



## Therapeutic Horse Riding

Having a handicapped baby sister means many things: lots of doctor appointments, medicine, and emergency room visits. But for Madison and Brooke Frohock of New Territory (Sugar Land, Texas), it also means the opportunity for opening their hearts! Giving and sharing what they have just comes naturally. After having a toy sale two years ago (where they sold some of their own toys and stuffed animals) to help raise money to buy their baby sister her first wheelchair, Madison and Brooke wanted to do something more. So they started the Hearts and Horses Fundraising Foundation to help raise money for S.I.R.E., Houston's Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

S.I.R.E., which stands for Safety, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence, provides therapeutic horseback riding to people of all ages and disabilities.

In the end, Madison and Brooke were able to raise enough money to purchase a brand new saddle for the S.I.R.E. program that will be used for veterans returning from the Iraqi war with injuries and disabilities. Way to go Madison and Brooke!!!



Madison and Brooke Frohock



Delaney Frohock

## Sugar Land Garden Club's Ninth Annual Spring Garden Tour May 10



Eight lovely gardens are to be on show at the Sugar Land Garden Club's Spring Garden Tour on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stunning gardens in a wide variety of styles and designs will be on show, including Oriental with koi pond, Monet-inspired, topiary, cottage and tropical. One garden even has a large spinning 'wagon wheel' plant holder that must be seen to be believed.

The tour is open to the public and features three gardens in New Territory, four in the First Colony area and one in Sugar Mill. Held annually on the Saturday before Mother's Day, the tour is a fun event to incorporate into Mother's Day celebrations. Tickets are \$10 each for all eight gardens or \$2 for a single garden. Tickets may be purchased at each garden location on the day of the tour.

Proceeds from the tour go towards funding the two annual horticulture scholarships offered by the Sugar Land Garden Club, purchasing garden related books for the library, garden therapy programs and for many other community service projects.

For additional information, garden addresses and map, please visit the club's website at [www.sugarlandgardenclub.org](http://www.sugarlandgardenclub.org) or telephone Terri Hurley at 281-491-9609.



New Territory resident and Garden Club member Joan Pritchard is pictured in her lush garden.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 100 visited the Renaissance Festival. The scouts had a great time experiencing life in the Renaissance period. They saw jousting contests, parades, glassmaking, and got to look inside many medieval sword shops.



Troop 100 performed Rohan Kulangara's Eagle and Hornaday Conservation Project - Invasive Species Control - Removal of Chinese Tallow Trees at Sheldon Lake State Park, Houston. Scouts of all ages from Troop 100, under the supervision and guidance of adult volunteers and the Park Ranger, Tom Olson, used hatchets, machetes and loppers to cut down the Tallow Trees. The adults sprayed Herbicide Grazon P + D on the inside of the bark of each tree that was to be destroyed.

By working on this project, Troop 100 eliminated a large population of the Chinese Tallow Trees. The prairie that has been rid of the Tallow Tree can now be replanted with native grasses and plants which will contribute to the restoration and preservation of the park's native ecological system.



BalletForte Company dancers (from left) Melanie Evans, Katy Diana, Lauren Jarrell and Natasha Elder invite you to attend Ballet at the Benz. 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, at Mercedes-Benz of Sugar Land. Ballet at the Benz, hosted by the BalletForte Guild, is a fundraiser for Fort Bend County's only pre-professional dance company.