

# Down the Garden Path

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## DINOSAUR COMES TO TOWN!

On August 22, the City of Austin and ZBG well-wishers joined council member Will Winn in greeting an ornithomiumus dinosaur to the Hartman Prehistoric Garden.



Sculpted by local artist John Maisano, and cast

in bronze at Deep in the Heart foundry in Bastrop, the dinosaur was hoisted by crane into its centerpiece location. The media all came out to recognize the long, hard work committed by Claudette



and David Hartman, Craig Nazor, Mel Hinson and his staff, including Jim Parra, and many volunteers.

*Will Winn welcomes dinosaur.*

*Transporting guests for the dinosaur's welcome.*



*Claudette Hartman.*

## THANKS CAPITAL METRO

Thanks to Capital Metro for their fast response to provide two Dillo buses to transport our guests for the dinosaur's welcome by Will Winn. And, in response to Education Committee Sadie Pack's request, Capital Metro spruced up the Plantmobile for its new season. These great folks help keep Austin beautiful. ■

## AUSTIN'S GREEN GARDEN

Kathy Shay

*Watershed Protection and Development Review*



In November, the City of Austin

hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the newest addition to the Zilker Botanical Garden—Austin's Green Garden (formerly the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden). Featuring native and adapted plants, the garden showcases designs by nine different designers that can be adapted to the home landscape. Council Member Daryl Slusher dedicated the garden and presented a proclamation declaring November 19, 2001 as Green Gardening Day.

Why is the Green Garden so important? Austin faces an increased demand for water, and at the same time, landscaping practices have led to measurable harmful, chemical impacts to our creeks and aquifer. A Green Garden offers Austinites attractive, yet *continued on page 2.*

## Zilker Botanical Garden

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environmentally-sound alternatives.

Some of the major components include:

- Austin-hardy plants (natives and adapted) that require fewer pesticides and less water,
- Appropriate turf varieties to limit water, maintenance and fertilizer needs,
- Compost, and/or Dillo Dirt, to recycle waste products while providing nutrients, and
- Trees to reduce energy needs and improve air quality.

By viewing nine demonstration gardens, homeowners can choose a style that meets their aesthetic and landscaping needs. They can learn which plants work well together and learn light and space requirements for each. Designs range from colorful, seasonal gardens, to traditional, evergreen styles, and a natural, wildlife habitat. ■

## NEWS FROM OPERATIONS

### Reservation and cancellation forms:

Since we are so busy, please fill out a form to reserve or cancel space for your event. This ensures that you will have the building when you request it, and won't be charged if you cancel.

**A gentle reminder:** Please remember to clean up the kitchen, including unloading the dishwasher, after your event. Meetings and events are stacked back to back, and you are responsible to leave the kitchen in readiness for the next group.

**Parking in front of the building:** Since September, parking is not allowed in front of the building. Unload your vehicle promptly and then park it. Please never obstruct the ADA wheelchair ramp, even if unloading for a few minutes. ■

# FESTIVAL 2002 COMING UP!

Irene Shlapak, *chair*, Patty Cramer, *co-chair*

We invite you to join us April 13 & 14 for Zilker Garden Festival 2002! Eager vendors are on board, and we expect a great event for one and all. Craig Nazor is lining up fabulous entertainment, there will be lots of excitement for the children, and the Hartman Prehistoric Garden will be open. The Green Garden will feature lectures on water-wise planting.

We've decided not to hold a raffle this year, so your pre-event ticket sales are

critical. We welcome all hands on board if we can sell tickets at local nurseries. The committee is enthusiastic and ready to go! We look forward to having you on-board as a volunteer. Not only does your time help raise funds to support ZBG, you'll get a T-shirt donated by Motorola for 4 hours of volunteer time. To volunteer, call Maurine Ward at 892-6494 or Molly Hill at 442-4706. Great fun, super plant deals—we hope to see you there! ■

## CREATIVE OUTLET CALLING YOU!

Our newly formed Publication Committee presents a fun volunteer opportunity that you can do at home on your own schedule! We need copy writers, layout artists, graphic artists, photographers, website developers and organizers. The duties of this committee are varied and creative.

We will oversee:

- Yearbook
- Educational Materials
- Brochures
- Website
- Library

If you would like to be a part of this dynamic team, or if you have ideas for future projects, please contact Tomye Zettner at 264-1629 or [tzet@texas.net](mailto:tzet@texas.net). ■

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We've had a great response to the new flyer asking for volunteers. There are many opportunities:

- Gift shop
- Garden work
- Garden greeter
- Operations

There's something for you and your expertise! Volunteering at ZBG is a great way to meet new people and learn more about gardening. And, you'll make a valuable contribution to your community by sharing your love of gardening and support of ZBG. Invite a friend to join you! ■

## DON'T MISS AN ISSUE

Want to make sure your club members don't miss an issue of *Down the Garden Path*? As you begin your new fiscal year, please be sure to send your new membership roster to Tomye Zettner to update her mailing list. Your dues to the Austin Area Garden Center include a subscription to our newsletter, but it's up to you to provide your list of current members and their addresses. Also, please let her know if you lose a member during the year. Tomye Zettner can be reached at 264-1629 or by email at [tzet@texas.net](mailto:tzet@texas.net). ■

## ZILKER FEST FLOWER SHOW

Chairs: Patricia Freeman & Angie Smith

The theme for this year's flower show is "Echoes of Austin." Categories include "Hamilton's Pool," "Downtown Austin," and "Umlauf's Garden." Whether you're experienced or not, show your love of Austin with a flower arrangement.

To make things easier this year, entries will be accepted on Thursday, April 11 from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., and on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for roses, hemerocallis, iris, and hibiscus. Judging begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday. This new schedule makes it easier for you to unload your arrangements before vendors move in. And, for our visitors, the show will be open all day Saturday and Sunday of Festival. ■

## MOONLIGHT BECOMES THE GARDEN

Jay Marie Buttross,  
*Ikebana Study Group*

The 2001 Moon Festival in the Taniguchi Oriental Garden was a magical evening. The 267 lanterns lighted the way, with the nametags dancing in the wind. Over 300 attendees enjoyed the ambiance of the evening and the Japanese ladies' beautiful light singing. For those of you who came we thank you and hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. For those who weren't able to come, we hope to see you next year! We'll have room next year for your lantern pledges. **Note:** on October 28, with the Moon Festival and Austin Rose Society show, Mel counted 1283 cars entering that day. Wow! ■

## UPCOMING EVENT: GROW AND CRAFT WITH GOURDS

The Capital Of Texas Gourd Patch invites you to their spring meeting of the Texas Gourd Society at Zilker Botanical Garden on March 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. There will be discussions on growing gourds and several demonstrations on various crafting techniques. Anyone interested in learning about growing or crafting gourds or just meeting some great people, are invited to attend. For more information, contact Gary Adair 258-6192 or Margie Malone 444-2014. ■

## HARTMAN PREHISTORIC GARDEN

Craig Nazor,  
*Project Consultant*

As anyone who has been to the bottom of the Rose Garden can tell you, the Hartman Prehistoric Garden is growing every day. Many volunteers have worked long hours to get us this far, and they all deserve our praise! Despite the progress, however, there have been some delays with connecting electricity and water to the pond system. These delays have forced us to push the grand opening back to sometime in March. This will give the flora some time to root in, so it will look its best and be able to withstand the expected crowds in the spring.

We still **DESPERATELY NEED** volunteer help! We are working every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 8 - 11 AM. Most of the work at this point is mulching and planting (some very unusual plants!), although other odd and fascinating jobs crop up from time to time. Those interested should call me at 836-5087 for more information. ■

## WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY

The Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau has an event form to publicize your shows and sales. You must submit six months in advance, but this includes your event in all their publications and website. Pick one up in the gift shop or email Linda Lehmusvirta for a blank form. ■

## CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY

Many thanks to the following clubs for their wonderful donation of books to the AAGC library. The Capitol of Texas Gourd Patch donated *Gourds: From Vine to Design* by Donn Kelver. Western Trails Garden Club has given *Wildflowers Across America* by Lady Bird Johnson and Carlton B. Lees. ■

## [www.zilker-garden.org](http://www.zilker-garden.org)

Have you visited our website lately? Tomye Zettner and Jim Parra are busy adding more information, putting *Down the Garden Path* on-line, and designing an updated look. So bookmark our site and check back from time to time to watch the transformation. ■

## SATISFIED CUSTOMER

A.M. from Wimberley writes about the Capitol of Texas Gourd Show last fall, "Let me take a moment to thank you for all the information you gave me at the gourd show in Austin. I enjoyed every minute I was there. It must be a fact that to be a gourd grower a person has to be a viable candidate for "nicest person in the world." I met such happy people, not to mention helpful. It was a most pleasant experience." ■

## CHRYSALIS

Like a butterfly from its chrysalis, a great new gift shop—named Chrysalis—has emerged at Zilker Botanical Garden, thanks to Margie Malone, Wanda Pack, and the Garden Greeters. Not only has this innovative, energetic group created a welcoming lobby, they've canvassed for unique and delightful items that have folks coming back for more. In December, Margie and the Education Committee decorated the Greene Room tree with patriotic ornaments that people could buy for their "united we stand" Christmas, along with delicious holiday treats from New Canaan Farms.

For home decorating there are pillows imprinted with butterflies or herbs, along with candles, rice paper napkins, and pins. If you're looking for a unique greeting card, check out the blank cards featuring the work of local photographers. Chrysalis socks it to 'ya with tastefully decorative socks for men and woman, imprinted with your favorite nature motifs.

Chrysalis features the work of two very talented artists. Eighteen-year-old Thomas Haney, a senior at Austin High, presents nature photography, sought after by many to hang in their offices. We can believe that he'll attain his goal to be a photographer for *National Geographic*, so be first to own an original Haney! Renowned pastel artist Polly Jackson features her acclaimed Pastels of the Garden, framed and unframed.

Delight the youngsters in your life with a kite or hands-on nature gifts. *Ten Little Dinosaurs* is the hottest seller in children's books. *Peterson's Guide to Caterpillars* is as popular with the young set as it is with teachers and gardeners interested in matching caterpillars to their respective adult form as moths and butterflies. Note: editor referred to it twice in one week last fall with the caterpillar onslaught! ■

## EDUCATION ON THE RUN

Molly Ogorzaly,  
*Education Coordinator*

World events aside, the Education Program had a marvelous fall, continuing our tried and true activities and launching new programs so that we could reach a larger audience.



Our fall **Butterfly Gardening** workshop was a resounding success, with over 40 in attendance! What makes this event so popular is the part of the program where volunteers engage the teachers in hands-on activities such as "Toilet Paper Seed Tape", "Bug Suckers", Bug Jewelry, Butterfly Masks, Nectar Seed Balls, etc. Along with thematic refreshments (Compost Cupcakes, Gum Drop Butterflies and Butterfly Cookies, etc.), a slide show and lecture on "Butterfly Gardening and the Butterflies of Austin" and an impressive stack of hand outs, the teachers leave with experiences they can readily take back to their classrooms. Thanks to the munificence of the **Master Gardeners** we were also able to provide two truck loads of nectar and host plants which they had propagated for us in their new greenhouse! Along with the pounds of wildflower seed that got rolled into seed balls as part of the Plantmobile programs, Austin ought to be able to accommodate lots more of our flying friends this spring!

We were able to reach a new segment of the school population with "Trees are Terrific" designed to complement the first grade curriculum on wood. **Sandee Setterquist**, a geophysicist and mother of young children, developed this program and is taking it out to schools in the Plantmobile. The first graders really seem to be enjoying the antics of **Woody the Beaver** and **Acorn the Chipmunk**, as well as being "real scientists" as they examine tree rings and let a section of a tree tell them its history.

Thanks to the success of the **Garden Greeters** program we've also been able to get the **Book Lending** program up and running. Those of you visiting the garden with children are welcome to take advantage of this chance to borrow *The Mother Tree*, *The Third Seed*, or one of several books particularly appropriate for reading in our gardens. All that we ask is that you leave a driver's license (or other ID) and sign out the books to use while you're visiting. By the way, we're trying to expand the collection and we've had the help of several clubs (**Newcomers** and the **Herb Society**). Individuals and clubs are welcome to join in this effort, and are acknowledged with personalized book plates. The cost of the books ranges from \$12 to \$20 and your contribution will enhance many visits to the gardens!

### *What's Ahead for 2002?*

We'll be starting the year with the now-annual **Get Growing Symposium**. This is the daylong workshop on creating and utilizing school gardens that is sponsored by every local organization involved in youth gardens and nature education. Last year we had

over 150 people participate and this year we expect an even bigger turnout for the event, which will be held on **Saturday January 24th at Bedichek Middle School**. I'll be doing part of my stump speech on the academic and social benefits of school gardens as well as an excerpt from the program I've been taking out to schools on "Integrating Gardening Across the Curriculum". This is an inspiring event and we'll need lots of volunteers so let us know if you're interested.

This spring we'll also be gearing up for the opening of the **Hartman Prehistoric Garden**. If the parade we had to escort our Ornithomimus from the capital to its new home at ZBG is any indication of public interest, the opening of the garden should be the biggest thing to happen on the Austin scene since Molly Hill.

I've been busy working on interpretive materials so that all of us can appreciate the significance of the plantings and learn a little bit about theories of plant evolution in the process.

### *Of interest to clubs!!!*

Before closing, I do want to remind the clubs that our efforts are not just aimed at school children and outside visitors! I have been continuing to bring my talks on "**The Nature and Spirit of Japanese Gardens**" and "**Butterflies Across Austin**" to adult groups and have added both a talk on "**Economic Botany**" (how man uses plants for food, fiber, drugs, etc., coincidentally the title of my textbook), and most recently "**Gardens in Monet's Light**", a talk on various aspects of color as well as the lessons left for us by **Master Gardener** and maverick impressionist **Claude Monet**. The volunteers and myself are also pleased to offer Supermarket Botany to adult clubs. This is the program where we teach you how to cook fabulous hors d'oeuvres that represent the cuisines of four major civilizations. **H.E.B.** graciously provides all of the ingredients for the cooking we do out in schools, but we do request a donation from clubs to cover our expenses and support this fun program. Call us at **481-8256** to inquire about any of these program and let us help fill out your club's schedule! ■

## THANK YOU TO OUR CLUBS!

*We thank these clubs who made contributions to the Austin Area Garden Council last fall.*

The Austin Cactus and Succulent Society donated \$4116 from their Labor Day show and sale.

The Austin Herb Society donated \$4500 from HerbFest.

The Town Lake Garden Club contributed \$100 for roses to revitalize the rose beds.

Clubs built the Garden Center through plant and bake sales 50 years ago. The tradition lives on. Thanks to caring, hard-working club members, ZBG grows more beautiful every day, and the education program reaches even more children than ever imagined. If you ever ask yourself, "have I made a difference in my community?," yes, you have! Zilker Botanical Garden is proof that personal endeavor makes the world a better place to be. ■

**WOW!** January - November 2001 we recorded over 11,000 volunteers hours with a monetary value of \$166,448!

Your hours do make a difference--please remember to turn them in!! And thanks for volunteering--think of what would NOT have happened if you hadn't been here!

## MEET THE AUSTIN ORGANIC GARDENERS

Forrest Arnold,  
*VP, Austin Organic Gardeners*

In the early 1940s, chemical fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides became commonplace in nurseries and farm supply stores. Charles and Josephine Huntley began meeting with like-minded gardening friends who were seeking non-chemical supplies. By 1945, they formally organized Austin Organic Gardeners as an educational organization. They began a cooperative buying arrangement along with Malcolm Beck, who later founded Garden-Ville. Together Mr. Beck and the club would order their organic supplies, which came by train. When the train arrived, the Huntleys would unload the club's supplies, sending the remainder to Mr. Beck in San Antonio. Supplies could only be purchased by club members. Because so many gardeners sought organic supplies, membership rose to 200. Although membership has risen and fallen over the years, The Rodale Institute of Emmaus, Pennsylvania recognizes Austin Organic Gardeners as the oldest, continuously meeting, organic gardening club in the United States!

Austin Organic Gardeners continues today to provide educational programs and written material on topics related to organic gardening and landscaping. The club actively supports the Austin Area Garden Council and always participates in the Zilker Garden Festival. It provides speakers to other clubs upon request. Annually, it sponsors an organic vegetable and herb transplant sale at the Garden Center. **This year the sale will take place Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** The sale is very popular, so come early for the best selection!

The club meets the second Monday of each month, except December, at 7:30 p.m., and the meetings are free. Dues are kept minimal and sponsorships are available to anyone who wishes to join the club, but can not afford the membership dues.

Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter which includes meeting notices and timely gardening tips. The club continues the founding tradition of selling fish emulsion and powdered seaweed extract to members at a discount. ■

# ON THE CALENDAR

- Violet Crown Garden Club Show  
Sat., Jan. 5  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Austin Rose Society  
Pruning Demonstration  
Sun., Feb. 17  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Texas Gourd Society Demonstrations  
Sat. Mar. 2  
10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
- Austin Organic Gardeners Plant sale  
Sat., Mar. 9  
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- First Austin African Violet Society  
Show and sale  
Fri., Mar. 15, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sat., Mar. 16, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sun., Mar. 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Heart o' Texas Orchid Society Show  
Sat. Mar. 23 & Sat. Mar. 24  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Zilker Garden Festival  
Sat. & Sun. April 13 & 14,  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Iris Society of Austin Show  
Sat. April 20  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Austin Rose Society Show  
Sun., April 21  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Friends of Zilker Spring Fund Raiser  
Sat. April 27  
1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Municipal Art Guild  
Show and sale  
Fri., May 10 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. May 11 & 12  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Austin Hemerocallis Society  
Show and sale  
Sat. May 25  
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Austin Bonsai Society  
Show and sale  
Sat. & Sun. May 18 & 19
- Men's Garden Club Flower show  
Sat. & Sun. June 1 & 2  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Texas Gourd Society Show  
Sat. June 8  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Austin African Violet Society  
Workshop  
Sat. June 15  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## HERBFEST 2001

Kim Lehman,  
*Austin Herb Society*

Fall would not be the same without this annual event. This year the weather cooperated, helping to bring over 1900 folks to Zilker Botanical Garden. Proceeds allowed us to donate \$5000 to the Austin Area Garden Council.

A huge, gigantic thank you to Joyce Billings for organizing and coordinating this year's HerbFest. And, it could not have happened without the help of our committee chairs. Cathy Slaughter took care of all the vendors. Vee Fowler coordinated volunteers. Lydia Noble organized the wonderful children's corner. The

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## STORY OF A GARDENER

Linda Lehmusvirta,  
*VP-Publicity*

In the early 80s, I was a media technician at ACC. Although I got to videotape, photograph, write, and learn useful skills like soldering, one of my jobs was to schedule, maintain and haul around audiovisual equipment for instructors. My first week, an associate warned me about this guy in the history department who was a "tough bear". I dreaded our day of meeting. I learned his name, "James Hall," and kept an eye out for him. When at last we were face to face, I decided that I liked him very much. His expectation for perfection equaled mine, and we hit it off.

I don't remember how it started, but I think it's when Greg and I bought a house and I shared with Jim my pathetic notions of grand garden achievement. I'd always gardened, but in our apartment and rental duplex, my dedication was limited to herbs in pots and a few lovingly tended, discount-sale annuals. Dollars were tight, and although I frequented the Extension office to collect their free publications, I had to ask the realtor what kind of grass we had (weeds).

I'll always remember the enthusiasm on Jim's face when he invited me to a meeting of his club, the Capitol Area Chrysanthemum Society, to learn about gardening. The next thing I knew I was writing a check for dues, an expense that was tough at the time, despite the minimal

rosemary wreaths that both children and adults made and wore created a very festive atmosphere. Sue Klinger and Anna Protho coordinated our food booth, tempting folks with tasty treats from our cookbook. Once again Judith Craft lined up speakers and entertainment as well as creating most of the signs. Sharon Bean did all the financial record keeping. We appreciate Cindy Boyle's helping hands for vendor set-up.

A special thank you to all the husbands and family members who helped with the set-up and drove golf carts. This event could not happen without the help of over 80 volunteers, including members, friends and family. Thank you to all. ■

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cost. In retrospect, my financial concern was absurd, because what I learned from CACS members can never be measured in dollars. Along with Jim, Ray Dragon and everyone else set about to teach me everything they knew. I met so many wonderful people I'll never forget. Not only did they share their botanical knowledge, they also taught me life lessons, and encouraged my dreams, like writing. They were a second family.

My first year, I took mum cuttings at Henry Kyle's home, and was astounded when they actually grew roots and became plants. With careful nurturing, along with Jim's mentoring, I won two ribbons at the show that fall. I was so proud that I devoted an entire scrapbook to the experience. But alas, with one thing and another—mainly taking a demanding job at KLRU—I became inactive with the club, but not with gardening. My brief involvement with CACS inspired an eclectic, permanent passion for messing around with plants—my garden now host to hundreds of them. Through Central Texas Gardener I'm able to educate new gardeners the way the CACS educated me. My tenure with the Austin Area Garden Council has enriched me with new friends and experience in a wide spectrum of horticulture.

In the fall, it was with great regret that I'd learned we'd lost Ray Dragon. His lessons live on in my heart, so this spring I'll take a cutting to a first-time homeowner, in hope that the passion Ray gave me will ignite a new gardener. ■

Note: We'd love to include your story about how you got involved with AAGC.

# GROWING ORCHIDS MADE EASY

Jennifer Bird,  
*Heart of Texas Orchid Society*

On November 10, the Heart of Texas Orchid Society hosted its first workshop at the Zilker Garden Center. Titled a "New Growers Workshop," it was well attended – approximately 40 new growers attended, as well as members of the Society. The workshop covered a number of aspects of growing orchids in Austin. We presented many types of wonderful, blooming orchids, discussed orchids for the home environment, and orchid culture. Repotting was demonstrated as well as growing orchids on mounts of wood and tree fern. Pests and diseases were also discussed. Each participant received a packet of information on orchid growing and a free plant ready to bloom. More events like this are planned by the Society, which invites anyone interested in orchids to attend the monthly meetings at the Garden Center, usually on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The Society also hosts an annual Orchid Show, this year March 23 & 24, at the Garden Center. For more information call 502-1145. ■

# MAKING HERBAL VINEGAR

Ann Wilson,  
*Austin Herb Society*

1. For best flavor, harvest herbs in the morning.
2. Remove damaged leaves and creepy crawlies.
3. If washing is required, dry well between towels.
4. Place herbs & other ingredients in a glass jar.
5. Gently "bruise" herbs with a spoon.
6. Cover with vinegar.  
Do not use harsh, white distilled vinegar. Use white wine vinegar with delicate flavors. Strong flavored herbs can be combined with white wine, red wine, cider or rice vinegars.  
Wooden skewers keep peppers submerged.
7. Infuse for 6 weeks in a cool, dark place.
8. Strain through coffee filters or cheesecloth.
9. Store in a dark place or keep in dark bottles.
10. At gift giving time add sprigs of fresh herbs.

## WINNING COMBINATIONS

### White Wine Vinegar with:

Lemon Basil  
Mexican Mint Marigold & Peppercorns  
Dill Flowers & Peppercorns  
Peaches, Pineapple Sage, Bay & Cinnamon  
Salad Burnet  
Mint

### Cider Vinegar with:

Hot Peppers & Pearl Onions  
Basil, Garlic & Peppercorns  
Sage, Cinnamon Sticks, Cloves & Allspice

### Red Wine Vinegar with:

Oregano, Hot Peppers & Garlic  
Rosemary, Garlic, Pearl Onions & Peppercorns

### Rice Vinegar with:

Cilantro, Garlic, Whole Cloves & Hot Peppers  
Cinnamon Basil & Cloves  
Pineapple & Habanero Peppers ■

# SPRING CLEANING NATURALLY

Submitted by Kim Lehman,  
*Austin Herb Society*

Since some of us like to start our spring cleaning after the holidays, here are a few ideas for sprucing things up without using harsh chemicals. I like to use herbal vinegars.

- *Glass cleaner* - 1 part white vinegar to 5 parts water
- *Floor tile cleaner* - 1/4 cup vinegar and gallon water
- *Wood polish* - 1 part lemon oil and 2 parts olive or vegetable oil
- *Mildew and soap scum* - Mix lemon juice and white vinegar with borax or salt. Scour, rinse and allow to dry.
- *Scrub powder* - borax and baking soda. You can add salt.
- *Herbal carpet refresher* - 1 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup lavender flowers. Crush the lavender flowers. Mix well with the baking soda and sprinkle liberally on the carpet. Vacuum after 30 minutes.
- *Clogged drains* - 1 cup salt, 1 cup baking soda. Mix and stir into drain. Add a half a cup of vinegar and stand back. Let sit for 15 minutes, then pour down one cup of vigorously boiling water.
- *Scented baking soda* - 1 cup baking soda and 10 drops oil: lavender, thyme, and rosemary. Mix in stainless steel or glass bowl with the back of a metal spoon.
- *Scented borax* - (borax is a disinfectant) 2 cups boric acid and 15 drops of oil. Some suggested oils: clove, cinnamon, sage, eucalyptus, lemon, pine, tea tree. ■



## FRIENDS OF ZILKER GARDEN

The Walk of Friends is already growing. Build a pathway to the future, and show your love and support of the Garden or as a tribute to a special person in your life.

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16 larger  
characters

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Check payable to the Austin Area Garden Center.  
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3 lines w/  
28 characters

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### \$100-249

4 x 8 brick  
3 lines w/  
16 characters

Desired brick inscription:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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