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President's Monthly Message

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Dear Garden Club Members

Fall Greetings to our returning members and a warm welcome to new members who have recently joined us. The coming Garden Club year promises to be a fun one. Our program committee has been hard at work investigating and booking some great speakers for our meetings in the coming months. Just as you begin to put your garden to bed, our program speakers will get you excited for the next gardening season. We hope that you will be able to join us as we learn, grow and have fun together.

As summer winds down and the fall weather is upon us, I thought I would reflect and share on some of the things I learned this past gardening season. Fast forward if you're not interested in my rambling.....

I learned that if you cut down very large 96' high, 30 year old trees, you should be ready for the weeds and the crispy leaves, on what were once shade perennials, in a once shady garden and is now a sunny border. I miss my trees.....Be ready too for the ruts and divots the crane will leave in your lawn as it swings the 10 foot sections of trees over your house. I learned that you should cut back your purple beauty bush to keep it from getting spindly. Succulents can stay outside all winter in their containers and that you can put cannas and caladiums in the basement in their pots -no water, just bring them out in early spring. They are slow to grow, but they willbe patient.

I learned that if you leave garden debris in a wheel barrel for a couple of days and it rains, you will have a nasty stench from the stale water to deal with! Note to self: don't forget to dump debris before rain. I learned that if you miss spring fertilizing it's not the end of the world and things will still grow and grow especially if you have a very rainy June! I learned you can grow potatoes in a large black plastic (tree size) tub. They are still drying out, and will let you know how they taste. First time!

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I learned that white vinegar, salt and a little dish washing detergent really does kill weeds in a sidewalk or path when sprayed on them, but if you accidentally spill white vinegar from your sprayer on your lawn you are going to be sorry. I also learned that a raised vegetable garden can be relatively weed free and really is a lot easier to grow things in than direct sowing in the ground. I am still waiting for my beets, but have been eating beans for a few weeks, wondering however who or what ate my garlic! I realized that bib lettuce plants are worth the money and that you can put a lot of stuff in a 4 by 6 area measured off into 12 x 12 inch sections and you can grow butternut squash on a trellis!! One last thing I learned from going on more garden tours this year is that we must be good to mother earth and think twice or three times before reaching for those pesticides....

Well, those are some of my thoughts, successes and flops from this past gardening season. Hope you laughed along with me. Care to share yours? We would like to hear and see more member sharing their thoughts, views and tips this coming year. After all, isn't that why so many of us joined the club?

Looking forward to seeing you all at Tee's house next Tuesday and I hope your all enjoying those pretty blue perennial ageratium flowers!

Best Regards,

Jina



Upcoming Events

Sept 17th 2013, Fall Kick off meeting

Time: 6.30pm

Where: Tee's House

Oct 15th 2013, General Meeting & Program

Time: 6.30pm Meeting, 7.30pm Speaker

Where: Faith Community Church, Room 233.

Program: Speaker Karen Taylor from Atypical Farms
"Layering Bulbs"

Nov 19th 2013, General Meeting & Program

Time: 6.30pm Meeting, 7.30pm Speaker

Where: Faith Community Church, Room 233

Program: Member Program, Floral Design with
Diane Bullock & Henry Schmidt

Fall Kick off Meeting

Come and meet friends and new members at the Fall Kick Off meeting on Tuesday 17th September at Tee's house, 39 Blueberry Lane from 6.30pm.

Its Pot Luck night so please bring the following:

All those with last name:

A-G - bring an appetizer

H-K - bring a salad

L-R - bring a dessert

S-Y - bring an entre

Thank you!

Welcome to our newest members

Bharat Thurin

&

Michelle Mutschier

Beautification

Beautification is excited to transition the Town into fall. We plan to plant mums in the next week or two in the town planters, Collela's, Mr Browns, The Cup, The Trough and the Dough Boy. We are actively seeking helpers to both purchase and plant the mums and we will have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. We will also be seeking volunteers for general clean-up to be done prior to the first frost.



September Check List



Perennials

Dig up, dig in and divide. Roll up your sleeves and think bright thoughts as you plant bulbs for spring flowering. Be sure to give any newcomers a good share of water. Starting now and over the next couple of months, once soil has cooled to less than 60 degrees, plant the bulbs of spring bloomers such as crocuses, anemones, daffodils, hyacinths and tulips in well-drained soil, about three times deeper than the diameter of the bulbs.

- For an abundant tulip display, place 10 to 20 bulbs in a hole one foot in diameter; plant so that the bulbs aren't touching.
- Irises and other early-blooming perennials still can be divided this month. Give them plenty of water after replanting.
- Dig up and divide or transplant crowded perennials.
- For swatches of fall color, plant mums, winter pansies, and flowering kale and cabbage.
- Take cuttings from geraniums, 2 to 4 inches, for indoor winter flowering.
- Plant perennials from seed by scattering them in an open bed or in individual rows. In the spring, the seedlings can be moved to more permanent locations.
- Bring your houseplants in before you turn the heat on. Give them a good spray to eliminate any pests. This gives them a change to acclimate inside.



Recipe Corner

Autumn Cheesecake

Original recipe makes 1 - 9" springform

1 cup graham cracker crumbs
 ½ cup finely chopped pecans
 3 tablespoons white sugar
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 ½ cup white sugar
 2 eggs
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 4 cups apples - peeled, cored and thinly sliced
 1/3 cup white sugar
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ¼ cup chopped pecans

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). In a large bowl, stir together the graham cracker crumbs, 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and melted butter; press into the bottom of a 9 inch springform pan. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes.
2. In a large bowl, combine cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar. Mix at medium speed until smooth. Beat in eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Blend in vanilla; pour filling into the baked crust.
3. In a small bowl, stir together 1/3 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Toss the cinnamon-sugar with the apples to coat. Spoon apple mixture over cream cheese layer and sprinkle with 1/4 cup chopped pecans.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 60 to 70 minutes. With a knife, loosen cake from rim of pan. Let cool, then remove the rim of pan. Chill cake before serving.

Kitchen Friendly view

Prep time 30mins

Cook in 1hr 10mins

Ready in 4 hours

