



MARCH 2022

## President's Message

NFWC Ladies –

I feel like we had another real winter this year and my garden is proof! After cutting everything that froze down to 6 inches this week, I'm looking forward the warmer weather and regrowth of spring. I'm also looking forward to the NFWC activities of March and April — **a charcuterie board class, a philanthropy opportunity with Kids Meals and a garden club field trip to Lady Bird Wildflower Center near Austin.** Its time to sign up now for these events — thanks to **Meredith Winczewski, Debbie Sohmer and Barbara Lohff** for setting up these events!

Our March meeting on Tuesday, March 22 will be pretty great, too, as we will have a **hands-on wildlife experience** with the **Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition.** The NF Women's Club will make a contribution to the TWRC and it will be our monthly donation opportunity for members. In addition, our **nominating committee** will be presenting our **slate of officers** and volunteers for the upcoming year.

See you on the 22nd!

Take Care,  
Darlynn Lydick

## NEXT NFWC MEETING MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 9:30 AM

Discover and learn about native Texas wildlife with TWRC Wildlife Center. TWRC and its team of animal ambassadors will be our featured program at this meeting.



<https://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

- 10<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Meeting @ 1:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Evening Book Club @ 7:00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Hooks & Needles @ 1:00 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> NFWC Meeting @ 9:30am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Game Night @ 6:30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Field Trip @ 12:15pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Spring Happy Hour @5:00

### April

- 6<sup>th</sup> Foodie Event @ 7:30 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> Evening Book Club
- 12<sup>th</sup> Daytime Book Club
- 21<sup>st</sup> Garden Club Meeting @ 1:00 pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Field Trip @ 8:30 am

## *First Tuesday Lunch Bunch*

*We have tentatively scheduled lunch meetings for March, April, and May of this spring.*

*If anyone is interested in more information, please call Barbara Robins (281-615-0936) or email me ([brobins.cpa@hotmail.com](mailto:brobins.cpa@hotmail.com))*



## March –

Meeting – Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ Susan Pugliano's garden 1:00  
guest speaker – Bee Holleran – owner Flora Cocina <https://www.floracocina.com/>

Field Trip – Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ Enchanted Forest Garden Center  
Meet in Club parking Lot at 12:15

## April –

Garden Workshop – Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Succulent Basket

Meeting – Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - Location to be confirmed 1:00

Field Trip – Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  
Meet in Club Parking Lot at 8:30

## March in the Garden

### *This month in your garden:*

- **Prune roses.** Now is the time to begin applying rose food on a monthly basis. I.e. Rose Glo, an organic fertilizer.
- **Prune** trees and shrubs while dormant. Don't butcher your crepe myrtles!. Prune spring-flowering shrubs such as azaleas, spireas, and redbuds after they've bloomed. Feed with Nutri Star or Micro-life, once after they bloom and then again in June
- **Birds** -Clean birdbaths and feeders. Keep feeders full!! Our feathered friends are hungry.
- **Hummingbirds** -Put out hummingbird feeders. They will be visiting soon. To keep birds at your feeder, maintain a fresh nectar supply, and empty and wash the feeder each time you refill. Hummingbirds remember where they find a reliable food source and will return year after year.
- **Feed** Hibiscus, Bougainvillea, Plumeria, with *Nutri Star*. This will help plants to put out new lush growth and plenty of blooms
- **Mulch** -Spread a fresh layer of mulch around trees, shrubs, and beds to protect roots, retain moisture, and prevent weeds.
- **Pests** -Apply dormant oil to smother insects before they become a problem. Apply to hollies, magnolias, and camellias for scale.
- **Houseplants** -In mid-March, move houseplants outside into shade and repot if necessary. Feed with fertilizer.
- **Plant veggies** -peppers, okra, cucumbers, eggplant, climbing spinach and more.
- (check vegetable planting calendar for Harris County <https://harris.agrilife.org/hort/publications-links/veggies-herbs/> )
- **Plant fruit trees, shade trees, and ornamental trees.** Be sure to apply mulch around the root zone to keep moist and avoid weeds. Make sure trees are watered regularly during first few years of growth, while tree acclimates. Add mycorrhizae to planting hole to also aid establishment of the tree. Use *Super Thrive* or *Root Stimulator* every few weeks for the first three months after planting.
- **Plant shrubs such as roses and azaleas.** Use a Root Stimulator every two weeks for the first few months after planting.
- **Plant Sun Perennials** – examples include Shasta daisy, rudbeckia, gaillardia, verbena, coreopsis, lantana, perennial salvias, bee balm...
- **Plant colorful Shade Perennials- examples include** firespike, shrimp plant, Persian shield, leopard plant, cat whiskers, ruellias, turk's cap, sweet potato vine...
- **Plant color annuals** such as marigolds, petunias, osteospermum, perilla, coleus, dusty millers, annual phlox, geraniums, impatiens, begonias...
- **Plant herbs** – basil, rosemary, thyme, oregano , chives

**Next Game Night:  
Tuesday, 3/22 @ 6:30pm  
510 Clear Spring  
All are welcome**

## Daytime Book Club

Date	Title	Author	Book Leader	Hostess	Address	Hostess Email
4/12/22	<i>Things You Save in a Fire</i>	Katherine Center	Michelle Higgins	Michelle Higgins	323 Kickerillo	<a href="mailto:Mhiggins002@comcast.net">Mhiggins002@comcast.net</a>
5/24/22	<i>The Ocean Liner</i>	Marius Gabriel	Rebekah Bostick	Dee Twomey	14314 Carolcrest	<a href="mailto:d2mepphoto@aol.com">d2mepphoto@aol.com</a>
7/12/22	<i>The Stationery Shop</i>	Marjan Kamali	Dee Twomey	Alison White	14358 Broadgreen	<a href="mailto:alisonw1025@gmail.com">alisonw1025@gmail.com</a>
8/29/22	<i>Apples Never Fall</i>	Liane Moriarty	Chris Grow	Marion Rohleder	14311 Carolcrest	<a href="mailto:marion.hillenius@gmail.com">marion.hillenius@gmail.com</a>

The Daytime Book Club would like to invite all ladies to our meetings on Tuesdays at 9:30 am! We meet about every six weeks, and all are welcome. Please rsvp to the hostess! If you have any questions about our book club, please email Frances Steffensen at [frances.steff@comcast.net](mailto:frances.steff@comcast.net). Reading is fun, so come join us!



## Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club is enjoying the opportunity to get together with neighbors and discuss some great books. We will meet March 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Barbara Lohff to discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. We generally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you are interested in joining the Evening Book Club, please contact Diane Swan at [swan.dive@att.net](mailto:swan.dive@att.net).

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study group is looking for new members. Please contact Shirley Asel at [herb\\_shirley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:herb_shirley@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to join this group. Her phone number is 281-497-3028. We look forward to launching this study in 2022.

## GOURMET FOODIE GROUP

Our next event Foodie event is **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 PM** at Meredith's home! Come learn how to make an elegant charcuterie board from Jamie Horton, Boards Are My Jam. We will each make an individual board, learning how to make meat roses and more! The cost is \$50/person which includes the class & materials. Venmo is your RSVP (@Meredith-Winczewski) We need a minimum of 10 ladies for this event to occur.

## Hooks & Needles

Hooks & Needles is moving to the afternoon! Our next meeting is **Friday, March 11th at 1pm**. Please contact Alison White for location details - [alisonw1025@gmail.com](mailto:alisonw1025@gmail.com). Bring whatever handcraft you're working on and get inspired by the creativity of this fun group! All are welcome.

## PHILANTHROPY!

### Save the Dates!!!

We are returning to **Kids Meals on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12Noon**. We have 10 volunteer slots reserved. Let's make it a great showing! Click here to register:

[Kids Meals Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 12N. One Great Day of Service at MDUMC.** Sign-up to sort books for **Books for Development** or pick from a variety of opportunities. Click here to register: [MDUMC One Great Day of Service](#)

**The "Bee Inspired" Literacy Now Guild Luncheon is Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Junior League Houston. Contact Debbie Sohmer at 832-434-3916 if you are interested in attending. What a fantastic way to end our NFWC year by putting together a table for the luncheon!

Please spring on over to the Popejoy home and join the NFWC Happy Hour Group's Spring Fling Happy Hour on **Thursday, March 31st**. We will be serving heavy hors d'oeuvres, a variety of wine, and a festive spring cocktail. Cost is \$30 / person. Payment via Zelle (713-819-2835) or Venmo (@Kimberly-Wood14) will be your official RSVP. EVITE invitations have been sent - deadline to RSVP is March 22nd.

