

## Check out Art on the Go



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### The Portable On Demand Art (P.O.D.A.) project at the White Oak Conference Center

This limited engagement (through February 16th) features four PODS® containers that have been transformed by the following artists:

Elaine Bradford and Emily Link – *Invasive Species*

Brandon Ray and Team Paper Brain – *Repurposing Cyclical City*

Thomas Rolls – *Look at Me\**

Troy Stanley – *Park on Demand Space (... greener on the other side)\**

\* Hours: Monday through Friday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

\* These two P.O.D.A. projects are interactive!

This exhibition is presented by the Houston Arts Alliance and PODS Houston, with support from Council Member Brenda Stardig, District A. The exhibit runs through February 17<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on the works and the artists, go to <http://www.houstonartsalliance.com/civcart/temporary/poda2/>.

### District A CIP Meeting

Council Member Brenda Stardig invites you to attend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Meeting for District A. The CIP includes large, long-term projects such as parks, buildings, roads and libraries; they do not include routine street maintenance. This is an opportunity to provide your valuable input about what projects you would like to see in District A. Submit your CIP requests at [DistrictA@houstontx.gov](mailto:DistrictA@houstontx.gov) or 832-393-3010 prior to the meeting, or in person at the meeting.

DATE: February 16, 2015

TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

PLACE: Spring Woods High School  
2045 Gessner, 77080



**Experience River Oaks Garden Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Trail Home & Garden Tour.**

Visit The Forum of Civics Building, Bayou Bend, Rienzi and 4 private homes and their beautiful gardens, and "Ask the Experts" at The Forum. Admission to The Forum is free, a ticket for the other 6 locations is \$15 before March 1<sup>st</sup>, \$20 thereafter. Single site admission is \$5.

DATE: March 6, 7, and 8, 2015  
TIME: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
INFO: [www.riveroaksgardenclub.org](http://www.riveroaksgardenclub.org)  
713-523-2483



Advance tickets are available at many locations, including

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| The Arbor Gate – Tomball, TX         | Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens      |
| Bering's                             | Briargrove Pharmacy and Gifts          |
| Buchanan's Native Plants             | Cornelius Nurseries                    |
| The Empty Vase of Houston            | The Forum of Civics Building           |
| Houston Arboretum and Nature Center  | Leisure Learning Unlimited             |
| Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens | Randall's – all Houston area locations |

*Thanks again to the River Oaks Garden Club for their generous contribution to the Japanese Serenity Garden at the White Oak Conference Center.*

**Houston College Access Month**

The Mayor's Office of Education Initiatives and community partners make it easy for students and families to plan for college and their careers.

**Get Money for College** – a Houston FAFSA event – click here for details:

<http://www.houstonfafsa.org/fafsa-tasfa-events.html>

**Select a College** – attend the Houston National College Fair on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at NRG Stadium – click here for details: <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/springNCF/Pages/Houston.aspx>

**Find Your Career** – Houston Hispanic Forum's Career & Education Day on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the George R. Brown Convention Center – details at registration here: <http://hispanic-forum.org/events/ced/>

Questions? Contact Chris Graves at [Chris.Graves@houstontx.gov](mailto:Chris.Graves@houstontx.gov) or 832-393-0898.

**Lone Star College Seeks Vendors**

The Lone Star College procurement departments will host an information sessions for businesses interested in becoming a vendor with LSC. Topics include: LSC – an overview of the procurement program, tips on how to design your path to success in working with LSC and an overview of upcoming projects related to the bond funded construction program approved by voters in November 2014. In 2013-14 alone, LSC spent more than \$192 million to support its day to day operations.

DATE: Friday, Feb. 20  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
PLACE: LSC-System Office campus



Interested persons must RSVP via email to [Janie.R.Garcia@lonestar.edu](mailto:Janie.R.Garcia@lonestar.edu) by Jan. 23 for the Jan. 28 session and by Feb. 16 for the Feb. 20 session. Please visit [www.LoneStar.edu/Vendors](http://www.LoneStar.edu/Vendors) to learn more about becoming a LSC vendor. HUB, minority, veteran and/or woman owned businesses are encouraged to participate.



### **HELP WANTED: HPD OFFERS \$5,000 INCENTIVE TO JOIN THE RANKS**

The Houston Police Department is looking to hire dozens of men and women in our city and is offering a \$5,000 hiring incentive to new police recruits in the February, May, and June 2015 academy classes. Start the application process starts as soon as possible! If you or someone you know is interested in serving and protecting our great city, please go to [www.hpdcareer.com](http://www.hpdcareer.com) or contact the HPD Recruiting Division at 713-308-1300 for more information.

### **Calling all Brides**

Have you recently become engaged? Do you know someone who has? Check out the White Oak Conference Center for your shower, wedding and reception! Call Jan at 713-895-8021 for a tour.



### **Spring Garden Workshops – Classes are Filling Up!**

Dr. Joe Novak will lead a series of hands-on gardening workshops for home gardeners. Classes start Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, and topics are: Starting Transplants for Your Garden, Make Your Garden Grow—Really!, Composting for the Home Garden, Soil Management for the Home Garden, Pest Identification and Management in the Home Garden, and Growing Vegetables in Containers

Each class is \$20. Get more details on class topics and register at [www.nnmd.org](http://www.nnmd.org). All workshops are at the White Oak Conference Center (Community Center) at 7603 Antoine Drive, Houston 77088.

### **Astros Junior RBI Spring Baseball League – Final Sign-Up on February 7**

The Houston Astros are launching the new “Astros Junior RBI” program at the Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy at Sylvester Turner Park (2801 S. Victory). This is competitive league play for boys ages 7 (by 4/30/15) through 13 (prior to 12/31/15). League dates are March 23 through May 9, and games are played weeknights at 7:00 pm, and on Saturdays at 10:00 am, 11:30 am or 1:00 pm.

REGISTER: Sat., February 7, 2015; bring proof of age  
TIME: 10:00 am – 12 noon  
PLACE: Urban Youth Academy office – 2801 S. Victory  
COST: \$60 per player; \$50 for each additional sibling; payment due at registration

All players will be placed on teams based on evaluation/workout at one of these workouts:

**7 and 8 year olds** 10:00 am – 12 noon  
**9 through 12 year olds** 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

For additional information: 281-260-9166 or [uya@astros.com](mailto:uya@astros.com).

### **Spring Plant Sale**

The White Oak Spring Plant Sale is coming up, so mark your calendars now! Heidi Sheesley, our resident plant guru and owner of Treesearch Farms will give a plant talk with a focus on featured plants in the sale (what they are, where to plant them, what they like). Save the date **HERE** and bring your wagon. Check out the White Oak Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden at 7603 Antoine Drive or **WEBSITE** for

plants you'd like to add to your own landscape. This sale features plants that are native or adapted to our heat and soil.

DATE: Saturday, April 11, 2015

TALK: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

SALE: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – or we sell out

PLACE: 7603 Antoine Drive, 77088

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*Bring your wagon!*

### **ReelAbilities Film Festival Celebrates 25th Anniversary of ADA**

The Department of Neighborhoods Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) invites the community to ReelAbilities: Houston Disabilities Film Festival 2015. This year's festival commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and heightens public awareness of those living with disabilities of various types by showcasing their lives and stories through film, art and national speakers.

The festival features 13 titles appealing to all shown at nine venues across the city along with two art exhibits featuring painting and photography.

DATE: February 8-12

COST: Some of the events are free but all require registration.

To register or purchase tickets, visit [www.disabilitiesfilmfestival.org](http://www.disabilitiesfilmfestival.org).

INFO: Call 713.667.9336 Ext. 208

Disability accommodations are available and accepted.