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## NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024

### SEPTEMBER RECAP:

**September 13:** A&M Garden Club Meeting. Program "The Secret Language of Flowers"



Speaker Lisa Whittlesey



Members

**September 16 – 17:** Landscape Design School



Question Time



George Bush Library



Heather, Jan, Sherry

**September 17:** Joint Pilgrimage with the G.I.G. (Garden Interest Group) to The Antique Rose Emporium.



## **CALENDAR**

**October 11- AMGC Regular Meeting**, 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Church: Program by Marie Jenkins, of The Antique Rose Emporium, “Roses are Herbs Too!”

**October 19 – Fall Festival at The Gardens at A&M.** We will have children’s activities.

**October 30 – District V Fall Zone Meeting**, Georgetown Community Center, Georgetown. Come car-pool with us! Registration forms will be available closer to the date.

**November 1 - Texas Arbor Day** – tree planting at Richard Carter Park in memory of Martha Green.

**November 8 – AMGC Regular Meeting**, 9:30 am, Peace Lutheran Church: Program by Ron Billings, TEEEX Forest Service, Arborist Emeritus. “Tree Tips & Seasonal Photography”

**November (date TBA) – Pilgrimage.** Car-pool with us to Kim’s Home and Garden Center and Mansion in Huntsville, 2715 Lake Road.

Monthly activities are included in the Yearbook but are not always current due to changes in speaker schedules, new events being added, etc., but as these changes are made, the website calendar will be updated too!

**OCTOBER GARDEN GUIDE FOR THE BRAZOS VALLEY**  
(Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – last updated 12/2017)  
Average first/last freeze dates: November 18 and March 5  
**New! Planting Zone is now 9a!**

**PLAN:** To order bulbs not bought last month. Pot up plants to add color indoors during the winter.

**PRUNE:** Cuttings of shrimp plant may be taken now for winter house plants. Root-prune wisteria that failed to bloom. Apply superphosphate, fill cuts with soil or peat and water thoroughly.

**PLANT:** Madonna, calla, Easter and regal lilies, amaryllis, anemone, ranunculus, and strawberry plants. Divide Shasta daisy, ajuga, forget-me-nots. Plant all hardy annuals, sweet pea and pansy.

Transplant seedlings that are large enough. Day lilies and amaryllis may be divided and replanted.

**FERTILIZE AND MULCH:** Mums with liquid manure. Lawns and roses. Add superphosphate to day lilies, wisteria. Add compost to beds.

**INSECT AND DISEASE PROBLEMS:** Continue to watch for scale, stink bugs, leaf-footed bugs, squash bugs and others.

**BLOOMING:** Cosmos, mums, dahlia, plumbago, roses, alliums, pyracantha, Michaelmas daisy.

**VEGETABLES:** Sow spinach, turnips, collards, mustard, lettuce, beets, kale, onions and radishes.



**HERBS:** Sow basil seeds (or root some cuttings in water on your kitchen windowsill!).

### **DO YOU LIKE BLUE FLOWERS?**

Speaking of “Bulbs”, I have ordered some Camassia Bulbs! I have no idea if they will do well here, but am experimenting! They are said to be ok in Zone 8, but I guess we’ll have to wait and see what kind of winter weather we have this year!!!

Camassia quamash syn Camassia esculenta is a spring blooming, native North American plant. It is a member of the asparagus family and was an important food staple for both Native Americans and early explorers in this country. The bulbs of Camassia species are edible and nutritious when roasted or boiled. It is a perennial bulbous plant that produces racemes of flowers that open sequentially from bottom to top, and comes in white, blue and purple. (I have ordered blue).

