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## President's Message

Oh my goodness! A fabulous time was had by all and what a great inspiring, educational program Bill McKinley presented at the "Holly Jolly" Gala. The floral designs and the combined music resulted in one of the absolute best programs we have ever had the privilege of watching. I heard lots of laughter throughout the day as members enjoyed wassail and cookies, shopped, listened to the choir and visited with Santa Clause. Yes, we had a surprised visit by Santa played by JT Street, Jeanne Street's son. Betty Edwards, TGC President and her husband attended the Gala and updated us on events and "happenings" at TGC headquarters.

Congratulation to the "Holly Jolly" committee lead by Susan Farris whose dedication make the event a successful and fun day for all.

At the year's ending, it's often is a time to recall the important things that have happen and to look forward to what the New Year may bring. In the last three months, we began our project working with Katy Prairie Conservancy "Grow out Program" by planting seeds that will be planted in prairie restoration areas on the Katy Prairie. I issued a challenge for members to "**BEE Environmentally Empowered**" by documenting how they dealt with changes in their gardens. We have had **workshops, educational programs, and horticulture teaching exhibits**. The **new Member Scholarship** was made available to all members of Federation who attend a NGC school. Please see guidelines and application forms in this newsletter. Our service projects were toys for Star of Hope and delivering **poinsettias to hospitals and nursing homes**.

The New Year brings educational programs in Floral Design and Horticulture, Design study of the New NGC De-

signs, Horticulture study programs, and workshops one of which will be making hypertufa planters. Federation will award an academic scholarship and member scholarship. We will continue with "Grow out Program" seed growing project.

Our January program will be "A Camelia Collection-Restoring Ima Hogg's Camellia collection" at Bayou Bend by Bart Brechter. Our design study program will be presented by Bonnie Steidley on one of the new NGC design "Cascading" with Carla Gaut judging the design.

Hope to see you at January meeting.

*Ann*



HFGC president Ann Korenek (left) and TGC president Betty Edwards (right) at the Holly Jolly Luncheon

## Horticulture Exhibits

By Jeanne Street

Many of us have had our first freeze of the season, so our gardens are in winter mode. That doesn't mean there aren't interesting changes taking place! Citrus, winter greens, camellias, and more are stars of the show. There may be some leaves and branches that have dried in unique ways. These are also welcome on the exhibit table! Take the time to look at interesting bark and branch structures now that most of the leaves have fallen, and keep an eye on the changing colors and shapes as the new buds swell throughout the spring. Some of the plants that flooded are blooming out of season. This is a sign of stress, so treat them gently. Fertilize your spring bulbs when you see the foliage emerge. Remember you may fill out your form beforehand from our website, and please sign in with your name and club name when you bring a specimen.

## Poinsettia Project

Federation wishes to express our gratitude for all the donations to "The Poinsettia Project" which benefits Brookwood and the community.

Thank you to committee chair Sara Chumley and her helpers Ann Colvert, Tommie Patterson, Jude Nichols, Beth Campbell, Enell Cooper, Nancy Ayers, and Sherrie Steiger for delivering Poinsettias to various charitable locations in the Houston and surrounding areas.



### Message from The Newsletter Editor:

Club Presidents—please remember to record your club's notable activities (those coming up and reports on what you've done) and forward the information to [triciabrad35@yahoo.com](mailto:triciabrad35@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the Federation Newsletter (it's great free publicity!!). Please send photos as an attachment if possible instead of being included in the text of the email.

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## *What's Coming Up Soon*

**Monthly General Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at The White Oak Conference Center (WOCC),  
7603 Antoine Dr., Houston, TX 77088**

### **January 12, 2018**

#### **HFGC General Meeting**

SOCIAL 10am MEETING begins 10.30am

Program "A Camellia Collection—Restoring Ima Hogg's Camellia Collection at Bayou Bend" by Bart Brechter

Hostesses - Zone 1

Design Study: NGC new designs

### **January 15, 2018**

Deadline for February Newsletter

### **February 9, 2018**

#### **HFGC General Meeting**

SOCIAL 10am MEETING begins 10.30am

Program "Design Angst...AAAg!!" Houston Designing Women help you reduce design mechanics stress.

Hostesses - Zone 5

Horticulture Study: Air Layering



What a **Holly Jolly** time we had!!



Top: Corrie Ten-Have as Santa's cookie elf & Beth Campbell and Lydia Abuisi as auction elves.

Center: Stovall Middle School Choir, Aldine ISD

Above: toys HFGC members donated for Star of Hope Mission

Right: Santa visits event chair Susan Farris, HFGC president Ann Korenek, and TGC president Betty Edwards



**What a great time we had!!**

*Top left:* Sigrid Vincent-Brown, Star of Hope Chair

*Top right:* members of the Holly Jolly decorating committee (they made it look SO festive!!)

*Middle left:* Holly Jolly lovelies

*Middle right:* Tower Oaks Garden Club members

*Bottom left:* Santa visits with HFGC members





**What a design program!!**

Bill McKinley, Director of Benz  
School of Floral Design,



## 2017 - 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 2018

- 1 District Area Coordinators-Send Pres. Report forms to Club Pres.
- 8 HFGC Board Meeting 1:00 pm, Bayland
- 12 HFGC General Meeting, 10:00 am, WOCC  
Program: "A Camellia Collection" –Restoring Ima Hogg's Camellia Collection at Bayou Bend"  
Speaker: Bart Brechter  
Hostesses: Zone 1
- 15 Presidents report due to Area Coordinators
- 20-21 Environmental Studies School Course I – Old Fort Parker
- 30– Feb 1 Flower Show School - Houston, TX.

### February 2018

- 1 Deadline: Contributing Awards TGC-New Pres names to TGC
- 9 HFGC General Meeting, 10:00 am, WOCC  
Program: "Design Angst...AAAgH"  
Speaker: Houston Designing Women  
Hostesses: Zone 5
- 28 District IV TGC, Inc.–Spring Convention

### March 2018

- 5 HFGC Board Meeting 1:00 pm, Bayland
- 9 HFGC General Meeting, 10:00 am, WOCC  
Program: "Those Adorable Hummers"  
Speaker: Sue Heath  
Hostesses: Zone 6  
Workshop: Draped Hypertufa Concrete Planter
- 16-17 March Mart Plant Sale - Mercer Botanic Garden

### April 2018

- 9-12 TGC Spring Convention- Hilton Garden Inn -Rosedale- Ft. Worth
- 13 HFGC General Meeting, 10:00am, WOCC  
Program: "The World of Seeds"  
Speaker: Angela Chandler  
Hostesses: Zone 7  
Workshop: New Officer's Workshop
- 27-29 South Central Region Convention, Marriott Houston North

### May 2018

- 1 Deadline for TGC, Federation Dues
- 7 HFGC Board Meeting 1:00 pm Bayland
- 11 HFGC General Meeting, 10:00 am WOCC  
Program: "Honey Bees"  
Speaker: James & Chari Elam of Bluebonnet Beekeepers  
Hostesses: Everyone contribute a plate
- 15 IRS e-postcard due May 15<sup>th</sup> for fiscal year.
- 21-28 NGC Spring Convention -Lowe's Hotel- Philadelphia , Pa.

### June 2018

- TBA District IV Board Meeting- 10:00 am, Bayland
- TBA National Garden Club Week

### Nice to know.....

WOCC = White Oak Conference Center

Bayland = Bayland Community Center

TBA = To be announced

TGC = Texas Garden Clubs

NGC = National Garden Clubs

HFGC = Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

SCR = South Central Region

FSS = Flower Show School

HAFSJ = Houston Area Flower Show Judges

## Coushatta Camellia Society Annual Flower Show

February 24 & 25, 2018

First Christian Church - 3500 N. Loop 336W., Conroe, TX

Exhibitor setup: 7-10 a.m. Saturday.

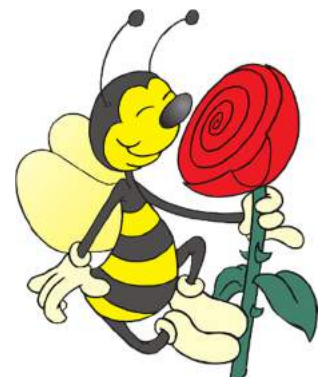
Judging will take place on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. sharp!

Anyone is welcome to enter camellias into our shows. Help is always available.

**The show will be open to the public for viewing from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. both days.**

The Coushatta Camellia Society was founded in 1969 and meets at 2:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month from September through April in the Parlor at First Christian Church, 3500 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe.

Meetings, which are all open to the public, begin with a short social; snacks and coffee etc. We then hear a dissertation from our usually very interesting guest speaker which could be on any gardening topic, not always specific to the camellia. After that we get down to the society business at hand. We try to end our meetings between 4:30 and 5:00.



# Federation Thank You

By: Ann Korenek

The Federation board wishes to thank the following Businesses, Clubs and Individuals for donations to "Holly Jolly" Gala. Your support was greatly appreciated to continue our mission of providing our membership with opportunities in gardening and all its related subjects.

## Businesses

Arbor Gate  
Buchanan's Native Plants  
Enchanted Forest  
Enchanted Gardens  
Houston Audubon Society  
Joshua's Native Plants  
Nature's Way Resources  
Wabash Feed Store  
Warren's Southern Gardens

## Clubs

Alvin Garden Club  
Bluebonnet Garden Club  
Bouquettes Garden Club  
Columbus Garden Club  
Crestwood Garden Club  
Far Corners Garden Study Club  
Gardeners By the Bay  
Heritage Gardeners Garden Club  
Houston Area Flower Judges  
Kingwood Garden Club  
Lake Houston Garden Club  
Lazy Daisy Garden Club  
League City Garden Club  
Nassau Bay Garden Club  
New Caney Garden Club  
New Century Garden Club  
Royal Oaks Garden Club  
Southampton Garden Club  
Sugar Creek Garden Club  
The Woodlands Garden Club  
Tri-County Diggers Garden Club  
Tower Oaks Garden Club

## Individuals

Kathy Burleson  
Enell Cooper  
Vada de Jongh  
Susan Farris  
Ann Gay  
Ann Korenek  
Jan Kramer  
Joni Landon  
Nancie Rain  
Angela Roth  
Jeanne Street  
Mary Vacek  
Carolynne White



Linda Kuper greeted everyone with a smile



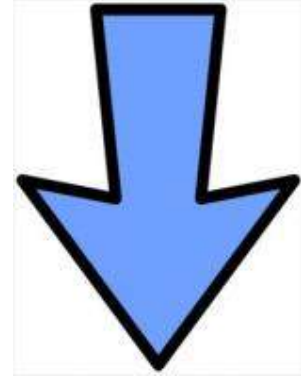
A few of the festive silent auction items

## Texas Garden Club Memberships

By Ann Korenek

Congratulations to Bluebonnet Garden Club of Houston and Mercer Society (sponsored by Houston Federation of Garden Clubs) for being accepted and ratified into membership to Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. Both were ratified at the 86th fall Convention in Killeen, Texas.

HFGC was happy to sponsor Bluebonnet GC and Affiliate, Mercer Society. We are equally delighted to have both as members of HFGC.



## 28th Annual Sadie Gwin Blackburn Environmental Seminar

10am Thursday, January 2018

Brown Auditorium of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

“Theodore Roosevelt, Reprisor—26th President of the United States, Conservationist of the Great Outdoors” by Joe Wiegand.

Joe Wiegand is an impersonator who has portrayed U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt in all fifty U.S. states, after a career as a political consultant.



Members of the Norchester Garden Club recently celebrated their 45th Anniversary by sharing memories and enjoying a potluck lunch.

## Federation World Gardening “Seeds for Life” Project

Federation and TGC started the “Seeds for Life” Project and today we continue to support this project. Currently, this project is known as World Gardening, “Seeds for Life” program. We are no longer able to ship seeds overseas but TGC provide grants for garden related projects to organizations working internationally and to distribute seeds in Texas.

**The program now encourages monetary donations.**

**All donations** made to Federation by Garden clubs members are directed to Texas Garden Clubs “World Gardening” project.

A detailed report for the 2016 World Gardening project Can be found in the December 2017 newsletter.

All donations for the World Gardening “Seeds for Life” should be directed to Federation “Seeds of Life” Committee Chair-Beth Campbell P.O. Box 100, Huffman, TX. 77336. **(NOTE: please do NOT send donations directly to HFGC treasurer as stated in the December newsletter)**



Tri-County Diggers Silver Anniversary party

L to R: Nancy Giffhorn, Ann Korenek, Loraine Kuehn, Mary Vacek



# Houston Federation of Garden Clubs Programs

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<p><b><u>January 12</u></b></p> 	<p><b>A Camellia Collection - Restoring Ima Hogg's Camellia collection at Bayou Bend</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Bart Brechter</b> head of Gardens and Landscape Operations at Bayou Bend.</p>	<p><b>Ways &amp; Means</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Plants! Bring plants for Plant Table</li> <li>* Monthly Drawings</li> <li>* Centerpiece Drawing</li> </ul> <p><b>Horticulture Exhibits</b> – share a bloom or specimen</p> <p><b>Design Study</b>- NGC New Designs</p> <p><b>Hostesses Zone 1—Doris Hebert</b></p>
<p><b><u>February 9</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Design Angst...AAagh!</b></p> <p><i>Houston Designing Women</i> have been in existence for ten years and members derive great joy from creative efforts. Members of Houston Designing Women will demonstrate techniques (commonly known as mechanics) that will help you design with less stress and more fun!</p>	<p><b>Ways &amp; Means</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Plants! Bring plants for Plant Table Drawings</li> <li>* Centerpiece Drawing</li> </ul> <p><b>Horticulture Exhibits</b> – share a bloom or specimen</p> <p><b>Horticulture Study</b>-Air layer that spindly plant by Linda Gay</p> <p><b>Hostesses Zone 5 —Meda Wogan</b></p>
<p><b><u>March 9</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Those Adorable Hummers</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Sue Heath</b> of the Gulf Coast Bird Sanctuary will explain these endearing little birds for us.</p> <p><b>Workshop:</b> Draped Hypertufa Concrete Planter- Create an unusual planter using your choice of fabric textures.</p>	<p><b>Ways &amp; Means</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Plants! Bring plants for Plant Table</li> <li>* Monthly Drawings</li> <li>* Centerpiece Drawing</li> </ul> <p><b>Horticulture Exhibits</b> – share a bloom or specimen</p> <p><b>Design Study</b>- NGC New Designs</p> <p><b>Hostesses Zone 6—Barbara Cox</b></p>
<p><b><u>April 13</u></b></p> 	<p><b>The World of Seed</b></p> <p>Speaker: <b>Angela Chandler</b> will explain how seeds have evolved and how they have and are changing our diet.</p> <p><b>Workshop:</b> New Officer's Workshop—Congratulations, you've been elected! Come and get inspiration and tools to make your year of leadership fun, educational and low stress.</p>	<p><b>Ways &amp; Means</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Plants! Bring plants for Plant Table</li> <li>* Monthly Drawings</li> </ul> <p><b>Horticulture Exhibits</b> – share a bloom or specimen</p> <p><b>Horticulture Study</b>-Growing Flowers from Seeds by Linda Gay</p> <p><b>Hostesses Zone 7—Lynda Counts</b></p>
<p><b><u>May 11</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Honey Bees</b></p> <p>Speakers: <b>James and Chari</b> of Bluebonnet Beekeepers will present program on environmental issues causing the decline in populations of bee pollinators specifically honey bees, in the nation and the world.</p>	<p><b>Federation Luncheon</b> <i>Bring A Dish to Share</i></p> <p><i>No horticulture Exhibits</i></p> <p><b>Awards Presented</b></p> <p><b>Hostesses —Board of Directors</b></p>

## A Report on The Southern Garden Symposium

October 20 & 21, 2017  
St. Francisville, Louisiana  
*By Lydia Abuisi*

When we saw the ten room guest house a long two story white structure, what struck my friend Patty Trube and myself first were the peacocks strolling about on the lawn . Two of the six birds were fanning their beautiful tail feathers for the lone hen. Ann Korenek, Mary Vacek, Corrie Ten-Have, Jeanne Street and Suzanne Milstead attended and also had a wonderful time. The Hemmingbough operates as a B&B, wedding, and event venue. Our room was cozy with period furnishings. The Hemmingbough has a several mile long beautiful “s” shaped lake. Facing the lake on a rise up a hill is a large amphitheater for weddings or an outdoor lecture. The Hemmingbough also has a large genteel lecture hall where Saturday’s symposium took place.

On Friday morning at Afton Villa’s thirty-five acres of gardens and green grounds we enjoyed a great design class led by a long married couple. They met in a design class in college. They were delightful to learn from as they one at a time each described the” how to” of the different designs they were working on simultaneously. To our surprise those designs were in place in the Rosale Plantation home where we attended the Speaker’s Gala that night. Friday’s afternoon lecture, which was one of five attendees had to choose from was on the newest landscape plants being cultivated at LSU’s trial garden. Some of the new plants are disease resistant hybrid tea roses, white flowering ShiShi Gashira camellia, and variegated loropetalums. It was held at Our Lady of Roman Catholic Church whose design plans were drawn by Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard in 1871. Patty and I each won a new to the market plant. I won a variegated Firebush – *Hamelia patens*. Its leaves are a lighter green and have a swirling white stripe down the middle. Patty won a Lemon Ball Sedum. Its leaves are a yellow lime color.

Saturday morning came early after the Friday night gala, but there was a continental breakfast in our private dining room followed by refreshments for all of the symposium guests on the expansive marble terrace. My favorite of the lectures

on Saturday was presented by Ms. Jenny Wegley, the Director of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. She described with joy and wonderful slides her design challenges in creating four seasons of color beds in sixty – six acres including her record keeping of the trial plants in the massive beds. The Southern Garden Symposium was a wonderful, inspiring experience and I hope that you will consider attending next year. It will be their thirtieth year.

# Bird-Friendly Houston

## Creating Bird-Friendly Yards

January, 2018

[Dear garden club friends, this month I have something different for you. **Sarah Flournoy** is program manager for the **Houston Audubon Society's** bird-friendly program, an outreach to educate Houstonians about the needs of urban birdlife. As you may have surmised from past articles, my husband and I are both deeply involved in efforts to preserve and protect Houston's native populations of birds, plants, and insects, so I have invited Sarah to be my guest writer this month, with an eye toward enlisting your help. Happy New Year! *Jonni Almone*]

Our landscapes can change the world. Imagine if neighborhood associations everywhere rewarded "Yard of the Month" not for the precise (sterile) lines of lawn and hedge, but for the yard's contribution to supporting wildlife and a healthier environment.

But what does that "Yard of the Month" look like? We have become so accustomed to the exotic plants readily available in the horticultural industry that we need a shift in aesthetics. The real beauty of a landscape, as many gardeners know, is in the delight of blooms, the appearance of changing seasons, and the witnessing of birds and butterflies.

One way to rethink our yards is to take the perspective of a Carolina Chickadee. These adorable birds charm us with their high-pitched *chicka-dee-dee-dee* and dapper black and white coloring. I walk through nearby neighborhoods--West U, Braes Heights--and rarely hear or see Chickadees even though they are supposed to be common urban birds!



Chickadees, like 98% of all landbirds, require insects to feed their young. One nest of baby Chickadees needs up to 9,000 caterpillars before the baby birds can survive on their own. Where do all these caterpillars come from? Their host plants are the native trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses that they have evolved with over thousands of years.

What we plant matters to birds. Oaks, Cherries, and Pecans can support over 500 species of caterpillars, while a common Crepe Myrtle supports only 2. One simple thing you can do to help birds: When an exotic plant dies in your yard, replace it with a native plant that supports wildlife. Also consider planting in layers because Chickadees enjoy the canopy of trees, but other birds forage low to the ground or within eye-level shrubs. Diversity of plant species will support diversity of birds.

You can also help Chickadees by adding a nest box, including a water feature, and limiting threats such as outdoor cats and pesticides. Houston Audubon is committed to helping keep Houston's common birds common. Join the movement by visiting [www.houstonaudubon.org](http://www.houstonaudubon.org) and becoming part of the Bird-Friendly Yard Program. Explore <http://www.birdfriendlyhouston.org> for helpful information on many topics. You'll find information on best plants, model habitats, birds to discover, our Natives Nursery, and other opportunities to make Houston a happier, healthier place for birds—and people.

### *Support Houston's Nature*

Helping birds requires efforts of all sizes and scales. Contiguous, ecologically productive lands have become fragmented and transformed with sterile lawns and exotic ornamental plants. But we can restore and reconnect these places; we can reestablish the ecological functions of our City. All Houstonians can make their communities bird friendly. With simple acts, as well as large-scale efforts, we can make a difference. That is what Houston Audubon's Bird-Friendly Communities program is all about.

Did you know that Ivory-billed Woodpeckers, now extinct, once roamed the wooded corridors of Buffalo Bayou? What

makes urban Houston unique is not only the people and businesses, but also the unique natural environment that sustains us. Houston Audubon's focus on birds encompasses a deep belief in the future of our City. It may be too late for the Ivory-billed Woodpeckers, but the many other birds roaming our neighborhoods and bayou corridors are counting on us.

Thank you to Jonni Almoney for inviting me to be a guest columnist. Gardening for birds is not always easy (it is if you start small, though!). Changing our landscapes in order to change the world requires commitment and passion, two qualities that shine within Jonni and her husband Skip.

*Please take the plant list below to your local nursery and be sure to ask questions about where the plants came from and if they were treated with pesticides. [Sarah has kindly included a list of landscape trees, understory trees, shrubs, flowers, vines and grasses that are beneficial additions to your garden. She also has listed invasive exotics that should be avoided. Jonni]*

## Houston Audubon Bird-Friendly Gardening List

### LARGE TREES:

WATER OAK  
WILLOW OAK  
SOUTHERN RED OAK  
SHUMARD OAK  
DRUMMOND'S RED MAPLE  
AMERICAN ELM  
PECAN  
GREEN ASH  
AMERICAN BASSWOOD  
SUGARBERRY (HACKBERRY)

### SMALL TREES:

MEXICAN PLUM  
PARSLEY HAWTHORN  
ROUGHLEAF DOGWOOD  
AMERICAN HORNBEAM  
POSSUMHAW

### SHRUBS:

WAX MYRTLE  
ARROWWOOD VIBURNUM  
RUSTY BLACKHAW  
TURK'S CAP

### VINES:

PURPLE PASSIONFLOWER  
CROSSVINE  
CAROLINA JESSAMINE  
CORAL HONEYSUCKLE

### GRASSES:

GULF MUHLY  
SWITCHGRASS  
EASTERN GAMAGRASS  
LITTLE BLUESTEM  
INLAND SEA OATS

### WILDFLOWERS:

AQUATIC MILKWEED  
BLAZING STAR  
GREEN MILKWEED  
TEXAS CONEFLOWER  
ROUGH CONEFLOWER  
BLUE SAGE  
LANCELEAF COREOPSIS  
GULF COAST PENSTEMON  
CARDINAL FLOWER

### AVOID THESE INVASIVES:

CHINESE ELM  
BRADFORD PEAR  
GOLDEN RAIN TREE  
LIGUSTRUMS  
NANDINA  
ELEPHANT EAR  
MEXICAN PETUNIA  
YELLOW FLAG IRIS  
LIRIOPE  
PAMPAS GRASS



## *Lazy Daisy Christmas Party* *Going Christmas Crazy!*

The Lazy Daisy Garden Club had their Christmas party on December 10 at a member's home. While most holiday parties include bringing food and maybe suggestions for proper attire, this party had extra special requirements.

### **Dress: Very Important**

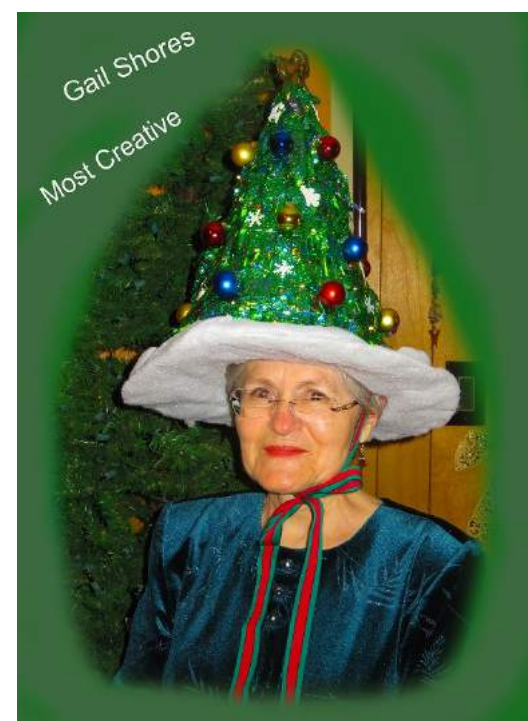
Let's go crazy!! Everyone **MUST** wear Christmas head-gear\*\*.....we all have a Xmas themed hat, blinking reindeer antlers [you know you kept them even after the batteries died!], a purple Santa Hat, etc. Or better yet, design your own!!

Oh, and If you have an ugly Xmas sweater---this is the excuse to wear it!!

Prizes for funniest; best overall costume; most ridiculous; most original

\*\*Can't find anything?---Never fear----there will be a extra "hats" available at the door.

A look at the pictures and you can see the membership complied!!



# National Garden Clubs

## 84<sup>th</sup> South Central Region Convention

Houston, Texas

Hosted by District IV, TGC, Inc.

April 27-28, 2018



## Wonders of the Coastal Prairie

### SCR 89<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention

Please join TGC District IV in hosting the SCR 89<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention in Houston, **April 27-28, 2018** at the Marriott North. We selected “Wonders of the Coastal Prairie” because we are named for the coastal prairie. On April 27 there will be a trip to Arbor Gate, a nursery for native plants and lots of “goodies”. The evening will entail a design program by Corrie Ten Have “Inspiration, Innovation, Imagination” and interpretation of artists in flowers. April 28, will be a short general meeting followed by a luncheon a program by Sharon Begnard on the “Giving Fields”. They are gardens found in Beaumont, which provide vegetables for children and volunteers. Following this, awards will be handed out, and a “Petite Design” will be given. A reception will be held in the Ballroom for Isabell Olsen, and the four state Presidents. After dinner, there will be a program Jaime Gonzalez, speaking on the Katy Prairie Conservancy.

SUGAR CREEK  
GARDEN CLUB

FEBRUARY 10,  
2018  
SAVE THE DATE!

*Friendship*  
**EXTRAVAGANZA**  
*Silent Auction & Luncheon*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
SUGAR CREEK COUNTRY CLUB  
420 SUGAR CREEK BLVD., SUGAR LAND, TX

WE WILL HAVE WONDERFUL  
SERVINGWARE, VALENTINE GIFTS, EASTER BASKETS,  
CHILDRENS' ITEMS AND MORE. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL, COURSE I – January 30-31 & February 1, 2018**  
**SPONSORED BY HOUSTON AREA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES**

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 Carla Gaut, Liaison – 832-831-0048

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**SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

8:00-8:30 am Registration & Announcements  
 8:30-9:30 am Flower Show Procedure (1 hr.)  
 9:30-9:45 am Break  
 9:45-11:45 am Horticulture\* (2 hrs.)  
 11:45-12:15 Lunch  
 12:15-1:45 pm Horticulture (1-1/2 hrs.)  
 1:45-2:00 pm Break  
 2:00-3:30 pm Practice Point Scoring (1-1/2 hrs.)  
 3:30-3:45 pm Break  
 3:45-4:45 pm Written Point Scoring Exam (1 hr.)  
 (graded but not recorded)

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

8:00-8:30 am Registration & Announcements  
 8:30-9:30 am Flower Show Procedure (1hr.)  
 9:30-9:45 am Break  
 9:45-11:45 am Design\* (2 hrs.)  
 11:45-12:15 Lunch  
 12:15-1:45 pm Design (1-1/2 hrs.)  
 1:45-2:00 pm Break  
 2:00-3:30 pm Practice Point Scoring (1-1/2 hrs.)  
 3:30-3:45 pm Break  
 3:45-4:45 pm Written Point Scoring Exam (1hr.)  
 (graded but not recorded)

Thursday, February 1, 2018

9:00 am-12:00 Noon Exam

\*The Course I curriculum for both Horticulture and Design is a five-hour course of study and Flower Show Procedure is two hours.

**INSTRUCTORS:**

Design: Kathleen Hawryluk, NGC Design Instructor from Naples, Florida. Kathleen has given programs at CFAA and OFAD. Her designs have appeared in the Vision of Beauty Calendar and the CFAA Magazine, *Design Dimensions*.  
 Traditional Line, Traditional Line-Mass and Traditional Mass  
 Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture: Pam Braun, NGC Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Symposium Instructor from Franklin, Tennessee. Pam is a member of 14 different plant societies and a judge for 4 societies.  
 Plants to be Studied: Ferns and Begonias

**REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED READING LISTS FOR NGC FSS** (from NGC. Website)

The following required reading list applies to all Flower Show School Courses. Students should read pages as noted in Student Outlines provided by each course instructor.

**Required Reading – May 1, 2017**

*The National Gardener Magazine*  
*Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Revised Edition*  
*Outlines of Period Flower Arrangement*  
*Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*

**Recommended Reading**

*Guide to the New Petite Floral Designs* (Anna G. Burns)  
*Hortulana The 21<sup>st</sup> Edition* (Heber)  
*Plants and Their Respective Families*  
*Designing by Types* (Osborne)  
*Table Settings for All Seasons* (Wood & Smith)  
*Plant Families for Designers Constructing Monobotanic Designs*

**HOTEL INFO:** Suggested hotels conveniently located: Courtyard Houston Westchase 713-784-3003 or La Quinta 291-495-7700

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

We are limited to thirty (30) total participants, which include students for credit and audit.

If you are taking for credit please register early to ensure you have a spot, **as you will be required to take FSS I first in the series.** The three (3) remaining schools may be taken out of order.

**REGISTRATION FORM - HOUSTON FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL, COURSE I**

Please complete registration by January 22, 2018, and mail to Jody Rogers, 5910 Effingham Dr., Houston, TX 77035-4144. **No refunds after January 22.**  
 Email: rogjody@att.net • Phone: (H) 713-723-6416 (C) 713-562-0408

**Please make checks payable to Houston Area Flower Show Judges or HAFSJ.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Student Judge, plus exam ..... \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee ... \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch, Tuesday ..... \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Design Only ..... \$ 60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Exam ..... \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch, Wednesday ..... \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Horticulture Only ..... \$ 60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Members of clubs who have made a financial contribution to this school may attend by paying Registration Fee, Lunch (optional), and Exam (if taking for credit).

**District IV Spring Convention**  
**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

The Overlook  
 20114 Pinehurst Drive, Atascocita, TX 77346  
 www.theoverlookevents.com

*The Kingwood Garden Club invites you to District IV Spring Convention 2018. In addition to District IV news and business featured speaker, Kate Henderson, will inspire you to find a project to enhance your community by sharing her experiences with "Reforest the Forest," a multiyear-project to sell and plant native trees.*

**Lodging – We have rooms blocked at:**

**La Quinta Inn & Suites – Houston Kingwood Medical (\$109, ask for the Kingwood Garden Club rate before Feb. 21, 2018)**  
 22790 US 59/169, Kingwood Texas 77339 (9.9 miles from The Overlook)  
 281.359.6611 [www.laquintahoustonkingwood.com](http://www.laquintahoustonkingwood.com)

Before February 14, 2018, mail registration with payment to: Madeleine Rogers, 2002 Sierra Drive, Kemah TX 77565  
 Make checks payable to: "Texas Garden Clubs District IV" write "Spring Convention" in comments section on check.

**Agenda for Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Registration and Silent Auction - Olivia's Ballroom  
 9:15 am Executive Board Meeting  
 9:30 am Full Board Meeting  
 10:00 am Opening Session – Olivia's Ballroom

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch - Olivia's Ballroom  
 By Amedeo's Italian Restaurant  
 1:15 – 2:00 pm Program – Olivia's Ballroom  
 2:15 pm Presentation with District information on  
 how to prepare and submit Awards entries  
 3:00 pm Other District information  
 4:00 pm Awarding of Auction items and Door Prizes

(Cut here, retain top for your records and mail completed form with check to Madeliene Rogers, 2002 Sierra Drive, Kemah TX 77565)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representing Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation deadline February 21  
 Registration Fee \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late Registration Fee \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lunch Fee \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Credentials</b>	
Former NGC Pres. _____	SRC Life Member _____
SRC Chairman _____	TGC Life Member _____
State President _____	District IV Life Member _____
State Officer _____	Landscape Design C _____
State Chairman _____	Environmental Studies C _____
Former TGC State Pres. _____	<b>Judge:</b>
Trustee _____	Master _____
District Director _____	Life _____
Former District Director _____	Accredited _____
Affiliate Pres. _____	
Affiliate Member _____	
NGC Life Member _____	
Gardening Studies Cons. _____	
Garden Club Pres _____	
Garden Club Mem _____	
Garden Club Delegate _____	
<b>PLEASE MARK ALL THAT APPLY</b>	



National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

85<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Convention  
"Wonders of the Coastal Prairies"  
Hosted by District IV, TGC, Inc.  
April 27-28, 2018  
Marriott Houston North  
255 North Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77060  
(281) 875-4000

Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Please UNDERLINE (all that apply):**

Former NGC President, NGC Officer, NGC Chair, NGC Committee Member, SCR Officer, SCR Chair, State Chair, State Officer, State Chair, District Director, Club President, Club Member, Affiliate President, Flower Show Judge, Environmental Consultant, Landscape Consultant, Gardening Consultant, State Life Member, Regional Life Member, National Life Member, First Time Attendee, Guest

**Check payable to: District IV TGC, Inc.**

Mail checks and registration form to:  
Madeleine Rogers, Treasurer, 2002 Sierra  
Kemah, TX. 77565, 281-538-9619

**Please mark either a FULL TIME Package or items in Registration area:**

Full-time package includes:  
Registration fee \$30.00, Friday night Dinner and Design program; Saturday lunch and program Giving Fields; Awards Presentation; Work shop "Petite Design Banquet and program from Katy Prairie Conservancy.

**EARLY FULL- TIME PACKAGE**

(post marked on or before 4/12/18 \$145.00 \_\_\_\_\_)

**LATE FULL TIME PACKAGE**

(post marked after 4/12/18 \$165.00 \_\_\_\_\_)

NOTE: No refunds on registration after 4/14/18

NOTE: No refunds on registration after 4/14/18  
Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.

**PART-TIME REGISTRATION**

Registration fee \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, April 27, 2018**

Garden tour Arbor Gate Nursery- private cars; Lunch on your own.

Dinner & Design Program \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

Luncheon/Program \$ 30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

"Petite Design" Workshop \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner/Awards Program \$46.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:**

**HOTEL:**

255 North Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77060,  
(281) 875-4000

Single or Double Rate: \$99.00 (plus tax).

Make reservations using the name: SCR or South Central Region Conference.

Deadline for special rate reservations is April 12/20/2018

Complimentary for hotel guest

**TIMES AND EVENTS**

**Friday, Apr. 27, 2018**

8-9am: Registration

9:15am: Trip to The Arbor Gate (by private cars, Lunch will be on your own)

1:45-2:45pm Nominating Committee

3:00-5:00pm: Executive Board Meeting

7:00pm: Dinner and Design Program by Corrie Ten-Have

**Saturday, Apr. 28, 2018**

8-9am: Registration

Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guest.

9:30am: Official Opening of Convention

Noon: Luncheon and Awards presentation.

1:00-2pm Program: The Giving Field

2:15-3:15pm Awards Presentation

3:30pm: 4:30 Workshop "Petite Design"

6:00 pm: Reception for Regional Director & State Presidents

7:00pm: Banquet and Program



*Lotus sicuta* 'Gayfeather'  
"Wonders of the Coastal Prairie"

## 2017 - 2018 Elected Officers

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# Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

## Member Scholarship

### Description of Funds- \$500.00 annually

Scholarship awarded based on actual expenditures available for 2017/18 Membership Scholarships.

Scholarship funds will be distributed depending on number of applicants. Scholarship will be awarded at May 2018 Federation General Meeting.

### Guidelines

1. Must be a member of Houston Federation of Garden Clubs.
2. Applications due February 1, 2018. Submissions should be sent to HFGC Membership Scholarship Chair-Ann Korenek , 1723 Hidden Villas, Kingwood, TX. 77339
3. Must have completed and taken for credit in one school in a series (except Symposiums) of one of the following 2017/18 NGC School in:

**Environmental**

**Flower Show**

**Gardening**

**Landscape**

**Symposium**

4. Applicant must provide proof of cost of school.
5. Applicant must provide a proof of course for credit.
6. Complete application form.

# Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

## Member Scholarship 2017/18

*(Application must be typed or computer generated)*

Application deadline: Feb. 1, 2018

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Garden Club Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_ /or

**Individual Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's NGC School Course Name and Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of NGC School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Course** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Courses completed to date in this school** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected completion date of Course** \_\_\_\_\_

**Objective after course completion** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

## - Affiliations-

### **National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)**

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

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1235 Dover Creek Ln.  
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inbleum@me.com  
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[headquarters@gardenclub.org](mailto:headquarters@gardenclub.org)  
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Password: pumpkin

### **South Central Region (SCR)**

[www.scr.gardenclubs.org](http://www.scr.gardenclubs.org)

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Kermit, TX 79745  
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bedwards@classicnet.net  
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TGC Headquarters  
Office Manager: Bert Pool  
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Fort Worth, TX 76107-3416  
817-332-6602  
[tgcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tgcoffice@gmail.com)

### **District IV Coastal Prairie (District IV)**

[www.districtivtexasgardenclubs.org](http://www.districtivtexasgardenclubs.org):

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6107 Hidden Lakes Drive  
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rgiffhorn@aol.com  
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### **Houston Federation of Garden Clubs (HFGC)**

[www.houstonfederationgardenclubs.org](http://www.houstonfederationgardenclubs.org)

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A foraging honey bee can carry 80% of their weight in pollen or nectar.

## JANUARY REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE ITEMS

Zone 1 will be hostesses for our January 12th meeting. Zone Counselor Doris Herbert should be contacting the following Clubs to bring refreshments and a Raffle item.

Bluebonnet GC of Houston      Far Corners Garden Study Club  
Houston Hemerocallis Society      Houston Rose Society  
Plumeria Society of America



November Midollino stick workshop



## HOUSTON AREA FLOWER SHOW JUDGES

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### A NEW SERIES OF FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

On the heels of a very successful Flower Show School series, we will again begin with school I.

As per the New Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017, all students taking the course for credit must begin with school I, while the remaining three schools can be taken out of order, but school I must be taken first for credit.

THE DATES FOR ALL FOUR SCHOOLS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**School I:                      January 30, 31, Feb.1, 2018**  
**School II                     September 18, 19, & 20, 2018**  
**School III                    January 29, 30, & 31, 2019**  
**School IV                    September 17, 18, & 19, 2019**



Please mark your calendars  
now to avoid conflicts.

The registration forms will appear in this Federation Newsletter, Federation website, and the TGC website, when all approvals have been finalized. Or you can call me: Corrie Ten-Have 713-817-7650 or email me: [ctenhav@comcast.net](mailto:ctenhav@comcast.net) if you need more information.



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