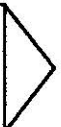
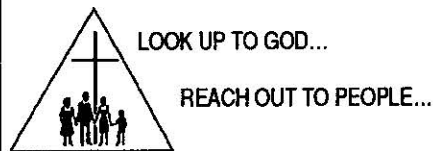


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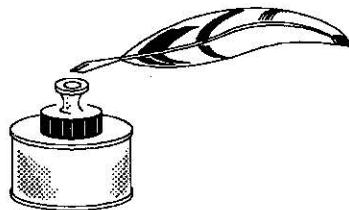
From the President...

It's a new year again; time to set new goals and resolutions, or renew old ones. The Civic Club is no exception. The Executive Committee recently met to discuss and set goals for 1991. The goals are ambitious, but we believe that the people of our neighborhood are ambitious too.

Our primary goal is to renew community spirit through communication, fellowship, and fun. Make your 1991 resolution to get involved in your neighborhood activities (Recycling, Beautification, Home Tour, Community Garden, etc). Join the Fun!

Anita

Anita Scherer



Editor's Notes...

The Gazette has a new editor now, namely me, so I thought I would introduce myself. You might know me as Secretary of the Civic Club for 1990. Jan Koenig has taken over as secretary, so I can take over the office of editor, which was vacated by Anita Scherer, who is now president. I plan to carry on in the tradition established by Anita. When she took over, the Gazette was edited by different people each month and was a relatively small paper. By giving the editorship continuity, Anita was able to make the Gazette a first class paper. It is now eight pages and printed on recycled paper and really looks great. I would like to thank Anita for a job well done.

If you have any questions, comments or items for the Gazette, please let me know. Give me a call, or talk to me at the Civic Club meetings. Hope to see you there!

Jalme Connor Pierce



**DECORATING TIPS...
WINTER BLUES**

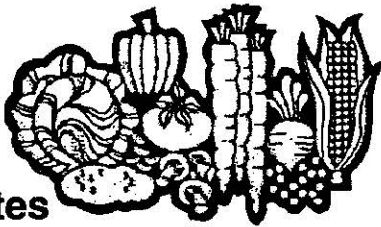
by Jane Warner

Fight those winter time blues with fabulous decorating hints that will help keep you warm and cozy all season long. If you are truly a winter person then you should consider decorating with a winter style.

Contrasting is the key element when decorating with a winter style. Furniture styles would be dramatic such as Classic French, Oriental, Mission or Art Deco. The style you choose should definitely make a statement. Use dark woods and finishes to give a winter room the definition it needs. Woods such as dark walnut, cherry or mahogany are ideal for the winter look. Contrast these bold styles with high-gloss finishes and sparkling materials such as glass, lacquered woods and gleaming metals.

When choosing fabrics for your winter retreat, remember to select prints that are sharp, bold and stylized. Stay away from wallflowers and florals. Fabrics that are glazed, silky and have shiny finishes are excellent choices. Velvets, taffetas, silks, satins and leathers all represent a winter look very well. Jewel-tone colors such as ruby red, emerald green and sparkling sapphire blue will help give the bold look you are after. Of course, winter retreats should sparkle and shine. Use a variety of textures to enhance winter's icy cool colors.

Mirrors and crystals provide a unique, bold statement and add a sparkle to any room that will shine throughout the entire winter season. When creating your exciting winter room, keep in mind these three ideas; drama, contrast and sparkle, and you will convey the exciting allure of winter.



Notes From the Garden

by Jan Koenig

About three months ago, the City of Houston Legal Department gave its blessing to the documents which would allow us to relocate our community garden to the site of the old water tower on Alba, just north of Sue Barnett. At the time, it seemed that our long journey through the maze at City Hall was just about over. It wasn't. The papers worked their way back to the Parks and Recreation department, where they now sit - waiting patiently for yet one more approval.

The most recent delay is particularly bothersome, since this is the best time of year for gardening in Houston. After all, it's a lot more pleasant to work outside when it's 60° than when it's 95°. By this time of year most of the weeds have retreated to prepare for their spring offensive. Even the fire ants seem to be hibernating.

Texans probably don't appreciate winter gardening as much as they should. While most of the country is worrying about whether their snowblowers will start, we can be out picking fresh peppers and sowing seeds for our February salads. I get a chuckle every time I read a seed packet that says "plant in early spring as soon as the ground can be worked." It's hard to imagine the problem of dealing with frozen turf when we are still using our air conditioners.

If you have a home garden, you might try planting some 1015Y onions this winter. They are easy to grow, they take up very little space, and they taste terrific. Beginning in December, many of the garden supply stores offer bunches of onion "sets". These immature bulbs usually come in clumps of about 100 for \$1.50 or so. Plant the tiny bulbs an inch or two deep, with some of the green stem above ground. The sets

can be spaced as closely as 3" apart each way, so you can grow up to sixteen onions per square foot.

Onions should be planted in loose, well-drained soil. It needs to be loose so the bulb can expand easily as the plant grows. It also needs to drain properly, so the bulb doesn't sit in a pool of water, which might cause it to rot. If your existing soil doesn't fit the bill, you might try adding a little sand and bark mulch or compost to improve the texture.

Keep the soil moist, control any weeds by mulching or picking, and relax. Sometime in April or May, the tops of the onion plants will start to fall over. That's your signal to pull them out. Leave the tops on and let them dry in the sun for a couple of weeks. After the tops have turned brown you can snip them off. Now you're ready to enjoy your sweet, home-grown onions any way you please.

See you at the garden!

Recycling Report Card

The next recycling pick-up is **January 12**. Drop-off location is at the old fire station (and Civic Club building) on 34th Street between N. Shepherd and Brinkman. Due to the tremendous participation and increase in the amount of materials collected, we are encouraging those who are able to drop-off recyclables from 8am to 10am to do so. Curbside pick-up will continue from 8am to 10am.

1991 recycling committee officers are **Rusty Day**, Chairman; **Dennis Carter**, 1st Vice-Chairman; **Tim Pagel**, 2nd Vice-Chairman; **Rick Martini** and **Michele Markanam**, Secretaries; and **Jaime Pierce**, Treasurer.

Come join in the fun! Volunteers and trucks are always welcome. Please call **Rusty Day** at **699-8417** if you would like to help.

If watching your little ones is keeping you from recycling, baby-sitting is available free of charge for recycling volunteers. Please call **Jennifer Day** at **699-8417** by **Friday, January 11** to reserve baby-sitting for your children.

Good Neighbors

Garden Properties; Regency Title; Legato, The Hair Salon; and Windfern Pest Control for sponsoring the "Light Up Garden Oaks" Christmas Decoration Contest. (Winners of the different categories will be published in the February Gazette.)

Cheryl Cato for playing the piano and leading the carolling at the December Civic Club meeting. Thank you for getting us into the holiday spirit.

1990 Committee Chairpersons: **Pam Parks**, Recycling; **Marian Mabry**, Beautification; **Teresa Coleman**, Citizens On Patrol; **Richard Lipham**, Adopt-A-Park; **Jan Koenig**, Community Garden; **Jennifer Day** and **Denise Epstein**, Refreshments; **Jaime Pierce** and **Jennifer Day**, Heights Festival; **Suzy Wright** and **Phil Richey**, Hospitality. Thank you for your dedication toward making Garden Oaks a better place to live.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for stopping by Garden Oaks again this year during your busy schedule. Please tell all your helpers and Mrs. Claus thanks too.

Love,

The Kids of Garden Oaks
P.S. The wassail was delicious!

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Patrol Area 2 = Sections 2 & 3

Hours Patrolled 16.5

Patrol Area 3 = Sections 4 & 5

Hours Patrolled 37

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January Birthdays

- 13: Amy Ross, 5 yrs
- 16: Linda Ross
- 18: Pam Parks
- 21: Ben Thomas, 2 yrs
- 22: Darla Englert
- 23: Ben Rogers, 7 yrs
- 24: Chelsea Carter, 2 yrs
- 26: Ashley Crocker, 4 yrs
- 30: Tom Peden
- 30: John Ross
- 31: Holly Veselka, 10 yrs

Belated birthday greetings to **Margaret Peden** whose birthday was **December 6** and to **Terry Jeanes** whose birthday was **December 11**.

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January Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3 Beautification 7:30pm	4	5
6	7 Home Tour meeting 7:00pm	8 Civic Club 7:00 pm	9	10	11 <i>Gazette</i> deadline	12 Recycle 8:00 am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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