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THE BAYOU PLANTING GUIDE

Just in time for Earth Day, Bayou Preservation Association debuted The Bayou Planting Guide, a book designed to educate Houstonians on how to plant native trees, vines and plants. Funded in part by the Garden Club of Houston, the new plant guide informs avid gardeners and novices alike about "good" non-invasive plants. The guide was released at the biennial Florescence "Treasure"

SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING EVENTS*

Saturday, May 18 - REI Cypress Creek Cleanup

Join BPA and REI volunteers for an on-the-water cleanup project from 9am - 2pm at 11700 Grant Road, Houston, TX 77070 (located in the Lakewood Forest retail shopping center parking lot). Please park away from stores. RSVP: shupp@bayoupreservation.org

Monday, June 3 - Lecture by Dave Rosgen

Mark your calendar for Respecting and Restoring our Bayous, a lecture by Dave Rosgen, a renowned river restoration scientist. The Dave Rosgen lecture will take place Monday, June 3 at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston in the Brown Auditorium - 1001 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77005. Info to follow on BPA website.

Saturday, June 8 - REI Buffalo Bayou Cleanup
We are proud to announce that BPA has distributed more than 800 new Bayou Planting Guides and more than 150 wildflower seed packets due to the overwhelming popularity! Positive reactions are abounding as the plant guide makes its way around town:

"Wow gang, what a magnificent and important piece of work! It is exceptional. It is so impossible to find simplicity in complexity and this is absolutely the best. Imagine Bayou Greenways 2020 with The Bayou Planting Guide making Houston..."
become the birding capital of the U.S."
- Tom Bacon, Houston Parks Board Chair

"I am always deeply proud of all the work [Garden Club of Houston] does in the community and extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. I just thought I would pass on some of the enthusiasm generated last night when I showed Tom the publication that we funded. I know it is the reflection of many people’s input and I am so grateful to our club for funding it. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for funding this project. It will make a difference to Houston parks and waterways, children and animals for many generations to come."
- Laura Bacon, The Garden Club of Houston Member

*BPA members will receive a free printed copy of the planting guide.

**Awards & Accolades**

**BPA AWARDED THE ANN LYON CRAMMOND AWARD**

The Ann Lyon Crammond Award was presented Tuesday, April 16 by The Garden Club of America to Bayou Preservation Association, The Garden Club of Houston and River Oaks Garden Club for their outstanding education exhibit at Florescoce "Treasure." The award acknowledged the exhibit's influence, increasing Houstonians knowledge and appreciation of native plants.

**EARTH DAY HOUSTON**

**BPA at Discovery Green**

In conjunction with Houston's Earth Day, Sunday, April 14 BPA oversaw the Water Zone on Jones Lawn at Discovery Green, providing tickets for anyone who wished to paddle on the lake. Thanks to all BPA volunteers who assisted.

Earth Day goers enjoyed games and demonstrations while munching on Fork in the Road food truck treats and drinks at the St. Arnold Beer Garden.

Check out more event photos [here](#).

**LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?**

Call us at 713.529.6443, e-mail us at bpa@bayoupreservation.org or fill out our Volunteer Form and see how you can help make a big difference!

**BPA Mission**

Protect and restore the richness and diversity of our waterways through activism, advocacy, collaboration and education.

**BPA Vision**

- No further degradation and ultimate improved visible water quality
- Successful stream restoration project
- One-Stop Shop for bayou information
- Better watershed management