



The VOICE

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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 November 11, 2015. Our program will be a Fall Fashion Show by Cato of Round Rock. 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.

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SAVE THE DATE

25th ANNIVERSARY OF “EASB LIVE!” TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU) AT SETON MEDICAL CENTER AUSTIN

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Board announces its annual benefit, EASB LIVE! TWENTY FIVE! at Camp Mabry, on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Event chairs Elisabeth Anderson and Lesley Pitts anticipate another successful sell-out event to raise funds to support building and equipment needs for neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and mother/baby services at Seton Medical Center Austin.

“Our board is excited that our work will maintain the utmost in care, including new equipment and enhanced surroundings for babies and their families in Seton’s NICU,” explained Elisabeth Anderson. “The community has been amazing in their support of EASB Live! for 25 years, and we can’t wait to improve the lives of our very most vulnerable with this year’s gala. What we are doing will give a baby the hope and help it needs to live, thrive and have a full life’s story.”

The 1,300 plus attendee event features a lively cocktail party, elegant dinner buffet, incredible auction packages, exciting live

concert and “The Backyard” after-party, sponsored by Horizon Bank, hosting some of Austin’s most craved food trucks, music and more. 2016 Sponsorships and tables begin at \$4,000. Tickets start at \$500.

“This year’s Live Auction promises to offer items you simply can’t buy anywhere else,” added Lesley Pitts, Gala Co-Chair. Our little ones are our future, and ensuring them a successful beginning in life is motivation in itself for our board to knock it out of the park for our 25th anniversary.”

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Board is dedicated to improving the lives of Central Texas communities by supporting the work and vision of the Daughters of Charity healthcare ministries through fundraising, education and community advocacy with The Seton Fund. The name honors America’s first native born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who founded the American branch of the Daughters of Charity in 1809.

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NATUREWATCH: GONE TO SEED

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Often used as an informal figure of speech meaning to deteriorate or go downhill, 'gone to seed' can have a negative connotation. But each seed contains a new beginning: a tiny plant just waiting for the right conditions such as water, warmth, and a good location, to germinate and grow. Seeds and seed heads form fascinating shapes, varying sizes, and intricate patterns, often adorning the fall and winter landscape.

Plants have many ways of dispersing their seeds, and most have evolved over millions of years. While the methods are tried and true, certain seeds have developed in very particular ways to take advantage of such methods, and some plants only release their seeds in response to specific triggers.

Wind helps seeds float or flutter away, often aided by seed structures such as thin wing extensions or long, feathery tails like those on the endemic Scarlet Clematis (*Clematis texensis*). Texas Bluebonnets (*Lupinus sp.*) employ the expulsion or explosion method, where the small, pebble-like seeds are forcibly expelled when the dried pods twist open in the warm sun. Gravity plays a part in many plants seed dispersals, where weighty seeds fall off the plant and roll to a new location. The best example of this are the round, heavy fruits that simply fall off a plant when ripe, such as those on Mexican Plum (*Prunus mexicana*) or Texas Persimmon (*Diospyros texana*). If the fruits have a tough outer shell, they may travel some distance from the parent plant, and if they have a soft skin, they may break open where they fall and scatter



the seed or seeds within.

Some plants produce very light seeds, seeds with buoyant fluff, or seeds with air trapped in them, so they can float away from the parent plant that grows in or around water, like Common Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) or Black Willow (*Salix nigra*). Others employ the assistance of animals, which can come in the form of seed or fruit eating (where the seed can pass undigested through the animal), seed caching or burying, or seed transportation. Often unbeknownst to the animal, seeds can be covered with tiny hooks or spines that catch on a passing animal's fur, and eventually rubbed off in another location. Common examples include Cedar Waxwings and American Robins eating juniper and yaupon berries, both ground and tree squirrels eating and caching acorns, and many animals (including humans) that emerge from the wilds carrying the seeds of Beggarsticks (*Bidens sp.*).

This fall and winter, let the seeds linger! Not only do they provide much needed food for wildlife, but leaving them allows for some beautiful and mysterious patterns in your winter landscape, and the promise of renewing the cycle of life that begins again each spring!

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MEALYBUGS

Mealybugs are pests of landscape plants and houseplants. They are often active during times of warm, dry weather, but can also become a problem indoors at any time of year. Infestations usually start at the base of stems and then spread from there as populations increase.

Mealybugs are a type of unarmored scale insect. They are sexually dimorphic (males & females look different). Males have wings while females remain wingless and nymph-like throughout their life. Females are oval, soft-bodied and covered with a white waxy powder.

These insects have piercing-sucking mouthparts which they use to penetrate plant tissue and suck out juices. This can lead to chlorosis (yellowing of the plant), wilting and distortion. With larger infestations, the insects may cause stunted growth, premature leaf drop or death of the plant. Mealybugs are also known for secreting honeydew, a sweet, sticky substance on which a fungus called *sooty mold may grow.

*Sooty mold is a fungus that grows on honeydew excretions. Sooty mold can indirectly harm the plant by covering plant surfaces and reducing the amount of sunlight that reaches plant tissues, resulting in reduction of photosynthesis.

Since all but male mealybugs are wingless, adult females have to be placed near a host plant for them to infest it. They can crawl short

distances to plants. Immatures can be blown to new locations by the wind, move by water or be transported by animals.

Tips for mealybug management:

- Conserve beneficial insects; there are many insects that will feed on mealybugs or parasitize them
- **Use high pressure water sprays to dislodge the insects from the plant
- **Insecticidal soap
- **Horticultural oils
- **Insecticides labeled for mealybug control
- For severely infested plants, it may be best to throw the plant away and buy a new one

**If treating houseplants, move plants outside during treatment then move back inside once treatment has dried.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

HOW TO HIT A ONE-HANDED BACKHAND

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a Forehand and a Two-Handed Backhand. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute a one-handed backhand for a right hander. This stroke is still used by many league and tournament players since it gives players a wider range of reach and flexibility to hit slices and drop shots. In this illustration, Jake Stine from the Grey Rock Tennis Club in Austin, TX shows the proper form and technique to hit the one-handed backhand stroke.

Step 1: Ready position: The body is facing the net. The right hand is holding the end of the racket in a forehand grip position and the left hand is on the throat of the racket. The left hand is holding the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are shoulder width apart and the body is in good balance.

Step 2: Back swing: When the opponent's ball is headed to the backhand side, the left hand takes the racket back and the right hand changes the grip with one quarter turn placing the index knuckle

at the upper ridge of the handle. The body should start taking the racket back before the ball bounces. Notice the turn of the upper body and the right foot leading the left foot. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

Step 3: Point of Contact: The eyes now shift toward the point of contact which should be about 12-18 inches in front of the right foot. The right hand is holding the racket tight. The racket has made contact with the ball and weight of the player has shifted toward the point of contact. It is important to keep the right shoulder closed and not open the left hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility and power on the ball.

Step 4: Follow Through: Once the racket has made contact with the ball, both of the arms need to be extended for better balance. The right arm should be straight and the follow through upwards above the head.

Look for next Issue: The Forehand Volley.

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