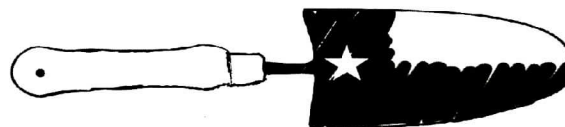


## Saturday, May 5

Choose from a wide variety of tours  
all tours include lunch and shopping

- ☼ **Color Spot Nursery**—the largest wholesale container nursery in Texas; the tour ends with a visit to a premium retail nursery.
- ☼ **New Earth Soils & Compost**—the largest compost operation in the state and the host site for the state Master Gardener Compost Specialist Training; *and a visit to Water Garden Gems*—the largest full-service water garden center in the South Central United States, featuring 10 fully landscaped ponds.
- ☼ **Fanick's Garden Center**—San Antonio's oldest retail nursery (established in 1939) **and Peterson's Wholesale Growers**—the largest distributor of seasonal color, vegetable transplants, and poinsettias in South Texas.
- ☼ **Pearl Farmers Market**—San Antonio's premier site for locally grown produce, *and a river barge or walking tour with the San Antonio River Authority*
- ☼ **Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard**—take an orchard tour, view a working olive oil press, enjoy olive oil tastings; plus olive products for sale, and gourmet lunch
- ☼ **San Antonio Botanical Garden**—*full tour of the garden and a plant sale by the San Antonio Botanical Society*—visit the nationally recognized Children's Vegetable Garden and Water Saver Lane.
- ☼ **Antique Rose Emporium of San Antonio**—featuring display gardens and a large variety of found and antique roses, *and Gardenville*—founded by Malcolm Beck, known as the father of Texas organic gardening.
- ☼ **Mitchell Lake Audubon Center**—a bird sanctuary built on a water reclamation site—landscaped with native Texas gardens and plants
- ☼ **San Antonio River Authority tour of the new Mission Reach**—*a walking/riding tour*—view the newly re-landscaped portion of the river south of downtown; includes a stop at one the historic missions.

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## Thursday Night, May 3

Enjoy our welcome dinner at a restaurant on the historic Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio—*local produce, deliciously prepared, and beautifully presented.* Reserve early, space is limited.

## Friday, May 4

### Norris Convention Center

Choose from a wide variety of educational sessions with speakers such as:

★ **Dr. William Welch** *Landscape.* Professor of Horticulture, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University. Coordinator of the accredited Landscape Design Study Courses at the national and state levels; past president and current board member of The Southern Garden History Society

★ **Dr. Kevin Ong** *Plant Diseases.* Director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (Plant Clinic) of Texas A&M, which provides plant disease diagnostic service. The Plant Clinic collaborates efforts with state and federal agencies through the National Plant Diagnostic Network - Southern Region.

★ **Dr. Larry Stein** *Fruits and Propagation.* Extension horticulture specialist working with pecans, fruits, grapes and vegetable crops; co-author, *Texas Peach Handbook.*

★ **Jerry Parsons** *Plant Introductions.* A popular media personality for almost four decades, Parsons revolutionized the plant introduction arena and is the father of Texas SuperStars at Texas A&M University.

★ **Nicholas Staddon** *Plant Introductions.* Director of the New Plants Team at Monrovia Nursery where he has been for over 20 years.

★ **Karen Guz** *Water Conservation.* Director, San Antonio Water Systems Conservation (an award-winning residential conservation program).

★ **Clayton Leonard** *Composting.* President, NEW EARTH Soils & Compost, a 17-year-old family owned company and Texas' largest composting operation.

★ **Monte Nesbitt** *The Home Fruit Orchard.* A state Fruit and Nut Specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University in College Station.

★ **Molly Keck** *Insects/Entomology.* A state IPM Entomology Specialist for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service stationed in the Bexar County/San Antonio office.

★ **Bartlett Tree Experts** *Energy Conservation Through Tree Planting*  
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## Friday night

Live Oak Ballroom at Norris Convention Center

## Awards Banquet

and

## Keynote Speaker

**Mary Sue Koontz Nelson** *presents*

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