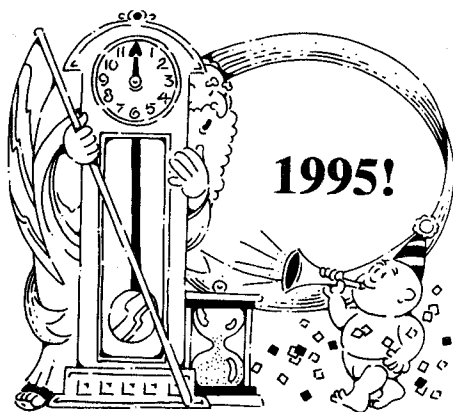


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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A look around the garden may show a very bleak scene right now. The glorious colors of summer and fall have faded into the olives and browns of winter. Abundant mounds of bushes have subsided into spiny balls and trees

into skeleton-like spectres.

Many gardeners see this time as an opportunity to study the bare-boned structure of their gardens and plan the ingredients of future landscape design without the distracting lushness of the growing season.

Gardens should be planned the way artists plan the composition of a painting. There should be vertical elements, such as trees and tall hedges and horizontal elements which can be made of ground covers or low bushes. You also might plan for a few surprises: a "secret garden" which is hidden just around a bend or perhaps a lily pond or another interesting use of water. Get your name on a few gardening catalogs and you can plan your dream garden!

Winter is also a great time to clean up the flower beds and add a light layer of mulch to protect against freezes. While you're out there, take note of what needs pruning and look up the proper dates of pruning for each type of plant. For example, you wouldn't want to prune your azaleas now as you would be clipping off the blossoms that will bloom this spring. Remember, February 14 is Houston's traditional day to prune your hybrid roses.

HAPPY GARDENING AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

JANUARY MEETING: 1/17/95

Executive Board	5:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting	6:30 p.m.
General Meeting	7:30 p.m.

SUBJECT:

"Organic Gardening"

Speaker: John Dromgoole, Host of *The New Garden*, Owner of Garden Ville Nursery.

FEBRUARY MEETING: 2/21/95

Executive Board	5:30 p.m.
Dessert and Coffee only Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

"Water Gardening"

Speaker: Anita Nelson of Lily Ponds

Remember, January is a dinner meeting!

