



Members of the Garden Club participate in beautification projects throughout Sugar Land

Green Thumbs Giving Back

Sugar Land Master Gardeners
Educate and Beautify the Community

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For some of us, remembering to water our spider plant once a week can be a task, but for the Master Gardeners of the Sugar Land Garden Club, making a whole garden bloom comes naturally.

Growing a Garden in Sugar Land

“The best tip I can think of to growing a garden in Sugar Land is proper bed preparation,” says Evelyn Coe, a Master Gardener and member of the Garden Club. “Add a large quantity of organic matter to the soil before planting. I take an organic approach to growing plants and do not use pesticides or chemicals in my yard.”



Coeta Presley, Carol Freeman, and Stella Pearson at a recent Garden Club luncheon

According to experts, among some of the best plants for the Sugar Land climate are the Texas Superstars. These are plants that have been tested throughout the state of Texas for their durability in our climate and soil conditions and are highly recommended by Texas A&M AgriLife. Coe also adds, “My favorite nurseries are Enchanted Forest, Enchanted Gardens and Caldwell’s Nursery. Generally you get better service at a local nursery than at a ‘big-box store’, especially if it is a plant you do not know much about.”

Beautification and Education

To help beautify Sugar Land, the Club maintains a butterfly garden at the Sugar Land Branch Library, a liberty garden at Oyster Creek Park, provides a tree to be planted in a Sugar Land Park each Arbor Day, and participates in the annual Keep Sugar Land Beautiful’s Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off day.

The Sugar Land Garden Club sponsors two fundraisers a year—a Garden Art and Plant Sale in September and a Spring Garden Tour in May. They also hold monthly meetings where guest speakers present information on different aspects of gardening.

As a club, members also participate in fieldtrips throughout the year touring nurseries, gardens and other horticultural places of interest. They also hold workshops where members socialize and create a piece of garden art or learn about propagation.

As a beginner gardener or someone with a very green thumb, the Garden Club has something for everyone. For more information on the Garden Club and upcoming workshops and meetings visit sugarlandgardenclub.org. **SLM**

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Garden Club Events

Founded in 1932, the Sugar Land Garden Club is open to anyone interested in gardening and horticulture. Their objective is to enhance knowledge and appreciation of gardening and all of its related subjects, to conserve native flowers, trees, and shrubs, and to encourage civic beautification and education. The Club educates the public through monthly programs, which run from September through April and are free and open to the public.

October 20

"Gardening without a Flowerbed" by John Ferguson

November 17

"Birds of the Bayou City" by Mary Anne Weber

January 19

"Bringing your Landscape into Focus" by Danny Lenderman

February 16

"Bonsai Gardening as a Way of Life" by Philip Drilling

March 16

"Butterflies and Caterpillars in our Gardens" by Farrar Stockton

April 21

"Fresh from your Garden to Your Vase" by Shirley Powers



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