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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

She is the most interesting gardener in the world.\*

- She once grew the world's largest Satsuma tree in a 6" pot...in the back of her pickup truck at 60 mph.
- Most master gardener associations have a week...dedicated to her.
- She speaks fluent French to her houseplants...in Russian.
- She prunes her perennial...with a banana.
- Her Treeseach Farm business card just says..."I'll call you".
- She doesn't pick fruit, she asks for volunteers...and they jump into the basket.
- When she was a child, her ant farm produced more crops than the state of California.
- She always wonders why the other side is less green than hers.
- One hour of conversation with her is equivalent to a Ph.D. in horticulture at Texas A&M.



She doesn't always give speeches, but when she does, it's to the Sugar Land Garden Club...in September. Do not miss Heidi Sheesley, the most interesting gardener in the world, give her annual presentation on the great plants that will be available at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Art and Plant Sale. Join us on Tuesday, September 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 702 Burney Road. Social is at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

\*For those not in the know, like this editor, each of these 'gardener' lines is an exact play off lines in 'the most interesting man in the world' [commercials for Dos Equis](#) beer on TV. Click on the link to see YouTube videos of the commercials.

Our first workshop will be presented by member Lynette McQueen on Tuesday, October 4. She will show us how to create an adorable candy or nut jar decorated for Halloween. The design can be modified for any holiday or special occasion. Sign up for it at the September meeting. Also make note of the new location for our workshops. They will be held at the Eldridge Park Conference Center at [2511 Eldridge Road 77478](#).

[Lynn Lowrey Arboretum](#) of Rice University will be the destination for our first field trip. We will also motor on to the River Oaks Plant House for shopping. It is one of the

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

### *Perennials That Can Survive Houston Weather*

On Tuesday, September 20, Heidi Sheesley will present photos and horticultural information on the fantastic plants that will be available for sale at our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Art and Plant Sale. Social time is 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Garden art vendors will be present at the meeting to show the beautiful wares they will have for sale at GAPS.

Pre-orders will not be taken at this meeting as in prior years. Instead, the 'Volunteers Only Plant and Vendor Sale' is scheduled for Friday, September 23 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**NOTE THE NEW MEETING LOCATION:** All of our general meetings for this club year will be held at the [Knights of Columbus Hall](#) at 702 Burney Road in Sugar Land, next to St. Theresa's Catholic Church.



*Great finds! Talented and creative vendors will offer their best products at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Art and Plant Sale on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Be sure to attend the GAPS 'Volunteers Only Plant and Vendor Sale' held on Friday September 23 at 1:30 p.m. This is our chance to shop for plants and garden art. Photo by Randy Kozlovsky.*

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best known topiary shops in the country. You have probably seen their amazing topiary giraffes and other specimens along Westheimer Road. We will make a final stop at the [Russ Pittman Park and Nature Discovery Center](#). Advance reservations are needed so be sure to sign up at the September general meeting.

A huge debt of gratitude goes out to all the volunteers for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Art and Plant Sale. With your support, the garden club will be able to continue with the many charitable projects we sponsor. Thank you!

Stay thirsty for plants, my friends!

*Terri*

### 2011-2012 Club Officers

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Dues for SLGC are payable each spring, \$30 for the following year. New members joining June 1 - December 31 shall pay \$30 for the current year. New members joining January 1 - March 31 shall pay \$20 for the current year. For new members joining in April, dues are \$30 and apply to the following garden club year. Each member receives a monthly newsletter and copy of the club yearbook.



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### THANK YOU, RANDY KOZLOVSKY!

A special thank you to Randy Kozlovsky, professional photographer and husband of SLGC member, Marian for all the photos of SL Garden Club activities he has taken in the past few years. See his latest photos of [GAPS vendors](#) by clicking the link.

### Caladium Sale Quail Valley Garden Club

Quail Valley Garden Club will again be selling caladium bulbs. Penny Johnson will be taking preorders on October 18 at the Sugar Land Garden Club meeting. Delivery will be in March. The [flyer](#) and [order form](#) have more details, including varieties and costs. Click the links or see pages 8 and 9.

### NO PLANT SWAP

There will be NO plant swap at the September meeting. Plant swaps will resume in October.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 18!

By Kathy Hradecky

Sugar Land Garden Club is proud to announce that **Greg Grant** will be the featured speaker at the October 18 general meeting. His topic will be, ***Heirloom Gardening in the South: Yesterday's Plants for Today's Gardens.***



Many of the plants growing in our backyards now have been brought into the marketplace by Greg Grant, a highly regarded and award winning horticulturist, author, ornamental plant developer, and lecturer. He has degrees in floriculture and horticulture from Texas A & M University and is currently a research associate for garden outreach at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Greg wrote/co-authored the books: *Heirloom Gardening in the South* (2011), *In Greg's Garden, a Pineywoods Perspective on Gardening, Nature, and Family* (2010, Kindle only), *Home Landscaping Texas* (2004), *The Southern Heirloom Garden* (1995). He writes a monthly blog for Arbor Gate Nursery in Tomball, Texas. He also writes a column, "In Greg's Garden," for the *Texas Gardener Magazine* and he contributes regularly to Neil Sperry's *Gardens* magazine.

Greg has introduced many successful plants to the Texas marketplace. They include: Blue Princess verbena, Gold Star esperanza, Henry and Augusta Deulberg sages, [John Fanick phlox](#), Laura Bush and VIP petunias, Marie Daly and Nacogdoches (Grandma's Yellow) roses, [Mary Helen Fredel crossvine](#), Pam's Pink honeysuckle, and [Stars and Stripes pentas](#) to name a few.

SLGC is delighted that the Fort Bend Master Gardeners are co-sponsoring Greg's trip to Sugar Land. Please join us on October 18 to give him a warm Sugar Land welcome!



### BUTTERFLY GARDEN

By Evelyn Coe

The Sugar Land Garden Club planted and maintains the butterfly garden at the Sugar Land Branch Library at 550 Eldridge Road. We need volunteers. Please consider joining the fun one or two times this year. The weeding, pruning, and planting take about one hour once a month. **Our next workday is on Thursday, September 22.** We meet at the garden at 8:00 a.m. to avoid the heat and to accommodate our busy schedules. For more information, contact Evelyn Coe at [evelyncoe@earthlink.net](mailto:evelyncoe@earthlink.net) or 281-565-9813.



## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN ART AND PLANT SALE (GAPS)

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sugar Lakes Clubhouse, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive, Sugar Land 77478

For more information:

call 832-437-5107 or 281-491-9609 or visit [www.sugarlandgardenclub.org](http://www.sugarlandgardenclub.org)



### GAPS VOLUNTEERS ONLY PLANT & VENDOR SALE! FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

To show appreciation for all the many volunteers who generously give their time and skills to putting on our sale, this reward is yours: **YOU GET TO SHOP FIRST!**

On Friday, September 23, a 'Volunteers Only Plant and Vendor Sale' will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. so that our 2011 GAPS volunteers can happily shop to their hearts' content. Almost all of the varieties will be available for you to purchase. Vendors will offer their enticing wares as well.

Here are the details:

- The sale will begin at 1:30 p.m., after all the plants are in place.
- Any member who volunteers, from cookie baker to plant hauler, for the 2011 GAPS can attend this sale. Spouses or other family members who lend a hand can also attend.
- Entrance to the sale will be through the front entry doors to the clubhouse. Be sure to check in first at the volunteer sign in desk outside the front doors.
- Raffle tickets for the cute 'tractor scooter' will also be sold to volunteers on Friday.
- After you have picked out your plants, get an invoice from the outside invoice writers. Leave your plants in the hold area, then go inside to pay.
- One inside invoice writer will handle the invoicing for garden art items.
- Payment for both plants and garden art must be made inside the clubhouse. There will be no outside cashiers. Payment is by cash or check only.
- After paying, go back outside to get your plants and take them to your car.
- PLEASE BRING ALL WAGONS BACK FROM THE PARKING LOT TO THE WAGON AREA!

Volunteers, thank you in advance for abiding by these few rules. This will help maintain order throughout the sale and keep cleanup to a minimum.

If you should have any suggestions on how to improve this new event for next year, email your ideas to Terri Hurley or Lillian Tigard. They are in the yearbook!

### SEEDS - RAFFLE

The best **seeds** from the best plants of our members' gardens will be offered at the sale.



Do not forget to buy **raffle tickets** to win the super raffle prize, [the Garden Scoot](#), generously donated by SLGC member Anne Matzelle.

### GAPS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE NEEDED! ONE FINAL CHANCE TO ATTEND THE VOLUNTEERS ONLY SALE!

How is that possible at this late stage you ask excitedly? We still need a few more good volunteers to finish staffing a clean up committee after the sale. This does not involve heavy lifting, only cleaning and vacuuming.

Take advantage of this ground-breaking opportunity. Contact Terri Hurley at [thurley001@comcast.net](mailto:thurley001@comcast.net) or Cathy Lutz at [Cathyilutz@comcast.net](mailto:Cathyilutz@comcast.net). Please do not make the same people do all the work again. We need YOU!

### CRAFTS

Many new and returning local artisans will offer their garden-themed **crafty creations** for sale. They are:

- Stevie Ballow & Rava Avis - Jewelry
- Gretchen Cockerill - Jewelry and nature note cards
- Patty Dishman - Nature photos and note cards
- Cathleen Disney - Ceramics
- Sam Douglas - Bottle planters
- Fort Bend County Master Gardeners - Gardening tools & supplies
- Leo Franco - Mexican pottery (outside)
- Ann Gaines - Block prints
- Anne Ondrusek - Homemade jelly & pickles, hats, tool belts
- Cheryl Swanson - Wooden angels, small paintings & knitted scarves

### GAPS 25% DISCOUNT SALE!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

On Saturday, September 24, at the close of GAPS and after ALL customers have gone, all **SLGC members** will be allowed to purchase any remaining plants at a 25% discount. This sale will last only for about one hour.

Do not count on specific plants being available at this discount sale. If you want a particular plant, your best chance of getting it would be to volunteer and attend the 'Volunteers Only Plant and Vendor Sale' on Friday, September 23 at 1:30 p.m. To volunteer, call Terri Hurley at 281-491-9609.

In past years, the GAPS discount sale was held on the Sunday after the sale. Due to fundraising limitations placed on tax exempt organizations in the state of Texas, the discount sale had to be rescheduled to Saturday, immediately after the main sale. There will not be a Sunday discount sale.



## HORTICULTURE

By Paula Goodwin

Would you like to know what plants I recommend for the 2011 Garden Art & Plant Sale that our garden club will be selling this month?

My highest regards go out to my little *Cordia boissieri*, also known as Mexican Olive that I bought at our plant sale. What a trooper! It survived this summer's heat and drought with hardly dropping a leaf. This tree is just gorgeous with its silver-green leaves and white blooms. We do not want huge trees in our backyard (I need some sunlight for growing vegetables!) and this little tree fills the bill. It is beautiful, but not overwhelming.



Tree: *Cordia Boissieri* & Hummingbird Bush

Also these plants:

- **Justicia.** This is a "pass-a-long" plant given to me by Anne Wilson. It attracts hummingbirds and has striking orange blooms. And it is easy to propagate and to share with your fellow garden club members.
- Any variety of **lantana.** Lantanas come in all kinds of colors, but I love the golden yellow especially. They even outgrew weeds in my butterfly/hummingbird flowerbed this summer.
- **Salvia miniata:** Do not consider these to be invasive, but they are certainly prolific. Their red blooms attract hummingbirds. They are also planted outside my kitchen window in the hummingbird/butterfly flowerbed.
- **Hamelia patens** (hummingbird bush). One of my favorite plants that comes into full bloom just as the hummingbirds are starting to come through.
- **Native Turk's Cap.** It needs pruning now and then to keep it in bounds, but it is a real die-hard plant for your garden and hummingbirds love it.
- **Terri's Pink Hibiscus.** Its pink, giant blooms make it a showpiece in my backyard. Wish I had a whole hedge of these.

Here are some obituaries of plants that did not make it through this summer.

- **Marilyn's Choice Abutilon:** I placed this potted plant in my compost bin during a freeze a couple of years ago. It rooted there and loved the compost where it put down roots. But since it was behind our garage and I did not see it very much, it died from my neglect. If plants are not in your sight every day, you will forget about them.
- **Coral Vine:** This was also a compost pile plant that did not receive enough water this last summer and then died. But in the last few years, it grew upon my back fence with ferociousness. I could hardly keep it contained within my backyard. This vine was lovely, since I had both the pink and white varieties growing and intertwined together.

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## WORKSHOP

By Brenda Webb



Come join us on October 4, 10:00 a.m., at the [Eldridge Park Community Meeting Room](#), as Lynette McQueen guides us in creating a Halloween candy jar from a clay pot and ivy globe. For more information, visit the craft/workshop table at the September 20, SLGC meeting.

The craft workshop needs your cork wine corks for a spring project. Please bring them to us at the workshop table at SLGC meetings.

## HOSPITALITY

By Jean Waleke

We want to thank **Evelyn Coe** for volunteering to be Host Chair this month. She is responsible for arranging for our refreshments and meeting setup. We also want to thank all the members who signed up to co-host this month.

## TV COMMERCIAL FOR GAPS

On May 11, fifteen of our members attended the live taping of Channel 11's Great Day Houston with Debra Duncan. (See May, 2011 issue of the Greenleaf). In appreciation for our attendance, Channel 11 created for GAPS a 30-second promotion, which aired on that program on September 13. Click the link to view [the GAPS commercial](#), which Terri Hurley recorded and uploaded for all to see.

## LIBRARY

At the end of each garden club year, Sugar Land Garden Club purchases and donates garden and nature books to the Fort Bend County Libraries to be shelved at the Sugar Land Branch Library. If you have any titles to suggest, please send them to Kathy Hradecky ([kathy-fh@comcast.net](mailto:kathy-fh@comcast.net)) or Lan Shen ([shen.gcmn@gmail.com](mailto:shen.gcmn@gmail.com)).

Books donated for club year 2010-2011 will be on display at the October General Meeting.

Donnetta Parrish recently suggested three books that she found in the Fort Bend Lifestyles and Homes on Saving Seeds, Seeing Trees, and Wicked Bugs. Click the link for more information on these [three books](#).

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- **Duranta:** I loved this, but it became too sprawling for its space. So it had to cut it out of my garden.
- **Geraniums** in pots by my front door died despite faithful watering. I can usually coax them through a hot summer to start reviving by fall's cooler weather. But the heat was so intense and lasted so long, it must have been more than they could withstand.

Our Garden Art & Plant sale is an exciting time for our club. If it rained on this day, I don't think anyone would mind. Put on a hat, sunscreen, and please come on September 24. Better yet, volunteer to help!

## GARDEN CLUB PERSONALITY

By *Jaye Talus*



Hello everyone. I am Jaye Talus, the corresponding secretary for our club. I moved to Houston in 1975 and have been living in Sugar Land for the last 20 years. I grew up in northern Minnesota. My first memory of gardening was when my Dad, who had never grown anything, decided to plant sweet corn the Indian way: six seed kernels and a fish buried in the middle of a mound of dirt -- but first we had to catch the fish!

I was a true flower child of the 70's and bought a farm outside Green Bay, Wisconsin so I could grow healthy food for my children and have horses. I wanted organic everything, even the meat, so I had two pigs (every year the pigs were named Homer and Jethro), three sheep, three goats (Nanny, Annie, and Fanny), a dozen chickens, and two ponies, which the babies were much too young to ride. I had read that goat milk was super healthy, so my kids went from breast milk to goat milk. I had never milked a goat in my life and my goats had never been milked before. That made for quite a comical and steep learning curve!

I canned or froze everything I grew. It was a fabulous first gardening experience as the large vegetable garden had about 150 years of manure plowed into the soil so twelve tomato plants yielded six bushels of tomatoes!! I bought a package of every kind of veggie seed the general store sold. It was overwhelming! I had a full root cellar, shelves of canned goods, a full freezer, and very healthy and well fed pigs! I thought gardening was wonderful and easy. (Ha!)

I now have a typical suburban yard in First Colony that had only Johnson grass weeds in the back yard, so I had told my then teenage son to dig up the clumps. When I got home from work, it was like a bomb had gone off -- craters everywhere. He spent the next day replanting all the weeds and then spraying them with weed killer! Now my garden is my stress reliever and my sanctuary (and my excuse for why the house is not clean!)

I so enjoy all activities the garden club offers and experimenting with different plants. There is always something new to learn. The field trips are fun and make it easier to get to know other great women. I also enjoy working on the social committee, volunteering at Brookwood, and doing whatever is needed at GAPS and the spring Garden Tour. If you are a new member, come join the fun!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Val Howell  
Donna Zimmer

## SLGC CORRESPONDENCE

Get well card was sent to Coeta Presley, who had cataract surgery.

## FIELD TRIP

By *Mary Bates*

No field trip is scheduled for September. Join us for the October field trip on Tuesday, October 25 to the Lynn Lowery Arboretum and greenhouses at Rice University, the River Oaks Plant Shop, and Russ Pittman Park and the Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire.



## Uh Oh! Here Come the Snakes

Submitted by *Eulalia Nichols*

*Eulalia Nichols wrote, "This came from my daughter who is usually a source of reliable information..."*

### Uh Oh! Here Come the Snakes!

#### Major snake infestation expected in Texas this month

*Jim Forsyth*

"...Snake experts tell 1200 WOAI news that late August and September will see an explosion of snakes in back yards, as the critters start slithering out looking for something to eat.

"They're very hungry right now," central Texas snake expert Jerry Cates tells 1200 WOAI news, in a statement which is creepy on it's surface. "The hungrier they get, the more they start ranging the fields looking for food."

He says that's why we can expect snakes to show up in places where they are seldom seen...

He says the four most common types of poisonous snakes in Texas are the common rattlesnake, the Texas coral snake, the copperhead, and the cottonmouth (likes to hang around water...like Onion Creek)... [Note: There are no poisonous snakes in Texas - no snake will poison a person upon being eaten. However, there are venomous snakes, whose fangs inject venom into those that they bite]. The article also gives good tips when encountering a snake.

The article was sent to Keith Crenshaw, Urban Biologist in Houston for the Texas Park and Wildlife Department, for his comments. He mentioned that in our area the venomous and very distinctive coral snake has round eyes and mentioned many non-venomous snakes.

Mike Abernathy of Jesse Jones Park and Nature Center recently gave a talk on snakes and said that in the hottest part of the summer, there are less snake encounters, because they burrow in the dirt until they reach moist soil and indulge in [estivation](#) or summer sleep for the duration. [Now that the temperature is decreasing, will they come out again?]

Remember, there are many non-venomous snakes that eat rodents and other pests. Also, if you leave a snake alone, it probably will leave you alone. Click the link to read the entire [email from Eulalia's daughter](#), comments from Keith Crenshaw, and links to more snake information.



## FARMERS MARKET AT IMPERIAL

By Marsha Smith

Beginning on **October 1**, there will be an eleven-week Farmers Market Series

presented by the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce every Saturday from October 1 through December 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine, at 198 Kempner St (just north of Highway 90 & Brooks Street).

Visitors can purchase local cheeses, fresh baked goods, jam, honey, fresh-cut flowers and more. Enchanted Gardens nursery design professionals will be on hand to answer landscaping questions and offer whimsical holiday gifts for the gardener in the family. Live music, cooking demonstrations by area chefs, children's activities and appearances by the Sugar Land Skeeters mascot are planned, turning this traditional Farmers Market into a festival of food and fun.

## KSLB - RECYCLE FOR REUSE OCTOBER 8

By Evelyn Traylor

Keep Sugar Land Beautiful ([KSLB](http://kslb.org)) will host its 8th Annual **Recycle for Reuse Event on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, in partnership with the Fort Bend Education Foundation and the Fort Bend Women's Center. **Please plan to donate gently used items for reuse:** books, games, puzzles, flash cards, videos, DVDs, CDs, eyeglasses, clothing, furniture, household items, and cell phones.

Classroom items will be donated to Fort Bend ISD teachers and household items will be donated to the Fort Bend Women's Center. Cell phones will be responsibly recycled by Keep Sugar Land Beautiful and eyeglasses will be reused by Recycle for Sight. Please bring clean, gently used items to the Fort Bend ISD Administration Parking Lot, 16431 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8. For more information, contact Vicki Gist, 281-313-5752 or [www.kslb.org](http://www.kslb.org).

## SUGAR LAND HERITAGE HIKE

By Marsha Smith



Wouldn't it be nice to spend a leisurely Saturday this fall on a walk through a leafy historic neighborhood, while learning a little bit about Sugar Land history? Join the [Sugar Land Heritage Foundation](http://sugarlandheritagefoundation.org) as they present a monthly [Heritage Hike](http://sugarlandheritagefoundation.org) each **second Saturday of the month, beginning October 8, 2011.**

To kick off the series on October 8, the SLHF has activities, including many for children, planned from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 198 Kempner Street: Sugar Land firefighters will be on-site with a restored 1919 Model T fire truck and there will be a raffle for great prizes! A Heritage Hike lasts about 1-1/2 hours and winds through old downtown Sugar Land and the historic Hill neighborhood. Guided tours start every half-hour from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Costs are \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens, and free for children under 12. Rain date for the October 8 event is Saturday, October 15. For tour reservations, contact Eleanor Barton at 281-494-0261. Special group tours may be scheduled during the week. Contact Marsha Smith at 281-491-1621 or [msmith@hal-pc.org](mailto:msmith@hal-pc.org) for more information on the group tours.

## NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM

October 13 - 16

The Native Plant Society of Texas/Houston (NPSOT-H) will host a "Super Wildscapes" October 13-16: the **31st Annual Native Plant Society of Texas Fall Symposium** will be held at the [Omni Hotel in west Houston](http://omnihotel.com). The [Symposium](http://symposium.org) title is "Habitat CPR: Creating, Preserving, and Restoring Native Habitats in a Changing World" featuring the Coastal Prairies and Marshes of Texas.



Some highlights:

**Field trips** on Friday

**Bill Neiman of Native American Seeds** speaks on Saturday

**Saturday, October 15, 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**In celebration of Texas Native Plant Week, the General Public is invited to visit the Exhibits and Vendor Area, Native Plant Sale, & Children's Activities, free of charge, no registration required.**

Symposium activities include educational [speakers](#), [field trips](#), exhibitors sharing native plant and conservation information, vendors, a photo contest for images of native plants and plant habitats, a dried native plant arrangement competition, and a silent auction to raise money for scholarships.

Participants will be able to register for the entire symposium or for **single activities on Friday** (afternoon field trip) **or Saturday** (a super-sized Wildscapes) or Saturday night's dinner with author Matt Turner as speaker.

For more information and to register, go to the symposium website (<http://npsot.org/wp/symposium2011/>).

## FORT BEND MASTER GARDENERS FALL CLASS

By Leslie Niemand

The fall master gardener class for Fort Bend County begins October 4 and will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday through October 26. It runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. The new cost is \$200 for individual and \$343 for a couple, if they share a manual. For more information, contact the Master Volunteer Coordinator for [Fort Bend County Master Gardeners](http://fortbendmastergardeners.org), Margo McDowell, at 281-633-7033 or by email at [mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu).

## Garden Club of Houston's BULB & PLANT MART: NEW DATES & NEW LOCATION

October 14 & 15

Holly Hall Retirement Community  
2000 Holly Hall Street  
Houston TX 77054

# Calendar of Events

*Unless otherwise stated, all events are open to the public.*

## **SLGC General Meeting & GAPS Preview**

Tuesday, September 20,  
Social 9:30 a.m.; program 10:00 a.m.  
*Perennials that Can Survive Houston Weather* by Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treesearch Farms. (See p. 1)  
NEW VENUE: Knights of Columbus Hall, 702 Burney Road 77498

## **SLGC Set up for Garden Art and Plant Sale (GAPS)**

Tuesday, September 20 - Wednesday, September 22  
Various times. Members only.

## **SLGC Butterfly Garden Workday**

Thursday, September 22, 8:00 a.m.  
Sugar Land Branch Library, 550 Eldridge 77478  
For more information, contact Evelyn Coe

## **SLGC Set up for Garden Art and Plant Sale (GAPS)**

Friday, September 23, morning. Members only.  
Sugar Lakes Club House, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive 77478

## **SLGC Volunteers Only Plant and Vendor Sale**

Friday, September 23, in the afternoon, after all plants are in place. 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
*Any member or spouse who volunteers for the 2011 GAPS is invited to attend this special sale.*  
Sugar Lakes Club House, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive

## **SLGC Garden Art and Plant Sale (GAPS)**

Saturday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (See p. 3)  
Sugar Lakes Club House, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive  
*Featuring perennials and Texas natives from Treesearch Farms, garden art, garden tools from the Fort Bend Master Gardeners, and seeds from members' gardens.*

## **Farmers Market At Imperial** (See p. 6)

Saturdays, October 1 – December 10, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
198 Kempner St., Sugar Land 77498

## **SLGC Workshop**

Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
*Candy Jar* by Lynette McQueen  
NEW VENUE: [Eldridge Park](#) Community Meeting Room  
2511 Eldridge Road Sugar Land, TX 77478

## **Fort Bend Master Gardeners**

Tuesday, October 4. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Fall class begins. See article on page 6.

## **Keep Sugar Land Beautiful**

Saturday, October 8. 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
*Recycle for Reuse.* See article on page 6.  
Fort Bend ISD Administration Parking Lot  
16431 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land 77479

## **Sugar Land Heritage Foundation Heritage Hike**

Second Saturdays, beginning October 8, 2011.  
Every half-hour from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., (fee).  
October 8. *Kick-off activities.* 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
198 Kempner St., Sugar Land 77498 (See p. 6)

## **Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston**

Thursday, October 13 – Sunday, October 16  
Native Plant Society of Texas [Fall Symposium 2011](#)  
See article on page 6. Registration required.  
[Omni Hotel](#); 13210 Katy Freeway at Eldridge Parkway, Houston

## **Garden Club of Houston's Bulb & Plant Mart**

Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15  
NEW VENUE: Holly Hall Retirement Community  
2000 Holly Hall Street, Houston 77054  
At Fannin across from Reliant Stadium

## **Houston Federation of Garden Clubs**

Friday, October 14, 9:30 a.m.,  
*Always Looking Ahead, Designing Women.*  
Houston Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Dr. 77004

## **Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston**

Saturday, October 15. 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free.  
*Native Plant Sale & Celebration of Texas Native Plant Week.*  
General Public is invited to visit the Exhibits and Vendor Area, Native Plant Sale, and Children's Activities of the NPSOT [Fall Symposium 2011](#). No registration required. See p. 6.  
Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway and Eldridge Parkway, Houston

## **SLGC General Meeting**

Tuesday, October 18,  
Social 9:30 a.m.; program 10:00 a.m.  
*Heirloom Gardening in the South: Yesterday's Plants for Today's Gardens* by Greg Grant, a highly regarded and award winning horticulturist, author, ornamental plant developer, and lecturer.  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 702 Burney Road 77498

## **Fort Bend Master Gardeners**

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.,  
*Bulbs - Planting and Caring for Bulbs in Your Garden* by Chris Wiesinger, bulb specialist/hunter, author & owner of The Southern Bulb Co. Chris will have bulbs for sale and copies of his book, *Heirloom Bulbs for Today* on hand for purchase and signing. [www.southernbulbs.com](http://www.southernbulbs.com)  
Bud O'Shieles Community Center  
1330 Band Road, Rosenberg 77471

## **Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston**

Thursday, October 20, 7:15 p.m.,  
*Birds of the Fall Migration* by Gary Clark, author of the Nature column for the Houston Chronicle.  
Free and open to the public.  
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center  
4501 Woodway in Memorial Park 77024

## **SLGC Fieldtrip**

Tuesday, October 25. Trip to Lynn Lowery Arboretum, greenhouses at Rice University, River Oaks Plant Shop, and Russ Pitman Park & Nature Discovery Center

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