



Fountain Creek Estates HOA Newsletter

Dates to Remember

- **March 9&10—Grayson County Home & Garden Show—Loy Lake Park—Doors open 10AM**
- **March 20th –Brookshires’ Grand Opening**
- **April 8 thru 12—Pottsboro Spring Clean-Up Week**
- **April 20th—Texoma Household Hazardous Waster Collection Event—Grayson College—9AM-1PM (See attached flyer)**
- **NEW—Check the calendar on our HOA website. We will be adding new local events as we find out about them!**



“DIY” Landscape School ~ Part II

This Saturday March 9 @ 11:00

THIS IS THE FUN PART....

- *Learn how to Design Beds
- *How Wide Should They Be
- *Placing Trees
- *How and Where to Add Color
- *Many More Tips

*RSVP is Appreciated...
but Not Necessary*

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Re-Engineering Your Garden

Re-engineering means taking a look at where you are and reassessing what you can do. When changes in your garden occur, like trees and bushes outgrowing their original compactness, a swing set or sandbox no longer needed, or mature plantings no longer satisfying you, a “re-engineering” plan might be what’s needed.

Have a plan

If there hasn’t been a plan to your garden, now is the time to start. Depending on the size or how elaborate you want to make it, you can plan it yourself or call on a professional. Even with a professional you need to have some kind of plan about how you want it to ultimately look like. Take one area at a time then move to the next. If your garden doesn’t naturally break into areas, think about creating them by varying garden sizes, shapes and plants they will contain. ... Add a garden bed or two or take some out. A planned garden doesn’t have to happen all at once; you can develop an overall plan and

work on one or two areas at a time. You can save work on other areas for later in the year or until the next season or two.

Trees and Shrubs

One of the biggest changes that can creep up silently in the growth of trees and shrubs. They can dramatically influence what can grow under or around them. If considering trimming to thin out branches and allow more light to filter through, professional advice and service from tree experts is highly recommended. Overgrown shrubs can be trimmed back or removed if no longer desirable. While the shrub is shutting down for the winter, fall is often a good time to do severe trimming, then the new shoots are welcomed in the spring. Once they begin growing again, you can control future shaping.

Problem Areas

Often the north side of the house, a walkway along one side of the house, or an area behind the garage or shed is usually a problem area. Try sprucing up a dirt pathway with mulch or a

layer of gravel and add stepping stones. Containers of shade plant can brighten a north wall that never gets any sunlight.

Alternating tall and short containers, and varying plant types and colors can turn a drab area in to a “secret garden.”

Focal Points

A small garden needs only one focal point, but larger ones may need several. A focal point draws the eye to a special feature or planting. It can be as simple as one spectacular plant, gazing globe, sculpture or statuary. Try grouping tall plants in mass surrounded by shorter plants with a contrast in color or plant type. A coordinated color scheme using three or four colors can pull a garden together.

Garden Checklist

~Cut back dead foliage from your perennials and grasses. Be careful not to cut the new growth that is emerging.
~This is a great time to plant trees. Dig the hole twice as wide as the container that the tree is in and only as deep as the container. Provide water until the roots have established

themselves, you can tell this by gently shaking the tree. Once you don’t see the dirt shift you know the roots have firmly planted themselves. This can take several months.

~If you haven’t applied pre-emergent to your lawn, time is running out. Apply it now before the weeds take over.

~Applying a few inches of compost and/or mulch to your beds will give them an added layer of nutrients and protection.

~This is the last month to get onions and potatoes planted.

~Daylight saving time begins March 10th, more time to spend in the garden!



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