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Monthly Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN *by Sue Bara*

Hello, we are waking up to cooler mornings, and whether we are ready or not, the holidays are upon us. Where does the time go? As we get ready, let's not forget our gardens. It's time to prune back all butterfly plants and replace summer annuals with fall and winter color. Like pansy, viola, petunia, snapdragon, and bulbs like crinums, agapanthus and gloriosa lily. And if you want a camelia, this is the month to plant them. If you're into planting vegetables, then may I recommend Irish potatoes, carrots and lettuce. Keep gardening and take care of yourself

IN THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

Members of the Propagation Guild have continued their community projects with Whispering Meadows Ranch and Old Kings Elementary School this month.

As a special project, six members of the Guild, in collaboration with the marine science teacher at Old Kings Elementary School, assisted with the planting of vegetables and herbs in the existing raised beds in the school's courtyard. Students from the 4th and 6th grades weeded the beds and planted a variety of cool season vegetables and herbs. They also weeded and pruned some of the butterfly plants in front of the greenhouse.

In early November the Guild assembled four more raised beds that they donated and assisted students with the planting of more vegetables the school had acquired. This project benefits the "Love in a Backpack" program.



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**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**



PLACES TO GO... THINGS TO DO *By Jane Villa-Lobos*

Nov. 15-Jan. 15, 2018 The Stetson Mansion's Holiday Home Tour

DeLand. Daily Tours at 10:30, 1:30 & 5 pm. Reservations required.

Adults: \$26.63 (tax included).

<http://www.stetsonmansion.com/christmas-tours>

Nov. 17-18 26th DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts

10-5. Over 170 national artists display and sell their art work. FREE.

<http://www.delandfallfestival.com>

Dec. 1 IMAGES Holiday Tour of Homes in New Smyrna Beach

9-3. Features five unique homes showcasing the charm of New Smyrna Beach.

Tickets: \$25 386-423-4733.

<http://www.atlanticcenterforthearts.org>

Dec. 1-2 41st Annual Christmas Tour of Homes

11-4. Self guided driving tour. Tickets: \$20 352-729-6394 On-line tickets

<http://www.WCFAmountdora.com>

Dec. 2 50th Annual Tour of Homes "Christmas in the Flagler Era"

hosted by the Garden Club of St. Augustine. 12-5. Walking tour of six private homes in the historic downtown area. Tea and boutique located at the River House on the Matanzas River, Marine Street. Tickets (\$30 in advance, cash or check only) available in our area at Hammock Gardens Nursery and VerdeGo. Tickets are limited.

<http://www.gardenclubofstaugustine.org>

Dec. 7-8 Poinsettia Sale at University of Florida

The Environmental Horticulture Club's 22nd Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser will take place December 7th (8-5) and December 8th (8-3) at the Horticulture Greenhouses behind Fifield Hall, 2550 Hull Rd, Gainesville. Over 40 varieties will be offered for sale including traditional reds and novelties such as Peppermint Ruffles and Orange Spice. It is worth the drive to get that special poinsettia!

<https://sites.google.com/site/ufhortclub/poinsettia-sale>

Dec. 8 2nd Saturday Plant Sale at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park

6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd. (A1A). 10-2. Park entrance fees apply.

Dec. 8-10 24rd Annual Historic Inns Bed and Breakfast Holiday Tour

1-5. Tickets: \$45. In addition to enjoying the holiday decorations, each inn partners with a local restaurant to provide samples of their dishes and treats. This is a self-guided walking tour. To order tickets, visit

<http://www.staugustinebandbtour.com>

GARDENING SAYING:

One who plants a garden, plants happiness.



NOVEMBER SELECTION OF THE MONTH

by Nancy Iandoli

Selection of the Month Committee

Michael Racano & Charles LaFlamme of Arrowhead Drive, Hidden Lakes Community, have been recognized as November 2018 Garden Selection of the Month by the Garden Club at Palm Coast.

They moved from Rhode Island to Palm Coast in 2013. Michael was a Caterer and made floral arrangements, and Charles was a Director of Nurses. Michael now retired is always working out in the yard and propagates his own plants. He likes to buy reduced plants from Walmart and brings them back to life. Charles works part time for Home Health Care, but also spends his free time working in the gardens.



They have a large beautiful pink flowering Bougainvillea tree that is over the front door area and blended with a yellow Mandevilla vine and continues climbing up around the house and completely drapes over the garage door.

In front of the house they have two small brick gardens that have Sage, Mint, Rosemary, Zinnias, pink and coral Roses, yellow Mums and pink Dianthus. There are two islands that each have a tall holly tree loaded with berries, Mexican Heather, Mums and pink and red Dianthus. On the left side of the house there are Bamboo trees, Firecracker, several variegated Coleus, and a nice blue Gazing ball.

They do not use mulch, instead they plant low growing Cypress, natural ferns, Algerian Ivy and Wandering Jews. They have a fig tree, Meyer lemon, Bottle Brush tree and various trumpet plants that reseed themselves.

The back yard has an arbor with climbing Bougainvillea, purple and white bleeding hearts, Ligustrum, a white Jasmine bush that also flowers at night, Plumbago, purple and white Passion flower vine, Vinca and pink Hydrangeas. Over time they have created a nice back yard with left over pavers and other materials left by contractors. Michael has also made a beautiful table top from a wide piece of rope and filled the inside with shells and pretty blue and green sea glass, enclosed it with a glass top and is placed at the front door with two chairs to sit and enjoy their beautiful yard!

Discounts at local nurseries - The Club gets a 10% discount by showing your membership card at: Hammock Gardens on A1A, Gospel Gardens on RT100, and now at Beck's Garden & Design Center at the Daytona Flea & Farmer's Market. Note: Beck's is open 7 days a week.



CHRISTMAS CACTUS

What to do to help it bloom on time

When you want to force a Christmas cactus to bloom, you need to begin by limiting the amount of water the plant receives, generally in October or the first part of November. Cut down on watering just enough to allow the soil to remain slightly moist. Water only when the topmost (about 1 inch) layer of soil is dry to the touch. This will enable the plant to enter dormancy. Dormancy is critical for getting a Christmas cactus to bloom. In order to further force a Christmas cactus to bloom, you'll need to move the plant where it will receive about 12-14 hours of darkness. Bright, indirect light during the day is fine; however, Christmas cactus requires at least 12 hours of darkness at night in order to encourage bud development. Your Christmas cactus, dark conditions aside, will also need cool temperatures. This should average out to about 50-55 degrees F. (12 C.).

PLANTS THAT REPEL INSECTS AND DEER

Companion planting is a good way to deter insects in your garden. Planting these herbs next to or close to other plants will repel the following insects.

- Basil: mosquitoes, thrips, flies. Attracts butterflies
- Cilantro: aphids, spider mites, whiteflies
- Garlic: aphids
- Dill: aphids, mites. Attracts butterflies
- Nasturiums: aphids, squash bugs, white flies
- Oregano: aphids
- Peppermint: aphids, ants, flies
- Rosemary: slugs, snails

To deer proof your garden plant the above herbs as deer do not like plants that are fuzzy or aromatic. Here are some bulbs deer will not eat: caladium, crinum, calla, amaryllis.

Another measure to prevent deer from munching: Add fish emulsion or bone meal to the soil at ½ strength being careful not to over fertilize. And Club members Greg and Annette Wilson recommend the Deer Off repellent stations that contain 100% dried blood, a proven scent deterrent but is odorless to humans.



The Arrangers' Guild hard at work during their monthly meeting in October.

IN OUR THOUGHTS

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