

## **Mark Your Calendars for the Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon and Plant Sale October 9th**

Keep Pearland Beautiful (KPB) invites all to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon' in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Herb Sale – at the Pearland Community Center, 3523 Liberty Dr., on Friday, October 8. Luncheon tickets are \$30, with proceeds benefiting KPB projects and our new Environmental Education Center Building Fund.

This year's speaker will be Brenda Beust Smith, the Houston Chronicle's "Lazy Gardener". Ms. Smith started her Houston Chronicle gardening column over 30 years ago, thinking that it would appeal to harried homeowners. Those time-saving "lazy" gardener techniques are today a banner for those concerned about the environment and indiscriminate use of pesticides.

She is a nationally published freelance writer, a nationally published professional photographer and has served on the boards of many area gardens. She is a longtime Harris County Cooperative Extension supporter, both as a Master Gardener and former committee chairman.

The doors to the Center will be open at 10:30am, where a silent auction will also take place in conjunction with the luncheon. Laura Austin, our auction chair, has done a great job collecting exciting gifts for this year's auction. This year's luncheon is being organized by our fund Development Chair, JoAnne Knodel. JoAnne has generously donated to the luncheon as a Rosemary Sponsor, in memory of her late husband Joe Miller. Joe was an avid environmentalist and faithful supporter of Keep Pearland Beautiful.

The response to our initial request for sponsorships to the Fall Lunch has had a very encouraging start. Special thanks to our Thyme Sponsors Dave and Helen Beckman, Erin and Robert Steele, Casa Ole` and The Pearland Reporter News; your support is greatly appreciated. Rosemary Sponsors include: Frost Bank, David L. Smith Realty, Linda and Bill Cowles, Nancy Kozanecki, A&A Cleaning Service, HEB Plus, Birdsong Printing, City of Pearland, Waste Management and Pearland E.D.C. Sage Sponsors are: Community National Bank, Third Coast Chemicals, Whitney Bank and Pearland's Best Coupons. Janet Eastburn, Delores & Garvis Fenwick, Pearland Animal Hospital, Helen & Bill Todd, JSC Federal Credit Union, Texas Advantage Bank and Marjorie Wilcoxson are Parsley Sponsors. Thanks to all of these folks for believing in KPB.

Invest in Keep Pearland Beautiful by becoming a sponsor for the 2010 Fall Luncheon. Sponsor benefits include acknowledgement in the event program. Your company will be recognized as a KPB sponsor on the KPB website and at the luncheon. All sponsors will be included in post-event "thank-you" ad published in local newspapers.

Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

**Thyme Sponsor** of \$1,000 will include eight tickets to the event.

**Rosemary Sponsor** of \$500 will include four tickets to the event.

**Sage Sponsor** of \$250 will include two tickets to the event.

**Parsley Sponsor** of \$125 will include one ticket to the event.

In-kind donations of goods and services will gladly be accepted and recognized at the appropriate sponsorship levels.

Please make your plans now to be on hand for the Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon and Plant Sale on October 8, 2010. Plants from the sale will also be available for purchase on October 9, 2010 at the Pearland Farmers Market, located at Zychlinski Park, 2243 Grand Blvd. Call 281-652-1659 for ticket or plant sale information.