociety.org, 281-331-0162.

SAT., APR. 18: HOW TO FERTILIZE FRUGALLY by ANGELA CHANDLER, 10am–noon, Mainland City Centre, 10000 Emmett F Lowry, Texas City, \$29. College of the Mainland. 409-933-8461

SAT., APR 18: SEED STARTING & PROPAGATION by FORT BEND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, 9-10:30am. FBC Fairgrounds, 4310 Tx 36, Rosenberg. 281-342-3034, fbmg.org/grow-your-own-2026/

SAT., APR 18: PRESENT PETALS AND PATHWAYS GARDEN TOUR by SJC Master Gardeners, 10am-3pm. Coldspring. <https://txmg.org/sjmg>

SAT., APRIL 18: OPEN GARDEN DAY by MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, 9am-noon, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, 9020 Airport Rd. 936-539-7824, mcmga.com

FRI.-SUN., APR. 17-19: 2026 KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB GARDENSCAPES HOME & GARDEN TOUR & PLANT SALE. \$30. KingwoodGardenClub.org

TUES., APR. 21: 'Edible Weeds in Sugar Land' by DR. MARK VORDERBRUGGEN. 10am. 702 Burney Rd., Sugar Land, Free, sugarlandgardenclub.org

FRI., APR 24: USING IRRIGATION WISELY by FORT BEND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, 1-2:30pm Online. 281-342-3034. fbmg.org/landscape-success-2026/

TUES., APR. 28: COMPOSTING 101 by HARRIS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, 10:30-11:30am, Visitor’s Center, Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd. Free. Register: pct3.com/MBG

May

SAT., MAY 2: LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW AND PLANT SALE, Sale: 8am-3pm; Show 1-3pm, Alvin Senior Citizens Building, 309 W Sealy, Alvin. Free. lonestardaylilysociety.org, 281-331-0162.

SAT-SUN, MAY 9-10, GALVESTON BAY ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW & SALE, Sat., 9am-5pm. Sun. 10am-4pm. Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Avenue Webster. Free. galvestonbayorchidsociety.org.

THURS., MAY 14: POLLINATORS TO ATTRACT BENEFICIALS by **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**, 6:30- pm, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, 9020 Airport Rd. Contra 936-539-7824, mcmga.com

FRI.-SAT., MAY 15-16: HOUSTON CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SALE, Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-3pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center.hcsstex.com/

SAT., MAY 16: POLLINATORS & COMPANION PLANTS by **FORT BEND MASTER GARDENERS**, 9-10:30am, Bud O'Shieles Community Center, 1330 Band Rd., Rosenberg. 281-342-3034. <https://fbmg.org/grow-your-own-2026/>

FRI., MAY 22: CONTAINER GARDENING by **FORT BEND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**. 1-2:30pm Online. 281-342-3034. fbmg.org/landscape-success-2026/

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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 -- John Ferguson called immediately (the next morning!) to ask if she'd continue publishing it for his **Nature's Way Resources**. Familiar with John's international reputation as a soil/mulch expert, she jumped at the opportunity and has been writing weekly for NWR ever since! The name, she says, is STILL 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 (lazygardenerbrenda@gmail.com)

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 -- *Founder, Mentor, and Friend (1951–2025)*

John was a native Houstonian and had over 35 years of business experience. He passed down [Nature's Way Resources](#), a composting company that specializes in high-quality compost, mulch, and soil mixes, to his son Ian Ferguson. He held an MS degree in Physics and Geology and was a licensed Soil Scientist in Texas.

John won many awards in horticulture and environmental issues. For years, he represented 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 its products. He was 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.

SHELBY CASSANO

Shelby Cassano is the communications and marketing lead for Nature's Way Resources and the editor of The Lazy Gardener and Friends newsletter. Through her business, Leaf and Ledger, she exclusively partners with NWR to direct all marketing efforts, from strategy and planning to technical production of the newsletter. Shelby holds a B.S. in

Agriculture with a concentration in Horticulture from Stephen F. Austin State University and previously managed the company's nursery.



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