President’s Message

April is fast approaching and all of us are anxious to work in our gardens. Recently, I read that real gardeners buy at least ten thousand plants in the course of a lifetime without having the least idea where they’ll put any of them when they get home. I find that statement almost unbelievable but just stop and think how many annuals we buy every year. I cannot tell you how many times I have gone to nurseries and plant sales with really good intentions to buy specific plants and end up coming home with a car load of plants I had no intention of buying for my garden. It is just in our nature to buy plants.

The dates for the April and May meeting are incorrect as reported in the Directory program guide. The actual date of our April meeting is Friday, April 12 and our May meeting is Friday, May 10.

As requested by our membership, A Bee’s Tea scheduled for Feb. 27 was re-scheduled to May 10, 2019. A Bee’s Tea will be held directly after the Federation May 10 General Meeting. The committee is planning a very special “High Tea” that you don’t want to miss. All information related to the tea and ticket information follows in this newsletter.

Federation’s April program will be “Refugees From the Animal Kingdom” by Wildlife Center of Texas. This should be a very interesting program.

A Horticulture study will be conducted by Jonni Almoney on “Repotting Housebound Houseplants”. This study program is totally appropriate for this time of the year.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for clubs and affiliates. Mary Vacek will be conducting a workshop right after the April meeting for any officers that need a refresher course or any first time officers. Madeleine Rogers will be conducting a workshop for Treasurers. Come and collect information and share ideas.

Clubs, Plant Societies, and Affiliated Clubs should have received a letter in March requesting updates about your new officers and membership for the 2019-2020 Directory. The deadline for your information will be May 15, 2019. Questions? Please contact Tricia Bradbury at Triciabrad35@yahoo.com.

We will accept all dues payments starting April 1 for Clubs, Affiliates, Plant Societies and Individual members. Federation Club Dues of $10.00 for 2019-2020 are due on or before May 1st for Clubs, Plant Societies, and Affiliate Clubs. All Club, Plant Society, and Affiliate dues are to be directed payable to HFGC, Madeleine Rogers, Treasurer, 2002 Sierra, Kemah, TX. 77565. Please find forms included in this newsletter.

HFGC Individual member dues of $10.00 for 2019-2020 year are due on or before May 1st. Individual Dues payable to HFGC and form should be directed to Alma Gordon, 3810 Heatherbloom Dr., Houston, TX. 77045. Please see individual membership form in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our April meeting.

Ann
WORKSHOP

April 12, 2019: Officer’s Workshop

Congratulations, you’ve been elected! Come and get inspiration and tools to make your year of leadership fun, educational, and low stress. Network with other officers to share ideas and gain moral support. The workshop will immediately follow the general meeting. FREE  Presented by Mary Vacek

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What’s Coming Up Soon

Monthly General Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at First Christian Church (FCC),
1601 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77005

April 15, 2019
Newsletter Deadline for May Newsletter.

April 12, 2019
HFGC general meeting
10am—social  10:30am—meeting
Program “Refugees From the Animal Kingdom” by Margaret Pickell
Hosts  -  Zone 7

May 10, 2019
“What’s Happening at the Houston Botanic Garden”

Message from The Newsletter Editor:

Club Presidents & Publicity Chairs—please remember to record your club’s notable activities (those coming up and reports on what you’ve done) and forward the information to triciabrad35@yahoo.com for inclusion in the Federation Newsletter (it’s great free publicity!!). Please send photos as an attachment if possible instead of being included in the text of an email.
## 2018 - 2019 Calendar of Events

### April 2019
- 1-4: TGC Spring Convention, El Paso
- 12: HFGC General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – First Christian Church
  - Program: “Refugees from the Animal Kingdom”
  - Speaker: Margaret Pickell
  - Hostesses: Zone 7
  - Horticulture Study: Repotting Rootbound Houseplants
  - Workshop: New Officer’s Workshop
- 12-13: South Central Region Convention, Oklahoma City, OK
- 16-17: Florescence – Fine Arts Museum - Houston
- 29: May 2: NGC Spring Convention - Biloxi, MS.

### May 2019
- 1: Deadline for TGC, Federation Dues
- 6: HFGC Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. - Bayland
- 10: HFGC General Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – First Christian Church
  - Program: “What’s Happening at the Houston Botanical Garden”
  - Speaker: TBD
  - AWARDS
  - Hostesses: Everyone contribute a plate
- 15: IRS e-postcard due for fiscal year.
- 21-24: NGC Spring Convention, Philadelphia PA

### June 2019
- TBD: District IV Board Meeting
- 3-10: National Garden Club Week

### September 2019
- 23-24: Landscape Design School III, College Station

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### Nice to know.....
- Bayland = Bayland Community Center
- FCC = First Christian Church
- IRS = Internal Revenue Service
- TBD = To be determined
- TGC = Texas Garden Clubs
- NGC = National Garden Clubs
- HFGC = Houston Federation of Garden Clubs
- SCR = South Central Region
- FSS = Flower Show School
- HAFSJ = Houston Area Flower Show Judges

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### Horticulture—Garden Gems

*By Jeanne Street*

We’re encouraging photos of special plants **from your garden**. E-mail them to me (with their specific epithet), and I will forward them to Tricia. We’re hoping to expand our knowledge of what grows well in our area and give our members a chance to brag a little!

Our gardens are special in some way every month. Remember to e-mail photos to acesstreet1@gmail.com of what’s special in your garden - a favorite plant, a special view or even where you sit and relax! Inspire your fellow gardeners, and submit your photo to our Garden Gems. Don’t forget to label them.
Did you miss the March meeting???

Our speaker, Linda Gay

Ann Stiefel researches plants from our gardens

Horticulture exhibits
Design Study:
Petite Small Designs

Above (L to R): Designers Jeanne Street, Gail Shores, & Mary Faye Snell

Designs

Above left: Mary Faye Snell
Above right: Jeanne Street
Right: Gail Shores
Federation Academic Scholarship
By Ann Korenek

Federation Academic Scholarship HFGC will be offering a $5,000 Academic Scholarship to Texas resident students enrolled in college. The applicant must have at least 3.25 GPA and be majoring in the fields of horticulture. The fields of horticulture include floriculture, landscape design, horticulture, botany, biology, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, Urban Development, land and water management.

We encourage all clubs and members to advice your scholarship candidates to apply for this Federation scholarship.

Please contact Scholarship Chair, Madeleine Rogers at madbeckrogers@hotmail.com for information. Application forms are available at houstonfederationgardenclubs.org

Federation World Gardening
“Seeds for Life” Project

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

The program now encourages only monetary donations.

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

All donations for the World Gardening “Seeds for Life” should be directed to:
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Huffman, TX. 77336

Houston Federation of Garden Clubs Programs— Be Environmentally Empowered

April 12
Refugees From the Animal Kingdom
Speaker: Margaret Pickell, Operations Manager, Wildlife Center of Texas

Workshop: Officer’s Workshop—Congratulations, you’ve been elected! Come and get inspiration and tools to make your year of leadership fun, educational and low stress.

May 10
What’s Happening at the Houston Botanic Garden
Speaker: A representative from the Houston Botanical Garden will present an informative program on the location, progress made, and upcoming plans for educational opportunities for the public at the new botanical gardens.

Ways & Means
* Plants! Bring plants for Plant Table
* Monthly Drawings
Horticulture Exhibits – share a bloom or specimen
Horticulture Study—Repotting Rootbound Houseplants by Jonni Almoney
Hostesses Zone 7—Lynda Counts

Federation Tea
Ticket required
No horticulture exhibits
Awards Presented
HFGC consists of seven zones each has a Zone Counselor who is responsible for coordinating the hostess activities for one general meeting per year. In addition, each Zone Counselor functions as a liaison between Federation and member clubs.

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Bluebonnet Garden Club of Houston

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

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Hostess Date: October 12, 2018
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832-392-6434
League City Garden Club

Alvin Garden Club
Frey Garden Club
Heritage Gardeners Garden Club
League City Garden Club
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Nassau Bay Garden Club
Texas City Garden Club
Houston Area Daylily Society

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La Porte-Bayshore Garden Club
Lake Houston Garden Club
Liberty Garden Club
New Caney Garden Club
Newport Garden Club
Petal Pushers Garden Club
Wooster Garden Club
Astro Branch American Begonia Society
The Mercer Society

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Hostess Date: September 14, 2018
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Flora Luncheon Study Club
Fondren Park Home & Garden Club
Nottingham Country Garden Club
Quail Valley Garden Club
Sugar Creek Garden Club
Sweeny Garden Club
Houston Area Flower Show Judges

ZONE 5
Hostess Date: February 8, 2019
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Bouquettes Garden Club
Crestwood Garden Club
Lazy Daisy Garden Club
New Century Garden Club
Bromeliad Society of Houston
Greater Houston Hippeastrum Society
Harris County Master Gardeners
Houston Amaryllis Society

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Heathstone Garden Club
Piney Point Garden Club
Royal Oaks Garden Club
Sprig & Sprout Garden Club
Tower Oaks Garden Club

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If you have not filed your 990-N e-postcard with the IRS, please review requirements at [https://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard/](https://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard/). Every club and affiliate must file a 990-N with the IRS to be a member of HFGC and TGC. If you do not file, you are no longer a non-profit organization. If you need assistance with 990-N, contact our Treasurer, Madeleine Rodgers at madbeckrogers@hotmail.com.
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There is only 1 queen per colony. More than one queen will fight and only one will survive.
Mead, which is made from fermented honey, is the world’s oldest fermented beverage.
President’s Projects 2018/19  
*By Ann Korenek*

We support NGC and SCR “Plant America” theme and TGC’s “Plant America, Sowing Seeds the Texas Way”. We will continue Federation’s project of working with The Katy Prairie Conservancy “Grow out Program”. This project is a two-fold project in the respect of growing wild prairie seeds which support NGC, SCR and TGC projects, and my theme “B.E.E. Environmentally Empowered “ by helping to restore the Katy Prairie.

We all have heard about the Three R’s relating to the environment. They are Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle. HFGC will focus on “Reduce” an additional environment task this year. Several clubs already car pool to Federation meetings and with other clubs focusing on ride sharing we can increase membership attendance while “Reducing”. Take turns driving, or pay for gas if you are catching a ride. There are members who cannot drive and would like to come to a Federation meeting. Sign up at Federation meetings to let us know which clubs are “Reducing” by carpooling.

The benefits of “Reducing” are:
- Prevents pollution caused by reducing the need to harvest new raw materials
- Save energy and money
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations
- Reduces the amount of waste recycled or sent to landfills and incinerators
- Allows products to be used to their fullest extent
Avian Invaders

By Jonni Almoney

April 2019

Sometimes in this space, I rail against exotic plants that have been introduced into our landscapes, seemingly innocent beautiful foreigners that escape from gardens to later wreak havoc with the natives, species like Chinese tallow, privet, and Asian honeysuckle. There is another invasion taking place under our noses, that of birds that have been brought here to zoos or by private collectors that have somehow escaped into the wild, sometimes with disastrous results.

There are already gorgeous birds that live here naturally. The grackles are in full breeding plumage now, with large, magnificent tails and that lovely iridescent purple sheen around their heads and necks, and blackbirds of all sorts are passing through on their way back north. The blue jays and cardinals are courting and sparking all around our garden. We expect soon to see ruby-throated hummingbirds buzzing around the crossvine and Carolina jessamine as they fuel up for the long trip north.

In our neighborhood we regularly see mockingbirds, two species of woodpeckers, swallows, chimney swifts, purple martins, three kinds of doves, robins, chickadees, wrens, and house finches, as well as the birds mentioned above. There are so many native species of birds that live in Texas or migrate through Texas, but, sadly, the most common visitors to the bird feeders that used to be next door were house sparrows, European starlings, and feral pigeons. All bird species in Texas are protected except for those three, and can you guess why? All of them are introduced species from other countries, and all of them threaten, by their very numbers, our native birds.

Pigeons, *Columba livia*, were brought to the United States by the first European settlers in the early 1600s. Also called rock doves, domestic pigeons, and homing pigeons, these ubiquitous birds were first domesticated around 4500 B.C. for food. It was understandable that the early American settlers brought some along with them to the new world; they were reluctant to set off for unknown territory without a guaranteed easy source of meat. It only took a few of them escaping before the imported pigeons started spreading in the wild. Now they are all across the United States, causing damage by their sheer numbers and lack of natural predators.

European starlings, *Sturnus vulgaris*, first came to this country much later than pigeons, but for the most frivolous of reasons. Some misguided individual “wanted to introduce to the United States all of the birds mentioned in Shakespeare’s works”. Among those were sixty pairs of starlings released in New York’s Central Park in 1890 and 1891. By 1942, the birds had spread all the way to California, and now, in less than 125 years, there are probably more than 140 million starlings in the U.S.

The English sparrow, *Passer domesticus*, is usually referred to as the house sparrow and is so common that most people assume it must be native, but house sparrows were brought here in 1851 and released in Brooklyn, New York. The intent was for the house sparrows to rid shade trees of inch worms that were annoying people, which was a good idea except for the fact that sparrows are mainly seed eaters, not insectivores. Also, the little things multiply so rapidly – three to five broods a year with five or even six chicks in each brood – that they quickly revealed themselves as a much greater nuisance than worms down one’s collar.

All three of these have created a problem that seemingly is too big to rectify. Pigeons, starlings and house sparrows have adapted so well and spread so widely that most methods that might be used to eradicate them would endanger the native species that we would be trying to protect. They compete with the locals for food and nesting space. Because all three species live in large flocks, their droppings can spread diseases and parasites to native birds, and even create health hazards for humans.

This is a quote from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: “All wild birds that migrate through or are indigenous to
Texas, along with their plumage or other parts, eggs, nests and young are protected from harming, killing and/or possession by state and federal law except that **European starlings, English sparrows, and feral pigeons may be killed at any time and their nests and eggs may be destroyed.** The problem with that statement is that it is mostly too little, too late. I would have trouble killing birds, seeking out and destroying bird nests, or asking someone else to do it for me, and short of some birdie birth control that could target the offending intruders specifically, there seems to be no way that this plague is going to be halted.

And the intruders just keep on coming. They haven’t made any government hit lists yet, but there are colonies of **monk parakeets, Myiopsitta monachus**, popping up around Houston. I regularly see a chattering flock of the green, long-tailed beauties flying over when I visit the YMCA on Stella Link, and the local Houston Audubon Society has started tracking the progress of **red-vented bulbuls, Pycnonotus cafer**, an Asian species that has gotten loose and seems to be taking hold. We have seen a pair of them in our back garden several times this spring.

About all we can take from this sad situation is a cautionary tale of what happens when you mess with Mother Nature. In our own backyards, we can encourage the native songbirds by growing native plants that feed and shelter the birds, and take down the feeders that host so many of the alien species. We can also legislate for stricter laws on introduced wildlife. These measures won’t decrease the number of the invaders that are already entrenched here, but we can help protect the native species and help them maintain a population.

1. Quote from the website of Connecticut’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Other factual information in this paragraph is from the same source.
2. Quote from the website of the Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management. Other factual information in this paragraph is from the same source.
3. Factual information in this paragraph is from [www.50birds.com](http://www.50birds.com).
4. Quote is from the TPWD website, in a section pertaining to protecting wildlife. Bold highlights are added by me.

The pictures were lifted from the Internet. I show only the monk parakeet and the bulbul because I figure you recognize the others.

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**EASTER**—Today, with all its joyous customs, Easter is indeed a major popular festival across the United States. A festival that has become more of secular in spirit, though it has religious background. However, this was not the case all along the history of United States.

Easter did not enjoy the status of a popular festival among the early settlers in America. Because most of them were Puritans or members of Protestant Churches who had little use for the ceremonies of any religious festivals. Even the Puritans in Massachusetts tried their best to play down the celebration of Easter as far as possible. While various rites are said to be associated with the celebration of Easter, most of them have come as part of the ancient spring rites in the Northern hemisphere.

Not until the period of the Civil War did the message and meaning of Easter begin to be expressed as it had been in Europe. It was the initiative of the Presbyterians. The scars of death and destruction which led people back to the Easter season. They found the story of resurrection as a great source of inspiration and renewed hope.

Since then, of course, its joyous customs delight children and adults alike.
Plant Donations—keeping things tidy in our new home

Federation continues to encourage members to bring plant donations to share with other members attending meetings. This project promotes gardening skills and we always have the memory of the person who shared that special cutting of their favorite plant with us. I can look at my garden and I know who shared a plant from their garden with me.

When you bring your plants to share this year, please bring them in a plastic bag, paper sack, or box that does not leak or from which loose dirt can dropped onto the floor.

We look forward to seeing what you are sharing among members.

HOUSTON ROSE SOCIETY

The topic of the April 11, 2019 meeting of the Houston Rose society will be “Hybridizing, A Child Can Do It and So Can You”. The program will be presented by Mary Fulgham. Mary is a master consulting rosarian and past president of the Houston Rose Society. She is a member of the Houston Ballet orchestra and grows over 300 roses in her Bellaire garden. Mary will demonstrate her method of cross-pollinating roses for hybridization. This is the same method she taught her daughter, Ivy Keen, when Ivy was six years old! Ivy went on to create over fifty of her own cultivars. Please note the location for the April meeting has changed. It will be held at the Lott Clubhouse, 6201 Hermann Park Drive, Houston 77030. Come at 7:00 PM for refreshments, the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Free admission, www.houstonrose.org

GARDEN GEMS...well, one gem.

Get those photos to Jeanne!!!

From the garden of Mel Babb, Individual Member. *Bilbergia nutans*, Bromeliad Queen's tears

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Please Note: Date Change

“A Bee’s Tea”
English High Tea
May 10, 2019
(1:30 – 3:30pm)

The “Bee’s Tea” committee has realized that there are few opportunities for our members to purchase tickets for the “Bees Tea”. Therefore we have decided that tickets can be ordered and paid for by mail.

Please Contact Leslie Wong by phone, email. It is as simple as ordering your tickets and sending her your money. You will receive confirmation that your money is received by email. If you do not have email, please make other arrangements. Tickets will be available at “Will Call” on the day. If you have already bought your tickets, your can use them for the new date. If that date does not work for you and you have already bought your tickets, pls contact Leslie.

Individual Tickets: $30.00
Table for Eight: $200.00

The tea will be an opportunity for you to support the community projects/scholarships that Federation provides. You will also have a chance to enjoy great food, drink(tea) and honey. Don’t forget the fellowship of your fellow members in your club and throughout Federation.

Please see the Flyer below for all the information you need.

Corrie Ten- Have, Chairman
Jonni Almoney, Co-Chairman
Save The Date! **May 10, 2019**

**“A Bees Tea”**

Come for an English High Tea

Presentations - McHugh Tea & “bee2bee honey”

- **Individual tickets:** $30.00
- **Or a table for eight:** $200.00 (from 1:30 p.m. –3:30 p.m.)

*(To reserve your tickets contact Leslie Wong 281-935-6442 leave message)*

Mail check to: **15422 Driftwood Oak Ct. Houston, TX 77059** or email: leslie.j.wong@gmail.com

Enjoy a fun afternoon of good food, good drink and learn something about tea and bees (honey)

**First Christian Church – 1601 Sunset Blvd.**

*Funds raised will support Houston Federation and its continuing community projects*
APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP TO HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

Please fill out the following information and return with your check for $10.00 made out to: Houston Federation of Garden Clubs. Mail to Alma Gordon (Third Vice President, Membership), 3810 Heatherbloom Drive, Houston, 77045-5606. 713-299-7519.  almajhgordon41@gmail.com  Dues are due on are before May 1, of current year

Date:

Name of Applicant:

Address:

City:  State  Zip:

E-Mail Address:

Telephone Number:

Garden Club Membership or Affiliate Membership:

Garden Club Experience/Service:

As an Individual Member, you are entitled to receive the 9 monthly issues of the Newsletter published by Houston Federation of Garden Clubs by e-mail. Also, you will receive a Directory which must be picked up at a Federation Meeting. We do not mail Directories.

For Office Use Only:

Date:
Check #
Amount:
Certificate:
Received:
Life Member #
HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
FRIENDS OF HOUSTON FEDERATION

Scholarship WILDFLOWER DONATIONS

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Garden Club: _______________________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ______________________________________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________________________________________

Bluebonnet (Past Presidents Only) $______________________________

Indian Paintbrush ($100.00) ________________________________

Lobelia Cardinalis ($50.00) ________________________________

Coreopsis ($25) ________________________________________________

Black Eyed Susan ($15) (Garden Clubs only) _______________________

Poppy ($10) ______________________________________________________

Foxglove (unspecified amount) ________________________________

The friends of Federation Wildflower Donations was established to recognize members and
clubs that have made donations to HFGC Scholarship programs and are listed in the front part
of the booklet. We thank you for being a part of HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS.

Mail to Houston Federation of Garden Clubs Treasurer
Madeleine Rogers 2002 Sierra Drive, Kemah, TX 77565

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HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

March 1, 2019

Plant Society or Affiliate treasurer
Affiliate name
Address

Your Plant Society or Affiliated Club’s information from our records is enclosed.

The attached forms are being sent for updating and are to be returned to me (Tricia Bradbury, see below) on or before MAY 15, 2019. This information will be published in the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs Directory for 2019-2020.

1. Please review and provide information for the 2019-2020 year regarding your President and Treasurer and HFGC Delegate. If your affiliate/Society does not have a HFGC Delegate, please consider electing or appointing someone for this position.
   NOTE: Email addresses should be provided and checked carefully for accuracy.
2. Fill in information concerning dues on attached form and return it with your roster.
3. Please use only the enclosed forms to return the information requested on or before MAY 15, 2019
   If changes occur after forms have been returned, please call or e-mail me with the correct information.
4. If you are able to scan the completed roster and dues form as.pdf documents, you may email them to me.
   Please note, if you email the information your affiliate name must be on the subject line of your email.

Important: In order to be a member of Houston Federation of Garden Clubs each affiliate must be a member of Texas Garden Clubs.

Federation Dues: $10.00 per affiliate (payable on or before May 1)
Make check payable to: Houston Federation of Garden Clubs
Mail to: Madeleine Rogers
        Treasurer, Houston Federation of Garden Clubs
        2002 Sierra
        Kemah, TX 77565

State Dues: $15.00 per affiliate club
Make check payable to: Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.
Mail to: Jodi Zambino
        Office Manager, TGC, Inc.
        3111 Old Garden Road
        Fort Worth, TX 76107-3498

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tricia Bradbury
210 Kingfisher Dr
Sugar Land TX 77478
Triciabrad35@yahoo.com
281-242-2338 (home) 713-253-9023 (cell)
GARDEN CLUB NAME
HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
2019-2020 CLUB INFORMATION

President for 2019-2020
Name: __________________________
Address: _________________________
City: ____________________________
Zip Code & +4 ________________
Phone: Area Code (_____ ) _______
e-mail address (please print): __________________

Treasurer for 2019-2020
Name: __________________________
Address: _________________________
City: ____________________________
Zip Code & +4 ________________
Phone: (_____ ) ________________
e-mail address (please print): __________________

HFGC Delegate: Name: ________________ phone: __________________
Address: __________________________ City & Zip Code ________________
e-mail address: ____________________

NOTE: email addresses for President, Treasurer & Club Delegate are vital for communications from HFGC, please provide and check for accuracy. Thank you.

Please indicate the dates 2019-2020 Dues were paid to:

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Texas State Garden Clubs
Houston Federation of Garden Clubs

Please return this form along with your updated Garden Club roster by **MAY 15, 2019** to:

Tricia Bradbury
210 Kingfisher Dr. Sugar Land TX 77478
281-242-2338 (home) 713-253-9023 (cell)
Triciabrad35@yahoo.com

If any changes occur to roster after mailing, please call or e-mail with correct or updated information. If you have any questions, please contact me at Triciabrad35@yahoo.com or 281-242-2338. Thank you
HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, DUES AND DONATIONS FORM

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO HOUSTON FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

Donations will be distributed to the various Houston Federation of Garden club’s projects as indicated on this form. Please be sure that you use a separate check for each section and contributions. A separate roster will be sent to you for update.

Section 1

Dues: $10.00 per Club and per Affiliate. Dues are due on or before May 1 of current year.

Ck # ________ Amount ________

Club Name

Incoming President

Address and Zip Code

E-Mail Address

Telephone Number

Federation Club Delegate

E-Mail Address

Section 2

Contributions:

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We Thank You for being a part of Houston Federation of Garden Clubs. We are very interested in receiving information from our clubs about their Membership such as the name of those that passed away this past year. They will be honored at the Arbor Day Ceremony.

Mail to: Houston Federation of Garden Clubs
Attn: Madeleine Rogers
2002 Sierra
Kemah, TX. 77565
KINGWOOD GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS
THE HOME AND GARDEN TOUR 2019

A Ticket admits one to a self-guided tour of four Kingwood homes
and gardens and one very special Asian-inspired garden.

There will be a plant sale, a raffle and a Botanical Boutique.

Friday, April 26, from 10am. - 4pm.
Saturday, April 27, from 10am. - 4 pm.
Sunday  April 28, from Noon - 4 pm.

Tickets are available for purchase in March from Warrens,
Kingwood Garden Center and Kingwood Garden Club members.
During the event, tickets may be purchased at each home.

Pre-tour Admission: $25  During event : $30  Single site: $10

Children under the age of 12 are free.
Event is held rain or shine and you have 3 days to view all homes.
Ticket required at each home
Not stroller, wheel chair, or walker accessible.
SUGAR CREEK GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS

THE BACKYARD GARDEN TOUR 2019

A $15.00 Ticket admits one to a self-guided tour of five Sugar Creek backyards.

Saturday, May 4, from 10am. – 4pm.

There will be a raffle at one of the homes.

Tickets may be purchased at the Sugar Creek Guard House the day of the event or at the individual homes. Event is held rain or shine.

A Ticket is required at each home.
Green Thumb 2019 Gardening Series

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Harris County Master Gardeners are pleased to offer the Green Thumb Gardening Series of Lectures. These presentations are free and there are no reservations. For questions please call (713) 274-0950.

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Spring Branch Memorial Library (Map and address on back)
Third Tuesday of each month

January 15 – Preparing Garden Beds & Lawns
February 19 – Spring Vegetable Gardening
March 19 – Herbs
April 16 – Soils and Composting
May 21 – Water Conservation
June 18 – Propagation and Seed Saving
July 16 – Container and Small Space Gardening
August 20 – Fall Vegetables
September 17 – Open Forum: Bring Your Questions
October 15 – Trees: Planting and Care (includes fruit trees)

Thursday Evenings 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Barbara Bush Library (Map and address on back)
Second Thursday of each month **Except February**

January 10 – Preparing Garden Beds & Lawns
February 7 ** – Spring Vegetable Gardening
March 14 – Herbs
April 11 – Soils and Composting
May 9 – Water Conservation
June 13 – Propagation and Seed Saving
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August 8 – Fall Vegetables
September 12 – Open Forum: Bring Your Questions
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Thursday Evenings 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Freeman Branch Library (Map and address on back)
Third Thursday of each month **Except April**

January 17 – Preparing Garden Beds & Lawns
February 21 – Spring Vegetable Gardening
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Saturday Mornings 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Maud Smith Marks Library (Map and address on back)
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- Identify with members of one of the largest gardening organization in the world
- Membership in the District, State, South Central Region, and National Garden Club organizations
- Apply for NGC and SCR Grants
- Attend educational programs/workshops on floral arranging, horticulture, landscape and environmental studies
- Participate in educational opportunities offered by National Garden Clubs, Inc: Gardening Study School, Flower Show School, Landscape Design School, Environmental Studies School
- Access to resources from Federation for club programs/speakers
- Access to Flower Show Judges, Plant Society Judges, Design, Garden, Landscape Consultants
- Serve the community through garden therapy and youth gardening activities
- Develop long lasting friendships with similar interest
- Opportunity to compete for awards
- Opportunity to apply for member scholarship
- Opportunity to nominate a qualified college student for a Horticulture, Landscape, Environmental, or Floral academic scholarship
- Exchange ideas through conference and association with others of similar interest
- Access to tours and pilgrimages relating to gardening and floral design