

A Daytrip to Martha's Bloomer

On a sunny, but cool October morning, 23 ladies from the LF garden club gathered at the scout house. Through the Community Outreach Program from Precinct Three, Sandra had arranged a bus for our day trip. The bus driver took the most enjoyable scenic route along country roads lined with trees, shrubs and open meadows, to our destination, Martha's Bloomers, located about one hour drive away, in the city of Navasota.



Martha's Bloomers opened in 2000 as a Home and Garden store as well as an all-day shopping destination. Along with their mascots, the cats Martha and Bloomer, the gardens are filled with beautiful flowers, trees and shrubs. Martha's stocks hard-to-find varieties to meet the landscaping needs from the novice gardener to the Master Gardener.

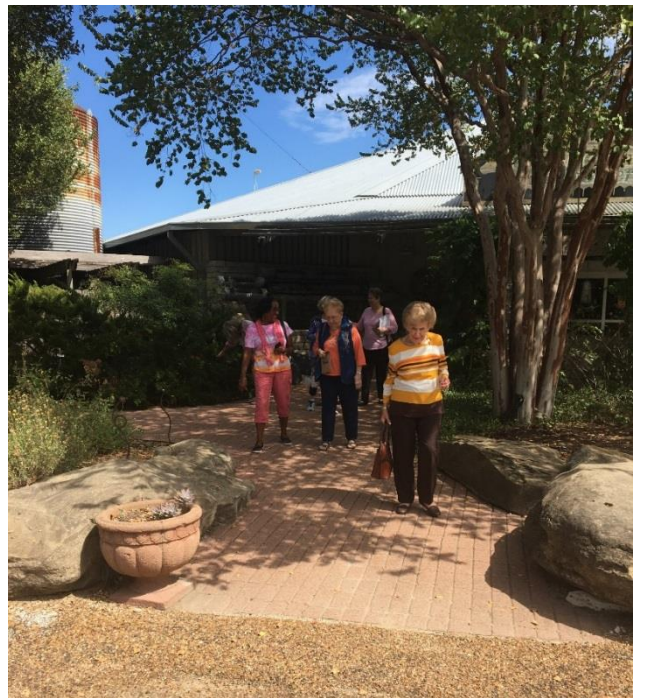
The Café M. Bloomers is an important part of the whole Martha's Bloomers experience. Serving fresh garden salads, sandwiches, quiche, homemade soups and truly decadent desserts, the restaurant looks out over the beautiful gardens, fountains and garden decor that surrounds the property.

We made good time and arrived before our scheduled lunch time. This was not a problem since it gave us plenty of time to check out the landscaped grounds, the nursery filled with native plants, flowers and shrubs and the unusual items offered at the gift shop.





Lynn, Yvonne and Sandra having a good time.
Dawn is looking for just the right so plant to buy.



Thanks to the great October weather it was a joy to walk the shaded grounds of the garden area.



While some ladies appreciated the waiting time to browse the nursery others waited in the sun room for our private room to be ready.





Group Menu

Quiche of the Day

with Spinach Strawberry Salad, Tea/Water

Salad Sampler Plate

Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad,
Spinach Strawberry Salad, Tea/Water

Honey Ham Croissant Sandwich

with Tomato Bisque Soup, Tea/Water

Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich

with Tomato Bisque Soup, Tea/Water

Dessert Selections

Peach Cobbler or Chocolate Cake

\$15 per person
(plus tax and gratuity)

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At the appointed time we were ushered into a private dining room, by Rodney, the cheerful host.

As we were a rather large group Chef Chris had asked us to pre select our lunch choices from a special menu.

The tables in our private room were set with linen table cloth, and fall inspired décor. Our waitress, Marissa, with list of our orders in hand, quickly and efficiently brought beverages and dishes to the tables.

In a most relaxing atmosphere we enjoyed fresh salads, homemade soups, scrumptious sandwiched and freshly baked quiches.





A healthy and delicious lunch was topped with a dessert of Peach cobbler or Chocolate cake. We shared from each other's plate so everyone had a taste of the sweet treats.



After lunch we only had a little more time for shopping. Then it was back in the bus and off, we went to visit the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham.



The Antique Rose Emporium

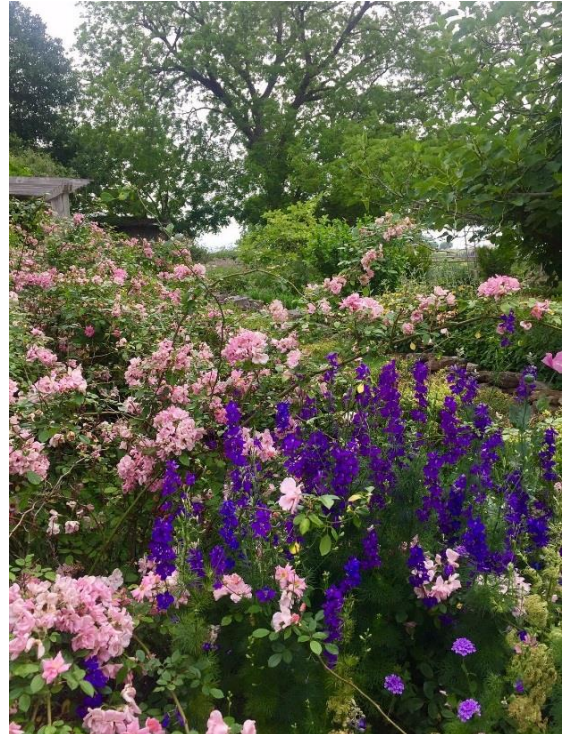


Just a short ride from Navasota, encircled by rolling hills, farmland and meadows with grazing cattle, is a rustic garden center which focuses on growing and distributing antique roses.

The Antique Rose Emporium's presentation gardens were begun in 1984. Owner, Mike Shoup, wanted to showcase old garden roses in new ways. His vision revolved around using the roses in gardens filled with herbs, natives, perennials and a varied of other plants, rather than the fussy rose gardens that are the norm.

Many of these Texas-tough survivors were rescued from old 'home places,' cemeteries and road sides, and brought back into many gardens.

Since its inception, The Antique Rose Emporium has grown to include eight acres of landscaped grounds with gift shops, a picnic area and a romantic wedding venue.





Fran, Rica and Adrienne assessing the wide array of plants while others admiring the large wind chime





Zelma finding rest under the huge cypress tree and Susan joins her as well



The large cypress tree provides refreshing shade.



Much to see on the well-developed landscaped grounds.









