



DECEMBER 2021

## President's Message

NFWC Ladies,

Plant and cookbook gift exchanges, a cocktail party, a group philanthropy opportunity helping to feed kids in need AND the Annual Home Tour with a luncheon and holiday shopping?? Try to tell me you aren't getting your money's worth out of NFWC!

And that's just the first 10 days of December!! After that, please take the rest of the month to enjoy some time with your friends and family, but share something you've done by way of our group. Plant some herbs, share a new book from book club, make a fresh cocktail or recipe from the foodie group or teach your kids or grandchildren to play pickle ball!

I am so thankful for the volunteers that give their time and efforts to help build upon the history of the Nottingham Forest Women's Club and continue to move it into a thriving future.

Enjoy all your holiday festivities; see you at the Home Tour December 7th.

Take care,  
Darlynn Lydick

### **JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

Our featured speaker for our **January 25<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be local gardening expert and radio personality, **Randy Lemmon**. Randy is a Texas Aggie who truly knows plants and flowers. Randy's latest book, *New Decade Gardening: A Gulf Coast Guide*, will be [available](#) for purchase for \$15 or two for \$25, cash or credit card. You can follow Randy and obtain his tip sheets at these various links.

**KTRH GardenLine with Randy Lemmon**  
**Sat & Sun mornings 6-10 a.m. 740 AM**

Archive of Tip Sheets: - Click [HERE](#)

Facebook: Click [HERE](#)

Weekly Tip Sign Up: Click [HERE](#)

Join the NF Women's Club for  
our Annual Home Tour &  
Holiday Market -- Tuesday,  
December 7<sup>th</sup>



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Jolly Happy Hour Group @ 5:00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Opportunity @ 9:00am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hooks & Needles @ 10:00am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Home Tour & Holiday Market
- 8<sup>th</sup> Evening Book Club @ 7:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Meeting @ 1:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Evening Book Club @ 7:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Gourmet Foodie Group Meeting @ 7:30pm

### January

- 7<sup>th</sup> Hooks & Needles @ 10:00am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting with Foodie Group @ 5:30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Evening Book Club @ 7:00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Garden Club Meeting @ 1:00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> NFWC Meeting with Randy Lemmon @ 9:30

### Future Field Trip Dates

- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Museum
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Azalea Trail

# GOURMET FOODIE GROUP

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

Thursday, December 9 @ 7:30 PM  
14410 Broadgreen

Please join the Gourmet Foodie group to celebrate the holidays! Bring your favorite holiday food with recipe to share & your favorite cookbook (wrapped) for the cookbook exchange. It will be a fun evening learning about everyone's holiday food traditions and favorite chefs!

**Unlimited ladies**

### JANUARY

Wednesday, January 12 @ 5:30 PM  
7 wine tasting at the Nice Winery paired with food bites personally crafted by the Nice Winery chef to enhance each wine.

**\$84 / person**

**Limit 16 ladies**

### FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 3 @ 6:00 PM  
Walking food tour in downtown Houston that includes 8 different tastings.

**\$77 / person**

**Unlimited ladies**

**Please note that some events have an attendee cap per the venue. Payment via Zelle or Venmo (@Meredith-Winczewski) will be your official RSVP.** If you know you want to attend, send in your Venmo RSVP as soon as you can. Please make sure you include the event & your name in the Venmo comments, especially if your Venmo user name is not clearly your name.



### December – Meeting –

Thursday, December 9th 1:00 Deb Jones' Garden (pray for good weather!)

- Plant exchange – bring a plant (label it)
- Tea and herbal treats (recipes handed out at Nov. meeting)
- Advent succulent wreath demo

### January – Meeting –

Thursday, January 20th Location to be confirmed - 1:00 guest speaker- Cory McMullen, owner Urban Organics

### Field Trip –

Thursday, January 27th Meet in Club parking Lot at 12:30 Buchanan's Nursery

## December in the Garden

This month in your garden:

- **Water-** Maintain watering on newly planted seeds and transplants. Continue to deep water trees and shrubs. A well-hydrated plant holds up to frosts and freezes better than a drought-stressed plant.
- **Freezes-** Have frost cloth on hand to cover tender plants in case of freezing weather. Wrap plants completely down to ground level. The fewer drafts that move under the frost cloth, the better.
- **Mulch-** Mulch to protect from cold and keep small weeds from growing larger.
- **Planting-** Deadhead and feed cool-season color and vegetables with an organic slow release fertilizer such as Microlife Flower and Vegetable or Happy Frog Fruit and Flower. Continue to plant cool weather color: pansies, snapdragons, and cyclamen. Lettuces, arugula and mustard greens can also still be started from seed.

## Hooks & Needles

Hooks & Needles - **Friday, December 3rd at 10:00am** - White Elm Cafe Bakery (14079 Memorial). Bring whatever you're working on and enjoy the company of friends. For questions, contact Alison White ([alisonw1025@gmail.com](mailto:alisonw1025@gmail.com)).

Mark your calendars for future Hooks & Needles dates : 1/7, 2/11, 3/11, 4/1 and 5/6.

## PICKLEBALL

Are you interested in learning America's fastest growing sport?

If so, contact Barbara Lohff 713-553-9264 [sanchez-lohff@att.net](mailto:sanchez-lohff@att.net)



## First Tuesday Lunch Bunch

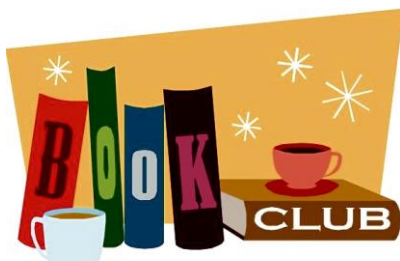
If you are interested in continuing the "First Tuesday Lunch Bunch" this year, please contact Barbara Robins, [brobins.cpa@hotmail.com](mailto:brobins.cpa@hotmail.com), 281-615-0936.

thank you!

NFWC would like to give a great big "Thank You" to **Sheila Jones** for organizing the BINGO night. A wonderful time was had by all and some great prizes were won!!!

The NFWC Directory is on our Website <https://www.nfwomensclub.com/>  
The password to access the Members Only information is: **NFWC21-22**  
Username is: **NFWC**

**The Evening Book Club** will have its next meeting on **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** at the home of Eva Stubits. We are reading a Hungarian classic novel, *Embers*, by Sandor Marai. Besides the engaging discussion at meetings, the best part of book club is reading books you might never have chosen on your own. We generally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Our first meeting of 2022 will be January 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of Debbie Sohmer. The book will be selected at our December meeting. If you are interested in joining the Evening Book Club, please contact Diane Swan at [swan.dive@att.net](mailto:swan.dive@att.net).





## Philanthropy Update 12-1-21

Thank you, ladies, for another successful donation drive. Our group is sending a full SUV of healthy fruit snacks to Kids Meals this Friday. We also have a group of 10 heading over to prepare and pack sack lunches for food insecure pre-school children across Houston. A shout out to Kelly Higgins for spearheading the adventure on Friday and delivering the donations. A huge thank you to all who volunteered, donated snacks, and dollars to purchase snacks.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season. I am so thankful for continued generosity with your time and treasures!

