



GARDEN NEWS

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Upcoming Events

April 28, 4:30- 7:30 pm

7th Annual Garden party

Join us for another fabulous outdoor party on the garden lot to benefit Southside Place Community Garden. Music, food, drinks and fun for the whole family. DIY container planting, Bocce ball, Silent auction! Bring your checkbooks. \$20 per adult, payable at the garden gate. Kids are free!

- Live music
- Food by Molina's
- Wine, beer + specialty cocktails
- Free vodka tasting
- Cake by Moeller's Bakery
- Cash-only ice cream truck
- Silent auction
- Fun activities for the kids

All About Fruit Trees

On February 2nd, Pat O'Donnell shared his knowledge from 40 years of growing fruit trees in Houston. His talk coincided with the Urban Harvest annual fruit tree sale held the next weekend.



On his recommended list — many varieties of citrus as well as figs, persimmons, blackberries, pears and plums. Fruit trees, generously donated by Pat, have been planted along the back of the lot. Check the Urban Harvest website at <http://urbanharvest.org/fruits> for local varieties and advice.

Beautiful New Trees

In early February, 6 new Chinese Fringe trees were planted on the south side of the garden thanks to the generous underwriting of donors. The Chinese Fringe was selected by the community garden board



to provide magnificent spring blooms in the garden for years to come. Each tree commemorates a special someone in the lives of the donors. Plaques will be placed near each tree.

Donors: Taten family, Francis family, Mullen family, Worthington family, O'Donnell family.

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May 25, 10 - 11 am (note change of date)

All Things Butterflies

Cindy Raimond will meet us in the garden to share her 35 years experience working with butterflies. She will teach us how to create habitat to attract butterflies to our gardens every year. Adults and children welcome!

One lucky attendee will win:

- a copy of Cindy's favorite butterfly book
- a butterfly habitat of your own
- Cindy's personal cell phone number for advice
- and several host plants to place in your own garden.

In addition, Cindy will help anyone that wants to create their own butterfly habitat during the event. Bring a very LARGE glass or plastic container or a small aquarium. If you have glass spice jars bring these also.

Garden Volunteer Days

Volunteer days are the first and third Saturdays of each month. Warm weather hours 9 - 10 am. Come meet your neighbors and help the garden grow. No experience necessary!

Field Trip to Rice Garden

On Sunday, February 24, several garden members visited the Rice University community garden. Dr. Joe Novak gave a personal tour. If you want to visit this beautiful garden, go during volunteer hours: 4-6 on



Tuesday, 5:10 - dark on Thursday, 12 - 2 on Friday, and 10:30 - 2 on Sunday. The garden is located on University Blvd. at Entrance 8.

Classical Music in the Garden

On Sunday, March 24, neighbors gathered for a picnic in the garden with live classical music conducted by Rice University Shepherd School of Music. It was an enjoyable event for the whole family. Our neighbor, Tom Cross, brought his vision of a music venue in the garden to reality. Thank you Tom and thank you Southside Place USA for your sponsorship.

