

**Texas Master Naturalist Program
Cradle of Texas Chapter
General Meeting and Advanced Training
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Texas AgriLife Extension Building
21017 County Road 171
Angleton, Texas 77515-8903**

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Fun and Fellowship Snack Team Ruby Lewis, Ellen and Michael Lasseter, Christina Hartman, Lorna Witt, Candace Novak
9:00 – 9:40 AM	General Membership Meeting This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour volunteer time
9:40 – 10:00 AM	Nature Notes Speakers: Chris Kneupper and Robert Salzer Topic: Rare and Specialty Oaks of Brazoria County.
10:15 AM – 12 PM	Advanced Training Speaker: Joy Columbus, Vice President, Horticulture Houston Botanic Garden Topic: Creating Houston's first botanic garden



Joy Columbus is the Vice President of Horticulture at the Houston Botanic Garden. Joy leads the effort to articulate and develop the Houston Botanic Garden's horticultural program, build the horticulture team and oversee plant conservation and landscape management. "With more than 20 years of experience, Joy will be an asset to our growing team," said Claudia Gee Vassar, HBG president and general counsel. "Her wealth of knowledge and proven track record will be vital in making Houston Botanic Garden a world class, iconic destination."

Columbus has previous experience working with the New York State Office of Parks and Cleveland Botanical Garden, and served as a research assistant at Miami University of Ohio. She received her Master of Science in biology from John Carroll University. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in botany with an environmental emphasis and a minor in horticulture. Joy works with the Houston Botanic Garden's local, state and national partnerships to build unique plant collections and create awe-inspiring gardens that will delight and inspire visitors.

Houston Botanic Garden, artist's rendering
<https://tinyurl.com/HBG-Rendering>

