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Member Profile— Kalena Cook



Born in a dairy farming area of Washington State, I'm from British and Norwegian parents. I've lived in Dallas since 1979 and married Bill Jackson, a tall Texan from Richardson. My background includes fashion design, graphic

design communications, home design, and remodeling as a real estate investor.

After our son was born, I became a founding member of the Forest Hills Garden Club, near White Rock Lake in Dallas. I discovered a way to nurse hands-free in order to type up the by-laws. Even though I designed the "Yard-of-the-Month" sign and planted a wagon-full of daffo-

dil bulbs in strategic bouquet clusters, our yard didn't win the honor. It looked pretty nevertheless. In 2007, we moved to Southlake where our son could walk to Durham school. He is now 12 years old.

This year, a book that I co-wrote with Dr. Margaret Christensen, *Birthing a Better Way*, was published by UNT Press and is available on Amazon. I've since completed work towards becoming a licensed real estate agent in the area.

Still learning all about gardening, my passion leans toward organic medicinal and culinary herbs. Comfrey, purple coneflower, garlic, and parsley top my favorites. Appreciate the wonderful efforts of the PGS members!

It's that Time Again - Leaf Recycling

Once again this year, the City of Southlake, in partnership with Keep Southlake Beautiful and Duncan Disposal, is pleased to offer another round of curbside leaf recycling this winter. The Leaf Recycling Program gives citizens the opportunity to place their bagged leaves on the



curb and have them picked up for recycling rather than ending up in the landfill.

During the last two Leaf Recycling Programs, Southlake residents put green in their routine, exceeding expectations. Through the course of the two

years, Southlake residents bagged and recycled over 360 tons of leaves

Leaves will be picked up every other Wednesday. The collection dates: are November 17, December 1, December 15 and January 5.

Place your bagged leaves at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on designated collection days listed above. Your bagged leaves should be placed at the curb and physically separated from other solid waste. And the best part is, any type of bag may be used.

Let's all do our part to Keep Southlake Beautiful!

Local Gardening Events

- Nov 26– Jan 2— Holiday at the Arboretum, Dallas Arboretum
- Dec 4—Birds Christmas Trees, Fort Worth Botanic Garden

December PGS Meeting



Don't forget, this year's December meeting will be a "working" meeting. We'll be creating a special project that you can take home with you. Wear comfy clothes and bring a pair of gloves. We'll be inside, so no need to break out the long johns!

We're starting the meeting at 9:30, followed by a pot luck brunch/lunch. Please plan on the meeting and brunch lasting longer than normal.

If you didn't sign up at the Nov. meeting, and you would like to bring something, please contact Beckie. We are looking for soups/salads, breads, desserts.

We are asking that everyone bring a gift for GRACE. Please consider either a food donation or a gift for a child. More info at www.gracegrapevine.org.



December Gardening Tips

PLANT: Tulip, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs by early in month. Order and start seeds for spring flower, vegetable transplants in a greenhouse, cold frame or on a windowsill. New fruit, pecan trees, blackberries and grapes – choose only recommended varieties for your part of state. Transplanting of native or established trees, shrubs should be done during winter dormant season. English peas, onions are planted early in month in South Texas, late in month in North Texas.

PRUNE: Mistletoe from tree limbs when you first see it. Shade trees, as needed to shape or remove damaged branches, also to remove lower branches for better sun penetration to turf. Do not "top" trees (crape myrtles included!) at any time for any reason. Peaches and plums, to encourage spreading growth with bowl-shaped branching structure. Grapes, to remove as much

as 80 to 85 percent of cane growth. Train carefully along trellises. Evergreen shrubs, as needed to maintain natural shape. Summer-flowering shrubs, vines. Avoid heavy pruning that might stimulate excessive regrowth at expense of flowers.

FERTILIZE: Cool-season annuals with diluted complete-and-balanced, water-soluble plant food each time that you water them. Houseplants with same type of fertilizer, but less often under indoor conditions. Root-stimulator fertilizer monthly to newly transplanted trees and shrubs.

ON THE LOOKOUT: Apply horticultural oil to eliminate scale insects from trees, shrubs. Apply broadleafed weed killer during period of dry, warm weather to eliminate existing non-grassy weeds such as clover, henbit, dandelions, chickweed.

November Meeting Re-Cap

The Southlake Perennial Garden Society met at the beautiful home of Ebie Nametz. The meeting started at 10:15 after delicious refreshments provided by co-hostesses. Beckie Underwood discussed plans for the December meeting on 12/8/10 at The Lodge at Bicentennial Park at 9:30 am. Members should bring gloves and expect to get their hands dirty doing a gardening craft indoors (it will involve, dirt, plants and bulbs). A sign up sheet will also be passed around to get members to bring soup/salad/dessert/etc. for the potluck. Members were encouraged to participate in the Festival of

Trees in Southlake in November. Mary Vetter, a guest of one of our members, described her garden club in upstate New York. Wendi Carlucci introduced John Snowden, owner of Bluestem Nursery, as the presenter of our program on Native Plants and Ornamental Grasses. John presented a very thorough slide presentation and distributed a handout that listed all native and adapted grasses for our area. The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Next meeting December 8 at The Lodge-

This is a Pot Luck Meeting, please be sure to sign up to bring something wonderful!

SPECIAL MEETING TIME 9:30



The Perennial Garden Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating its members on gardening topics specific to the North Texas area. The primary focus of the group is native and adapted drought tolerant perennials and grasses. Our purpose is to promote, encourage and share ideas with other gardeners regarding the implementation of native and adapted perennial in the suburban Texas landscape.

PERENNIAL GARDEN SOCIETY

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PROGRAMS, HOSTS & CO-HOSTS



- September 8th** Trends in Landscape Design - Sharon Duquemin
Location The Lodge @ Bicentennial Park
Co-hosts Pattie Minder, Wendi Carlucci, Jackie Phillips, & Beckie Underwood
- October 13th** Propagation – Marilyn Sallee
Host Susan Schleppegrell 525 Brooks Court, Southlake
Co-hosts Barbara Schlauch & Pat Wiszneauckas
- November 10th** Ornamental Grasses - John Snowden w/ Blue Stem Nursery
Host Tamara Hauser 911 Emerald Blvd., Southlake
Co-hosts Sharon Duquemin & Marge Carpenter
- December 8th** Hands-on project – Claire Alford
Location The Lodge @ Bicentennial Park
Pot-luck Brunch Everyone bring something to share along with gift for GRACE
- January 12th** Vegetables – Bill Vanderver and Bill Hall
Host Wendi Carlucci 2000 North Peytonville, Southlake
Co-hosts Sheryl Chambers & Jennifer Myers
- February 9th** Ponds – Scott Wood w/ Terrascapes
Host Margaret Collins 2901 Knight Court, Southlake
Co-hosts Shirley Morris & Jackie Phillips
- March 9th** Soil/Compost/Bugs – Michael Bosco w/ Soils Alive
Host Bob Hudnall 1402 Plantation Drive
Co-hosts Ken Stone & Kalena Cook
- April 13th** Field Trip
- May 12th –** Members Garden Tour and Lunch
Luncheon Host Diane Bredenberg
Members asked to bring Salad or Dessert
1. Becky Gamble
 2. Ken Stone
 3. Tamara Hauser
 4. Marge Carpenter
- (alternate—Ed Richmond, if needed)