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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, gardeners! Did you survive the heat and drought? Did your water bill get into the triple digits, just like the temperature? Let's take our minds off this record-breaking heat by looking forward to the top notch SLGC events planned for us by our dedicated Board of Managers.

First is our summer library talk on clumping bamboo which will open your eyes to a versatile plant that should be used more in our landscapes. The texture is lacy and cool and reduces the 'feels-like' temperature in the garden. On Tuesday, August 16, 2:00 p.m. at the Sugar Land Branch Library, bamboo experts Michelle Sizemore and Jeff Carron will show us that there is a bamboo perfect for every yard.

In fact, bamboo blew my mind while on vacation in Borneo this summer. In its native lands, certain species of giant bamboo quickly grow to over 60 feet tall and has countless uses. In the photo, look for a surprisingly small person at the foot of the giant bamboo. You get a sense of the huge size this plant. Of course, here in Houston, our cool winters will keep clumping bamboo in check, so fear not and give these clumpers a try!



Kathy Hradecky has put together a superb slate of speakers for our general meetings. In September, our good friend Heidi Sheesley will discuss the fantastic plants available at our 13th Annual Garden Art and Plant Sale. Please note the new meeting location at the Knights of Columbus Hall. For future months, Kathy has arranged many exceptional speakers including rosarian Donald Burger, Molly Fowler the Dining Diva, and plant-aficionado Greg Grant.

Be sure to volunteer to help at our sale! It's an enjoyable and satisfying way to spend quality time as a volunteer for this club. Of course, this year all workers will be rewarded with our first Volunteers Only Plant and Vendor Sale to be held on Friday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Workshop chair Brenda Webb has organized some very clever projects to improve our artistic skills. On Tuesday October 4, SLGC member Lynette McQueen will teach us how to create a candy/nut jar from a glass ivy bowl and clay pot. Also scheduled are workshops for cute concrete mushrooms, stamped fabric bags and herbal bath salts.

A heads up on the wonderful field trips planned by Mary Bates and her committee: in October, the first field trip will be to

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NEW LOCATION FOR SLGC MEETINGS!

Due to scheduled remodeling of the Sugar Land Community Center, the Sugar Land Garden Club will not be able to hold general meetings or workshops at the Sugar Land Community Center for the 2011 – 2012 club year. An estimate for the duration of this construction project is one year or longer.

We have a new venue for our general meetings. **Starting with the September 20, 2011 meeting, we will relocate to the Knights of Columbus Hall at 702 Burney Road** in Sugar Land, Texas. It is situated next to St. Theresa's Catholic Church at the intersection of Burney and Seventh Street. This affordable facility has everything we need for successful operations and comfortable surroundings during our meetings. Plus, the abundance of adjacent parking will be such a refreshing change of pace!

For directions to the Knights of Columbus Hall, please refer to the following internet link which connects to a large Google street map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=702+Burney+Road,+Sugar+Land,+TX,+United+States&hl=en&z=16>

The small map below also shows the general location of our new meeting place:



We are doing everything we can to make this process go smoothly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask anyone on the current board or call Terri Hurley at 281-491-9609.

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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Rice University's Lynn Lowery Arboretum, the River Oaks Plant Shop, and the Russ Pittman Park and Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire. Other destinations later in the year will include Moody Gardens, an armchair field trip to the Longwood Gardens near Philadelphia, and the Katy Prairie Conservancy.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Board. They have worked hard this summer to get everything planned in advance so it can be included in our much loved yearbook. Please take a minute of your time to thank the volunteers who keep this club growing and going.

Happy gardening,
Terri

AT THE SUGAR LAND LIBRARY

Bamboo That Knows Its Place
Michele Sizemore and Jeff Carron
Tuesday, August 16, 2011, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Sugar Land Branch Library -- Meeting Room
550 Eldridge Rd. Sugar Land, TX 77478

Are you familiar with "invade and conquer" bamboo? Luckily, there is a whole world of bamboo that knows its place and will not "bamboozle" your other plants and grasses. Michele Sizemore and Jeff Carron of the Bamboo Group at Mercer Arboretum will teach us about non-invasive varieties (clumpers) that are blue, black, yellow, green, variegated, giant, and dwarf. They will also cover uses of bamboo in our landscapes (including screening) and varieties that are cold hardy in our area. The event is free and open to the public.

While you are there, check out the bulletin board display designed by Kathy Hradecky and the books that SLGC donated in garden club year 2010-2011 to the Fort Bend County Libraries. The books will again be on display at our October meeting. Click [current month's photos](#) to see photos of the library display.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Perennials That Can Survive Houston Weather
Tuesday, September 20
At the Knights of Columbus Hall, 702 Burney Road

With the right plants, our gardens can be lush and thriving, even in Houston's frustrating weather and soil conditions. Learn from Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treeseach Farms about these plants, which will be available at our 13th Annual Garden Art and Plant Sale. Heidi's talk, free and open to the public, will be on Tuesday, September 20, at our first general meeting of the year. Social time is 9:30 a.m. and program starts at 10:00 a.m. Our new meeting location is the Knights of Columbus Hall on [702 Burney Road](#) in Sugar Land, next to St. Theresa's Catholic Church. Due to construction, we will not meet at the Sugar Land Community Center this year. For more information on our new meeting location, please refer to the detailed article on page 1.

Previews of the crafty creations that will be offered for sale by the vendors at our Garden Art and Plant Sale on Saturday, September 24 will also be on display at the general meeting for your window-shopping enjoyment. Tempting garden-themed merchandise from locally famous artisans will include: herbal pillows, jellies & pickles, ceramics for both inside and outside, jewelry, nature note cards, original fine art, bottle planters, garden tools, hats and baskets. Check the side tables for displays from these vendors and make a wish list!

NOTE: 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.



Photo Submitted by Terri Hurley

Heidi Sheesley, center, is making plans to provide the SLGC with great plants for our 13th Annual Garden Art and Plant Sale. The sale, co-chaired by Terri Hurley (l) and Lillian Tigard (r), will be held on Saturday, September 24 at the Sugar Lakes Clubhouse.



HORTICULTURE

By Paula Goodwin

Join the Sugar Land Garden Club, especially if you are clueless about gardening locally. Maybe you have moved here from a totally different climate and you need to know what is growing in your own backyard. Or maybe you are just discovering the satisfying hobby of gardening. I learned more about gardening within six months of my membership than I had during a previous lifetime. Most important, I met many like-minded friends.

The bookshelves in my house groan with the weight of all the books accumulated during my lifetime. The largest is my cookbook collection (when I used to cook) and then it is my gardening books. Botanical books from second-hand book stores are my favorites—many have pages beautiful enough to cut out, frame, and hang on walls. One book I discovered in a dusty stack was [Famous Texas Trees](#) by the Texas Forest Service. Since the book is out of print, Texas A & M University has made it available online where you can see when the trees were photographed in 1969, how they look today, and read about their histories.

My summer gardening routine consisted of occasionally rushing out in the early morning, pulling out the most vigorous weeds, and getting back into the house before the outside became an inferno—maybe 30 minutes maximum. And in the evenings, the routine was watering all of my outdoor container plants. Poor babies. The only happy plants I have are growing indoors. I have a sunny kitchen windowsill filled with [succulents](#). They are also a good choice for outside container plants, too. If you are creative, you can plant small succulents in a wide variety of pots—from old cowboy boots, to teacups. Or like mine, in a ceramic black panther my grandmother used on top of her TV to grow a cactus.

Our long-suffering landscape plants have just barely made it through this summer, maybe the hardest they ever have experienced. I commiserate with all living things that have had to survive this summer's heat wave. A friend of mine stuck an opened golf umbrella in the ground next to her hydrangea bush to keep it from being sunburned.

The Houston summers I previously had known were tropical with wonderful rain and (of course) heat, but now it seems that our area only has heat. Are we gardeners now to consider purchasing and growing plants that would be at home in Phoenix or Las Vegas? Xeriscaping your yard is a conundrum. Do you want to spend money and the precious resource of water on your garden or do you want to have plants that will survive drought as well as hurricane and tropical storm rain? I look forward to Heidi Sheesley's presentation of the plants our club will be offering for sale during our annual Garden Art and Plant sale this coming September. She would know, more than anyone, what to buy.

My spring tomato crop was a bust. I had previously prided myself on growing luscious tomatoes in our climate. But my being out of town two weeks in May and the oppressive heat this summer were not good things. Tomatoes like temperatures that we like. Neither hot nor cold. They also like a consistent water supply, without which they will split downward from the stem. The hotter it is, the more insects

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JUNE PLANT SWAP

On Tuesday, June 21, at the Sugar Land City Park, the Sugar Land Garden Club held its annual Plant Swap open to members and their guests. This year's event was organized by Donnetta Parrish and Charline Russell. We brought our plants and other garden items such as cuttings, pots, tools, recycling magazines, etc. to share, had refreshments, had a drawing for doorprize plants, and had a good time for all.

The covered pavilion and shady trees provided respite from the heat. Click the link - [current month's photos](#) - for pictures of the plant swap taken by Terri Hurley and Donnetta Parrish.



Photo by Donnetta Parrish

KSLB

By Evelyn Traylor

Are you interested in water quality and have some free time? The Texas Stream Team is a network of trained volunteers and supportive partners working together to gather information about the natural resources of Texas. It is administered by Texas State University, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City of Sugar Land and Keep Sugar Land Beautiful have partnered to form a Sugar Land Texas Stream Team in order to learn more about our local resources. Volunteers must complete nine hours of training to become a certified water quality monitor. Volunteers agree to monitor a site designated by the City once a month at approximately the same time of day for a period of two years. Water quality monitoring may be done individually or in a group. For more information on the Texas Stream Team and KSLB activities click the link to read [Evelyn's full article](#).

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tomatoes attract. When bugs move in is the time to pull all the plants out. We had some tomatoes, but not enough to share. And the tomatoes we harvested had to be cut to eliminate the cracks and bug bites. The parts we could eat, though, were outstandingly delicious.

The sight of blooming crape myrtles throughout the City of Sugar Land was very beautiful this summer. There is no question in my mind why the crape myrtle is our garden club symbol. I have six in my backyard, and the hotter and dryer it got, the more they bloomed. They all are about 25 years old and have gorgeous purple-red blooms. I intervened with my gardener several years ago to not have them crape-murdered, which means that you DO NOT EVER cut crape myrtles back to ugly knobs. Only trim in the early spring unless it is dead wood, or if a branch is rubbing against another branch, or if you need to shape it up and then just cut branches that are smaller in diameter than a pencil. Enjoy the blooms in the summer and the crape's beautiful bark in the winter. Thank you Sugar Land Garden Club for educating me.

13th 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



GARDEN ART AND PLANT SALE

Hold onto your trowels and garden gloves because you are about to be blown away by our annual Garden Art and Plant Sale! Once again, Heidi Sheesley and Treeseach Farms will provide us with spectacular plants that laugh at any heat, drought, or freeze that Mother Nature is likely to throw our way. Highlights of this enticing plant list will be included in the September Greenleaf.

And don't forget the crafty creations offered by our vendors. Many new and returning local artisans will offer their garden-themed products for sale. To tempt you, we name a few here:

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| Herbal pillows | Jellies & pickles |
| Jewelry | Baskets |
| Nature note cards | Original fine art |
| Bottle planters | Garden tools |
| Hats | Ceramics (inside & outside) |

The best seeds from the best plants of our members' gardens will be offered as well.

RAFFLE PRIZE FOR GAPS DONATED BY ANNE MATZELLE

A huge thank you goes to SLGC member Anne Matzelle who has generously donated a super raffle prize for our GAPS. Anne explains:

It is my privilege to donate this year's Garden Scoot for the Sugar Land Garden Club plant sale's raffle.

Last year I won the Garden Scoot that was donated by Margaret Phillips. I have used it many times this past year as I planted



Photo by Anne Matzelle

annuals in my front garden and herbs and vegetables in the back yard. I just love it. I have had knee surgery, and I don't kneel comfortably. The Garden Scoot is the answer -- just sit in the comfortable tractor-sized seat, bend over and plant, then scoot it a tad and plant some more. The seat swivels around and also adjusts for height, and this year's new Garden Scoot has an optional tub for weeds or tools. So I bought it too. I know the winner of the raffle this year will love it as much as I have loved Margaret's. My husband took my picture sitting on it (from behind) that I will not share, but here is the picture I took of the new one.

Don't forget to buy that raffle ticket!



Photos of plants from past GAPS:

- Top: by Joan Pritchard
- Top left: Blood lily
- Top right: Batface Cuphea
- Left: by Lan Shen
- Eastern Bluestar, a Houston area native.

NEW EVENT! VOLUNTEERS-ONLY PLANT & VENDOR SALE BEFORE GAPS!

An exciting part of the sale this year will be the reward that is scheduled for our hard-working GAPS volunteers: you get to **SHOP FIRST!** On Friday, September 23, after all the plants are in place, a 'Volunteers Only Plant and Vendor Sale' will be held so that our 2011 GAPS volunteers can happily shop to their hearts' content. And there will be very few limitations placed on the plants available for purchase at this sale! Vendors will have their wares on offer as well. More details will be provided in the September Greenleaf on this amazing special benefit for our volunteers.

From cookie baker to plant hauler, any member who volunteers for the 2011 GAPS can attend this sale. Spouses or other family members who lend a hand can also attend. Please note that this event replaces the 'pre-orders' of previous years that were accepted after Heidi's talk. **There will be no 'pre-orders' this year.**

GAPS NEEDS SEEDS



Many of our GAPS customers look forward to purchasing seeds from our members' gardens. We are depending on you – our members - to provide those seeds. You only need to clean the seeds (remove most of the chaff and non-seed parts) and provide a bit of information about growing conditions and the best time to plant. Please let Lan Shen (713-771-1415 or shen.gcmn@gmail.com) know what seeds you are contributing and plan to give them to her by **Tuesday, September 6**, so there will be time to package the seeds for the sale. Bring what you have already collected to the Bamboo Talk at the Sugar Land library.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed seeds!

TEAMWORK! TEAMWORK! TEAMWORK! GAPS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

GAPS needs all the help it can get! Putting on this sale takes a lot of effort from each and every one of us. Volunteers are needed on the day of the sale and during the set-up days prior to the sale. We very strongly encourage you to volunteer your time and energy for this vital fundraising project. And ask your spouses too! Please be ready to sign up to help when you hear from one of the GAPS volunteer committee members.

What, when, where, and what jobs?

Muscles needed for advance set up on either Tuesday evening September 20 or Wednesday morning September 21: Help bring wagons and other items from the SLGC storage facility and the FBMG (Fort Bend Master Gardeners') barn in Rosenberg to the Sugar Lakes Clubhouse. We need lots of manly muscles for this and ask all male members, husbands of members, sons and friends for their help. They are desperately needed. We must have more help here, gardeners. Contact Terri Hurley at thurley001@comcast.net or 281-491-9609.



Work on Wednesday September 21 morning or evening: In the morning, you can help make signs, or wrap and set up outside plant tables, or help with the pricing sticks; in the evening, set up vendor tables at the Sugar Lakes Clubhouse. Contact Terri Hurley at thurley001@comcast.net or 281-491-9609.



Work on plant setup on Friday September 23 (two shifts available): There are big and little jobs to be done so folks of all stamina levels can participate: unload plants, price plants, water plants, place plants in sale area, place signs, set up tables, and lots more. Contact Cathy Lutz at cathyjlutz@comcast.net or 281-341-7714.

Work during the sale on Saturday September 24 (two shifts available): Many jobs! Help customers with plant selections, sell raffle tickets, greet customers, help check-in volunteers, serve cookies and lemonade to those waiting in line, write up orders, work the checkout area, help in the hold area, sell seeds, and lots more! Contact either Terri Hurley at thurley001@comcast.net or 281-491-9609 or Cathy Lutz at cathyjlutz@comcast.net or 281-341-7714.



Work Saturday after the sale is over: Help clean and straighten up the clubhouse and help return the equipment to either the SLGC storage room or the FBMG barn. Again, we need strong support. Men, sons and friends.....you can be a hero by helping! Contact Terri Hurley at thurley001@comcast.net or 281-491-9609.



Save seeds from your most successful and favorite plants: Give the seeds to Lan Shen (shen.gcmn@gmail.com or 713-771-1415) **by Tuesday, September 6** (a soft deadline). Please include a short description of the plant and planting conditions.



Wagons & canopies! Loan your garden wagon or ez-up canopy for use on Friday and Saturday. Contact either Terri Hurley at thurley001@comcast.net or 281-491-9609 or Cathy Lutz at cathyjlutz@comcast.net or 281-341-7714.



Make and bake food for volunteers and customers! Our many helpful volunteers need to be well fed on Friday and Saturday. Contact Debe Fannin at debe23@aol.com or 281-265-4082.

Posters & publicity! Place GAPS posters at places you go (church, stores, doctor's office). Keep an eye out for the poster to be sent to you via email and you can print it out. A copy of the poster is on page 8.

Friends & neighbors! Notify your friends and neighbors about the sale. Send emails and make calls.

Boy scouts! Do you know of a Boy Scout Troop that is looking for community service opportunities? We could use their help also. Please contact Terri Hurley at thurley001@comcast.net or 281-491-9609.

Many hands make light work, so get involved and have fun at the same time! But don't wait until the last minute to volunteer. We need to know NOW that we can count on you!

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JOIN A COMMITTEE

We need volunteers for the following committees:

- Garden Art and Plant Sale: 281-491-9609
- Butterfly Garden: 281-565-9813
- Field Trips: 281-565-0201
- Garden Tour: 281-242-1773
- Social Activities: 281-494-2416



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 two workdays are on Thursdays, August 25 and 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 or 281-565-9813.

WORKSHOP

By Brenda Webb



OCTOBER WORKSHOP. Come join us on October 4, 10:00 a.m., at the [Eldridge Park](#) Community Meeting Room, as we learn from Lynette McQueen about how to create a Halloween candy/nut jar from a glass ivy bowl and clay pot. Look for more information at the workshop table at the September 20, SLGC meeting.

NEEDED: WINE CORKS made from real cork. For one of our workshops next spring, we will need A LOT of real cork wine corks. We will have a box to collect these at the workshops and at the workshop sign up table at monthly meetings.

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](#), Margo McDowell, at 281-633-7033 or by email at mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu. Click the following link for [information about differences in the program from previous years](#).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATION

By Sharon Pence

On June 26, 2011, the Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity held a "Service of Dedication" for three homes in Fresno. These homes have made a difference in the lives of the Aguilar, Alvarez, and Coleman families. The families were so excited to have their own homes and it was a humbling experience for me. Our club donated yard tools, hand tools, sprinklers, kneeling pads, etc. for which the families were so grateful. These families each put in over 300 hours on their own homes. They moved in sometime in July as some work still needed to be done after the dedication. We are happy for them. Click the link - [current month's photos](#) - for more pictures of this event.



Photo sent by Sharon Pence

FIELD TRIP

By Mary Bates

No field trip is scheduled for September. The October field trip on Tuesday, October 25 will be 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. More information will be forthcoming in the September Greenleaf.



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST TRAINING FORT BEND & WALLER COUNTIES

By Tricia Bradbury

The Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist (a volunteer training program sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and AgriLife Extension) is now open to applicants for the Fall 2011 program. Would you like to know more about nature and Texas' natural resources? Classes and field work provide training in natural history, wildlife, and the ecosystems of the area. Master Naturalists volunteer in their communities, providing natural resource education and participating in community service and outreach projects.

Classes will be held at various locations in Fort Bend County and Waller County on eight consecutive weeks on alternating Saturdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning September 10. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; class size limited. For information call 281-239-2424 or visit www.coastalprairie.org or see the [Training Class Flyer](#).

GARDEN CLUB PERSONALITY

By Evelyn Traylor



Hello everyone. I am Evelyn Traylor and I have lived in Sugar Land for 17 years with my husband Bill and our son William.

I grew up in Wyoming, where our growing season was very short. The "rule of thumb" was not to plant until after Memorial Day and harvest by Labor Day!

We had a huge garden and canned all of our produce from the garden. My mom, my sister, and I spent many hours snapping green beans and canning many items. After we canned beets one year, all of our hands were red for days. I would complain that my friends were having fun while I was gardening, but I did enjoy the rewards of eating home canned vegetables all winter long! We would get a couple of bushels of peaches from Utah, eat many of them, made lots of cobbler, and canned many more. Just thinking of all that good home canned food is making me miss it right now – ha! Not that I am interested in going to all that work anymore though... We also made all kinds of jellies from berries we picked in the mountains and along river streams. For example sand cherries were very little and getting out the little pits took a while, but it made great jelly.

I do not miss the very cold winters and driving on icy roads and am very glad I live here now. I am particularly glad that I live in Sugar Land, where so many flowers and plants grow so easily and are so beautiful! I am fighting with the birds over my tomatoes, but am excited if I get a few! I truly enjoy all the greenery here – not only in our own gardens, but also down the medium strips in most neighborhoods.

I have been a member of the Garden Club for about nine years. Two years ago, I was in charge of setting up the field trips along with three other wonderful ladies. We all enjoyed attending the field trip each month. I think one of the favorites was the one at Whole Foods which began with a scavenger hunt (with prizes) through the store. Then a meal was prepared for us with edible plants, including rose petal ice cream, which was very good.

I have made many new friends through the Sugar Land Garden Club: at the meetings, on the field trips, at the Holiday luncheon, etc. We have a great group of ladies (and a few men) and I enjoy learning so much from other experienced gardeners!

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

SLGC, in memory of Betty Burcalow, President of SLGC, 1990-1991. Garden club members were sad to learn of Betty's passing. She was an active member for many years and will be missed.

Marsha Smith and Sugar Land Garden Club, in memory of William Farnsworth, father of member Lynette McQueen.

Marsha Smith, in memory of Albert Dierks, brother of member Margaret Phillips.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kelly Kaleta
Tricia Tompson

SLGC CORRESPONDENCE

Sympathy card was sent to Lynette McQueen, whose father William Farnsworth recently passed away.

Sympathy card was sent to Margaret Phillips, whose brother Albert Dierks recently passed away.

NOTE FROM JENNIFER HEFFNER

I will be visiting Houston/Oklahoma most of August. Please tell everyone hello from me... and let everyone know I would enjoy visiting with anyone while I am in Houston. ...After August 1, I will have a US cell phone. [Contact Terri Hurley or Lan Shen for that phone number]. I am still enjoying the beautiful country and the mild winter here [in Australia].

Jennifer



SUPER WILDSCAPES

Save the dates October 13 - 16

The Native Plant Society of Texas/Houston's (NPSOT-H) Annual Wildscapes Workshop will not be in September this year. Instead, 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](#). Participants will be able to **register for the entire symposium or for just 'day' activities on Saturday** (a super-sized Wildscapes).

Events at Symposium 2011, titled "*Habitat CPR: Creating, Preserving, and Restoring Native Habitats in a Changing World*" featuring the *Coastal Prairies and Marshes of Texas*, 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. Current plans are for the Houston Chapter to have its annual **native plant sale** at the Omni on Saturday, October 15. More plants will be available than in the past two years. For more information, frequently check the symposium website (<http://npsot.org/wp/symposium2011/>). [Speakers](#) schedule and [field trips](#) information have already been posted; registration information will be posted soon.

*****See Calendar of Events for August 18 when [Dr. Charles Allen](#) will be speaking on Edible Plants. SLGC donated his book *Edible Plants of the Gulf South* to the Fort Bend County Libraries recently.

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

October 14th & 15th
Holly Hall Retirement Community
2000 Holly Hall Street
Houston TX 77054

You Are Invited to the Sugar Land Garden Club's
ANNUAL GARDEN ART AND PLANT SALE
Saturday, September 24th
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM
930 Sugar Lakes Drive (Sugar Lakes Clubhouse)

Featuring:
Perennials and Texas Native Plants from Treeseach Farms
(new varieties & heirloom plants that are no longer common)
Seeds from Members' Gardens

And a Great Selection of Unique Garden Art

Heidi Sheesley, owner of Treeseach Farms, will be the featured speaker at the Garden Club meeting on September 20th, 10 AM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 702 Burney Road, Sugar Land, 77498. Meetings are open to the public – this is a great opportunity to learn more about the plants that will be available at the sale on September 24th. Anyone with an interest in gardening is invited to attend!

Visit www.sugarlandgardenclub.org for more information - including a preview of some of the items that will be available at the Garden Art and Plant Sale.



Proceeds from this and other Sugar Land Garden Club fundraisers are used within the community - including the Scholarship Fund, support for local environmental education programs through membership in Keep Sugar Land Beautiful and the Katy Prairie Conservancy, library book donations, the maintenance of public gardens and more. Call 832-437-5107 or 281-491-9609 for more information.

Calendar of Events

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

SLGC sponsored program @ Sugar Land Library

Tuesday, August 16, 2:00 p.m.,
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Jeff Carron of Mercer Arboretum
Sugar Land Branch Library, 550 Eldridge Rd 77478

Fort Bend Master Gardeners

Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.,
Community Supported Agriculture and Organic Farming by
[Stacey Roussel](#) of All We Need Farm in Needville.
Bud O'Shieles Community Center
1330 Band Road, Rosenberg 77471

Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston

Thursday, August 18, 7:15 p.m.,
Edible Plants by Dr. Charles Allen of the Louisiana Native
Plant Society. Even if you do not attend, visit his
website: <http://www.nativeventures.net/>
Free and open to the public.
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
4501 Woodway in Memorial Park 77024

SLGC Butterfly Garden Workday

Thursday, August 25, 8:00 a.m.
Sugar Land Branch Library, 550 Eldridge 77478
For more information, contact Evelyn Coe

The Papershell

Sunday, August 28, 2:00 p.m., *Fall Vegetable Gardening I*
by Diana Liga. \$10 fee. Space is limited.
For information: 281- 232-4485 or
Elizabeth@thepapershell.com
4802 FM 2218, Richmond TEXAS 77469

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Friday, September 9, 9:30 a.m.,
Plant Today for an Abundant Tomorrow by Pat Spiller.
Houston Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Dr. 77004

Texas Master Naturalists, Coastal Prairie Chapter

Saturday, September 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Training class begins. See article on page 6.

The Papershell

Sunday, September 11, 2:00 p.m., *Fall Vegetable
Gardening II* by Diana Liga. \$10 fee. Space is limited
For information: 281- 232-4485 or
Elizabeth@thepapershell.com
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Fort Bend Master Gardeners

Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.,
*Plants Toxic to Pets and Safe Alternatives Plus Houston
Zoo's Horticulture Program* by Joe Williams, Horticulture
Manager, Houston Zoo.
Bud O'Shieles Community Center
1330 Band Road, Rosenberg 77471

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 Treeseach Farms, a wholesale
nursery specializing in plants adapted to Houston. She
will highlight plants that will be available at our Garden
Art and Plant Sale on Saturday, Sept. 24.
NEW VENUE: (See article on page 1.)
Knights of Columbus Hall, 702 Burney Road 77498

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

Tuesday, September 20 - Friday, September 23
Various times. See article on page 5. Members only.
Sugar Lakes Club House, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive 77478

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 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.
Sugar Lakes Club House, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive
*Featuring perennials and Texas natives from Treeseach
Farms, garden art, garden tools from the Fort Bend
Master Gardeners, and seeds from members' gardens.*

SLGC Workshop

Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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.

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

Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston

Thursday, October 13 – Sunday, October 16
Native Plant Society of Texas [Fall Symposium 2011](#)
Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway and
Eldridge Parkway, Houston
Saturday, October 15: a native plant sale at the Omni.
See article on page 7.

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

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