



Meeting 2nd Friday of the month, September – May
9.30 – 11.30 at College Station WW Facility
2200 North Forest Parkway College Station, TX 77845

NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2015

Friday September 11, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

9.30 AM CS WW Facility

PROGRAM BY DR. LEO LOMBARDINI,

Professor of Horticultural Sciences, TAMU

“Post-Harvest Handling of Fruits & Vegetables.”

Garden Tip of the Month : Sherry Ellison

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Friday, September 4, 1 pm Board Meeting at CS WW Facility

Friday September 11, Regular Meeting, CS WW Facility 9.30 am

Saturday September 12, “Story Time”, CS Library 10.30-12.00

Mon-Tues September 21-22 Landscape Design School at

George Bush Library

Weds September 30 TGC Fall Board Meeting

Friday, October 2, 1 pm Board Meeting at CS WW Facility

Friday October 9, Regular Meeting, CS WW Facility 9.30 am

Saturday October 24, Make a Difference Day – working with Keep

Brazos Beautiful to spruce up Richard Carter Park

Thursday October 29, District V Fall Meeting

Saturday October 31 Group leaves for Guatemala

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AUGUST IN PICTURES



Woohoo! Five new members at August Social 😊



Vice-President Johanna giving an overview of who we are and what we do. Suzanne talking design and Sherry explaining what we do at Richard Carter Park!

(Wish I had photos of the AMAZING FOOD!!!)

Now we are moving into our “Regular” Garden Club Year, in September, there will be many more activities and It would be great if members could send in photos of the various events.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO :

Debbie P. 11th, Kelly K, 23rd, Lenora P. 23rd.



SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

PLAN: To destroy all old stalks and leaves that shelter insects. Buy and refrigerate tulip bulbs for a couple of months, buy hyacinth and narcissus bulbs. Take care to avoid storing close to apples because they produce methane gas, which can cause the bulbs to abort their flowering process. Prepare beds for strawberries and for early spring flowers. Divide violets if you have not already done so.

PRUNE: Dead stems on all plants.

PLANT: Bells of Ireland, cornflower, pansy, calendula, candytuft, carnation, delphinium, hollyhock, larkspur, sweet William, pinks, snapdragon, stock. Divide and replant iris.

FERTILIZE: Amaryllis. Give mums a feeding of liquid fertilizer now and keep well watered. Prepare beds for fall planting.

SPRAY & DUST: For aphids, webworms, black spot.

WEATHER PROTECTION: Keep well watered to combat hot, dry weather.

BLOOMING: Canas, daylilies, bedding begonia, hibiscus, roses, zinnia and many others.

VEGETABLES:

September is a good month to sow beets, carrots, chard, radishes, spinach, cucumber, lettuce, mustard, kale, turnips, collards and onion.

HERBS: Shearing your winter hardy herbs, such as oregano and thyme, before they bloom can result in bushier and healthier plants. If your rosemary is dying out, consider replanting. If you have a clump of lemon grass, split a smaller clump off to over-winter in a pot in the house or greenhouse, and leave the mother plant to take her chances in the event of frost this winter! Seeds of parsley and cilantro can be sown now – it is nice to have your favorite herbs growing in pots near your door so you don't have to go out to the garden in unkind winter weather!

September is not too early to start ordering seed catalogs so you can dream about the wonderful edible and ornamental plants you can grow in your next garden, whether it be fall/winter or spring/summer. Make sure to grow several new-to-you plants – look for Papalo, a cilantro-substitute that thrives in heat, Celeriac, a root veg which is like a cross between a turnip and celery, and plan a “theme” garden such as all white, or night scented, or pollinator-friendly! Dig up some more grass to make planting beds, make a rain barrel or two and start a water conservation project! All you need is a large garbage can, some plumbing supplies, a drill, window screen material, some silicone caulk and scissors!



wait for rain!!!!

Drill a hole on the other side for an overflow pipe, and

PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH - "THE LAST WORD"

Who sang that song "It might as well rain until September"? Some of us were lucky enough to receive rain in August (I was one of the lucky ones!), but many people said they could see it going all around their location, and didn't receive any measurable rainfall. Well, we have had a couple of Tropical Storms/Hurricanes form during these last few days of August, and we know it won't be long before the rain is more widespread.

The hummingbirds have been busy during the past few weeks, fighting over the flowers and the nectar in the feeder. Their favorite "fleur du jour" this year is the beautiful yellow Tecoma Stans (Yellow Bells, Esperanza), which seems to do very well with minimal care! The frogs are acting out their last summer hurrah in the pond (did you know a group of frogs is called "an army"?), ducks are flying, snakes are shedding their skins, the children are back in school, and our world is ready for the best time to garden – the fall!!!

Also, to add to the to-do list is saving the seeds of your favorite plants, like those of the Texas Star Hibiscus pictured below! Leave some seeds and berries for the birds, though. They will thank you!



See you in September,

Helen Quinn

