

The Village Garden Center's Garden Club Newsletter

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I'll admit it, fall is not my favorite time of the year. I do love the changing colors of the leaves, and the crisp air temperature, but otherwise fall means that something is coming to an end. Knowing that I feel that way, I use this time of the year to reflect on what I have done correctly and incorrectly in my gardens. Since your plants are all mature right now,

Did you know...In colonial times pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling.

Did you know....October is Black Cat Month? These sweet felines have long been maligned. In fact, many humane societies are so worried about the mistreatment of the black cat on Halloween that they don't allow anyone any black cat adoptions during the entire month of October.

you may also want to use this time to plan your garden spaces for the coming year.

In the spring we often forget how large our Joe Pye weed grew, how much space our Alert aster took up, and how our favorite annuals were crowded at the end of the growing season. This is a great opportunity to make a list of what changes you need to make, and to record the plants you grew that were truly successful. Take a few

digital pictures of your existing plants to use in your planning process. If you do have perennials to move, or shrubs to transplant you still have time to do it yet this fall. This time of the year will give your plants a chance to root- instead of putting on green leaves and growth like they do in the spring.

Did you know....There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with the color orange. The same is true for the colors purple and silver.

If you have new beds to make, use this time to measure and draw up your new plan. You can even go ahead and remove the sod/hardscape in preparation for the spring. Looking at your renovation plan all winter will keep you going through the snow storms, and you will be one step ahead.

November Garden Club Specials- 30% off
Anything with an acorn on it- Limit one
Fresh Thanksgiving Centerpiece- Limit one
Aloha Pepper Jelly- Limit one
Fantasy Poinsettia- Limit one

We would all agree that this growing season was certainly an unpredictable one. Keep that in mind as you are making your shopping list of annuals and perennials. Plants that did exceptionally well with all of the moisture we had in the spring this year, may not

fare as well next year if we return to the dreaded drought. Even though we struggle during the seasons when we have no rain, I look forward to that again if I can get rid of the grasshoppers and all of the new fungus we had to deal with this year.

Just remember that staying indoors for the winter does not mean we are done gardening. Instead we must garden on paper and dream of what our gardens can become.

REMINDER

Fourth Annual Pumpkin Harvest Festival- October 17th. Come watch the pumpkins fly from the catapults, join the costume contest, or taste the yummy pumpkin desserts. Go online for information and contest rules. www.thevillagegardencenter.com Loads of fun for everyone.

Please remember to call and let us know if you are coming to the next Garden Club Meeting. Remember***October's Garden Club meeting is on October 10th at 10:00 am. We hope to see you there!