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# Urban Dirt

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## President's Thoughts

*By Kenneth Dorman, MG President*

The gardening time of year is upon us! And, as the weather warms and we spend more time outside we encounter more and more garden pests. My handy Dictionary For Weedpullers, Slugcrushers & Backyard Botanists by Henry Beard & Roy McKie describes a pest as "any creature that eats green vegetables without being compelled to." However, there are other pests that do not eat plants at all, among them wasps, described as "annoying pests deliberately introduced into much of North America from England during the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries. They have infested large areas of the U.S. and Canada, destroying millions of acres of lush forests and verdant plains and replacing them with their preferred habitat, a mixture of boxy dwellings, telltale spired religious structures, and desert like golf courses. Characterized by a low-pitched drone, an antlike industriousness and extremely perfunctory mating behavior, they can generally drink their own weight in fermented liquids in a day. No method of dislodging them has ever been found."

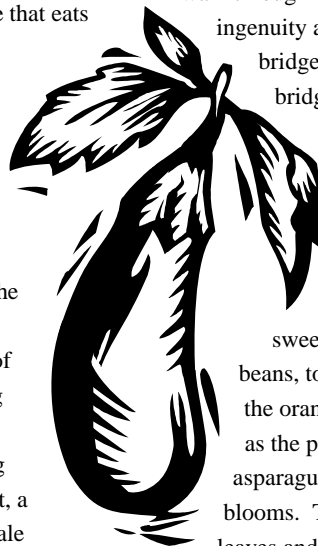
These descriptions are only added for your amusement and reading enjoyment. No editorial intent at all.

Monthly newsletters are hard! I can't remember what I wrote in past issues and I am too lazy to reread them so if you see something here you have already seen just credit it to my bad memory and laziness. Knowing a lot of you, I doubt if you will remember what I wrote before anyway, if you read it the first time.

Garden report time. Those of you that do not have the opportunity to work at Bear Creek on Tuesdays owe it to yourself and your family, if you have one, to come out on Saturdays and take a walk around. All the gardens get more beautiful by the day. Come see them and invite your neighbors and friends. The Millennium Garden has so many outstanding features! Every time I walk through it I see another marvel of your

ingenuity and one of the most amazing is the bridge that Joe Thompson built. The bridge has beautiful lines and is built to last. It will still be here when most of us have passed along. The CCSC vegetable garden at Central Presbyterian Church on Richmond is fantastic. Many of the plants already have small fruit,

sweet and hot peppers, cucumbers, bush beans, tomatoes, yellow squash, onions and the orange trees. Many of the others, such as the potatoes, eggplants, pole beans, asparagus beans and French melons have blooms. The pink banana squash has huge leaves and is starting to vine toward the fence where it will join the asparagus beans (yard long beans), one type of cucumber and the French melons. That fence is going to be loaded. The harvesters will have a time going through the maze to find the fruit. We have one vacant bed that had sugar snap peas that will be planted with more bush beans and then as the two potato beds and the bed of onions are harvested the first part of May we will plant okra in two and Malabar spinach in the other. Visitors are welcome during the week from around 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.



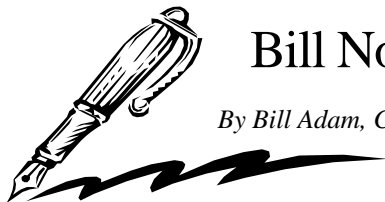
The church is located on the north side of Richmond just before Timmons. The garden is on part of the parking lot behind the last buildings in the complex. If someone questions you just tell him or her you are a Master Gardener.

The Bonita Street House of Hope vegetable gardens have been joined by some very fine flower gardens. We built a series of beds 33' x 4', from cinder blocks, throughout the rehab complex and then planted pole bean and bush beans seeds in a bed along a fence and tomatoes, various types of peppers and eggplants from our greenhouse in others. I left cucumber, squash and radish seeds that the residents planted in a vacant bed. Apparently only one person in this group had ever seen a seed come up. These people are so proud of their plants it is unimaginable and they are very possessive of them. I was thinning the cucumbers when I was approached by a committee wanting to know why I was pulling up their plants and had to explain the necessity of having one cucumber or one squash every eighteen inches or so rather than ten in one place. It was touchy for a minute or two, but then they helped with the thinning. On their own they used the excess cinder blocks and soil to build the flowerbeds and add the annual color plants. It has added a new dimension to the complex. I can't believe that out of the 698 other Master Gardeners in Harris County I can't find one that will spend two or three hours a week supervising this garden.

Tom Robb tells me we now have over 1,000 people on the Urban Dirt mailing list, 699 members, 211 interns and the remainder are sent to other Extension Offices, etc. The increase over the past year or so has been tremendous and I think a lot of the credit has to go to Bill Adams, of course, but also to George Williams and the group of facilitators and helpers that

have done the past four or five classes at Bear Creek. Thank you from all of us.

Enough for now. Peace and joy are possible to all who look for them. Look! ☘



## Bill Notes

By Bill Adam, CEA

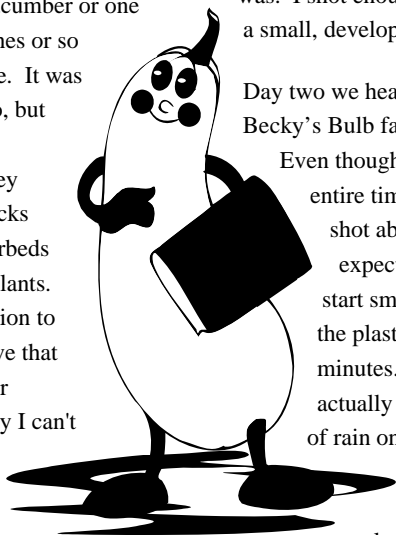
### Horticulture

I've just returned from a wonderful trip to Virginia. It revolved around a regional meeting of the Garden Writer's Association of America (GWAA) and we started in Colonial Williamsburg with a behind-the-scenes tour of the gardens. Think of dogwoods, both pink and white, redbuds, tulips and daffodils in the peak of bloom. Combine this vision with enough history to make a librarian swoon and you have some idea what a visual overload this experience was. I shot enough slide film to bankrupt a small, developing country.

Day two we headed for Brent and Becky's Bulb farm in Gloucester, VA.

Even though it rained or drizzled the entire time we were there, I still shot about 20 rolls. I fully expected my EOS camera to start smoking every time I took the plastic bag off for a few minutes. The flowers were actually very pretty with the drops of rain on them and we saw more color than a traffic cop at an art car rally. We also got to visit two spectacular private gardens.

The last day I spent in Richmond. Several garden writers suggested I go to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden—which I did, and another photographer, I met at the botanical garden, suggested I go to Agecroft and the Virginia House. These two mansions are maintained by the Virginia Heritage Society and they have beautiful gardens. It seems



## Upcoming Master Gardener Meetings at Bear Creek

**May 15, 2001**  
**Extension Office**  
**Master Gardener Monthly Meeting**  
 6:30 p.m. - Desserts  
 7:00 p.m. - "Beekeeping" by Melody Mixon

**June 19, 2001**  
**Extension Office**  
**Master Gardener Monthly Meeting**  
 6:30 p.m. – **THIS IS AN EATIN' MEETIN'!** Meat provided by the HCMGA. Bring another dish to share!  
 7:00 p.m. - "The Gathering Place" by Gail Michniewski

**Tuesdays Mornings**  
**8:00, Extension Office**  
**Tuesdays Workdays**  
 Get your volunteer hours in, make friends and enjoy the garden.

**First Tuesday of the Month Lunch, Extension Office**  
**Hamburger Tuesday**  
 After a rewarding morning of activity in the garden, enjoy a home-cooked burger and an informative presentation.  
 May – *Greg Harmison of Mercer Arboretum*  
 Carnivorous Plants.  
 June – *Suzanne Chapman*  
 Container Plants.





# From the Editor's Desk...aka Carol's Commentary

## Urban Dirt Goes Bi-Monthly for the Summer!

Considering many of us leave town over the summer or abandon our gardens for the shelter of refrigerated air-conditioning and iced tea it seems that we can adequately meet our readers needs with bi-monthly Urban Dirt issues throughout the summer. This issue (May/June) and the July/August issue will be the only two double issues. We will resume with monthly issues in September.

All articles **for the July/August** need to be submitted to me by the **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone can submit an article or idea for a column. If you would like to make a submission to the Urban Dirt, please email it as **text or attachment** to [c-cammack@tamu.edu](mailto:c-cammack@tamu.edu). Non - electronic submissions should be typed on white paper using large fonts, with no extraneous markings. Mail, fax or drop these items in the Editor's Box at the Extension Office 2 Abercrombie Dr. Houston, TX 77077. Fax: 281-855-5638.

they were transported from England and reassembled. The Agecroft house was first and then a neighbor decided to buy one 200 years older and he erected it two doors down the block. How's that for keeping up with the neighbors? Finally I strolled through Maymont Park. This was formerly a 100-acre estate and it has some beautiful specimens of flowering cherry, dogwood and the most beautiful Japanese maples I've seen.

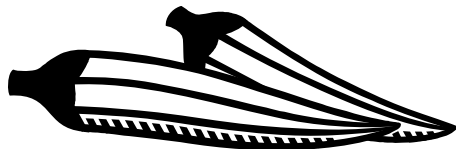
On the way to the airport I cruised Cary Street. It reminded me of inner city Westheimer in the old days. After a delicious coffee-flavored Italian ice I headed my rent car for the motel and collapsed.

If you've always wanted to visit this part of the country, then mark your calendar for mid-April. It's a great time to go. Unfortunately my wife, Debbi is involved in the Tax Season crunch and she couldn't get away. I understand we will return

another time, though.

As beautiful as the gardens were, none were any prettier than our own Millennium Garden. If you haven't been out for a while we are constantly replacing annuals in the garden and we can always use more help on Tuesday mornings.

George and Mary Stewart have finally given up their garden. You may remember this couple from the many garden lectures they did for us through the years. Mary had some Zeebest okra seed left and it's the last they will ever collect. If you would like a small packet and...this is the important part--if you will try to save seed of this excellent variety, let me know. I'll share what I have, while it lasts, but it's up to you to save seed for next year. This way we can help to preserve the Stewart legacy. Zeebest is a smooth-podded Emerald type with a bushy growth habit and lots of pods.



# The Flower Garden

by Jennifer Lowenthal

What can I say? Tthe garden looks fantastic. Now is the time for the flowers to steal the show. Of course we would love to take credit for the spectacular show that they put on but really, all we do is plant them into the ground and let them grow. I think the most talked about flower was the Petunia 'Prism Sunshine'. This flower will stop people in their tracks. It has a soft lemony center with creamy white edging. Prism Sunshine is an All-American Selection winner and it shows. We are all thrilled with this plant.

In the last month we spent two and a half Tuesdays dividing up the ginger that lines the outside of the Extension Center building. That was a chore since it has not been done in a couple of years. Some of the ginger was rotten, which is a result of needing to be divided. However, we hopefully made many people happy giving away bags upon bags of extra ginger. By the time you read this we will have a brand new bench to sit on and enjoy the flowers. We have been meaning to get a bench sooner but, time slipped away from us. Better late than never. Actually, we are just in time for summer. We have started some flats of Impatiens for the shady areas in the garden. And for the sunny areas we are going to plant zinnias, cosmos, some verbenas, and salvias. We are ready for the summer flowers but I think we could do without so much of the summer heat.

At this time in the garden (mid-April) many of the bulbs are flowering. The Amaryllis are flowering and they look great. The ranunculus is beginning to die down to the ground. This plant is worth planting every year. The iris are also flowering. They are a true southern favorite. And the Montbretia is beginning to flower. They have orange flowers that bring out the subtleness of the plant.

The garden basically speaks for itself. Everything is in full bloom and it looks great. Come by and take a look. We are all friendly and will help with any questions you may have. ☘

# Hamburger Tuesday

## Update

By Mary Ann Wagner



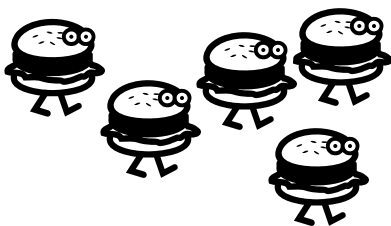
Even gardeners with no interest in herbs were intrigued after listening to Michael Bettler on the first Tuesday in April. Michael shared information on the history of herbs. He told us about early uses of herbs such as Rosemary which was once called the Bible leaf herb because early settlers used it as a bookmark in their Bibles. It also repelled cockroaches and silverfish, both pests would have destroyed the paper in their Bibles. Michael also shared his thoughts on unique herbs we might like to grow in our gardens.

On May 1, Greg Harnison of Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens will discuss carnivorous plants. These plants are not featured in many gardening articles. I am sure we will gain a great deal of information and a desire to have at least one specimen in our own gardens.

Suzanne Chapman will discuss container plants on June 5. So many of us have small spaces that need color. A container filled with assorted plants makes the area more inviting. Suzanne will discuss how to choose plants that are compatible in color, size, water and light needs.

We are still looking for new programs. Please let me know if you have a special interest. We want to provide you with interesting subjects.

Remember the first Tuesday of the month. Join us for some gardening, a great hamburger, good companionship, and some new ideas. ☞



## Web Surfin'

by Tom H. Robb, Jr.

The other night Gloria and I attended a Townhall Meeting sponsored by John Culberson, our Congressman from District 7. One of the handouts was a list of websites of various government agencies. One of these was for the Federal Web Locator which lists nearly all of the websites of U.S. Government Departments, Agencies, Services, etc.

When I returned home I went out on the web and entered the URL address for this Locator and guess what happened? Sure enough, it was a bad address. But knowing that such a website exists I made a Web Search and sure enough, I found it. Its address is: [www.infoctr.edu/fwl/index.htm](http://www.infoctr.edu/fwl/index.htm) and it's a real goldmine of information. It includes websites for all branches of the government - Executive, Judicial and Legislative. You can find out about the current status of bills in the House or the Senate. You can find out what's happening in various government agencies - and what's better yet, it has the e-mail addresses of nearly everyone. Haven't you ever wanted to tell your Congressman or Senator something - you can through email. This one is worth Bookmarking.

### EMAIL ORPHANS

Last month, I began my "Email Orphans List" in which I entered the names of members and students whose email addresses are not working for me - when I send them email messages they bounce back for various reasons. If your name appears on the list, please email me at [trobbs@hal-pc.org](mailto:trobbs@hal-pc.org) and let me know your proper email address so that you can receive the announcements of meetings and events that I send out two or

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three times each month. If you are not receiving email from me, even though your name is not on the list, email me and give me your correct address so that I can add you to the list. Do not send me a handwritten note - I might not have been able to read your original and thus have the wrong address for you.

The first group bounced back telling me that they don't know you. This could mean that you have changed your address (the most common cause), or that I didn't enter it properly (highly unlikely <grin>) or that I didn't have the address right in the first place (gosh, I just can't interpret everyone's writing). Those in this category are:

- Carol Rohloff
- Jill Kirkonis
- Shirley Haller
- Delbert W. Stevens
- Frances Edwards
- Gary Edmonson
- Geralyn S. Cornelius
- Denise G. Parkinson
- Lee Ann Romero
- Lola B. Daniel
- Al Hughes
- Carole Richtmyer
- Sharon Romine
- Sandra R. Poche
- Van and Sheila Odell - This one is really strange - I send to one address but it bounces back with an altered one which it says it doesn't recognize.



The next group are returned as deferred or timeouts. This means that they can be delivered later - up to five days. However, for the next group of names, the deferred message is delivered each day and finally states that they are unable to deliver. For the most part, this happens to every message sent.

- This group includes:
- Bonnie Stewart
  - Brenda McWilliams
  - Dominick Trupia
  - Lori Ottman
  - Barbara Johnson
  - Sharla Hein

And this last group has mail returned because "mailbox full" or "deferred: Mailbox Full". As I mentioned in a previous column this doesn't

necessarily that you don't read your mail. If the mail program is not set up to remove mail from the server after you have downloaded it to your machine, this is sooner or later going to happen. If you are in this category, check on the way your program is set up. Under this category are:

Carolyn Ann Pate  
Cathleen G. Davis

The "deferred: Mailbox Full" is a new one for me. I've just begun getting returns with this error message. If you received the message about the April Monthly meeting, I wouldn't worry too much about it - that's the first message sent out to get this type of error return. Anyway included under this category are:

Bob Manning  
Hal Ozkardesh  
Mary Lynn Randall  
Theron McLaren



and finally, for reasons unknown:

Clarence Sapp

Twenty eight returns are not good. But considering that almost 600 messages apparently are going through, I guess it's not bad.

Happy surfin' ☿



## Genoa Friendship Garden News

By Donna Fay Hilliard

A summer Master Gardener certification training will be offered at our satellite office in the Harris County Precinct Two Road and Bridge Maintenance Camp in southeast Houston beginning June 5. Classes will be conducted 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for five weeks (skipping the week of July 4). Share this news with teachers you know who may find this a convenient time to take the training. The site is located at 1202 Genoa-Red Bluff Road, one quarter mile north of the Sam Houston Beltway.

Our one-acre *Genoa Friendship Garden* at the Precinct Two site has rewarded our volunteers with a hearty spring crop of organically-grown cabbages, collards, radishes, onions, parsnips, new potatoes, and some gorgeous artichokes. The spring planting is now complete and we are turning our attention to plans for a demonstration ornamental garden using water smart landscaping, plant materials and gardening techniques. These plans grew out of Precinct Two Master Gardeners' coordination of the plant sale at the Water Smart Landscaping Workshop held at the University of Houston at Clear Lake in March – where we sold 662 plants.

Continuing education programs (and a hamburger lunch) are offered the first Wednesday of every month (except July). Call our Hot-line for program information (281) 991-8437 or email us at [Pct2mg@dunlukin.com](mailto:Pct2mg@dunlukin.com) OR visit our new website: [http://community.webtv.net/GFGPCT2\\_](http://community.webtv.net/GFGPCT2_) ☿

## Upcoming Master Gardener Meetings at Precinct 2

8:00 am Wednesdays  
P2 Road & Bridge Camp  
1202 Genoa-Red Bluff Rd  
**Wednesday Workdays**

Get your volunteer hours in, make friends and enjoy the Genoa Friendship Garden

**May 2, 2001**  
**Hamburger Wednesday**  
P2 Road & Bridge Camp  
1202 Genoa-Red Bluff Rd

After a rewarding morning of activity in the garden, enjoy a home-cooked burger and an informative presentation.

- May 1– *Lucia Bettler, Bettler's Gardens*  
Fairy Gardens
- June 6– *Carol Cammack*  
Beautiful Floral Arrangements from Grocery Store Flowers

**June 5, 2001**  
P2 Road & Bridge Camp  
1202 Genoa-Red Bluff Rd  
**Master Gardener Training Classes Begin**

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## Second V.P. Musings

(Trips, speakers & such)

by Jean Fefer

By the time you read this we will have taken our trip to the Texas A & M Horticultural Center, Heritage and Holistic Gardens. We currently have a full bus with 4 standbys. If there is more interest we will try to do it again. I will report to you about the trip and gardens in the next issue of Urban Dirt.

Mark your calendar for September 6, 2001. I am working on a trip to Santa Fe, Texas to visit the Haak winery. This winery opened December 18, 2000, but the vineyard has been there for 15 years. The Haaks are also experimenting with Spanish olives and have a grove consisting of 69 Manzanillos and Sevillanos. I am looking for another venue in that area to fill out the trip. If anyone knows of an interesting attraction there let me know.

This article will also post-date the April presentation by Evelyn Robinson on the 'Art of Growing Orchids'. If you have looked at the collection in the greenhouse you know she knows what she is talking about. Since becoming associated with Master Gardeners she has taken over the care of the greenhouse orchids. It is something difficult to deal with if you are handling the production of plants for the outdoor gardens and annual sales, so we are most grateful for her dedication and skill.

The May speaker will be Melody Mixon, a member of the Houston Beekeepers Association. She will talk about "Beekeeping and Gardening". Since bees are vital to the success of gardens and bees appear to be in trouble in the US, I thought

we (I) should know more about these helpful little critters. Please try to make this meeting.

June brings us Gail Michniewski to tell us about 'The Gathering Place' a diet improvement and enabling garden in the Meyerland area. This garden is associated with Urban Harvest. I'll tell you more about this next time. Stay tuned. ☞

## From the Glass House



By Billy Duncan, Pat Cole & Jean Fefer

The greenhouse is really GREEN. We are, of course, gearing up for the April 21st Spring sale and symposium. Another event that will have passed when you read this. We are grateful to the many MGs and interns that worked so hard to make cuttings and plant seeds so we will be able to sell some of our own plants, rather than buying everything. We were quite successful at the Fall plant sale and decided to do it again, using the information that we garnered from that trial. We'll let you know how it all turned out.

One note of importance to gardeners who bring plants or cuttings from home. The greenhouse gang will be very appreciative if you carefully inspect them for vermin, i.e., "unbeneficials". Since there are very few beneficial insects in the green house, the bad guys really flourish. We need your help to minimize the introduction of bad bugs into a closed environment.

Please don't desert us now that the sale is over. Sales are like busses. There will soon be another one along. (I come from Nebraska where this is really true.) The Millennium Gardens and the Flower garden and the Children's garden all will need your help now that we are truly into the growing season, but check the Greenhouse once in a while. There will be plenty to do, even in the heat of summer and then of course Fall planting time will be upon us in no time.



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**MAY PROGRAMS AT MERCER**

Call (281) 443-8731 for more information.

**MASTER GARDENER MORNING: TROPICALS.** Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m. to noon. Learn how to groom and prepare tropical plants for planting outside after a winter inside a greenhouse. Completion of Master Gardener training is not required to participate and novices are welcome. Free.

**LUNCH BUNCH: ANTIQUE PLANTS.** Wednesday, May 9, noon to 1 p.m. Ornamental plants from Ginkgo trees at ancient Chinese temples to Rosemary in a Roman atrium have been enjoyed for thousands of years. Come and see which ones perform reliably over long periods in our Houston gardens. Bring your lunch and enjoy a program by Suzanne Chapman, Mercer's Greenhouse Manager. Free.

**FLORA OF EAST TEXAS.** Wednesday, May 9, 1:30 p.m. Robert George of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) discusses the Illustrated Flora of East Texas Project. Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens and the Coastal Crossroads Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas sponsor the event. Attendance is free and the public is invited.

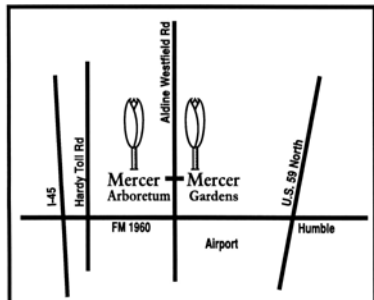
**LONE STAR GARDENER'S BOOK OF LISTS.** Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. to noon. Hear from expert gardeners who contributed to *The Lone Star Gardener's Book of Lists*, coauthored by Bill Adams. Adams has been a Texas A&M University Extension Horticulturist in Harris County for almost 30 years. The book is a compilation of more than 200 lists of plants for different Texas conditions. Books will be available for purchase and autographing. Free.

**PUBLIC GARDEN TOUR.** Saturday, May 12, 1:00 p.m. Join Mercer staff for a guided tour of Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens. Free.

**FERN PROGRAM.** Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m. Barbara Hoshizaki, president of the American Fern Society and an internationally recognized expert on ferns, discusses her book, the *Fern Grower's Manual*, at the Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society meeting at Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens. A book signing and reception will follow the program. Free.

**PINEY WOODS WILDLIFE SOCIETY.** Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. The Piney Woods Wildlife Society is a non-profit nature organization that meets at Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens. The Society emphasizes wildlife appreciation, education and ecology. Monthly field trips are directed toward birding, botany and nature conservation. New members and visitors are encouraged to attend. Free.

**LAWN CARE.** Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. to noon. A good lawn is the foundation of nearly any landscape. Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens has a professional lawn care service that should be maintained. Free.



A&M University Extension Horticulturist,  
Near Bush Intercontinental Airport,  
Mercer is 2 1/2 miles north of downtown  
Houston. From 1-45 or the Hardy Toll  
Road, exit FM 1960 and turn east. At  
Aldine Westfield Road, turn left. At the  
second traffic light (1/4 miles), turn  
right for the Visitor Center and  
Gardens or left for the Arboretum and  
picnic grounds.



## 3rd Annual Pond and Water Garden Tour. June 2-3.

By Virginia Joiner – Pond Tour  
Chairman and Master Gardener



Lone Star ZNA Koi Club of Houston, Texas, would like to invite all Master Gardeners and their friends to our 3rd Annual Pond and Water Garden Tour June 2-3, 2001. The ponds are in private gardens. You will have the opportunity to see many wonderful sights as you tour the different and wonderful gardens. Some of the ponds have only Koi in them and others are water gardens with lilies, bog plants and beautiful gold fish. All pond keepers consider the surrounding gardens as the frame work for their ponds. The host homes are always glad to share information with you about their hobbies.

Tickets for the tour are \$7.00 per adult, children 12 and under are free. With your ticket you will get the map book that list addresses, information on the pond and gardens, written directions and a hand drawn location map. Checks can be made out to The Lone Star Koi Club.

Tickets can be purchases at the following locations: Alspaugh Hardware (Kingwood), Another Place in Time, Arbor Gate (Tomball), Buchanan's, Condon Gardens, Cornelius Nurseries, Fish Ranch, The Garden Gate, Lily Ponds Water Gardens (Brookshire), Nelson's Water Gardens and Nursery (Katy), Plants for All Seasons, Teas Nurseries.

Please feel free to contact me by phone 281-469-2766 or by email [gradyj@pdq.net](mailto:gradyj@pdq.net).



## *Volunteer Opportunities*

- Tuesday is the designated **work day** in the Extension Office Gardens and Orchards. We have lots of fun working in the Children's Garden, Millennium Garden, Greenhouse, Vegetable Garden, Herb Garden, Orchard, Flower Garden and anywhere else we can find to plant something. Come by, enjoy the fellowship, gardening and even an occasional burger.
- **Audio Visual Equipment Operators.** We are looking for a few people to learn how to operate our public address system, video camera and slide projectors. Currently, Charlie Reass shoulders the overwhelming responsibility of making sure these contraptions are functioning at every event. It would be wonderful if we could relieve Charlie of some of these duties occasionally ... and you might be just the person to help. Give Charlie a call if you would be interested in helping him out. 713-468-2435.
- **Office Work...** If Tuesday doesn't work for you, or you prefer indoor volunteer activities, we have lots of other opportunities for you. Current needs include:
  - A coordinator for volunteer opportunities (ie write an article, match up volunteers with opportunities etc)
  - The class coordination group is looking to add a couple of people to the committee. The group is in charge of coordinating the training class, including everything from speaker to donut selections.

Please contact Carol at 281-855-5600 if you are interested in these or any other 'indoor' volunteer opportunities.

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