

## TOUR IV

### Irving, Coppell and Farmers Branch Area Private Gardens, a Community Garden, a Demonstration Garden and a Garden Center Self-Guided Tour

Cost: \$10.00

No minimum or maximum capacity.

Transportation is on your own. A map is included with your entry ticket. The gardens will be open between the hours of noon and 5pm on Thursday, April 8, 2010. Some areas of private gardens may not be handicapped accessible.

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This tour includes private gardens, community/educational gardens, a demonstration/educational garden and a garden center. Attendees may visit the sites at their leisure between the hours of noon and 5pm on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

In the Valley Ranch section of Irving we have four examples of courtyard gardens. These gardens demonstrate some very clever uses of space, plant materials, water features and hardscapes. Two of the gardens get to borrow a view from surrounding green spaces and canals.

Not far from this area is a lovely 'little' garden center named Grow It Land Designs Garden Center. It received the 'Neighbors Go Choice' award and was voted the 'Best Nursery/Landscape Supply'. There is a garden shop in a quaint building, clever hardscape features around the shop and plants for all areas of your garden. The owner has also invited us to visit his large garden which displays a wide variety of garden design possibilities.

On the tour is a garden that is a certified Best of Texas Backyard Habitats, and was on the Dallas WaterWise Tour and Bloom'n Hot tour for Texas SmartScapes. It also features an organic vegetable garden, berries and a front yard of buffalo grass. Another garden is along a creek and features retaining walls and burms, vegetable and berry garden areas, a flower cutting garden, a new xeriscape area and a natural area.

Also in Coppell you may visit the award-winning community gardens where volunteers will show you the highlights of these educational gardens, one includes an orchard. Garden volunteers have donated over 100,000 pounds of fresh grown produce to the local food pantry since the gardens were established in 1998.

At Farmers Branch Historical Park volunteers will introduce you to the award-winning Log Cabin Project developed and implemented by Dallas County Master Gardeners. An 1840's farmstead garden has been recreated to offer school children a first-hand look at pioneer life in Texas.

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