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## For All You "Do-It-Yourselfers"....



Our landscape design team has put together a selection of affordable garden plans suitable for almost any front or back yard. Having a plan in place makes it easier to visualize your own *Enchanted* home landscape. Then, our knowledgeable staff can help you with plant selection and placement, allowing you to create your oasis at your own pace! Plans are available at no charge when plants are purchased from *Enchanted Nurseries*.

## Inspirations of Spring

As Winter seems to slip away, gardeners' thoughts turn to dreams of that special Spring garden. Realistically, we hope the core of that garden will last into summer. Good bed preparation can be done in readiness for final planting. Raised beds are best, using quality soil and compost. A little extra effort at the beginning will insure superior results. Planting areas should be kept weed-free. Weeds drain nutrients and moisture from your garden. One weed flower can sow a thousand seeds at maturity... a very scary thought. As plants mature, the shaded soil beneath them will be inhospitable to weeds.

The list of flowers and veggies to plant is nearly endless. In sunny areas, nasturtiums and lobelia are cool weather beauties. With the sunny yellow, orange, and gold nasturtium, brilliant sapphire blue lobelias are the perfect border plant.

Icelandic poppies add a Monet like quality to any Spring planting. The silken blooms in water-color hues sway in the Spring breeze and lend an ethereal quality to the garden.

Flowing petunias are a great choice for a container. They are available in a rainbow of colors. Heavy flowering may be maintained by regular feeding and removal of spent blooms. Light pruning and moist soil keep plants compact and floriferous.

After April first, zinnias may be planted from seeds or transplants. Zinnias such as Profusions last well through summer and are also butterfly attractants.

Ground covers are often the answer to difficult areas. Australian violets, creeping jenny, sweet potato vine, and wedelia are just a few examples of flowering ground covers that will illuminate an area or a container with their beauty.

Shaded areas become welcoming islands of color when planted with impatiens, torenia and Texas columbine. Encourage a mix of ferns for that woodland effect.

By adding some herbs and veggies to your beds, you bring some pest resistance as well as delicious possibilities for the dinner table. Majestic chard may be used raw or cooked. Garlic chives are delicious and produce white allium blooms with a rose scent. Parsley can be planted as a lush emerald green border. Parsley is a butterfly larval food. Mama swallowtails search it out as a cozy place for their babies.

Do you have a fence or an arbor needing a blanket of blooms? Coral vine, cross vine, evergreen wisteria, Rangoon creeper, and blue sky vine are a few vines that are at home in the Houston area. These vines all have long bloom periods and are extremely easy to grow.

Let this Spring inspire you to dream and then bring those dreams to fruition. A garden is both a thing of beauty and a maker of memories.

—Betty

*"The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses." ~Hanna Rion*

# Let's Celebrate Spring!



## Mardi Gras in the Garden

When: Saturday March 28, 2009  
(Speakers from 9:00 - Noon)  
Party from Noon-4

Where: Enchanted Gardens 6420 FM 359 Richmond  
Live Zydeco music by Big Red & The Zydeco Playmakers Band,  
petting zoo, refreshments and more.



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## Spring Festival at the Forest

When: Saturday, April 4, 2009  
(Speakers from 9:00 - Noon)  
Party from Noon—4

Where: Enchanted Forest 10611 FM 2759 Richmond, TX 77469

Live folk music with the Brazos River Pickers, petting zoo,  
refreshments and more!



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information.

*"It is good to be alone in a garden at dawn or dark so that all its shy presences may haunt  
you and possess you in a reverie of suspended thought." ~James Douglas, Down Shoe Lane*

## Keep the Grass Greener on Your Side of the Fence!!!



Now is the time for a pre-emergent weed killer like **Barricade**. It can be applied almost any time of the year, but works best before the weeds germination. Barricade will last for about 3 months, so you may need to reapply. Early spring is a great time to apply fertilizer or a weed and feed product. FYI, products that contains atrazine can harm your shallow rooted trees and shrubs. We recommend **Nitro-Phos Weed and Feed (15-5-10)** which is atrazine free. For those of you who prefer a straight fertilizer product, **Nitro-Phos Imperial Lawn** fertilizer is the first part of the **Randy Lemmon/Nitro Phos Lawn** fer-

tilization program. For an organic green approach to lawns, use **Micro-Life** or **Medina's Growing Green**. In conjunction with the organics, we like to apply compost as a top dressing such as **Soil Mender's Cotton Burr Compost**. For your broadleaf weed problems try **Weed Beater** and **Ultra Weed Beater** to solve this problem and they are formulated for our southern lawns.

## DENISE'S PICKS FOR YOU

Walking through the nursery's greenhouses is always an adventure for a plant nut like me, but the last few weeks have been especially exciting with some of our newest arrivals, all of which will be available to you later this spring. Succulents are becoming a very popular plant category thanks to their undemanding cultural needs along with the individuality and expressiveness they possess and our new Retro Succulent and Sedum Collection displays these traits exceptionally well. You'll find sedums, echeverias, crassulas, and more with an array of leaf colors, shapes, color patterns, and growth habits. Some resemble tiny conifers while others look like they would be more at home under the sea.



*Capricorn*

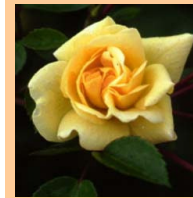
Distinctive foliage is also the highlight of our new Rex Begonia collection. Their bold color markings and variable leaf sizes and styles have enchanted and made a collector out of many gardeners. "Capricorn" has very large leaves in silvery-green with burgundy centers all with "corkscrew" bases and dark purple leaf stems. We will also have Fairy, River Nile, Black Coffee, several from the Great American City series, and many more.

Another unique and colorful collection from which we are starting to enjoy some of the earliest blooms is the Cajun Hibiscus collection. Their very large, swirling, pinwheel-like blooms have thick, ruffly petals and come in an array of colors—antique shades, pastels, clear shades, and (nearly) fluorescents. The names will charm you too—C'est Bon, Voodoo Queen, Me-oh-my-oh, and Light My Fire, to name just a few. All this and much more will greet you at our nurseries this spring, so come in for a visit, give us a call, or watch our weekly e-mail blasts for the most up-to-date information and announcements.

## LANDSCAPING WITH ROSES IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK!

By Denise Riccobono

Listen to any group of rose lovers and you will hear them talking about which roses they have in their garden, which ones they want to add to their garden, and what changes they are planning in their garden in order to make more room for roses. You see, they know that all roses do not have to be set off on their own in a separate "rose garden" and that many old garden roses and newly developed shrub roses thrive when grown much like any other blooming shrub. Our Enchanted nurseries are well-stocked this spring with varieties to help you give these beautiful bloomers a try.



*Republic of Texas, TX Pioneer Series*

Why not start with one of the Texas Pioneer Series of roses which we are carrying for the first time this year? We are offering 16 different varieties from this series, all hybridized by Mike Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium and his staff from crosses of some of the toughest antique or old garden roses and the exceptionally disease-resistant roses of hybridizers Dr. Griffith Buck and David Austin. With names like Mrs. Sam Houston, Pioneer Spirit, Republic of Texas, Star of the Republic, and Stephen F. Austin, along with exceptional disease- and pest-resistance, you can add easy beauty to your garden and express your love of Texas with just one (or more) of these pretty shrubs.

*"Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in around your green beans." ~Marcelene Cox*

Date	Event	Location/Time
Feb. 14	Disappearing Fountains	Enchanted Forest, 11 am Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm
Feb. 21	Spring Into Action. We will have great suggestions for your spring planting and lawn care.	Enchanted Forest, 11 am Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm
Feb. 28	Day with Designers. Sign up for a 30 minute session with one of our landscape designers. There will be a \$25 fee but you will receive a \$25 gift card at the end of the session.	Enchanted Forest, 10 am—2 pm
Feb. 28	Rose Techniques with Mike Shup, owner of the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham.	Enchanted Gardens, 1 pm
Mar. 7	Veggie and Herb Gardening 101. Learn what to grow and how to ensure a bountiful harvest	Enchanted Forest, 11 am Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm
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Mar. 14	Backyard Birding. Learn how to identify area birds and attract them to your yard.	Enchanted Forest, 11 am Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm
Mar. 21	Loving Lavender and other Herbs by Annette Pollock	Enchanted Gardens, 11 am Enchanted Forest, 2 pm
Mar. 28	Garden Guru Day with Kathy Huber 10-11, Randy Lemmon 11-1 and LP Kojis 1-2.	Enchanted Forest, 10 am—2 pm
Mar. 28	Mardi Gras in the Garden; our annual Spring party. We will have speakers in the morning from 9 to noon and the party will be from noon to 4 pm.	Enchanted Gardens, 9 am—4 pm
Apr. 4	Spring Fling; our annual Spring party. We will have speakers in the morning from 9 to noon and the party will be from noon to 5pm.	Enchanted Forest, 9 am—4 pm
Apr. 4	Beds 'n Breakfast. Come and enjoy a doughnut and coffee and while we prepare a flower bed.	Enchanted Gardens, 11 am
Apr. 11	Annual Easter Egg Hunt. A fun time for kids of all ages. 2 hunts, 10 am & 2 pm at both locations. Ms. Margaret Cherry of bulb wholesaler Abbot Ipco will share her knowledge of caladiums.	Enchanted Forest, 10 am—2 pm Enchanted Gardens, 10 am—2 pm Speaker: Enchanted Forest 11 am Speaker: Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm
Apr. 12	Both locations closed for Easter.	Both locations.
Apr. 18	Fairy Gardens Seminar. Learn to create a fairy garden in your own <i>enchanted</i> landscape or container.	Enchanted Forest, 11 am Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm
Apr. 25	Day in the Tropics. Learn about tropical plants that do well in our area; hibiscus, orchids, bromeliads, and others. Odene Head will speak on bromeliads & Merrill Oneal will tell us about unusual and rare plants.	Enchanted Forest, 10 am—Noon Enchanted Gardens, 1 pm—2 pm

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