



The VOICE

A Newsletter for the Residents of Teravista

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*A Newsletter
for the Teravista
Community*

The Voice is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Teravista residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

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ROUND ROCK NEW NEIGHBORS

Women Welcoming Women for Fun and Friendship

Whether you are a newcomer or have lived here for years WE WELCOME YOU! Ideal for empty nesters or women who have left the work place and are looking to get back to a social life. We enjoy monthly luncheons with a speaker or program of interest. Our next luncheon is October 14, 2015. Our program will be a speaker from the Assistance League of Georgetown to tell us about the mission of their organization. We have an endless list of interest groups:

Movies, board and games, food groups, community volunteer activities and more.

Many activities take place during the day and some activities include couples. Please visit our website at www.rrnewneighbors.org for more information and to see our newsletter. Or call Traci Clegg, Membership Chair at 512-992-1069 Visit our website www.rrnewneighbors.org.

For more information, call Traci at 512-992-1069.



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Green Tips for October

SMALL STEPS TO BIG SOLUTIONS FOR AIR QUALITY

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is recommending solutions for Air Quality improvements in Central Texas. With the ozone standard being redefined, we all can benefit from reducing our emissions to avoid non-attainment so here are some of their recommendations.

1. Exchange your gas mower for an electric. Running a gasoline mower for one hour is about equal to the emissions of driving 100 miles.
2. Postpone filling your gas tank on hot sunny days until late in the afternoon or in the evening to reduce the time ozone-forming pollutants can “cook” in hot weather.
3. Don't overfill or “top off” your car's gas tank. Even if you don't spill gasoline, ozone-causing fumes escape.
4. Use an energy-conserving multigrade motor oil. These oils can improve your mileage by 1 or 2 percent.
5. Keep your tires properly inflated. Just 4 pound of underinflation can cost you ½ mile per gallon.

For more ideas, go to the following links:

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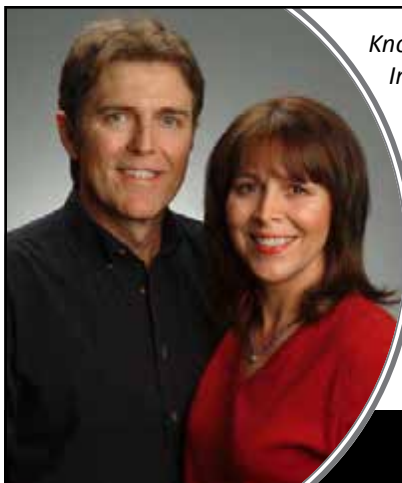
THE HEART GALLERY OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Marques is a charming and quiet young man. He loves basketball and enjoys most all sports. He also enjoys riding his bike, playing video games and listening to music. He would enjoy being in a family that would provide activities for him to be active, especially sports. He would like to have a Mom that is caring and loving. He would also like to have a father that will do "guy things" like playing basketball and camping.

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group. The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a program of Partnerships for Children. To learn more about the adoption or fostering process, please call the Heart Gallery of Central Texas at (512) 834-4756, email heartgallery@partnershipsforchildren.org or visit our website at www.partnershipsforchildren.org.



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AIR PLANTS

NATUREWATCH

by Jim and Lynne Weber

When the time of year arrives when leaves begin to fall and the landscape starts to appear a bit more barren, some things become more noticeable, even though they were present all along. One such thing is epiphytes, or plants that grow harmlessly upon another plant (such as a tree), and derive moisture and nutrients from the air. The word epiphyte comes from the Greek 'epi' meaning 'upon' and 'phyton' meaning 'plant.' Epiphytes differ from parasites in that they grow on other plants for physical support and do not necessarily negatively affect their host. They are also called 'air plants' since they do not root in soil. In central Texas, the most common epiphytes native to our area are Ball Moss (*Tillandsia recurvata*) and Spanish Moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*).

Members of the Bromeliad or Pineapple family, neither of these plants are real mosses, but true plants with flowers and seeds. Ball Moss is a scurfy herb with narrow leaves forming small, grayish ball-like clusters on the branches of deciduous trees. In North America, it is native from Florida to southern Georgia, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, with a disjunct population in central Louisiana. Slender, pale violet flowers appear on long bracts from June to August. Ball Moss grows well in areas with low light, little airflow, and high humidity, which is why it is often found on shade trees in the South. It photosynthesizes its own food by receiving water vapor from the air, nitrogen from bacteria, and other minerals from windblown dust. Wind is also the main method of Ball Moss seed dispersal, and its plentiful seeds are armed with fine, straight hairs that cling well to wet or rough surfaces such as bark.

Generally growing upon larger trees such as Southern Live Oak and Bald Cypress, Spanish Moss forms a cascading mass of slender, scaly gray leaves. These scales help the plant absorb water



Ball Moss



Spanish Moss

and nutrients, mostly from the minerals naturally leached from the foliage of its host tree. Its specific name 'usneoides' means 'resembling Usnea', which is also known as Beard Lichen, but this plant is not a lichen either. It grows in chain-like fashion to form hanging structures up to 20 feet in length, and bears tiny whitish-green flowers from April to June. Its primary range is the southeastern US, but is found as far north as Virginia, and it propagates both by seed and vegetatively with fragments carried by the wind to neighboring tree limbs. Spanish Moss has been used for various purposes, including building insulation, packing material, and mattress stuffing. It is still in use today for arts and crafts, and even in the manufacture of evaporative or swamp coolers. These coolers contain thick pads of Spanish Moss that are pumped with water, with the cooling effect of evaporation caused by a fan that pulls air through the pad and into the building.

There is a common misconception that these epiphytes are parasites, and that they harm the trees that serve as their hosts. While trees that are heavily infested with these plants can have increased wind resistance and result in fallen limbs, there is little evidence among the botanist community that a reasonable presence of these plants have a noticeable effect on the growth or health of the tree. In fact, the presence of these air plants serves as a benefit to many forms of wildlife by harboring small insects that provide food, supplying nesting material, and serving as shelter from the outside elements.

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CLOTHES MOTHS

Clothes moths can cause considerable damage to materials containing wool, fur or other animal-derived products. There are two common clothes moths, case making clothes moths and webbing clothes moths. The names describe the larval (caterpillar) stage of the moth. Case-making clothes moths spin silken cases that they drag along with them while they feed. Webbing clothes moths feed within silken burrows that they spin over the surface of fabric.

Adults are small, tan moths about 3/8 an inch long. They are weak fliers and avoid light. Larvae like to feed in protected areas, such as folded clothing, and rarely leave their food source.

To reduce or avoid clothes moth problems, the following tips may be helpful:

Locate & remove any infested items.

Look in drawers & closets; on the floor; on or under furniture; on or in walls, ceilings & attics.

Launder or dry clean clothing.

Periodically shake & air out items such as rugs & clothing.

Use heat and/ or cold to kill insects in infested items.

Thoroughly clean storage areas.

Store clothing in tightly sealed containers.

Cedar is not that effective in repelling clothes moths.

Cedar must be freshly cut or chipped for vapors to be effective & vapors lose potency quickly.

Mothballs (naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene) can be used to repel insects.

Read & follow all label instructions.

Use only in sealed areas or closed containers.

Note that the fumes from these products may soften or melt some plastics.

Insecticide sprays can be used to supplement sanitation techniques.

Remove all items from the area before treating with an insecticide.

Allow area to completely dry before returning items.

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