



## TGC Keeping in Touch

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### TGC President's Letter to Club Presidents

**TGC** - Congratulations to Texas for hosting outstanding SCR and TGC conventions in Addison. Many of the District X members came to SCR and helped with many facets of the SCR convention. They donated money from their clubs, did a lot of work, designs and programs, made corsages, etc. They were hostess on the trips and helped move, carry, store and do all phases of work for that convention. Bobbie Mason was co-chair of SCR convention.

Thanks to District X for an outstanding 86th Spring Convention, Mar 31 - Apr 2, 2014, Joyce Cochran, District Director, Convention Chair Dana Serafine and Co-Chair Bunny Barrett welcomed 136 TGC members.

Business included: TGC HQ landscaping, approval of Gardens and Greenway project, 535 awards, etc. Great programs on Edible Flowers, Glass Garden Ornaments, Mason Bees, Native Plants, Texas Water, Designs, Taos Gardens, Bird Migration; tour of Bush Library; Arbor Day planting. Fall convention is Oct 15-17 in Abilene.

We have so many great Garden Club members who give their time and talents to help TGC. Let's continue to support each other and focus on strengthening your Club and TGC.

Sarah McReynolds  
2013-2015 Texas Garden Club President  
"Changing Our World Through Education & Friendships"



**NGC Convention** - April 30-May 3 in Norman, OK. Program and registration are on line - [www.gardenclub.org/about-us/2014-annual-convention.aspx](http://www.gardenclub.org/about-us/2014-annual-convention.aspx). Judy Grotts, SCR Host, will waive the \$50 late registrations fee for Texans. Carpool and go - Norman is fairly close to Texas. Outstanding educational speakers: Window Box Gardening, Designing, Organic Gardening, Educational and Commercial exhibits; Schools Committee meetings; and much more. Learn and make new friends with Garden Club members.

**Dragonfly** - Power and Poise - The dragonfly's agile flight and its ability to move in all six directions exude a sense of power and poise - something that comes only with age and maturity.



**Gardening Study School (GSS) - Course I** includes: botany, soils, houseplant basics, plant propagation, garden ecosystem. It's next week, April 15-16 in Houston, but you can still register. Johanna Taylor is TGC GSS Co-Chair. Margaret Sinclair is GSS Local Chair. Registration Form (next pg) shows contact information. Johanna and Margaret may be able to accept your registration on site, so check.



This outstanding and fun school is open to anyone wishing to add to their knowledge of gardening. Instructor is Dr. Joseph Novak, Consultant and retired TAMU Horticulture.

Classes will be at the White Oak Conference Center, 7603 Antoine, Houston, Community Center Building, near the much larger Conference Center building, seminar room. An adjacent work room will be used for hands-on activities. A large parking lot is adjacent to the center, with no parking fee.

Marriott Springhill Suites, is listed and other nearby hotels are shown online at the Near Northwest Management District site - <http://www.nearnorthwestdistrict.com/> - Go to the menu, click on News and Events, then Publications for their Brochure. Then click on the PDF in the sentence for map and alphabetical list of hotels, shops, etc.

Remember these educational classes are NGC Schools. TGC is fortunate to be able to offer, so take advantage of the classes. Invite other Garden Club members, call your County Extension Office and invite your Master Gardener friends, and others to take the classes - they will enjoy, too. Dr. Novak is an excellent teacher and students have been really positive about the classes. Dr. Novak is so sharing with his abundant knowledge and makes it easy to understand. You'll enjoy learning to propagate and have a new plant. Make plans to attend next week.



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## Gardening Study School - Course I - Series XIV

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Instructors: Dr. Joseph Novak, Consultant/Former TAMU. Margaret Sinclair, TGC Horticulture Chair

Course I includes botany, soils, houseplant basics, plant propagation, garden ecosystem

### Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate last course, date and location taken: (example - II Oct 2009, College Station)

I. \_\_\_\_\_ II. \_\_\_\_\_ III. \_\_\_\_\_ IV. \_\_\_\_\_

Certified Gardening Consultant Request for Refresher Course:  Yes

Last Refresher Course Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club members taking the course for Gardening Consultant Certification must be a NGC Life Membership number \_\_\_\_\_ or subscribe to "The National Gardener" magazine with a three year subscription application with payment of \$18. Info: 314-776-7574 www.gardenclub.org

Make check payable to TGC Gardening Study School. Course fee \$125, bring with you (after approval by Johanna or Margaret.) Limited to 35. If 12 have not registered, refunds or transfer to future school may be made. When unable to attend because of a medical emergency, a refund, transfer to future school, or partial cancellation may be offered, less \$25 fee.

**Hotel** - Marriott Springhill Suites, 2750 North Loop West, Houston, TX 77092, 713-290-9242, www.marriott.com/housh. blocked 10 rooms (\$159.99 kitchenette, king/queen/sofa sleeper, breakfast)

**Summary** - I have:  completed registration form and  attached check # \_\_\_\_.

Mail form and check to: Texas Garden Club - Gardening Study School, % Margaret Sinclair, 7618 Crescendo Court, Houston, TX 77040-2550, 832-722-5517, margaretsinclr@gmail.com

Registration Form on line -

[texasgardenclubs.org/p/RegFormGardeningStudySchoolCourse1April2014.pdf](http://texasgardenclubs.org/p/RegFormGardeningStudySchoolCourse1April2014.pdf)

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