

TOUR DATES:
February 23-24, 2005

GARDEN AND LANDSCAPE EXCURSION

\$295 PP DBL
1 NIGHT / 2DAYS

EAST TEXAS

RESERVATION DEADLINE
JANUARY 31, 2005

Day Tours



Tours Include:

- Roundtrip bus coach from either Tomball or College Station
- 1 hotel night
- Admission to Gardens and HGTV Dream Home with garden
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Private gardens of Kathy & Wayne Babin in Tyler, TX and Greg Grant in Arcadia, TX



Your host will be **Dr. Bill Welch**, Extension Professor and Landscape Horticulturist with Texas A&M University. Dr. Welch is well known for his books on gardening in Texas and the South including *Perennial Garden Color*, *Antique Roses for the South*, *The Southern Heirloom Garden*, and *The Bountiful Flower Garden*. He is a frequent lecturer for Master Gardener training and other garden programs.

Join us for an exciting early Spring tour of East Texas gardens and nurseries. The tour follows the Landscape Design Study Course IV. Refer to The Southern Garden website within the Aggie Horticulture website for program and registration information. Website: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/contents.html> Click on 'tours'. Inspiration for the tour came from a lecture by Alan King, Landscape Architect, while lecturing at our Course III in September. Alan is the garden designer for HGTV Dream Home. We will tour the private gardens of Wayne and Kathy Babin in Tyler and Greg Grant's garden in Arcadia where narcissus and other spring bulbs should be in full bloom. Greg will also accompany us to Naconiche Gardens and answer questions concerning the wonderful assortment of perennials, antique roses and the other plants that will be available to us. We will tour the Mize Azalea Garden and SFA Mast Arboretum. At the conclusion of the tour, we will stop for dinner before returning to College Station. Doug Welsh, State Coordinator for Master Gardeners, recommends that Master Gardeners get credit for the trip. Please see your extension agent.

HGTV DREAM HOME 2005 Be one of the first to view and tour the amazing HGTV Dream Home 2005 located at the Reserve at Lake Tyler. This stunning home and its surroundings are unequalled in Dream Home's nine year history. The home design is based on creating a resort-style home that maximizes the site characteristics, draws from its environment and is responsive to the rich heritage of East Texas. Architecturally, the home utilizes forms and materials that are prevalent within East Texas.

JORDANS PLANT FARM One of the finest garden centers in East Texas, Jordan's has grown to include over 500,000 square feet of growing space, a garden center and gift shop covering over 40 acres. Jordan's produces over one hundred 100 plant varieties.

NACONICHE GARDENS A small, new specialty nursery named for a local Indian tribe. It is owned by pharmacist and gardener Bill Jobe, whose garden was featured in June 2004 issue of *Southern Living*. Staff includes horticulturists Greg Grant and Matt Welch. Greg directs the plant propagation, selection and development and Matt is in charge of landscape design and installation with an emphasis on cottage gardens and perennial borders. The nursery specializes in "heirloom, hardy and hard to find plants."

SFA MAST ARBORETUM A gardening treasure in the heart of East Texas and the Stephen F. Austin University campus. Various theme gardens provide homes to a unique collection of herbaceous and woody plants including natives as well as those from around the world.

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